

# GOP: Party of character or cowards?

At the CNN Republican debate on Sept. 16, candidate Carly Fiorina looked directly into the camera and dared anyone to watch the videos exposing Planned Parenthood's barbaric practice of butchering babies to sell their body parts for profit.

She demanded Republicans act now to stop the public funding of Planned Parenthood and force President Obama to either sign on or veto.

"I dare Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama to watch these tapes! Watch a fully formed fetus on the table, its heart beating, its legs kicking," Fiorina said. "This is about the character of our nation, and if we will not stand up and force President Obama to veto this bill, shame on us!"

*See Fiorina's comments in context for yourself below:*

At The FAMiLY LEADER, we couldn't agree more.

This *is* about character – of the GOP, of pro-life leaders, of our president, and of the country.

**[Tell Iowa Governor Terry Branstad to take a stand of character and defund Planned Parenthood now!](#)**

Character means having a spine and taking courageous leadership. There's no way we at The FAMiLY LEADER can back Republican politics as usual while America continues this dark, deceptive path of funding Planned Parenthood. One-third of the budget of the nation's largest abortion mill comes from taxpayers, to the tune of over \$500 million a year, while its clinics deceive their patients and dismember and sell baby body parts on the side. It's time to shut it down. Now.

There are some, [including National Right to Life President Carol Tobias](#), who say attaching a defund Planned Parenthood measure to the federal spending bill isn't warranted. They don't want a fight over "shutting down the government." They want to wait until a Republican takes over the White House ... in January 2017 (at the earliest).

**The notion that Republicans can wait to act until a new president takes office in 2017 is nonsense. It's cover for the cowardly.**

Attaching a defund measure to the budget is exactly what Republicans *should* be doing. It's time to find out the character of our president: Is he willing to shut down the government to protect Planned Parenthood's admitted practices of lying to expectant mothers and chopping up baby parts for profit? If Obama is willing to shut down the government to continue funding these horrors, that tells Americans all we need to know about how to vote in 2016.

Planned Parenthood has been exposed now. The American people are outraged now. Pushing it off until the iron cools, continuing to spend \$500 million a year of taxpayer money on funding baby butchers, and simply avoiding a fight over Obama's anticipated "shutting down the government" to try to eke out a win in the next election isn't character – it's cowardice.

The FAMiLY LEADER agrees with Bobby Jindal's indictment at last night's CNN Debate of Republicans who won't act: "If we can't defund Planned Parenthood now, if we can't stand for innocent human life after these barbaric videos, it is time to be done with the Republican Party."

*Watch Bobby Jindal call for "Republicans with a backbone":*

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