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### **Their true colors**

The doctor is "in." No, the doctor is "out!"

The doctor is Leana Wen, M.D., the fired CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. On July 16, the PPFA board of directors met in a secret emergency meeting and voted to immediately remove the good doctor after just eight months at the helm of the nation's leading abortion provider. Dr. Wen came to Planned Parenthood from a career as an emergency physician and Baltimore's health commissioner for four years.

PPFA tersely announced the Wen termination on Twitter. @DrLeanaWen responded on Twitter with a link to a three-page letter to her colleagues at PPFA. Wen stated in part, "The new board leadership has determined that the priority of Planned Parenthood

moving forward is to double down on abortion rights advocacy." As the first physician to lead Planned Parenthood in several decades, Wen's priority was to expand health-care services broadly.

It is instructive to realize that the previous head of Planned Parenthood was Waco-born Cecile Richards from 2006-2018. Richards was a political operative prior to assuming the CEO position and had no experience in the health-care industry. No one campaigned more at the side of Hillary Clinton in 2016 than Cecile Richards. When Richards began her leadership of Planned Parenthood, she was quoted in the New York Times saying she wanted to build Planned Parenthood into the nation's "largest kick-butt political organization."

So national Planned Parenthood flirtation with re-establishing health-care expansion is over. Political advocacy and power will be the priority.

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