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Working Thesis: The lack of federal funding for Planned Parenthood will have a major effect on women in having access to healthcare.

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An Annotated Bibliography

Asay, Chuck. *'Editorial Explanations' Makes Sense of Stupid Political Cartoons*. N.p., n.d. Web. 24 Mar. 2017.

In this political cartoon, one observes plenty of bags filled with money being deported into Planned Parenthood, and a woman on the side stating, "I know we need to cut government spending...but where?" This political cartoon is implying that the United States Federal Government should cut funds from Planned Parenthood and use that money for something more useful. Many conservatives believe Planned Parenthood is an organization that should not be supported because they provide abortion services. Chuck Asay is a conservative political cartoonist which explains his ideal message in this political cartoon.

This political cartoon was published in February of 2011, so it is current. This cartoon is also a primary source, but it is not scholarly. This resource can be useful because it displays the reaction people have towards the funding of Planned Parenthood. It proves that people believe the government should cut funds because they do not support the organization. However, it can

also be considered bias because the political cartoon was created by a conservative. So it mainly represents the opinions of conservatives, not everyone.

Devi, Sharmila. "Anti-abortion Groups Target Funding of Planned Parenthood." *The Lancet*.

N.p., 5 Sept. 2015. Web. 21 Feb. 2017.

In this article, Devi's main idea was about the anti-abortion groups that attempted to defund Planned Parenthood. A group called the Center for Medical Progress (CMP), tried targeting Planned Parenthood for their support of abortion by releasing videos that show Planned Parenthood illegally profiting the sale of fetal tissue to medical researchers. They then released their seventh video shortly after the Obama administration warned states they might be in violation of federal law if they moved to defund Planned Parenthood. The video involved people stating that Planned Parenthood is a criminal organization and should be stripped from taxpayer funding. However, that ended up being heavily edited, and those who appeared in the video have close relations to those who have "firebombed abortion clinics and threatened the physical safety of doctors who provide abortion."

This entry is a current source. It is also scholarly and peer reviewed. It was published in September of 2015, and would be a good resource for my paper because it provides excellent detail on how misleading information can be. For instance, this article focused on group activists who were anti-abortion, but all of their evidence ended up being either fake or fraud.

Douliery, Olivier. *Rally Held In Support Of Cutting Planned Parenthood Funding*. Digital

image. *Gettyimages*. N.p., 28 July 2015. Web. 25 Mar. 2017.

In this image, anti-abortion activists are protesting federal funding for Planned Parenthood. They held a rally in front of the United States capitol in Washington, DC hoping that

Senate Rand Paul would make a change. One can read and examine what is written on signs. Many people had different messages such as, “#TEAMLIFE,” “Yo soy la GENERACION PRO-VIDA,” and “FACE IT...ABORTION KILLS A PERSON!!” All of these messages represent the beliefs of each individual, which was their view against abortion and Planned Parenthood.

This photograph was taken on July 28, 2015, so it is current. It is also considered a primary source because it is first-hand evidence about an event. However, it is not scholarly. This photograph would be an exceptional resource for my paper because it is well detailed and it expresses the opinions of others. Even though this rally was held by an anti-abortion organization, one needs to acknowledge and respect the beliefs of others as well.

Ehrenreich, Nancy. *The Reproductive Rights Reader: Law, Medicine, and the Construction of Motherhood*. New York: New York UP, 2008. Print.

The book “The Reproductive Rights Reader: Law, Medicine, and the Construction of Motherhood” by Nancy Ehrenreich, was about the past and present views on reproductive choices and women’s rights. Chapter seven focused on racism, birth control, and reproductive rights in the past, and the topic in chapter nine was on women’s right to choose. As stated in the book about the past, when women, specifically black and Latinas, resorted to abortion, they did not do it so they could end their pregnancy, but rather because of the “miserable social conditions which dissuade them from bringing new lives into the world.” The book also states how the decisions on reproductive rights are in the hands of women since it is their body. Since women are going to be raising and supporting their children, then “it is women who must decide about contraception, abortion, and childbearing.”

This primary source is scholarly and well detailed. Even though this book is a bit outdated, it would be a great form of evidence for my research paper because it points out the importance in women having a voice. Women should be able to make their own decisions when it comes to their individual bodies. Whether it is about termination, birth control, or even body examinations, one should not eliminate opportunities women have to better themselves and their health.

Hawkins, Kristan. "We Don't Need to Spend Our Tax Dollars on Planned Parenthood." *Fox News*. FOX News Network, 27 Jan. 2017. Web. 01 Mar. 2017.

This article focused on reasons why America does not need Planned Parenthood. According to the article, Planned Parenthood should shut down because they are losing clients, prenatal services and cancer screenings have been "cut in half", and taxpayers believe they are paying for fewer health care services and more abortions. They believe that the money should go towards Federally Qualified Health Care Centers besides Planned Parenthood because there are other facilities that provide the same services. As Hawkins Stated, " We don't need Planned Parenthood. It's time to defund Planned Parenthood."

This article was published after our recent Presidential Election on January 27, 2017. This popular source would not be a useful resource for my paper because the article does not support Planned Parenthood. Even though Hawkins did state valid points, I still believe Planned Parenthood is a facility that is needed in America. Kristan Hawkins is the president of the organization Students for Life of America. Therefore, this article is bias considering that Students for life of America is a pro-life organization.

Henshaw, Stanley K. and Aida Torres. "Family Planning Agencies: Services, Policies and

Funding." *Family Planning Perspectives*, vol. 26, no. 2, Mar/Apr94, pp. 52-82.

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This article was published in 1994 by Stanley Henshaw, and it was primarily about the services one can receive from Title X Family Planning Clinic and its funding. These organizations depend on public funding, client fees, and private contributions. Family planning clinics are an important source to teenagers, minority groups, and low-income women. They provide subsidized services to those who are not qualified for Medicaid, provide confidential support to those who wish not to discuss with their regular doctors, and provide plenty of health services at the request of the client. For instance, at family planning clinics, one can receive treatment on birth control, have their pelvic and breast examined, check blood pressure, and receive screening services. As stated in the article, "the impact that health reform will have on specialized family planning clinics needs to be taken into account."

This article is a scholarly journal and it would be an exceptional source for my topic because it explains how important family planning clinics were in 1994 and you can compare it to today's perspective. Some think these types of organizations, such as Planned Parenthood, should be defunded because of various reasons. The major one: abortion. Many believe an organization that supports abortion should not be supported, however, as listed in the article, family planning clinics offer a lot more than just termination.

"Local Access to a Planned Parenthood Clinic Linked to Reduced Dropout Rates." *Perspectives on Sexual & Reproductive Health*, vol. 48, no. 3, Sept. 2016, pp. 154-155. EBSCOhost,

doi:10.1363/48e10816.

This article was about studies that have been analyzed to prove how local access to family planning facilities are connected to high school dropout rates. It has been confirmed that young women who live near a Planned Parenthood clinic are less likely to dropout of high school, and how it has no relation to the possibility of a young women becoming a mother. To be exact, women with access to a local Planned Parenthood site had “a significantly lower dropout rate than other counterparts who lacked such access (4.1% Vs. 4.8%).” As the researchers noticed, having access to a Planned Parenthood reduced dropout rates regardless if the clinic provided termination services. As stated from the researchers themselves, “abortion services did not drive the association.”

This scholarly article would be an acceptable resource for my research paper because it is current and it provides detailed information on the importance of a local Planned Parenthood clinic. For instance, with the care and attention one receives from those whom work at family planning facilities, one is capable of taking care of themselves, and can make tough decisions that can have a huge impact on the rest of their lives. They provide support and guidance in making the right choices, not only for them, but also to the people in whom they surround themselves with.

"Pro-Life Forces Score Major Win in U.S. Senate with Approval of Bill to Defund Planned

Parenthood, Repeal Major Elements of Obamacare." *National Right to Life News*, Dec.

2015, pp.1-39. EBSCOhost, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=112236792&site=ehost-live.

This article was about a bill, also known as the “budget reconciliation bill”, that was passed to block most federal funding to Planned Parenthood and repeal major components of Obamacare. This bill also includes federal tax subsidies to health plans that cover elective abortion. Since the majority of the House of Representatives were Republican, this bill was mostly in favor to those who opposed abortion as compared to those who were not. The purpose of the Obamacare program is to make healthcare more affordable and easily accessible to wider range of Americans. A repeal of this act will have millions of Americans without access to healthcare, and de-funding “\$400 million from Planned Parenthood.”

This article was published in December of 2015, so it is current. It would be a noble resource for my research paper because it states how much money the federal government is planning on “stripping” away from Planned Parenthood. However, this article is a secondary source and it is not peer reviewed. This source shows us in which direction the United States is headed. For instance, it displays the movement in different political views the majority of the government has today. It tells us how the Senate and House of Representatives are attempting to actively repeal Obamacare and defund Planned Parenthood little by little, so it can lead to a complete shut down in the future.

"Who We Are." *Planned Parenthood*. N.p., 17 Feb. 2017. Web. 23 Feb. 2017.

On Planned Parenthood’s website under “Who We Are,” they list the purpose and intention the organization has for people. They tell us in what ways they want to help women and the services they provide. Planned Parenthood was founded on October 16, 1916, and the objective is to protect women’s health, inform teenagers of safe ways to prevent pregnancies, and present women safe, reliable health care. It is also convenient to those with a low-income

because they offer high-quality, affordable medical care. Planned Parenthood is a growing facility in which they receive approximately 1.5 million clients each year. Planned Parenthood is a funded organization that has 10 million activists, contributors, and donors nationwide. This organization has been involved in campaigns that “advance and protect women’s rights and health.”

This primary, popular source would be a notable resource for my research paper because the information comes from Planned Parenthood itself. On the website, they state their services, where their funding comes from, their supporters, and the amount of people they reach out to each year. On the contrary, this can be a bias resource because the information is coming from an organization that is supportive of Medicaid and women’s health. So the perspective of other individuals who believe Planned Parenthood should be defunded is not given. But on the other hand, the information listed can be useful because the reader is receiving it from the organization that observes it firsthand.

Woo, C. Junda, et al. "Women's Experiences After Planned Parenthood's Exclusion from a Family Planning Program in Texas." *Contraception*, vol. 93, no. 4, Apr. 2016, pp. 298-302. EBSCOhost, doi:10.1016/j.contraception.2015.12.004

This article was about a study that focused on the actions women experienced in Texas after Planned Parenthood was banned. They concentrated on women who were affiliated with a dose of depot medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA), and compared it to how many participants returned to Planned Parenthood after the ban. After doing the observation, researchers concluded that women who live in places where Planned Parenthood is the only provider will return to Planned Parenthood even if they must pay for services. Those who decided to investigate

different providers encountered significant barriers. Not only did the exclusion of Planned Parenthood in Texas enforce low-income patients to switch healthcare providers at a higher cost, but it also had “immediate and lasting impacts on users of injectable contraception.”

This scholarly article would be a strong resource for my research paper because it is current and it shows the consequences one would receive from the exclusion of Planned Parenthood. For instance, if the government completely stopped funding this organization, women would struggle to find a different health care provider at a reasonable cost. Even though some may say that switching healthcare providers is not a difficult task, not all alternative providers have the same training and capacity to provide family planning services which can make it complicated.

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