

Expanding on the USCCB's investigation into Catholic concerns regarding the Girl Scout organization

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Please note: all *red text* is quoted directly from the USCCB resources¹ published in April 2014 regarding Girl Scouts.

In April, 2014, the USCCB posted a resource to address “key questions [that] were raised by parents and Catholic leaders concerning GSUSA.” While the process was lengthy and extensive, “the resource does not intend to be exhaustive.” The purpose of this document is to supplement the findings shared by the USCCB, including documented examples of additional concerns directly from the Girl Scout organization’s own materials.

Importantly, the LMFLY committee specifically addresses the questions “Do the bishops endorse the Girl Scouts? Are the bishops supportive or unsupportive of GSUSA?” by responding that “the Committee did not take up this question. It aimed to gather information for bishops and dioceses, recognizing a local bishop’s authority over Catholic scouting locally. The Committee never sought to make decisions or set out national norms.”

While the resource states that “the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage Family Life and Youth, USCCB staff gathered preliminary information for discussion and then had conversations with GSUSA leadership. The exchanges were pleasant, informative and respectful,” the LMFLY committee confirms the following concerns as ongoing/unresolved:

- Concerns about programming materials, created by GSUSA and promoted and sold by every local council. Without identifying specific curriculum content, LMFLY states that the “use of programming materials at the Catholic troop level would be expected to include appropriate review by Church authority.”
- “Particular areas of research on the GSUSA website related to human sexuality and contraception.”
- “Attentiveness is needed to avoid programming and initiatives that are not in accord with Catholic teaching.”
- “The possibility of local councils or troops collaborating with or forming a relationship with Planned Parenthood to be an area of serious concern.”
- “The use of the term ‘transgender youth’ and the problematic anthropology undergirding such use.”
- “Through particular member organizations, delegates, or WAGGGS’ own communications, [WAGGGS] promotes and advocates for the education of girls and young women in the area of so-called “sexual and reproductive health/rights.”
- “WAGGGS’ website includes various references to topics related to ‘sexual and reproductive health/rights,’ some in specific reference to positions taken by member organizations or WAGGGS delegates.”
- “The Committee recognized to be morally objectionable any type of promotion, advocacy, or education on ‘sexual and reproductive health/rights’ as this phrase is commonly understood, especially since the phrase often includes abortion. For example, while WAGGGS has indicated that it does not have a position on abortion, the very use of the term ‘sexual and reproductive health/rights’ often includes problematic positions and agendas at odds with the respect for the gift of human life and the dignity of human sexuality (e.g., positions that do not support abstinence-only education and that advocate for contraception/sterilization as well as abortion). WAGGGS’ delegates from member organizations have taken problematic positions on other issues as well. Particular positions within WAGGGS that are objectionable based on Catholic teaching and the natural moral law (e.g., ‘sexual and reproductive health/rights’) is a concern.
- “GSUSA is an active and supportive member of WAGGGS.”
- “Girls also access global leadership and service opportunities through WAGGGS.”
- “Each year, GSUSA contributes over one million unrestricted dollars in membership dues to WAGGGS. The amount is based on the number of members in GSUSA.”
- “The Committee recognizes that the broader question of the Girl Scouts’ relationship with WAGGGS, in view of particular WAGGGS’ positions and the matter of unrestricted membership dues, remains an area of concern.”

Given LMFLY’s statement that “the resource does not intend to be exhaustive,” several points mentioned in their report are more fully expanded upon here:

- GSUSA states a “limited national authority over local councils and troops,” and as such “does not have the authority to prohibit local councils or troops from collaborating with or forming their own local relationships with Planned Parenthood.” Additionally, “The GSUSA national office articulates a non-position policy when it comes to the topics of human sexuality, contraception (or birth control), and abortion. This national policy of neutrality does not prohibit individual councils or troops from taking a position or sponsoring programming on human sexuality or other topics.” GSUSA’s *Blue Book of Basic Documents*, however, notes that council charters are issued by GSUSA on the condition that each local council agrees to “be guided by the standards of Girl Scouts of the USA” and “agree to operate as a council in accordance with and be limited by policies so identified, published, and distributed to councils by Girl Scouts of the USA.”² The ability of GSUSA to create a policy prohibiting council and troop

relationships with Planned Parenthood, and programming on human sexuality, contraception, and abortion, is clearly within GSUSA's purview.

- Further concerns exist regarding GSUSA's stated "non-position policy when it comes to the topics of human sexuality, contraception (or birth control), and abortion." GSUSA has no official position statement, yet regularly promotes women and organizations that publically advocate for sexual and reproductive rights throughout their programming materials, including curriculum books^{3,4,5,6,7,8}, on-line materials⁹, and official social media sites¹⁰, all of which are promoted and available through local councils as well.
- While GSUSA's *Journey* curriculum series has "undergone revision after content concerns were identified," (see GSUSA's publically disclosed revisions¹¹), problematic content remains throughout the series. Many of the women and organizations promoted in the official curriculum work in direct opposition to the Catholic Church and its teachings, including (but not limited to): Gloria Steinem³, Betty Freidan⁴, Hillary Clinton⁵, Amnesty International⁶, the ACLU⁷, and WAGGGS⁸. All local councils sell the *Journey* curriculum, and all girls earning Girl Scouts' highest awards are required to work out of the *Journey* curriculum.¹² [NOTE: To assist with LMFLY's suggestion "to include appropriate review by Church authority and involve discretionary judgment of parents of Catholic scouts," a comprehensive list of concerning *Journey* curriculum content is being compiled, to be available Summer 2014 at this link: <http://mygirlscoutcouncil.com/curriculum-issues-update.html>.]
- As LMFLY warns that "WAGGGS' website includes various references to topics related to 'sexual and reproductive rights,'" it is important to note that GSUSA and local councils promote WAGGGS' website in curriculum¹³ and on-line resources¹⁴.
- While WAGGGS is "an international association of scouting organizations," its membership number of 10 million is the sum total of each individual member, including 3.2 million registered GSUSA members.¹⁵ WAGGGS specifically states that "[A]nyone who is a Girl Guide or a Girl Scout is automatically a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)."¹⁶ GSUSA and local council materials specifically confirm this fact as well¹⁷. WAGGGS regularly advocates for sexual and reproductive health/rights to, and on behalf of, its 10 million members through its resources, non-formal education programs, and participation in international events.¹⁸
- LMFLY states "issues to be considered in relation to a local council should include whether and how a council is involved with WAGGGS." LMFLY also suggests "participation in WAGGGS events and in specific fundraising for WAGGGS can be discouraged," yet does not provide a cautionary list of such opportunities. While not an exhaustive list, opportunities include: participation in World Thinking Day, a WAGGGS celebration every February 22 promoted by GSUSA and local councils¹⁹; trips to the WAGGGS World Centers promoted by GSUSA and local councils²⁰; and financial donations to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, which funds WAGGGS related activities and is promoted and monetarily supported by GSUSA and local councils²¹.
- LMFLY also suggests that "girls can choose not to wear the WAGGGS pin." It is relevant to note that wearing the WAGGGS pin has always been optional for all girls. Further, according to GSUSA, the pin simply "symbolizes that they [girls] are members of WAGGGS;"¹⁷ choosing not to wear the WAGGGS pin does not change a girl's membership in WAGGGS, any more than choosing not to wear a wedding band changes an individual's marital status.
- In addition to being an "active and supportive member of WAGGGS," GSUSA maintains membership in and/or funding of additional organizations that promote sexual and reproductive health/rights, including the Coalition for Adolescent Girls²², the National Coalition for Youth²³, Re:Gender²⁴, and the Population Reference Bureau²⁵.
- GSUSA shares that "revenue from cookie sales remains within councils and troops." Not included in this financial breakdown of the Girl Scout organization's largest fundraiser is the significant payment to GSUSA based on the licensing fees attached to every box of cookies produced²⁶. This amount, plus all licensing fees attached to official GSUSA uniforms, insignia, curriculum books, etc, is paid directly to GSUSA. GSUSA's most recently (2012) disclosed total revenue from licensing fees is \$8.4 million²⁷.
- LMFLY suggests the possibility of providing "scouting with Catholic religious recognition programs." It is relevant to further share that these Catholic religious recognition programs are available to all girls, whether they are involved in any scouting organization, a Catholic youth group, religious education classes, or individually.

With so many concerns about the Girl Scout organization rooted in Church teaching, it is helpful that LMFLY states that "[S]upport for various scouting arrangements is possible. As various complementary or alternative scouting arrangements for girls or boys become available and as parents and families participate in these options and consider them, dioceses are free to find ways of formalizing support for such arrangements." How fortunate that such complementary organizations, including American Heritage Girls and Little Flowers Girls Club among others, already have an established and thriving presence in dioceses across the country²⁸.

CITED REFERENCES

¹ USCCB LMFLY resources: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/youth/catholic-scouting-questions.cfm>
<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/youth/background-on-gsusa-and-usccb-conversations.cfm>

² https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/facts/pdf/2012_blue_book.pdf see pages 25 and 26

³ Girl Scout curriculum book purchased in May 2014 (*Mission Sisterhood*, pages 65) applauds “women’s rights activist” Gloria Steinem, for her visionary contributions responsible for moving sisterhood to where it is today.

Steinem is highly honored in the pro-choice movement. She is a renowned abortion rights advocate and has worked for decades to reduce the stigma of abortion by proudly promoting her own in multiple campaigns over the years. See examples of Steinem’s advocacy at the following links:

- Image of Ms. Magazine’s original We Have Had Abortions Campaign signed by Steinem and others
<http://images.nymag.com/images/2/promotional/11/11/week1/mrs-abortionsb.pdf>
- Steinem’s support of the 2005 I Had An Abortion Campaign
http://www.ontheissuesmagazine.com/2012winter/2012winter_Baumgardner.php
- Steinem is a faithful supporter of Planned Parenthood, stating “There is no organization in this country or the world that is more important than Planned Parenthood” http://www.nj.com/mercer/index.ssf/2011/09/steinem_offers_support_for_pla.html
- Steinem regularly fundraises for Planned Parenthood
<http://www.plannedparenthood.org/mercer/an-evening-gloria-steinem-37182.htm>
- Additionally, Steinem is a long-time advocate for same sex marriage
http://articles.latimes.com/1996-06-17/news/mn-15877_1_dozen-couples

⁴ Girl Scout curriculum book purchased in May 2014 (*Your Voice Your World*, pages 68) honors Betty Freidan and her organization National Organization for Women (NOW). Freidan was an aggressive supporter of abortion rights. Her organization NOW, which is praised by Girl Scouts as a “Voice For Good,” also promotes abortion, contraception. See NOW’s position on abortion:

<http://now.org/issues/abortion-rights-reproductive-issues/> “NOW affirms that reproductive rights are issues of life and death for women, not mere matters of choice. NOW fully supports access to safe and legal abortion, to effective birth control and emergency contraception, to reproductive health services and education for all women. We oppose attempts to restrict these rights through legislation, regulation or Constitutional amendment.” In addition to founding the pro-abortion National Organization For Women, Betty Friedan is the founder of the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws (NARAL):
<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/02/05/national/05friedan.html>

⁵ Girl Scout curriculum book purchased in May 2014 (*Your Voice Your World*, pages 96) honors Hillary Clinton as a “Voice For Good.”

⁶ Girl Scout curriculum book purchased in May 2014 (*Your Voice Your World*, page 41) recommends girls explore the website of Amnesty International to learn more advocacy. The following examples illustrate official Amnesty positions and initiatives which attack the Church and/or its teachings on the dignity of life and the sanctity of marriage. Note the USCCB has issued a warning to faithful about supporting this organization.

- “After nearly a year of dialogue with leaders of Amnesty International (AI), the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops strongly protests the recent action of AI’s International Council to promote worldwide access to abortion. This basic policy change undermines Amnesty’s longstanding moral credibility and unnecessarily diverts its mission. In promoting abortion, Amnesty divides its own members (many of whom are Catholics and others who defend the rights of unborn children) and jeopardizes its support by people in many nations, cultures and religions who share a consistent commitment to all human rights.” <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/torture/bishops-protest-change-in-amnesty-internationals-abortion-policy-2007-08-23.cfm>
- “Amnesty International believes that where women’s access to safe and legal abortion services and information is restricted, their fundamental human rights may be at grave risk.” <https://www.amnesty.org/fr/library/asset/AMR43/001/2009/fr/ea2f24b4-648c-4389-91e0-fc584839a527/amr430012009en.pdf> see page 5
- Amnesty International’s support for Planned Parenthood: <http://blog.amnestyusa.org/us/i-stand-withthe-right-to-health/>
- Amnesty International’s support for same sex marriage: “Love is a Human Right: The right of adults to enter into consensual marriage is enshrined in international human rights standards. Article 16, Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR): *Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.* For more than a decade, this non-discrimination principle has been interpreted by UN treaty bodies and numerous inter-governmental human rights bodies as prohibiting discrimination based on gender or sexual orientation.” <http://www.amnestyusa.org/our-work/issues/lgbt-rights/marriage-equality>

⁷ Girl Scout curriculum book purchased in May 2014 (*Your Voice Your World*, pages 42 and 98) recommends ACLU to girls as a “Voice for Good” and as a potential future employer. The following examples illustrate official ACLU positions and initiatives which attack the Church and/or its teachings on the dignity of life and the sanctity of marriage:

- <https://www.aclu.org/religion-belief-womens-rights/aclu-sues-bishops-behalf-pregnant-woman-denied-care-catholic-hospital> In December 2013, the ACLU filed a lawsuit in against the U.S. Bishops because of the bishops’ “Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (ERDs)” which prevent Catholic hospital staff from providing abortion services or referrals.
- <http://www.aclu.org/reproductive-freedom/abortion> “The world we want respects people’s personal and private decisions about forming intimate relationships and building secure and healthy families. The ACLU works to ensure that everyone has the resources to make these decisions responsibly: from sex education to birth control to prenatal care to the option of abortion.”
- <https://www.aclu.org/marriage-same-sex-couples> “We now face an unprecedented opportunity to achieve the freedom to marry for same-sex couples throughout the country. The historic Supreme Court decision striking down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) will pave the way for equality for lesbian and gay couples across America, but for a full civil liberties victory we need to strike down barriers to the freedom to marry in states across the country. While we celebrate all of the progress we’ve been making on marriage, individual states still have anti-gay, anti-marriage laws. In fact these discriminatory barriers are now embedded in 29 state constitutions.”
- www.aclu.org/reproductive-freedom/challenges-federal-contraceptive-coverage-rule “As part of the Affordable Care Act, the federal government issued a rule that requires health plans to cover contraception without a co-pay. To date, 94 cases have been filed challenging the rule as an infringement on religious liberty. 82 of these cases are currently pending: 35 cases brought by nonprofit organizations, 44 cases brought by for-profit companies, and 3 cases brought by both nonprofit and for-profit plaintiffs. In these cases, the ACLU is defending the anti-discrimination rule. While religious freedom gives us all the right to make personal decisions about how to practice religion, it doesn’t give institutions or individuals the right to impose their beliefs on others or to discriminate.”

⁸ Girl Scout curriculum books purchased in May 2014 (*Your Voice Your World*, pages 40 and *Mission Sisterhood*, pages 53 and 63) promote the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The USCCB LMFLY committee identifies multiple concerns about WAGGGS including the following:

- “Through particular member organizations, delegates, or WAGGGS’ own communications, [WAGGGS] promotes and advocates for the education of girls and young women in the area of so-called “sexual and reproductive health/rights.”
- “The Committee recognized to be morally objectionable any type of promotion, advocacy, or education on ‘sexual and reproductive health/rights’ as this phrase is commonly understood, especially since the phrase often includes abortion. For example, while WAGGGS has indicated that it does not have a position on abortion, the very use of the term ‘sexual and reproductive health/rights’ often includes problematic positions and agendas at odds with the respect for the gift of human life and the dignity of human sexuality (e.g., positions that do not support abstinence-only education and that advocate for contraception/sterilization as well as abortion). WAGGGS’ delegates from member organizations have taken problematic positions on other issues as well. Particular positions within WAGGGS that are objectionable based on Catholic teaching and the natural moral law (e.g., ‘sexual and reproductive health/rights’) is a concern.

⁹ On-line GSUSA resources recommend WAGGGS and WAGGGS-related activities:

https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/waggs/

¹⁰ Examples of GSUSA promotion of women and organizations advocating for sexual and reproductive rights through GSUSA official social media accounts:

- GSUSA highlights seven women of “courage, confidence and character” including HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius for her ferocious defense of Obamacare in 2013.
(GSUSA promotion <https://www.facebook.com/GirlScoutsUSA/posts/10153703245700393> recommends this article: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/she-the-people/wp/2013/12/30/seven-american-women-who-made-a-difference-in-2013/>)
- GSUSA features recommendations for 2013’s *Women of the Year* including late term abortion rights advocate Senator Wendy Davis. (GSUSA promotion “Incredible Ladies Who Should Be Women of the Year for 2013” <https://twitter.com/girlscouts/status/413413863988539392> recommends this article and video http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/17/women-of-the-year-2013_n_4461327.html)
- GSUSA regularly provides live links to publications such as the Huffington Post and Jezebel that consistently advocate for sexual and reproductive/abortion rights, and includes explicit sexual content and content specifically promoting sexual activity for teens. Examples of GSUSA links to Huffington Post: and Jezebel:
<https://twitter.com/girlscouts/status/410934022957568000>
<https://www.facebook.com/GirlScoutsUSA/posts/10153399027975393>

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<https://twitter.com/girlscouts/status/392704430316851202>

<https://twitter.com/girlscouts/status/392659124653023232>

Examples of concerning content on these GSUSA recommended sites:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/alicia-gay/stealth-attack-what-you-n_b_4150022.html

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/26/abortion-clinic-closures_n_3804529.html

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/02/gloria-steinem-planned-parenthood_n_4027379.html

<http://jezebel.com/cool-pope-decries-abortion-reminds-us-why-popes-are-1500597908>

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/news/love--sex/>

<http://jezebel.com/tag/sex>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/22/it-seemed-like-sex-was-so_n_4144580.html

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/13/losing-virginity-stories-11-women-first-time-having-sex_n_3267987.html

¹¹ GSUSA's Master List of Material Review and edits to Journeys curriculum: <http://girlscoutsosw.org/Files/MaterialReview.pdf>

¹² Girl Scouts highest awards, the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award, require girls to "complete a Journey." (Journeys is the official GSUSA curriculum which promotes many organizations and role models advocating for sexual and reproductive rights. See footnotes 3 through 8.) Award requirements:

http://www.girlscouts.org/program/highest_awards/bronze_award.asp

http://www.girlscouts.org/program/highest_awards/silver_award.asp

http://www.girlscouts.org/program/highest_awards/pdf/Girl_Scout_Gold_Award_Guidelines.pdf see page 2

¹³ GSUSA and local councils promote WAGGGS' website through the official Girl Scout curriculum. See Girl Scout curriculum books purchased in May 2014 (*Your Voice Your World*, page 40 and *Mission Sisterhood*, page 53).

¹⁴ GSUSA and local councils promote WAGGGS' website through on-line content. Examples:

https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/our_partners/affiliates/ see WAGGGS

http://www.girlscouts.org/program/highest_awards/pdf/Girl_Scout_Gold_Award_Guidelines.pdf see page 2

¹⁵ According to GSUSA: "WAGGGS, the official umbrella organization for all 145 national Girl Guide and Girl Scout organizations in the world, has a membership of 10 million and nearly a million and a half adult volunteers."

https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/our_partners/affiliates/ see WAGGGS

¹⁶ "Anyone who is a Girl Guide or a Girl Scout is automatically a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)." http://www.waggggs.org/en/join_us

¹⁷ GSUSA curriculum confirms that all girls are members of WAGGGS on page 24 of Girl Scout curriculum book *Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden Leaders' Guide* which states: "Daisies can receive the World Trefoil Pin, which symbolizes that they are members of WAGGGS." Local councils also confirm girls are members of WAGGGS. For example, see Girl Scouts of Colorado "Global Girl Scouting" resource dated April 2014 which states: "when a Girl Scout in the United States pays her dues to GSUSA, she also becomes a member of WAGGGS. She is then entitled to wear the World Trefoil [WAGGGS] pin."

<https://gscoblog.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/explore-global-girl-scouting-program-materials.pdf> see page 8

¹⁸ WAGGGS represents its 10 million members: regularly advocates for sexual and reproductive health/rights to, and on behalf of, its 10 million members through its resources, non-formal education programs, and participation in international events. For example:

https://twitter.com/waggggs_world/status/236091241647980544 (WAGGGS represents 10 million girls)

<https://www.facebook.com/waggggs/info> (WAGGGS represents 10 million girls)

<http://www.wagggsworld.org/es/grab/20906/1/WAGGGSrecommendationsongirlsandyoungwomenandMDGsSUMMARY.pdf>

<http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/grab/20137/1/1Positionstatementtalkaboutsex.pdf>

<http://everywomaneverychild.org/commitments/all-commitments/entry/1/231>

<http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/rioplus20/delegatesblog>

<http://www.waggggs.org/en/grab/24931/1/1csw58-policy-paper-web.pdf> see page 18

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twewCm45Jal>

¹⁹ World Thinking Day, a WAGGGS celebration every February 22 is promoted by GSUSA and local councils. See the following documentation relating to World Thinking Day:

- World Thinking Day is WAGGGS' main fundraiser: <http://www.waggggs.org/en/grab/358/1/fundraisingguide.pdf> see page 2/paragraph 2
- GSUSA promotion of World Thinking Day: https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day/
- Inside of front or back cover of Girl Scout curriculum books promote World Thinking Day

²⁰ GSUSA and local councils promote trips to the WAGGGS World Centers through the Girl Scout curriculum and via on-line resources:

- Girl Scout curriculum book *Your Voice Your World*, page 40, promotes WAGGGS' World Centers.
- GSUSA promotion of WAGGGS' World Centers: https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/waggggs/world_centers.asp
https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/waggggs/world_centers.asp

²¹ GSUSA and local councils promote financial donations to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, which funds WAGGGS related activities:

- WAGGGS related activities are funded through the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund: http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/jlwff/default.asp#dest and http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/forms_doc/jlwff_brochure.pdf
- GSUSA promotion of Juliette Low World Friendship Fund: http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/juliette_low_fund.asp
- Local council listed as financial contributors to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund in most recent bi-annual report: http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/jlwff/contributors.asp

²² GSUSA maintains membership in the Coalition for Adolescent Girls which supports sexual and reproductive rights for adolescent girls:

- Coalition for Adolescent Girls membership list which includes GSUSA, global abortion provider Marie Stopes and several other pro-abortion organizations: <http://coalitionforadolescentgirls.org/community/members/>
- Coalition for Adolescent Girls advocacy for family planning and abortion-related care for adolescent girls: http://www.coalitionforadolescentgirls.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Girls_Count_Series_Actions.pdf
- April 2014 Coalition for Adolescent Girls Newsletter sent on behalf of its members promoting sexual and reproductive rights advocacy and a job opportunity with International Planned Parenthood Federation: <http://coalitionforadolescentgirls.createsend1.com/t/ViewEmail/r/98D8C02DE9CE51052540EF23F30FEDED/4EFA9528976A285181176E9AA71FFAE9>

²³ GSUSA maintains membership in the National Coalition for Youth which advocates for comprehensive sex education and affordable contraception for all regardless of age:

- National Coalition for Youth membership lists Girl Scouts as a member <http://www.collab4youth.org/About/Members.aspx> see page 2
- National Coalition for Youth Public Policy on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention <http://www.collab4youth.org/Policy/PublicPolicy7c02.html?CategoryID=105>

²⁴ GSUSA is a member organization of Re:Gender which supports abortion rights and comprehensive sex education:

- Re:Gender member organization: <http://www.regender.org/index.php?q=member-organizations/girl-scouts-usa>
- Re:Gender policy on comprehensive sex-ed and reproductive rights <http://www.regender.org/index.php?q=issues-expertise/166/Population%20%2526%20Reproductive%20Rights>
<http://www.regender.org/index.php?q=issues-expertise/142/K-12>

²⁵ GSUSA funds Population Reference Bureau which promotes population control ideology, as well as sexual and reproductive health including contraception and condom use for youth: see <http://www.prb.org/Events/2013/ICFP-2013.aspx> and <http://www.prb.org/Multimedia/Video/2013/ICFP-2013-youth-webinar-2.aspx>
Population Reference Bureau Funders list (including GSUSA): <http://www.prb.org/About/FundersPartners.aspx>

²⁶ According to GSUSA: "Girl Scouts of the USA is paid a royalty by its licensed bakers for use of Girl Scout trademarks based on gross annual sales." http://girlscouts.org/program/gs_cookies/faq.asp scroll to "Cookie Revenue."

²⁷ GSUSA's most recently (2012) disclosed total revenue from licensing fees is \$8.4 million

https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/facts/pdf/2013_gsusa_form_990.pdf see Part VIII: Statement of Revenue on page 9

²⁸ American Heritage Girls and Little Flowers Girls Club among other alternative scouting groups for girls have an established and thriving presence in dioceses across the country. See reports from Catholic dioceses across the country:

- "Relationship between Girls Scouts of the USA and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas"
<http://www.archkck.org/file/ecat-youth-documents/Girl-Scouts-in-the-Archdiocese2.pdf> see page 2 last bullet regarding American Heritage Girls, Little Flowers, and Challenge
- "Archdiocese encourages support of faith-based scouting programs" (Archdiocese of St. Louis)
<http://stlouisreview.com/article/2014-03-19/archdiocese>
- "American Heritage Girls gain foothold in Diocese" (Diocese of Venice, FL)
<http://dioceseofvenice.org/american-heritage-girls-gain-foothold-in-diocese/>
- "American Heritage Girls see growth" (Diocese of Ft. Wayne)
<http://www.todayscatholicnews.org/2013/10/american-heritage-girls-see-growth-at-st-vincent-st-pius/>

For additional examples of council specific concerns, visit <http://mygirlscoutcouncil.com/find-your-council.html>.

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