

# 2014 Accomplishments



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- 62% of Americans consider abortion to be morally wrong.<sup>3</sup>
- 80% support parental notification before teens under 18 have an abortion.<sup>4</sup>
- Only 37% of Americans support the use of tax-payer dollars to fund abortions for women who are not able to pay for them.<sup>5</sup>
- 53% of Americans believe that "life begins at conception."<sup>6</sup>
- 79% favor 24-hour waiting periods.<sup>7</sup>
- Only 21% of Americans think that medical personnel other than doctors should be allowed to perform abortions.<sup>8</sup>
- 62% would support changes in laws to permit more restrictions on abortion.<sup>9</sup>
- 58% think that at least a day prior to the abortion procedure, the mother should be shown an ultrasound of her unborn child.<sup>10</sup>
- Americans are still divided fairly evenly about the abortion debate with 47% of Americans identifying themselves as pro-choice and 46% identifying themselves as pro-life.<sup>11</sup>
- Thirty-eight states require parental involvement, either in the form of notification or consent, for under-aged teens wanting an abortion.<sup>12</sup>
- In 39 states, abortions can only be performed by licensed physicians.<sup>13</sup>
- In 26 states, the 24-hour waiting period or another specified amount of time is required before an abortion can be performed.<sup>14</sup>
- In half of the states, information pertaining to the specific abortion procedure to be performed must be given to the woman.<sup>15</sup>
- In 35 states, counseling must be given to the woman prior to the abortion.<sup>16</sup>
- Thirty-two states ban most "partial-birth" abortions.<sup>17</sup>

Concerned Women for America (CWA) is the nation's largest public policy women's organization with a rich 30-year history of helping our members across the country to bring Biblical principles into all levels of public policy. There's a cultural battle raging across this country, and CWA is on the frontline protecting those values through prayer and action.

We focus on seven core issues: the family, the sanctity of human life, religious liberty, education, pornography, national sovereignty, and support for Israel.

## Additional Resources

**Bethany Christian Services**  
901 Eastern Ave NE, PO Box 294  
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-0294  
1 - 800 - BETHANY  
Bethany.org

**Safe Haven After-Abortion  
Recovery Counseling**  
1140 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 924  
Washington, D.C. 20002  
SafeHavenMinistries.com

**Care Net**  
44180 Riverside Parkway, Suite 200  
Lansdowne, Virginia 20176  
1 - 800 - 395 - HELP  
Care-Net.org

**Crisis Pregnancy Center Hotline**  
1 - 800 - 672 - 2296

**Lump to Laughter Breast Cancer Ministry**  
P.O. Box 1295, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480  
LumptoLaughter.org



For footnotes see:

[http://www.cwfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/CWA\\_ProLife-Is-ProWoman\\_endnotes.pdf](http://www.cwfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/CWA_ProLife-Is-ProWoman_endnotes.pdf)

## The Movement

On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court abandoned an entire generation of Americans and ushered in a culture of death by denying the unborn the right to life through its decision in *Roe v. Wade*, despite the Declaration of Independence's affirmation that, "All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."<sup>1</sup>

But out of the ashes of that sad decision, a fervent pro-life movement, to which Concerned Women for America (CWA) is forever committed, has steadily emerged. And we are winning.

*Time Magazine* admittedly wrote in a recent article that, "While the right to have an abortion is federal law, exactly who can access the service and under what circumstances is the purview of states. And at the state level, abortion-rights activist are unequivocally losing."<sup>2</sup>

**80%** of Americans want stricter limits on abortions



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# Know Your Facts



## The Legacy of *Roe v. Wade*

- Since the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* ruling in 1973, more than 52 million unborn deaths have been reported in the United States.<sup>18</sup>
- Approximately 4,000 abortions are performed daily in the United States.<sup>19</sup>
- Nearly 48% of women having abortions admit to having undergone a previous abortion.<sup>20</sup>

## Defining Life

According to *Time Magazine*,<sup>21</sup> the pro-life "cause has been aided by scientific advances that have complicated American attitudes about abortion. Prenatal ultrasound, which has allowed the general public to see fetuses inside the womb and understand that they have a human shape beginning around eight weeks into pregnancy, became widespread in the 1980s, and some babies born as early as 24 weeks can now survive." Medical science clearly shows that life begins at conception:

- At 18 days of gestation, the baby's heart begins occasional pulsation.
- At 20 days, the foundation for the entire nervous system exists.
- At 30 days, the eyes, ears, mouth, kidneys, and liver exist.
- At 32 weeks, baby's fingernails have grown to reach the fingertips.<sup>22</sup>
- At 45 days, teeth buds are present; skeleton is complete; movement begins.
- At 56 days, all body systems are present; he reacts to pain.
- At 18 weeks, his vocal cords work; he can cry.<sup>23</sup>
- At 26 weeks, the baby's eyelids are partially open and eyelashes have formed.<sup>24</sup>
- At 27 weeks after conception, the baby's bones are fully developed.<sup>25</sup>

## A History of Lies

Planned Parenthood claims to serve poor women and low-income families; meanwhile, their purpose is to *eliminate* them, not *serve* them.<sup>26</sup>

- Today, 79% of Planned Parenthood clinics are located in African-American or Hispanic/Latino communities.<sup>27</sup>
- While Planned Parenthood claims abortion makes up a low percentage of its services, clinics performed 333,964 abortions in 2011 alone. Broken down, that translates to one abortion every 94 seconds.<sup>28</sup>

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- The staffs at numerous Planned Parenthood clinics have been caught on tape willingly aiding and abetting sex traffickers, pimps, and the sexual exploitation of minors.<sup>29</sup>
- The abortion giant claims it focuses on women's preventive health services, yet cancer screenings and contraceptive services continue to drop.<sup>30</sup>
- During 2011-2012, Planned Parenthood reported receiving a record-high \$542 million in taxpayer funding in the form of government grants, contracts, and Medicaid reimbursements, despite the fact that most Americans do not want to support their abortion business.<sup>31</sup>
- As of 2013, Planned Parenthood headquarters mandates that each of its 750 clinics must perform abortions.<sup>32</sup>

## The Hard Cases

To justify more than 1.2 million abortions a year, abortion advocates wrongly point to the tragedy of rape, incest and medical complications.<sup>33</sup>

- Rape and incest account for only 1% of abortions.<sup>34</sup>
- Medical complications account for only 12% of abortions.<sup>35</sup>
- NOTE: Numbers for medical complications are often inflated due to the inclusion of non-fatal "complications" including: depression, Down syndrome, and Cleft Lip.

## Why Pro-Life is Pro-Woman

*No one wants an abortion as she wants an ice-cream cone or a Porsche. She wants an abortion as an animal, caught in a trap, wants to gnaw off its own leg. Abortion is a tragic attempt to escape a desperate situation by an act of violence and self-loss.*

- Federica Mathewes-Green

Abortion advocates are scrambling to reinvent their image by adopting the tagline, "reproductive justice," as only a small number of citizens are pro-choice. But this is another failed attempt to disguise the fact that abortion destroys a helpless life and leaves the mother with painful physical and emotional wounds.

But because pro-life is pro-woman, there are thousands of ministries committed to caring for women, their unborn babies, and their health. In the United States alone, there are 2,500 crisis pregnancy centers offering sonograms, pregnancy tests, parenting classes, STD testing, after-abortion recovery counseling, and simple love and support to women in crisis.

As we remember the millions of unborn lives lost over the past 40 years, let us recommit to changing heart and minds for the sake of innocent life and their mothers.

# Goals for 2015



## What You Can Do

- Write your state and federal legislators as important legislation arises: contact CWA for the latest information.
- Write letters to the editor of your local news outlets addressing pro-life and pro-abortion issues.
- Volunteer at or contribute financially to crisis pregnancy centers in your community.

## CWA's Goals for 2015

- Deny Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses access to \$2.37 billion taxpayer dollars spent on women's services through Congress' No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act and Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act.
- Refocus Title X Funding from contraception towards protecting women's health services to include services like mammograms and cervical screenings.
- Protect women from unscrupulous abortion center providers by increasing the standards these centers must meet.
- Work in the states and in the federal government to prohibit abortions after 20 weeks when the baby can experience pain and a woman's health is more likely to be endangered.
- Provide transparency to Americans across this country so that they know whether or not the premiums they pay for their health insurance include abortions. This is needed as a result of ObamaCare.
- Continue to seek the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

