

Letters

Owens sold his soul to the devil and the women in rural Colorado were the sacrificial lambs

Dear Editor,

It's about a light bulb says Jane Norton, Governor Bill Owens' appointee to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. State family planning funds free up Planned Parenthood private funds which would buy a light bulb used in an abortion clinic.

abortion, directly or indirectly. The documentation of such by the state auditor is undisputed. Now these women won't be able to seek services from the provider they have come to know and trust and who they know genuinely cares about them. But what the hell! Why should Ms. Norton, Governor Owens, or Rep.

de-fund Planned Parenthood. And make no mistake, Owens was fully aware then and now what the end would be to Dean's deceptive means. Owens sold his soul to the devil and the women in rural Colorado were the sacrificial lambs.

This is playing politics with these women's lives. Ms. Norton's

as she tries, with a straight face, to convince us this isn't about politics. Her boss, proving political personal responsibility is as lacking in our state executive branch as it is in Washington, cowers in the shadows as she faces public ridicule. Hiding behind Ms. Norton's skirt for political cover and misleading us about the role the Attorney General had in this game is deceptive and cowardly.

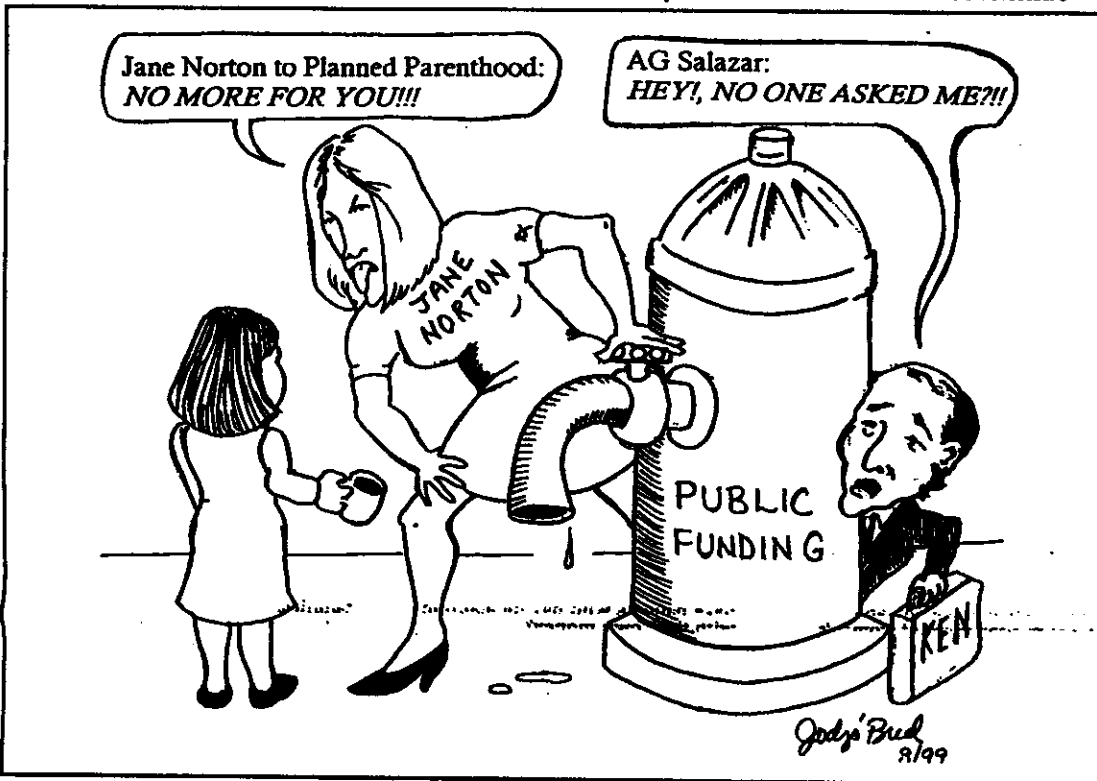
Moreover, we should be outraged because clearly Governor Owens isn't in charge here. The Christian Coalition is. Anyone who doesn't believe that is a sucker for the light bulb theory. Doing the right thing for these women be damned. Saying no to political blackmail be damned. To the threats to his political career from his party's extremist wing, Owens cried uncle. What integrity! Meet Governor Bill Owens, "Christian Coalition Poster Boy."

In the light of these revelations, would it surprise anyone if the next revelation was about "medical providers" awarded contracts who are "providers" in anti-abortion pregnancy crisis centers. Of course these "providers" would offer pap smears, maybe, pregnancy tests definitely, referrals to abortion providers if requested, never, and never provide women with birth control information or referral.

Finally, just how far can you take political absurdity? I told Norton I am a taxpayer and I subsidize her health care, as I do for Governor Owens. I will not continue to do that if it means the extra money in their pockets as a result, is given to the Christian Coalition to buy a light bulb for one of their buildings. After all that would be indirect and unconstitutional support of a specific religion in violation of the first amendment.

Colorado's rural women deserve better than the light bulb brigade, aka, the Christian Coalition, which Governor Owens now owes his soul to.

Sincerely,
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Ms. Norton told me that is providing unconstitutional and indirect public funding of abortions. Who the hell is she kidding? It's an insulting manipulation of the voter's intent. It's the kind of ludicrous reasoning found in the game of politics.

State family planning funds subsidize pap smears for cancer screening and birth control for some 15,000 women in rural Colorado. Abiding by the letter of the law, Planned Parenthood's state family planning funds never pays for an

Doug Dean concern themselves with such a consequence of their political game? After all, neither they nor their daughters are these women.

Last year candidate Bill Owens promised the Christian Coalition he would de-fund Planned Parenthood. Dean strategically set the stage during the legislative session. Dean lied about his intent, saying his use of a parliamentary maneuver to isolate this family planning money was for "monitoring purposes" when he knew all along his intent was to

dental of such isn't plausible because we know Owens owes the Christian Coalition and actions always speak louder than words. Shame on Owens. He lied to us and he got Ms. Norton to lie about the politicization of the distribution of these funds. And shame on Ms. Norton for allowing herself to be used as political cover and used to facilitate this political vendetta which puts these women's health at risk. Ms. Norton falls on Owens' sword sounding and looking stupid