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# Here's why the media ignore the March for Life but fawn over the Women's March

By Kristin Hawkins

In its 45-year history, the March for Life has received shockingly little attention from the mainstream media. It is America's largest annual human rights demonstration, drawing hundreds of thousands of participants every year, and it is uniquely dominated by the Pro-Life Generation, young Americans - most under the age of twenty-five. The March for Life and countless annual state and local marches held in tandem persist in spite of bad weather conditions and the predictable media blackout.

The March for Life is newsworthy by virtually any journalistic standard. So why do media pretend it's not? This question has become even more glaring in light of the media's fawning coverage of the Women's March. Just a year old and conveying no clear purpose - other than to oppose Donald Trump - the Women's March captured and maintained the mainstream media's rapt attention. This year, the Women's March's "anniversary events" garnered nearly seven times the media coverage of the March for Life. According to MRC's Katie Yoder, who studies March for Life media coverage each year, the three major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS) devoted more than twenty-five minutes to Women's March activities and less than four minutes to the March for Life.

It's no secret that the Women's March is more closely aligned with the mainstream media's political agenda. The mainstream media don't even attempt to hide their disdain for President Trump, making Women's March "resistance" organizers their political allies. But political bias alone does not explain or excuse the mainstream media's wholesale fail-



AP Photo/Susan Walsh

ure to report comprehensively and accurately on the March for Life. Pretending we pro-lifers don't exist and show up en masse to march for what we believe in hasn't made us go away for forty-five years. In fact, our numbers have swelled, thanks to the growing number of young people who reject abortion, in recent years in spite of the media blackout. The Pro-Life Generation even travels from all over for this March - witness the University of Mary (North Dakota) sending students to the March.

The mainstream media narrative on the pro-life movement is that we are a small, outdated bunch with oppressive, even misogynistic ideas. Reporting on the March for Life - its size, its compassion, its positivity, its youth, and its fervor - would awaken Americans who stand in the sleepy "mushy middle" on abortion to the reality that the pro-life movement is an attractive place to be. In fact, it would be difficult for the media to spin March for Life coverage negatively if they wanted to, because the March for Life is too large, too upbeat, and too loving to come across as waning, hateful, or unat-

tractive.

The mainstream media's solution is: Don't cover it at all. Pretend it didn't happen. Exaggerate Women's March coverage. Say you had to cover the government shutdown instead. Say you had a headache. Do anything except cover the March for Life. Liberal media legitimately cannot afford for Americans to know what our movement, led by the Pro-Life Generation, really looks like from the inside.

- *The Washington Examiner*,  
January 25, 2018

## President's Report

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tion. The militant pro-abortion women are angry, hostile and in your face with the message tainted with lies and deception. The pro-life women are joyful, hopeful and speak the truth calmly even against great criticism. We must all unite as committed men and women, young and old, to promote respect for all human life! Let us continue to have the courage to work for the protection of all of God's children!

- *Diane Fagelman*,  
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

## Silent Auction and Tin Can Raffle

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Every year at our *Celebration of Life* Dinner in May, we have a wonderful variety of items for the Silent Auction and Tin Can Drawing. We are looking for items that will bring in large auction bids, such as:

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## Celebration of Life Dinner & Silent Auction

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

San Marino Club

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Troy, Michigan



★ Silent Auction begins at 5:30 pm

★ Dinner served at 7:15 pm

Speaker: Comedian Jeff Allen

What a great Mother's Day GIFT... Bring your mom to our Celebration of Life dinner.

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Yes, I (We) plan to attend. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations. (Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper).

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**Deadline for submission is Friday, March 23, 2018.**

- Due to the difficulty of working with various formats, we prefer to receive pdf files, at 300 dpi, all fonts embedded, sent by email to: [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org), indicating "LIFESPAN Resource Book Ad" in the subject line. In the case of electronic submissions, please send Contract and payment via post to the address below. You can also scan in the Contract and pay by credit card at [miLIFESPAN.org/donate](http://miLIFESPAN.org/donate).
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**For further information, call: 734.524.0162 or email: [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org)**

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of people in photo (or other caption) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My photo and check are enclosed      \_\_\_\_\_ My photo will be sent by e-mail; enclosed is my check.

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# Nets Cover Women's March Nearly 7x More Than March for Life

*Editor's Note: Are you surprised?*

*By Katie Yoder*

**T**ime is everything, especially when it comes to understanding the media's priorities. At the end of January, there were two marches the same weekend, both claiming to stand for women. But the network coverage was anything but similar.

One was for abortion, the other was for life. One claimed larger numbers. But the other boasted a presidential address. And the networks that follow President Trump's every tweet hardly noticed as, for the first time ever, the president addressed the March for Life live via satellite.

During their morning and evening news shows from Jan. 19 through Jan. 22, the three broadcast networks covered the 2018 Women's March nearly seven times more than the 2018 March for Life. ABC, CBS and NBC combined devoted 25 minutes, 24 seconds on the Women's March, but just 3 minutes, 46 seconds on the pro-life rally.

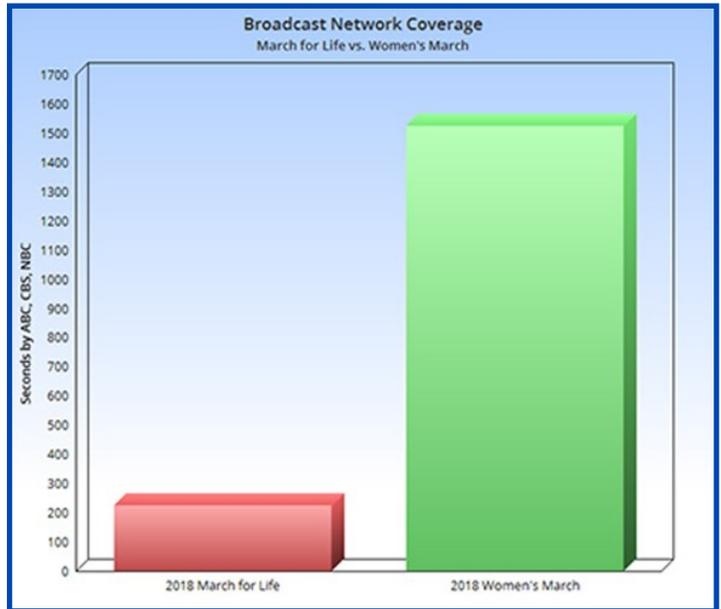
Last year, when Vice President Mike Pence and White House counselor Kellyanne Conway spoke from the March for Life stage, the networks covered the event with 21 minutes, 52 seconds. This year, they did it in less than 4.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, several cities, including Washington, D.C. and New York City, hosted their second annual Women's March calling for "Power to the Polls."

The first Women's March, held the day after President Trump's inauguration, aimed to mobilize women to tell the new administration that "women's rights are human rights." Except, according the march's pro-abortion platform and its behavior towards pro-life organizations, "women" doesn't include all women. That became even clearer when organizers removed pro-life group New Wave Feminists from its partner list last year.

And, when it came to time, the networks prioritized the Women's March, which boasted America's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, as a major sponsor.

According to organizers, more than 100,000 Americans



attended the 45th March for Life on Jan. 19. The rally condemns abortion around the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion in the U.S. But while the largest annual march in Washington, D.C. regularly attracts massive crowds, the networks refuse to give them—and the unborn they march for—the coverage they deserve.

Before the Women's March weekend even began, the networks had already dedicated 6 minutes, 49 seconds to it — more than they gave to the 2018 March for Life total.

One of the first mentions came Jan. 19, when ABC co-anchor George Stephanopoulos interviewed actress Sarah Jessica Parker on Good Morning America. "Tomorrow is the year anniversary of that women's March on Washington. This has really been a year of women's power, hasn't it?" he prompted her. That was just the beginning.

On Jan. 20, CBS *This Morning* and NBC's *Today* covered the March for Life as a part of their larger coverage of the Women's March. CBS reporter Paula Reid admitted that the Women's March "has come under criticism, for only representing the views of liberal women," before interviewing a woman who attend the pro-life march. For her part, NBC correspondent Morgan Radford noted the "stark contrast" between the Women's March and the March for Life that was put "putting abortion rights advocates on edge."

Other reports were glowing. On Jan. 21, ABC correspondent Eva Pilgrim highlighted the

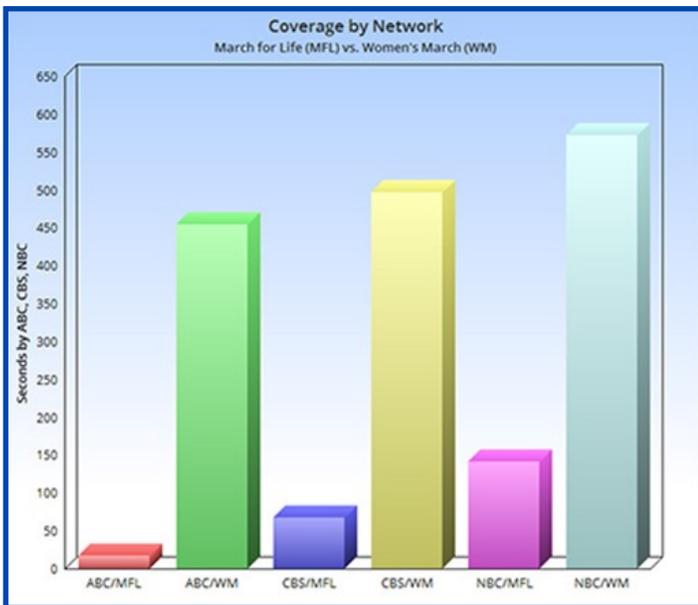
"#weekendofwomen" with over 250 marches with "hundreds of thousands packing in" "stretching as far as the eye can see."

By Monday morning, the coverage hadn't stopped. For CBS *This Morning*, co-anchor Norah O'Donnell included a *USA Today* story on the march in "this morning's headlines." And *Today* co-anchor Hoda Kotb remembered the "powerful scenes in cities all across the country this weekend."

In their March for Life coverage, all three networks described the marchers as "anti-abortion" - not "pro-life." *NBC* even aired a photo emphasizing the (very) small group of counter-protesters.

*CBS* didn't even cover the event until the next morning, on Saturday, when anchor Alex Wagner announced that "this was the first time a sitting president addressed the rally." (That was incorrect: both Ronald Reagan, in 1987, and George W. Bush, in 2008, did by phone.)

During their morning and evening news shows for the past five years (2013 - 2017, the broadcast networks have offered fewer than 24 minutes to the March for Life. To put that in perspective, *ABC*, *CBS* and *NBC* spent more than three times that on the Women's March in 2017 alone, with 1 hour, 15 minutes, 18 seconds.



In 2018, before the main Women's March event happened Sunday in Las Vegas, the news shows had already covered the Women's March three times more than the 2018 March for Life.

With their evening shows immediately following the 2018 March for Life on Friday, the networks combined spent a mere 2 minutes, 6 seconds on the pro-life rally.

Meanwhile, according to MRC Latino, U.S. Spanish-language television news leader Univision only dedicated 20 seconds to the March for Life Friday evening.

- *NRLC News*, January 23, 2018

## 47 Years of Abortion

*Below are short reflections from our Rose Ceremony in January. Each year since 1973 is represented. Watch the next few newsletters for more reflections.*

**1973** - The devastating Supreme Court decisions, *Row v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, were issued this year. Over 744,000 legal abortions were reported in the United States just in 1973.

**1974** - Doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel are often tempted by abortion. May God change their hearts and give them the conviction of the Gospel of Life.

**1975** - May the Holy Spirit send comfort, strength and renewal to all single parents who honor God through the protection and nurturing that they provide to their children.

**1976** - This year represents the many gifted teachers who never made it to the classroom because of abortion.

**1977** - The Hyde Amendment banned the use of federal funding for abortions; in this year, the Supreme Court rules that states are not required to spend Medicaid funds on elective abortions.



You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Have questions? Please contact Charles Kleinbrook at 248-352-9569 or MrChip1234@aol.com

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Christina Hansen, Office Manager

# March for Life 2018

*"I loved the march and I liked the extra tour day because it gave us a chance to see the city." - Danielle*



*"It was a great experience! It obviously would have been cool to go in the White House, but it couldn't be helped. The food (especially at the mall) was great!" - Anna*



*"The marchers were really great this year. They adapted to changes in the schedule well. Our thoughts were and are with Lynn Gura and her family." - Anne Marie, Right to Life - LIFESPAN Associate Youth Director*

**LOVE  
SAVES LIVES**



*“I enjoyed everything about the trip, it was organized and even when things didn’t go as planned, we figured things out.” - Abby*

*“I enjoyed the march and the rally. I liked all the places we ate. I wish we would’ve got to go to the White House but that’s okay!” -Kristen*



Check out our social media outlets for more pictures and follow us for future uploads!



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If you have pictures from the March for Life that you would like to share with us, please send them to [youth@miLIFESPAN.org](mailto:youth@miLIFESPAN.org).

# LIFESPAN Chapter News

## Happy New Year

Each new year is like opening a present - it is always full of surprises. We hope that all of our surprises this year will be happy ones, but know that if they aren't, we will stand together as pro-lifers and work our way through them.

## Thanks

As usual, a huge thank you goes out to all of you who offered Christmas Cards to your faith communities, friends and relatives. We recognize the amount of time and effort this project involves and are very grateful to you and your faith communities for your help.

## Thank You Again

One more word of thanks to all of you who responded generously to the letter we sent out regarding helping with *Movement in Motion* needs. Even though we have done this trip for 14 or more years, there is always some unexpected expense that pops up and needs to be met. Your generosity also helps those young people who can't meet the full cost of the

trip be able to combine their resources with yours and make the journey. After the trip, we will be including some of the impressions written by our travelers in this newsletter. You, and they, will be amazed at the impact this trip has on their lives. We are so glad you are a part of it.

## Volunteer Luncheon

Watch your emails for notification of our annual Volunteer Luncheon. It will be sometime during the Lenten season, so we are trying to arrange a time and menu to fit the needs of that season.

## Thought for the Day

*"There comes a time when silence is betrayal."*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## Successful Luminary Memorial

Thank you to everyone who participated in our luminary memorial on January 21-22.

Each candle lit throughout the night created awareness of the over 60 million lives lost through abortion in the United States since the decision of Roe v. Wade on January 22, 1973.

**"It is better to light one candle, than to curse the darkness."** Thank you to all who wrapped kits, distributed them and to all who lit them on their porches or front walks!

## Emails!

Please send your email address to our office at: [wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org). Email is the fastest and cheapest way for us to get information to you. Your email will not be used for anything but sending pro-life messages from LIFESPAN and will never be sold or shared with another company. Just put "UPDATE INFO" in the subject line and your full name in the body of the email, so we can add you to our email list.

## Safe Haven Law in Michigan

In a report done by the Michigan Department of

Community Health, 57 babies were abandoned each day in the United States in 2001.

After the establishment of the Safe Haven law, which allows mothers to turn over babies who are under 72 hours old to safe places like hospitals, police departments and fire stations, the number of babies killed due to abandonment dropped significantly.

In Michigan, you can leave your baby, up to 3 days old, with a staff member at any hospital, fire station, police station or any emergency service provider that is on duty. *There are always options for someone unready to take on the responsibilities of parenthood.* Allowing a baby to die should never be an option.



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## Wee Care

February has arrived – the season of hope and love! It could be bitter cold or warm. It could be sunny or gloomy. It could be filled with days that seem like winter is never ending or it could be filled with days that give us hope that Spring is just around the corner! I'm going with Spring is just around the corner – my home is filled with flowers (I just won't look outside at the snow!).

Wee Care, too, at this time of year is filled with so much hope, so much optimism that we are truly helping moms and so much love for the babies. (And, as members of LIFESPAN, how can our hearts not be overflowing with hope after watching the hundreds of thousands of young people at the March for Life in DC!)

February truly is a month filled with hope and even more importantly, a month of love! The love that a destitute mom has for her precious baby whom she is struggling to provide for -

The heartbreaking love that a mother has when she chooses adoption for her infant--the love of you, our benefactors, who purchase the tiny baby supplies, who crochet the beautiful afghans, who arrange for the showers and giving trees, who donate a monetary gift and most important of all--who pray for our moms and their sweet, innocent little ones.



At Wee Care, we have hope that we will be able to continue to help our precious babies and we love you from the bottom of our hearts for making all of this possible!

God bless you and may your days ahead overflow with hope and love!

Love, Karen

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*All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.*

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## Youth Report

In the last newsletter, Lynn outlined the itinerary for all 7 of our buses. Everything would have happened that way had there not been a government shutdown. This flipped our Saturday morning plans upside down. Before the trip, we received confirmation that we had been approved for White House tours. We were all so ecstatic but since the government shutdown, our tours were canceled. Thanks to the flexibility of our bus captains and chaperones, we were able to craft a new plan. Our *Movement in Motion* Marchers went to outdoor monuments. Some of the buses went to take pictures outside the White House. Other groups visited the Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Women's Memorial, and the Souvenir City. All 7 of the buses went to Arlington National Cemetery as planned. However, unlike previous years we were unable to participate in a wreath laying ceremony. Even though the

Marchers were disappointed, they saw the bright side in the situation. They kept up their joy and enthusiasm for fighting for the unborn.



- Anne Marie Morin, Associate Youth Director

See page 8 for more about the *Movement in Motion* Bus Trip!



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# 60,069,971 Abortions in America Since *Roe v Wade* in 1973

By Steven Ertelt

The United States marks 45 years of legalized abortion in all fifty states at any time for any reason throughout pregnancy on January 22nd, the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. Since that time, there have been an estimated 60,069,971 abortions that have destroyed the lives of unborn children.

A new analysis published by the National Right to Life Committee indicated there have been an estimated 60,069,971 abortions since the Supreme Court handed down its 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* decision allowing virtually unlimited abortions.

“Sixty million unborn children have died as a result of the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions,” said Carol Tobias, National Right to Life president. “However, through the right-to-life movement’s determination to protect mothers and their children, we continue to see evidence that our efforts to educate America about the unborn child’s humanity, and our efforts to enact protective pro-life legislation, are having a tremendous impact in moving our nation away from *Roe’s* and *Doe’s* deadly legacy.”

In the document, “Abortion Statistics: United States Data and Trends,” NRLC education director Dr. Randall K. O’Bannon provides the figures based on data from both the Centers for Disease Control and the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, a former Planned Parenthood research arm. Guttmacher receives numbers directly from abortion centers themselves and is the prime source for more current figures because the Centers for Disease Control has never tabulated accurate numbers of abortions. The CDC relies on figures from state health departments, some of which rely on voluntary reporting – and it hasn’t had data from some states such as California and New Hampshire for more than a decade.

“Because of these different methods of data collection, GI has consistently obtained higher counts than the CDC. CDC researchers have admitted it probably undercounts the total number of abortions because reporting laws vary from state to state and some abortionists probably do not report or under-report the abortions they perform,” O’Bannon explains.

The number means there are more than 3,657 abortions daily and 152 abortions per hour every hour in the United States.

The number of total abortions in the United States overall is higher because some states, such as California, New York, and Colorado, legalized abortions prior to *Roe*. Those pre-*Roe* abortion figures are difficult to obtain – though some estimate at least one million abortions may have occurred in these states in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The good news for pro-life advocates is that abortions are on the decline.

- *LifeNews.com*, January 18, 2018



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# News and Notes

## Protection for Health-Care Workers

By Diane Trombley

We know that health care professionals are still being required to assist with abortions or euthanasia or face job loss. President Trump promised the American people that his administration would vigorously uphold the rights of conscience and religious freedom. That promise is being kept. On the eve of the March for Life, the administration is taking steps to end the war on conscience rights. This morning, HHS announced a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division in HHS's Office of Civil Rights (OCR). There, the government will work to protect Americans' beliefs, not punish them.

Don't misconstrue this statement as partisan politics. It is simply a matter of social justice.

## One Feminist's View...

By Destiny Herndon-De La Rosa

Today I was asked how I can be both prolife and a feminist (for the millionth time). This was my answer...

Given that women were treated as property for most of history, it is absolutely abhorrent for us to turn around and do the exact same thing to any other member of the human family.

We talk about smashing patriarchal constructs because



they are the epitome of 'might makes right.' When only men held all of the power and status, those that wanted

to, were able to control our bodies and use aggressive violence against us whenever they saw fit. In many parts of the world this is still a reality for too many women. This type of mentality MUST be smashed, not imitated.

Yet here we are, doing that exact same thing to our status-less, voiceless, non-consenting unborn children simply because we are bigger and stronger and they are the weak and powerless ones this time.

Abortion takes our newfound liberation and uses it not to protect the weak and vulnerable but instead to perpetuate the very violence we were once oppressed by ourselves.

That is why feminists who want to stand up for the most marginalized and vulnerable should absolutely be fighting against any form of aggression that treats another human being's body as property. It's just that simple. It's the same reason we are against rape, murder, human trafficking, domestic violence, the list goes on.

We must stop passing down oppression in the name of liberation.

- New Wave Feminists, January 24, 2018

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# The State of Abortion in the United States: A Critical Report



provide legal protection to unborn children and offers hope and help to their mothers. These legislative efforts are at the very heart of our work, and they are one of the keys to ending abortion in the United States.

We know that public opinion remains steady as a significant majority of Americans not only oppose *Roe* and *Doe's* doctrine of abortion for any reason, but they also support legislative solutions to protect unborn children and their mothers, and to keep the government out of the abortion-funding business.

All of this is welcome news. Pro-life education and legislative efforts are making an impact on our culture and in the lives of women facing unexpected pregnancies.

But there is still much to be done.

This fifth annual "State of Abortion in the United States" is not just a snapshot of where we are as the nation observes the 45th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, but also a blueprint for how we move forward to build a culture that values life and respects mothers and their children.

## Abortion Numbers: CDC Data Analysis

Abortion data for 2014 released by the Guttmacher Institute, which was released in January 2017, found that abortions, abortion rates, and abortion ratios had dropped to levels not seen since the early 1970s. These findings have been reinforced by the publication of state abortion data for 2014 from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), released in late November 2017.

According to the CDC's "Abortion Surveillance—United States, 2014," there were 11,796 fewer abortions performed in 2014 than in 2013. This meant a drop of 2% in just one year.

The CDC's abortion rate for 2014 was 12.1 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age (15-44 years). That is lower than any other rate the CDC has recorded since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973. The CDC abortion ratio, which measures the number of abortions for every 1,000 live births, was 186. Again, this is lower than any ratio the CDC has found since 1973.

Further examination of the CDC data show abortion dropping in nearly every age, racial, and ethnic category.

*To be continued in the next LIFESPAN News...*

## The State of Abortion in the United States

is a report issued by the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC). Founded in 1968, National Right to Life, the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest national grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, National Right to Life works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia.

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## Introduction by Carol Tobias National Right to Life President

On this 45th anniversary of the [Supreme] Court's action [in *Roe v. Wade*], and as National Right to Life observes its own anniversary—50 years of defending life in the United States—we pause to look at the state of abortion in the United States.

From recent data analyzed in these pages, we know the annual number of abortions is in decline. This drop in numbers can be traced to a number of factors, but biggest among them are the efforts by National Right to Life and its network of state affiliates to enact protective laws that

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I would personally like to thank all those who were associated with sending 7 buses (approximately 450 people) to the March for Life in Washington, DC. From Lynn Gura, Ann Marie Morin, Maria Vitali, the staff of the Oakland/Macomb county chapter, as well as the staff of the Educational Center for Life, all those that volunteered to be Bus Captains, Co-Captains, Chaperones, Assistant Chaperones, and Jr. Chaperones. So much goes into organizing this trip. It is a trip that is intended to, not only give the young people experience in speaking out and Marching for the helpless, but it also gives them the ability to experience different aspects of our Nation's Capital.

They are able to learn about the past, be in the present, and hopefully motivated and become aware of why they must get involved in the future. LIFESPAN is more than a Travel Agent in this venture. We hope to be the catalyst that motivates all those young people who attend to search out the truth and become more active in the pro-life movement. We encourage those who have traveled with us to branch out and organize their own bus for a school or group. The more buses we get to Washington in January, the more strength we show the world. I thank also all those that answered our Scarf Letter. You may not be able to attend that March, but you are a part of it none the less due to your financial support.

As usual, the opposition had their own March the day after ours. They received more coverage and seemed to take over the little media coverage we had. But we must not be discouraged. They are the militant pro-abortion, anti-family group that has been fighting us for years. They claim to be for women, but pro-life women are not wanted in their presence. What does that tell you? I am encouraged by the young people of today who will one day bring the pro-life message to their peers, their schools, their businesses, their churches, and the political arena. Another very noticeable thing between the two groups is their manners and disposition.

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