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Gates Foundation: No Abortion Funding

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Melinda Gates recently announced that the Gates Foundation will not fund abortions in its anti-poverty, family planning programs. I know, I know. Many on the right will be upset that Gates continues to link birth control with fighting poverty. And, from her remarks, it is clear that Gates, while taking her religion seriously, is not going to be considered for any theology department anytime soon: The problem with abortion is not that it is an emotional issue, but that it denies the dignity of a fellow human person. All of that said, hats off to the Gates' Foundation for illuminating to the rest of the culture, including to people who are not going to take a copy of *Evangelium Vitae* with them to the beach this summer, that abortion is something it is wrong to encourage.

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