

HUMAN CAPITAL

an investigative journalism study by



About the Human Capital Project

The Human Capital project is a 30-month-long investigative journalism study by The Center for Medical Progress, documenting how Planned Parenthood sells the body parts of aborted babies. Citizen journalists at CMP spent two-and-a-half years logging thousands of research hours to painstakingly gather hundreds of hours of undercover footage, dozens of eyewitness testimonies, and nearly two hundred pages of primary source documents. This information will continue to be made available to the public at centerformedicalprogress.org.

The video footage gathered in the project is presented in two formats: 1) as summary videos of specific undercover encounters, and 2) as a multi-part documentary web series “Human Capital,” which integrates expert interviews, eyewitness accounts, and real-life undercover interactions to tell the story of Planned Parenthood’s commercial exploitation of aborted fetal tissue. “Human Capital” web series episodes will begin to be released following the undercover summaries.

The sale of aborted fetal tissue is a serious breach of law and ethics that has violations of numerous state and federal laws associated with it. Federal law at 42 U.S.C. 289g-2 strictly prohibits the purchase and sale of aborted fetal tissue, yet top-level Planned Parenthood executive and directors repeatedly told CMP investigators that they received payment for fetal tissue on a per-specimen—that is, per baby part—basis. Even in situations where a middle-man wholesaler company does all the work to consent abortion patients and harvest fetal tissue inside a Planned Parenthood clinic, Planned Parenthood still receives payments for the specimens.

The title “Human Capital” is a wordplay on the typical economic term for the value to an enterprise of the skills and abilities of human individuals. CMP’s project explores the business value of human bodies themselves to Planned Parenthood, and the way the “human capital” of aborted baby parts affects the real human capital of those who work in Planned Parenthood’s abortion clinics.