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making abortion impossible to ignore or trivialize



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Dear Friend of the Anti-Choice Project,

By the time you are reading this, the 2014 mid-term election results will be in. As of this writing, the prospects for the political party which defends the right to life – the Republican party – are good. National polling shows a House of Representatives which will remain under GOP control, and a U.S. Senate which most likely changes from Democrat to Republican majority for the first time in eight years. The reasons for Democratic losses are myriad: from public dissatisfaction with the new health care law, to the IRS targeting conservatives, to the rise of militant Islam in Iraq and Syria, to a general distrust of an overreaching and dysfunctional government, Americans seem ripe for change. There is a certain vulnerability associated with incumbency this election cycle, and for incumbent Democrats in particular. Certainly the image of President Obama as head of the Democrat party has suffered, as evidenced by the souring attitudes of even those news commentators who at one time helped catapult him from a community organizer to the Oval Office.



ACP Lincoln spread the word about the work of ACP to local pro-life Catholics with a table and display at the Nebraska Bishop's Pro-Life Conference, October 3-4, 2014.

Take, for example, MSNBC Hardball host Chris Matthews who in 2008 famously reported, "a thrill going up my leg" after Obama spoke. But by May of this year Matthews had grown rather disenchanted with the man. On his TV show Matthews said, "What part of the presidency does Obama like? He doesn't like dealing with other politicians -- that means his own cabinet, that means members of the congress, either party. He doesn't particularly like the press." Matthews went on to say that President Obama "obviously likes giving speeches more than he does running the executive branch."

Or again, consider former CNN host Piers Morgan who only last year gushed over "the perfect Barack Obama who's a perfect physical specimen." Following the stream of gut-wrenching headlines about Islamic brutality in Iraq and the release of ISIS videos beheading innocent men, Piers Morgan wrote an October 1, 2014, piece for the U.K.'s Daily Mail in which he pulled no punches saying, "The truth is that Obama is the one who underestimated ISIS, plunging his head ostrich-like into the sand and hoping they would go away without having to do anything to actually make them go away...It's time [Obama] got off the damn golf course, got up to speed with his intelligence briefings and focused on wiping out ISIS. Before they wipe out more of the people he serves."



Volunteers of ACP Houston at the Texas Ambulatory Surgical [abortion] Center on September 27, 2014.

The shift in public attitudes about the President and his party will mean a shift in political power. If that power shifts enough for Republicans to regain control of the Senate, there will undoubtedly be more babies spared from abortion as a result of cuts to funding for abortion services, the blockage of radical pro-abortion judicial appointments made by the President, and the passage of pro-life bills which – even if not signed by the President – will focus national attention on the plight of unborn children.

Even so, as conservative author and political commentator Mark Steyn recently pointed out in an interview with Rush Limbaugh, "You cannot have a conservative government with a



ACP Spokane volunteer speaks with a passerby on October 16, 2014.

liberal culture.” Steyn explains, “Most of the big profound changes in western society – gay marriage, the rise of Islam, etc – bypassed the political process entirely, to the point where politicians are nervous of even raising the subject. If you let liberalism become the default societal setting on the 364 days of the year there's no election being held, what happens on election day is going to be pretty unimportant. So, if you're not playing on the big cultural battlefields, you're going to lose.”

As we have often argued, there can be no significant change of the abortion laws in America without first changing public opinion. And so the Anti-Choice Project refuses to stand idly by on the cultural battlefield of abortion as the choice to kill a baby becomes our default societal setting. We will continue to engage and confront the culture on more sidewalks, more school campuses, and in the middle of more town squares all across this country with the horrifying proof that every abortion is an act of violence against a baby. We will do as slavery abolitionist Frederick Douglas advised all social reformers to do:

“Agitate! Agitate! Agitate! If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground, they want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters.”

– Frederick Douglas

COVERED UP BY A SHEET AND A SATANIST

On September 17, 2014, during one of our weekly displays of abortion victims at a downtown Bremerton, Washington, intersection a visibly angry woman came up to us holding a sheet which she then used to cover one of our signs. The woman claimed to be against abortion, but told us she was also convinced that what we were doing was wrong, since there were children in some of the cars driving by. She was quite passionate about speaking her mind, but not much interested in having a discussion. Still, all human beings must breathe, so in between breaths we told her that injustices which are covered up do not end. We explained that many people change their minds about abortion once they see the images of abortion victims, so we must decide which matters more: the feelings of born children, or the lives of unborn children? We told her that we think lives trump feelings, so we show others these pictures. We asked why she thought feelings were more important than the lives of these babies, but she gave us no answer.



A self-proclaimed pro-lifer (right, with bedsheet) and a Satanist (left) band together to cover up our signs in Bremerton, WA, Sept 17, 2014.

The woman was joined a few minutes later by a self-described Satanist. He assured us that Satanism is not as bad as we think it is. We didn't mention it, but found his sales pitch somewhat lacking.

Sincerely Yours,



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