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If a woman wants an abortion, who are we to stop her? It's her choice. No one has the right to tell a woman that she has to have a child. These are some of the arguments that pro-abortionists use to defend abortion. At first glance, it could seem like pro-abortionists genuinely care for the woman when they make these arguments. But this couldn't be farther from the truth. Many pro-abortionists, such as abortion clinic owners and abortion providers, while lauding women's healthcare, are raking in huge profits by performing abortions, while women are greatly suffering from them.

Sadly, abortion is an enormous moneymaker in today's world. In the last nine years, Planned Parenthood has taken in over 500 million dollars in profits. At last count, Planned Parenthood had almost 1 billion dollars in total assets, proving that the organization that most loudly defends the morality of abortion is raking in the most profits from it. Carol Everett, a former part-owner of several abortion clinics in the Dallas area, has repented of her involvement in abortions. She talked about her clinics plan to sell abortions to girls and families as a quick fix. She said that she got "monetary gains in the name of helping women." Kermit Gosnell, the infamous abortionist who was convicted two years ago for killing babies born alive at his clinic, reaped a lot of blood money for carrying out over 15 abortions a day for over 30 years. With annual earnings over 1.8 million dollars, Gosnell invested his money in numerous properties-including an oceanfront home and a large sailing boat. Prosecutors said that when his home was raided, they found over 240,000 dollars in cash, money he undoubtedly earned by killing the most innocent and helpless among us.

The horror doesn't stop there. Pregnant mothers who abort their babies aren't just paying the doctors, the clinics also make money off the babies' remains. Women are told that what they carry is just a glob of tissue, and that tissue could be preserved to save someone else's life. About 75% of women agree to this "donation." After abortions, clinic workers begin to harvest the babies' remains. Some of these babies are still alive when this process begins. Abortion is the largest unregulated industry in our country, and the people who practice it often profit from the fetal tissue that results. This is called fetal harvesting, and many pharmaceutical and biological firms, government and university research laboratories pay large sums of money for the remains of helpless children. Companies such as ReNeuron, Neuralstem, Neocutis and Senomyx are using tissues came from aborted babies to develop drugs, beauty products and even flavor enhancers.

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