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WHY DOESN'T BUSH?

**President Bush has imposed the Global Gag Rule.
He's blocked \$34 million in UNFPA family planning funds.
Family planning programs all over the world are being damaged.
The health of women and children is at stake.**

The Bush administration is deciding the fate of our public lands in secret meetings. If the administration wants to toss aside environmental protections or otherwise rewrite rules governing natural gas development on federal lands, it should let the American public in on the decisions.

—Editorial, *Denver Post*, July 16, 2003

Lawmakers and Bush also should lift obstacles to funding family planning groups that even talk about abortion, and on contributing to the U.N. Population Fund. Bush blocked population fund money last year using the bogus reason that it supports forced abortion in China. Access to information and birth control is too important in the fight against AIDS to get hamstrung by domestic politics.

—Editorial, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 15, 2003

There's no nice way to put this. Under President Bush, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has cut back on criminal investigations of polluters, then cynically manipulated the data to suggest the opposite. What constitutes a criminal investigation in today's EPA has been exaggerated and distorted to the point of deliberate deception. Under Bush, the EPA has been in full-scale retreat on environmental protection.

—Editorial, *Sacramento Bee*, July 11, 2003

Mr. Bush and many Republicans place their principled opposition to abortion above the real need for family planning in places like some African countries and China. They ignore that denying aid to [UNFPA] may actually increase the number of abortions worldwide.

—Editorial, *The Miami Herald*, July 15, 2003

Rarely has there been such a gap between promise and reality as there is in the U.S. role in fighting AIDS in the developing world. Those daring foreign-policy commitments now are melting away under...a lack of White House follow-up...Bush is preparing to go on a tour of Africa next week. If he wants to arrive armed with more than half-empty promises, he must press Congress to deliver on the funds it authorized in the U.S. Leadership against AIDS Act and the Millennium Challenge Account, and make the necessary appointments to administer those funds.

—Editorial, *Chicago Tribune*, July 5, 2003

President Bush just doesn't get the Population Connection.

