

Planned Parenthood's hacked website called 'facade'

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Planned Parenthood shuttered its website.

Planned Parenthood shut its website down after experiencing a second cyberattack in one week – but tech-savvy social media users are saying, not so fast: This has all the makings of a public relations stunt.

First the statement from Planned Parenthood: “We deeply regret that in order to more fully protect our websites from these extremist attacks, our full online content will be temporarily unavailable to people looking for good, accurate health information,” said Dawn Laguens, executive vice president of the nonprofit’s political division, in a statement reported by the Hill.

The group also said late Wednesday evening their website had been hit by a “denial of service attack,” which is when the hackers use a tactic to overwhelm a site with so much traffic, it shuts. It tweeted the development: “BREAKING PlannedParenthood.org health website is under attack by anti-abortion extremists.”

The “denial of service” attack reportedly only lasted a few minutes. But out of caution, and because the same site was just hacked a couple days earlier – leading Planned Parenthood officials to notify the Department of Justice – organization officials decided to keep it shut down. Laguens also said Planned Parenthood is “taking every measure possible to mitigate any criminal efforts to undermine our mission and services,” the Hill reported.

But Twitter isn’t so sure the whole thing isn’t just a public relations gimmick, aimed at taking heat off the ongoing scandal rocking Planned Parenthood

involving the sale of baby parts, as extensively reported by WND, [here](#) and [here](#).

The [Federalist](#) reported technologically aware individuals say the coding and font just doesn’t look like the site’s been hacked.

Stephen Miller tweeted: “Their site is so hacked right now that someone has been rearranging CSS fonts and alignment.” Another [twitter user](#), Manny Garza, suggested in a social media post to Planned Parenthood “the next time you lie, check your source code.”

Planned Parenthood’s been accused of faking a hack attack as a public relations stunt.

Here’s how the Federalist puts it: “A review of the source code of the main page that appears at PlannedParenthood.org shows that as of 9:30 a.m. today, the page is listed as a ‘Campaign’ and uses a specific template named ‘Site Down Tempalte’ [the typo is theirs]. The same page then directs visitors to the Facebook page of Planned Parenthood Action Fund, the political fundraising arm of the nation’s largest abortion provider. ... And that’s where Planned Parenthood’s hacking facade begins to crumble.

The news site reported that the page declaring the organization’s hack is a message that queries: “Why do you stand with Planned Parenthood?” and then sends users to a separate page to share their stories.

“And wouldn’t you know it,” the Federalist reported, “that page functions perfectly. No sign of hacking. No sign of intrusion. Just a perfectly functional and secure web page that exists solely to build Planned Parenthood’s mailing list.”

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