

## Omitting Footage

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Below is a list of instances in which Live Action has omitted key footage from their promotional videotapes in an attempt to depict Planned Parenthood in an unfavorable light.

## Appleton, WI

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Live Action Claim:

From a December 9, 2009 Live Action press release: "Wisconsin informed consent law requires that women receive medically accurate information before undergoing an abortion. According to the American Medical Association's Code of Ethics, "the physician's obligation is to present the medical facts accurately to the patient." Drs. Irving and Kischer conclude that the Appleton Planned Parenthood counseling practices "would violate legally valid 'informed consent' on both the 'information' level and on the 'consent without duress or pressure' level," and call for the parties involved to "be held accountable for their inherently unethical and destructive lies and procedures."

Facts:

Below are three instances where key portions of the fake patient's conversation with the Planned Parenthood employees were omitted to create the false impression that the fake patient was not receiving factual medical information about abortion. Note: the dialogue in bold was included in the promotional video by Live Action, the rest was omitted:

*Instance One:*

**Woman 1: Well can't we talk first?**

**Doctor: Yeah, go ahead. What do you want to ask?**

Woman 1: What procedures there were? What procedures are there available?

Doctor: Nobody mentioned anything like that to you before? You're at 9 weeks, there's only one procedure available to you, it's a suction evacuation, remove the pregnancy by suction. It takes three minutes. Pretty fast, I have to fill out some forms with you later so we can go over all the details. But I can't tell until I do the exam. Do you have an appointment for tomorrow?

Woman 1: I don't remember. And um, do you know if the procedure's gonna hurt?

Doctor: Well, pretty much I told you what we need to do tomorrow, but I'll go over it, by law, more specifically as soon as I know how far along you are.

**Woman 1: Like what comes out? Is it...**

**Doctor: The pregnancy is going to be removed.**

*Instance Two:*

The edited video pulls out a section where the Planned Parenthood Staffer says fetus has “heart tones at 7 weeks” accusing her of providing misleading medical information, but does not include:

Planned Parenthood Staffer: So, you’re talking about the first trimester, the first part of the pregnancy.

Woman 1: Does it have arms? And hands and legs?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Sure.

#### *Instance Three:*

The dialogue included in the promotional video makes it appear that the doctor is telling the fake patient to have an abortion hastily, when in reality he is discouraging her from waiting until she knows the sex of the baby to abort because of medical risks involved with late-term abortions:

**Woman 1: Oh. When does it become a baby?**

**Doctor: Ah when you’re like seven months pregnant. Or six, seven months pregnant.**

Doctor: Are you sure this is the best thing for you?

Woman 1: Yeah, I just had, you know, all those questions before I do anything, ya know, before I’m convinced not to. Is there any way to find out if it’s a boy or a girl?

Doctor: Not at this stage, no. You’re not far enough along. But once I do everything and do all the legal stuff, you’re going to talk to a counselor because we have you sign a consent form.

Woman 1: Well, because I can’t have a girl. I don’t know if it’d be wrong to abort a girl.

Doctor: Why can’t you have a girl?

Woman 1: Well, my parents, there are too many girls. They wouldn’t be happy if there was another girl. It’s not illegal to abort it because it’s a girl?

Doctor: No, it is legal in the country to have an abortion, period. Regardless of what the sex is. And we don’t know what the sex is today because you’re not far enough along, you can’t tell until 12 weeks.

**But you don’t wanna wait, because the sooner you do an abortion the easier it is and the quicker it is.**

## **Milwaukee, WI Northwest Health Center**

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#### Live Action Claim:

From an April 12, 2010 Live Action press release: “In the video, a staffer tells a woman who is reportedly 6 to 8 weeks pregnant that at this stage her baby has “no arms, no legs, no heart no head, no brain.” The staffer emphasizes the difficulties of adoption, urges the woman to obtain an abortion as soon as possible, says that images of abortion are fabricated, and states that the unborn child at 6 to 8 weeks has no “identifiable parts” and is just “fetal matter.””

#### Facts:

There are four instances in the videotape taken at the Milwaukee Northwest health center where the Planned Parenthood staffer provides the fake patient with information about adoption and encourages her to consider all her options with the potential pregnancy:

#### *Instance One:*

### Omitted Dialogue:

Planned Parenthood Employee: Um, so the closest Planned Parenthood that would provide abortion service for you is our Jackson Street location. I can give you their information; you'd have to call them as soon as possible, to schedule. You have a counseling appointment, an ultrasound, and then 24 hours later you can have the procedure. In the state of Wisconsin there is a 24-hour waiting period before anyone can have an abortion, so there is that, little time period. Okay?

#### *Instance Two:*

### Omitted Dialogue:

PPE: But it's up to you, if you decide you want to continue with the pregnancy, and, that's why there's that 24-hour waiting period. So, they do an ultrasound and a counseling appointment, they'll answer any questions you have about the procedure and you'll be able to talk with the nurse there. They'll do an ultrasound so you know exactly how far along you are so you know what your options are, and if you decide after that ultrasound you want to continue with the pregnancy you can do so, nothing's set in stone, ya know, and we don't force you either way, it's your decision completely.

LA: Are there any other choices?

PPE: Well, if you want, adoption is another choice, we can give you information on that. (inaudible)

PPE: This is information on adoption.

LA: Well no, I can't have information on adoption because, if I have a girl - I can't have a girl.

PPE: Ok.

#### *Instance Three:*

PPE: Yeah. If you don't feel you're financially stable or you don't feel ready to have a baby then I would go with abortion. But if you feel that you want to wing it and do it, and you want to continue with the pregnancy, then that's something you really have to think about, ya know? And as soon as you have your decision, that's when you call the clinic and let them know.

LA: Ok.

PPE: But like I said, even if you're sure now, you could always have your first appointment and change your mind. Nothing's set in stone until that day.

#### *Instance Four:*

PPE: Some people tell you abortion's wrong, some people tell you otherwise, but it's your choice, that's an issue you can't really be on the fence about, you're either for it or against it. There's no in-between because there's no other options other than adoption. And I always recommend adoption first, but if you can't do that - if you can't let people know you're pregnant, and you're considering abortion, really sit down and think about it. And this pamphlet would probably be the best to help you out, it's "Unsure About Your Pregnancy" and it has questions in here that you can answer, and you fill this out and it helps you decide what your best option would be.

## **Birmingham, AL**

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### Live Action Claim:

From a June 30, 2009 Live Action press release: "Lila Rose, 20-year-old UCLA student and Live Action

president, went undercover at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Birmingham and told a counselor that she was 14-years-old...In the video, Tanisha also seems to tell Rose that a signature from an "older sister that's over the age of 18" or someone "with the same last name" could function as a substitute for parental consent so Planned Parenthood could perform an abortion on a minor."

Facts:

Live Action inaccurately names the Planned Parenthood employee as a counselor, when she was actually a translator at the health center. The translator tells the fake patient this and advises her to see the clinician for more complete information. In the omitted footage, the translator repeatedly tells the fake patient she needs a guardian's signature for an abortion, while the press release accuses her of trying to skirt the law.

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**LR:OK**

**Tanisha: If you don't have a grandparent or somebody else who has the same last name of you, then you won't be able to get it done.** Now, that's just me saying that, but you can call back tomorrow and talk to somebody else and see what they suggest you do, but to my knowledge, that's how things work.

LR: There is anything else I can do?

Tanisha: You can call back and talk to somebody else tomorrow. Mmk? And see what they say. But as far as I know it is a state law, you have to have a parents consent. Or a legal guardians consent if you are under the age of 18.

Friend: Is that just the law for here?

Tanisha: No that's the law. Period. Anywhere you go, if you are under the age of 18 your gong to have to have a parent's consent

LR: My boyfriend can drive me anywhere.

Tanisha: Mmhmm, yeah but you have to have a parent's consent. Because if something happens to you and you walk out of here and your parents don't know, they can sue us.

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