



Leana Wen, Planned Parenthood Federation of America's new president

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Planned Parenthood CEO Leana Wen declares abortion is her org's 'core mission'



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January 9, 2019 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – Planned Parenthood’s new president took to Twitter on Tuesday to rebuff impressions that she’s less committed to abortion-on-demand than her predecessor, but in the process undermined one of the abortion giant’s most common talking points.

The day before, *BuzzFeed* had [published an interview](#) with Leana Wen, a former Baltimore Health Commissioner and George Washington University physician, about her [use of her medical background](#) to rebrand the abortion giant as more of a healthcare provider than a political lightning rod.

The interview carried the headline, “Planned Parenthood’s New President Wants To Focus On Nonabortion Health Care,” to which Wen objected the next day for “completely misconstru[ing] my vision for Planned Parenthood.”

“Our core mission is providing, protecting and expanding access to abortion and reproductive health care,” Wen declared, prompting scores of pro-lifers to take notice.

For years, Planned Parenthood and its defenders have claimed that “abortion services” comprise just three percent of its medical services. The percentage is derived from counting as separate services that are normally grouped together, such as giving the same woman contraceptives, a pregnancy test, and an abortion, without regard for the varying costs or complexity of particular services.

Abortions make up over 90 percent of Planned Parenthood’s pregnancy-related services.

In 2013, Rachael Larimore of the left-wing *Slate* [admitted](#) that such methodology makes the figure the “most meaningless abortion statistic ever,” writing that the organization “gets at least a third of its clinic income—and more than 10 percent of all its revenue, government funding included—from its abortion procedures.”

Further undermining the abortion giant’s healthcare claims is the fact that Planned Parenthood’s annual abortions rose almost 11 percent from fiscal years 2006 to 2016, while [during that same period breast](#) cancer screenings declined 62 percent, pap tests declined 72 percent, and prenatal care declined 30 percent.

Wen’s tweet received a decidedly negative response on social media:

This isn’t the first time the new Planned Parenthood chief, whose selection to replace Cecile Richards was announced last September, accidentally undermined pro-abortion talking points. Last fall, [video surfaced](#) of Wen testifying before the 2016 Democratic National Convention, during which she accidentally referred to the preborn as “unborn children” in a discussion of the Zika virus.

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