

ANTI-CHOICE PROJECT



making abortion impossible to ignore or trivialize

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Dear Friend of the Anti-Choice Project,

As you know, January 22nd marked the 39th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the radical Supreme Court decision which discovered the long-hidden right to kill unborn children in the text of the United States Constitution. Justice Blackmun, author of the 7-2 majority opinion, wrote: "We forthwith acknowledge our awareness of the sensitive and emotional nature of the abortion controversy, of the vigorous opposing views, even among physicians, and of the deep and seemingly absolute convictions that the subject inspires...Our task, of course, is to resolve the issue by constitutional measurement, free of emotion and of predilection." (*Roe v. Wade, BLACKMUN, J., Opinion of the Court*)

Four decades after penning Roe and seventeen years after Blackmun's death, abortion remains the single most unresolved issue in America. It is the litmus test for every Supreme Court nominee, and many lower court nominees as well. It is why hundreds of thousands descend on the nation's capitol in frigid weather year after year, and why hundreds of thousands more brave the weather to protest at their state capitols.



ACP volunteers reminding March for Life participants about the brutal truth of abortion

ACP JOINS THE MARCH FOR LIFE

can you spot the difference?



The top picture appears on the March for Life website, covering up the ACP

On January 17th, 2012, the Anti-Choice Project participated in the Washington State March for Life for the first time. With the exception of two event organizers — who insisted we cover up our graphic signs — we received much thanks and gratitude. As one young man at the rally told us, though he came to protest abortion, he had no idea it was as terrible as our signs made him realize.

Our own movement has done such a good job of hiding the evidence that abortion kills babies, even pro-lifers are ignorant of the facts. On January 14th, 2012, the Center for Bioethical Reform (CBR) received an email from a 16-year-old girl.

“*I saw these pictures at the [Washington D.C.] March for Life in 2010. I saw the graphic pictures on the "Abortion No" posters, and my friends and I just stopped and stared, aghast. Later I came onto the website and watched the videos, and I have never been more passionate for change. I am only 16, but I hope I can do something to make this injustice known. I went back to the March for Life in 2011 and I am returning again this year in 2012. I resolve to go every year for the rest of my life until this injustice is eradicated, until this holocaust is over.” — 16-year-old girl, CBR survey*

The organizers of the Washington, D.C., March for Life have tried for years to ban CBR from bringing photos near the assembly area. Given the self-imposed blackout of what it is pro-lifers are trying to end, it's a miracle we have any activists at all. But is it any wonder we've made so little progress in four decades?

When abortion is hidden, abortion is tolerated. When it is seen, everything changes. This maxim is not exclusive to the indifferent. Abortion pictures galvanize our movement to end the American holocaust, in which some 25,000 babies die each week.

An insufficient number of people are working to stop abortion because an insufficient number of people are outraged by abortion. Many of our national pro-life leaders think that we can end abortion by showing pictures of healthy babies only. But Americans fail to appreciate the enormity of this evil for the same reasons one could never appreciate the enormity of Hitler's evil by viewing pictures of healthy, smiling Jews. Pictures of healthy babies are nice; pictures of dead babies demand an answer.

Father Frank Pavone, director of Priests for Life, once wondered aloud whether abortion would be legal if the skin over the womb were transparent. Unlikely. Our abortion signs unveil for our complacent, naïve society the humanity of the unborn and the inhumanity of abortion. And there has never been a greater need for educating the public than now when, in a few short months, Americans will have the opportunity to elect a pro-life president, who will most likely replace no less than three aging Supreme Court Justices. Given the current split of the Court (4 pro-abortion, 4 pro-life, and Justice Kennedy who has voted both ways), and the very high likelihood of at least one pro-abortion Justice retiring before 2016, a pro-life president could well create a majority bench of pro-life Justices — a first since 1973 — who then overturn Roe v. Wade.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLOSES IN SILVERDALE, WA

Almost three years after the Anti-Choice Project began regular protesting with graphic abortion photos in Silverdale, Washington, the Planned Parenthood health center in that town is closing, reports the Kitsap Sun. Kristen Glundberg-Prossor, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, attributes the closure to less federal and state taxpayer funding. The Anti-Choice Project readily concedes that a shortage of government subsidies played a significant role in their decision making. But it is no less true that the nation's largest abortion provider became far less popular as soon as pictures of the dismembered babies leaving Planned Parenthood were put on display along the busiest streets of Silverdale, thanks to ACP.

ACP KANSAS CITY LAUNCHES

We are proud to announce our newest Anti-Choice Project chapter has just been launched in Kansas City, Missouri. Our good friends Caleb and April Pearson have received a shipment of new signs, and will soon be heading up protests along the busiest streets of Kansas City.

If you are in the Kansas City area and would like to join Caleb and April — or if you would like to establish an ACP chapter of your own — please visit our website, www.antichoiceproject.com, and click the “Learn how you can help us expose abortion” link at the top.

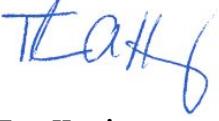
As the temperature climbs out of the teens and twenties, and the ground begins to thaw, we will be hitting the streets in more cities than ever this year. We look forward to reporting on our progress across the country in our upcoming newsletters. Please stay tuned!

Sincerely Yours,

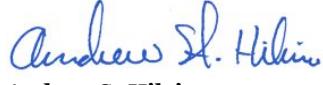


Directors of our new Kansas City, MO chapter, Caleb & April Pearson




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