Advocacy Education Video Modules
Advocacy Video Module Goals

• Use videos accessible online to educate residents about the importance of advocacy and illustrate the impact of social, economic and political factors on the delivery of health care in the field of obstetrics and gynecology.

• Video modules should be facilitated by senior residents or faculty members during didactic sessions or other teaching opportunities.

• Copy and paste the web address link for each video into your internet browser in order to view the broadcast.
The Importance of Advocacy

- ACOG’s advocacy efforts include state and federal legislative and political initiatives to create positive change in our specialty.

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDizsmL3EmE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDizsmL3EmE)
Reproductive Rights in the U.S.

- Hillary Clinton defends reproductive rights during a congressional hearing April 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2009.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UH9rC0MaBJc
Congressional Hearing Transcript:

- Rep. Christopher Smith: My question, is the Obama Administration seeking in any way, to weaken or overturn pro-life laws and policies in African and Latin American countries either directly, or through multi-lateral organizations, including and especially the United Nations, African Union, or the OAS, or by way of funding NGO's like Planned Parenthood? Secondly, and so we can have total transparency, you know, as a former law maker, we always have definition pages when we write legislation. Definitions do matter. Does the United State definition of the term "reproductive health", or "reproductive services", or "reproductive rights" include abortion? I yield to the distinguished gentleman.

- Sec. Hillary Clinton: Congressman, I deeply respect your passionate concern and views which you have championed and advocated for over the course of your public career. We obviously have a profound disagreement. When I think about the suffering that I have seen of women around the world, I've been in hospitals in Brazil where half the women were enthusiastically and joyfully greeting new babies and the other half were fighting for their lives against botched abortions. I've been in African countries where 12 and 13 year old girls are bearing children. I have been in Asian countries where the denial of family planning consigns women to lives of oppression and hardship. So we have a very fundamental disagreement and it is my strongly held view that you are entitled to advocate, and everyone who agrees with you, should be free to do so anywhere in the world and so are we. We happen to think that family planning is an important part of women's health and reproductive health includes access to abortion, that I believe should be safe, legal, and rare. I've spent a lot of my time trying to bring down the rate of abortions and it has been my experience that good family planning and good medical care brings down the rate of abortion. Keeping women and men in ignorance and denied the access to services actually increases the rate of abortion. During my time as First Lady I helped to create the campaign against teenage pregnancy. And while we were working to provide good information, access to contraception, and decision making that would enable young women to protect themselves and say "No", the rate of teen pregnancy went down. I'm sad to report that after an administration of eight years that undid so much of the good work, the rate of teenage pregnancy is going up. So we disagree and we are now an administration that will protect the rights of women including their rights to reproductive health care.
Worldwide Reproductive Rights

• Melinda Gates advocates for worldwide family planning services during a TED Talk in April 2012.
• http://www.ted.com/talks/melinda_gates_let_s_put_birth_control_back_on_the_agenda
Providing Comprehensive Healthcare

- Rebecca Onie, co-founder and CEO of Health Leads, delivers a TED Talk in April 2012 about her organization which enlists student volunteers to act as patient advocates by filling prescriptions for housing, food, heat and other basic resources.
- http://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca_onie_what_if_our_healthcare_system_kept_us_healthy
Other Advocacy Resources

- https://www.ted.com/topics/health+care
- http://www.acog.org/Advocacy
- http://www.drsforamerica.org/
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