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# Castro government funded 'flu shot' abortion doctor's education in Cuba



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**T**he doctor who compared abortion injections to a “flu shot” received her medical training in Cuba, fully funded by the regime of Fidel Castro, and returned to the U.S. planning to advocate for universal health care, according to an interview she gave in 2007.

Last week, the pro-life organization Live Action **highlighted** an **exchange** between Carmen Landau, of the Southwest Women’s Options abortion clinic in Albuquerque,

New Mexico, and one of their 24-week pregnant undercover “investigators.”

During the edited exchange, Landau compared the abortion injection to “like any shot, you know, like a flu shot or a vaccine, really.”

“And it is not like you and I, where when we get a flu shot, we’re kind of ‘Ugh!’ not — that — that experience of anxiety and suffering is not — it’s not capable of,” she explained, based on Live Action’s recording. “And so that, I think, helps us all to feel more comfortable with this.”

Southwestern Women’s Options in Albuquerque **performs** elective abortions through 28 weeks, according to the clinic’s website.

According to a 2007 **report** in Reuters, which features **pictures** of Landau, she was one of eight Americans who graduated from a Cuban medical school that year, after six years of fully funded education from the Castro government.

“Cuba offered us full scholarships to study medicine here. In exchange, we commit ourselves to go back to our communities to provide health care to underserved people,” Landau told Reuters at the time.

The Reuters **report** noted that the graduation ceremony took place at the Karl Marx theater in Havana (the ailing Fidel Castro was not in attendance). Thanks to aid from the Castro government, students graduated debt-free.

“SiCKO’ was an inspiration,” Landau told Reuters, speaking of the 2007 Michael Moore documentary attacking America’s health care system and comparing it with other health care systems around the world, including Cuba’s. Landau added that she planned to return to the United States to encourage the adoption of a universal health care system.

“It is a wonderful idea that makes total sense in every country, especially in one with so many resources. If they can do it in Cuba, we can do it in the United States,” she told the news outlet.