



Dear Friend of the Anti-Choice Project,

What a great year 2011 is shaping up to be! In January a new breed of freshman pro-life Republicans took control of the House of Representatives. In less than 30 days they had submitted a federal budget with tax funding for Planned Parenthood on the chopping block. As you know, in the eleventh hour a stalemate was broken, and Speaker Boehner conceded to cutting funding for Planned Parenthood of Washington, D.C. only. Though we wished for more, this marks a significant gain for the pro-life movement, and a great reason to have hope. Then, on May 10th, Governor Mitch Daniels signed a bill making Indiana the first state to cut off all funding to Planned Parenthood. Friends, these are not the final efforts of our elected leaders to strip Planned Parenthood of tax dollars. These are just the first.



Abortion protests have been going strong for our Bremerton, WA chapter since March. Here is our crew of ACP volunteers after a protest in Poulsbo, WA on April 2nd.

National attention is being focused on the issue of abortion, and the pro-abortionists are, perhaps for the first time in forty years, on the defensive. Consider that between 1995 and 2008, Gallup polling revealed that more Americans identified themselves as “pro-choice” than “pro-life.” That gap has been narrowing (from a 56-33 percent split), and in all but one of the surveys conducted by Gallup since 2009, the majority of Americans now consider themselves to be pro-life, which the polling firm calls the “new normal.”

On February 18, 2011, Francis Kissling, the former president of *Catholics for Choice*, wrote a Washington Post column titled, “Abortion Rights are Under Attack – and Pro Choice Activists are in a Time Warp.” In this column Kissling urges fellow pro-aborts to stop ignoring the humanity of the unborn child, as doing so only portrays their movement as callous and indifferent. “We can no longer pretend the fetus is invisible,”

writes Kissling. “The fetus is more visible than ever before, and the abortion-rights movement needs to accept its existence and its value.” She continues, “The ‘pro-choice’ brand has eroded considerably. . . unfortunately we’re not going to regain the ground we have lost.”

Your regular gift of \$50, \$25, \$10 or \$5 helps us to expand our life-saving projects into more and more cities in need of seeing the truth about abortion. Set up a recurring gift with your credit or debit card by visiting our website at www.antichoiceproject.com and clicking the “Donate” button

One hardly needs assistance connecting the dots in Ms. Kissling’s admission: pro-aborts are losing ground because the fetus is more visible. As effective social reformers know, it is the continuous exposure and visibility of an injustice that ultimately shifts public opinion. Abortion can be numbered among those things which must be seen to be believed or properly understood. Pictures of healthy babies are effective because they reveal the humanity of the baby. But pictures of dismembered babies are far more effective because they reveal the humanity of the baby *and* the inhumanity of abortion. The baby torn to pieces demands an answer. It forces one to re-evaluate their position and determination (whether pro-choice on the one hand or pro-life on the other). Take, for instance, the individual who recently commented on our YouTube page:

“ I commend your efforts to stop abortion. I was once pro-choice until I SAW THESE SAME PHOTOS. It changed my life. I will never support abortion!” [Emphasis original.] – sunny4real1, December 29, 2010, comment on ACP YouTube channel

STANDING WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD

On March 19, 2011, the ACP took Planned Parenthood up on their offer to stand with them during a 90-minute rally at Cal-Anderson Park in Seattle, Washington. You can imagine their surprise when we joined them carrying our 4'x3' pictures of what babies look like as they leave Planned Parenthood.

Marc Snyder, our ACP Seattle chapter director, organized the counter protest, which included eleven ACP volunteers. Many of the pro-aborts in attendance – recognizing the threat these pictures pose even to the most ardent and convinced abortion supporter – scrambled to do whatever they could to prevent our images from being seen. Yet no one was able to answer the obvious question, "If abortion is a morally defensible choice, why do you feel the need to cover it up?"



Seattle ACP crashes a Planned Parenthood rally at Cal-Anderson Park. See more pictures on our website, antichoiceproject.com.

Word of our counter-protest quickly spread, and we soon made headlines on the immensely popular pro-life blog by Jill Stanek, as well as LifeSiteNews.com. Links to these articles as well as pictures of the counter protest can be found on our website, www.antichoiceproject.com.

Would you consider sharing this newsletter with a friend or family member who might also be interested in supporting our work?



EXPOSING ABORTION IN MONTANA

Lastly, we are extremely pleased and excited to introduce to you our newest chapter director, Amy Stinnett (pictured left). Amy has long been an outspoken advocate for the unborn, and now, thanks to your support, she will be leading protests with our "Choice" signs in Missoula, Montana, changing minds and saving babies starting in June!

We hope our newsletter finds you well, and we look forward to sharing more of our growth and success with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely Yours,



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