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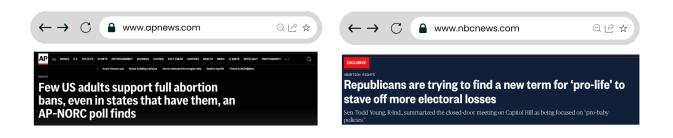
A Pro-Life Generation Initiative

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# Why Demetree is so Important

In a post-Roe America, the work of the Demetree Institute for Pro-Life Advancement to research, develop, deploy, and share messages and strategies within the pro-life movement to change to minds is more critical than ever.



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# Moveable 2021 Women's Study

We studied women between the ages of 20–34 with middle-ground opinions on abortion, trying to identify opportunities to get them to move their positions. Using "Right Brain Research" and quantitative studies we began with qualitative, one-on-one interviews with visualization exercises to identify trends from respondents.

From there, our team created video advertisements from messaging themes to measure opinion change. **Below are some of our key findings:** 

- 1. The pro-life brand is damaged as well as the pro-choice brand.
- 2. She chooses to be in the middle with intention.
- 3. She judges abortion by the circumstances around it, making the middle the "moral high ground."
- 4. She believes abortion should always be a difficult decision.
- Woman-focused messaging is the most effective to get her to move out of the middle.

# WINNING MESSAGES





Watch the Ads!

# Moveable 2022 Men's Study

We studied men between the ages of 20-34 with middle-ground opinions on abortion. Four characteristics about the Moveable Middle Man stand out:

- His choice is to avoid the conversation. The middle may not always be defined as seeing both sides but is instead a space of solitude where he does not have to give his opinion one way or another.
- His uncommitted position is a survival tactic. An unplanned pregnancy, for both men and women, uniquely engages all five levels of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. Even if a man instinctually determines abortion is wrong, he considers abortion acceptable in a wide range of circumstances.
- He is repelled by both sides of the abortion debate, but the pro-life brand appears the most damaged. Like the Moveable Middle Women's responses, both the prochoice and pro-life camps are uninviting to men; however, it is the pro-life brand that received the most negative association from men.
- He has a sense of responsibility, defined on his own terms.
   There were certain points, such as having multiple abortions or late-term abortions, when these men found abortion to be inexcusable.





# 2022 **Gen Z & Gen Y Voters Study**

For the third year, we studied the largest voting bloc in America, 18-34 year olds, and what they thought about abortion. Far from being pro-abortion, straight ticket voters without nuance, Millennials and Gen Z share concerns about the extremes of abortion, desire to have a voice and a vote on Life, and thoroughly reject the reckless and deadly policy pursued by the Biden Administration on Chemical Abortion.

# Roe Didn't Have the Support They Think It Had



**4 in 10** favored either no abortion at all or abortion limited to the exceptions of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

• Initially, 6 in 10 expressed some support for Roe, but those numbers flipped after learning more about Roe's impact, ending with a 50-50 split — a 10% gain after some education on Roe's true impact.

# Forced Funding of Abortion or Participation was Not Popular

- More than half opposed paying for abortions worldwide (55%) as well as forcing healthcare workers to participate in abortions.
- The Hyde Amendment had strong support with 54% favoring limiting taxpayer funding of abortion to cases of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is in danger.

The Universal Sign of Life – a Heartbeat – moved Millennials & Gen Z



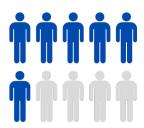
**52%** 

indicated that after a baby's heartbeat is detected, they want either no abortion at all or abortion only with exceptions made for rape, incest, or when the mother's life is in danger. That is up from 47% in 2021

• MORE THAN HALF of Millennials and Gen Z would support a ban on abortion when a heartbeat is detected (52% to 48%).

The New Frontier of Abortion: Chemical Abortion Pills was Concerning

More than 6 in 10 opposed No Test, Online distribution of Chemical Abortion Pills.



- Protecting future fertility was important. More than 6 in 10 Millennials and Gen Z (64%) supported requirements for screening for blood type and treatment for Rh-negative women.
- 53% opposed selling Chemical Abortion Pills without an exam
- 59% supported adult engagement before a minor is sold Chemical Abortion Pills.
- 65% supported in-person purchase to prevent abusive partners or sex traffickers from getting the drug to use on women without their knowledge or consent.

# 2023 **Gen Z & Gen Y Voters Study**

Abortion Support Isn't as Popular as the Media Makes it Seem

- More young people now believe abortion should not be legal, now at 23% compared to 9% in 2022.
- 67% said laws should limit abortion in all (21%) or some (46%) circumstances.
- Only 3 in 10 did not support laws limiting abortion.
- Almost 7 in 10 support limits on abortion based on a baby's stage of development with even more supporting Life at Conception & Heartbeat Abortion Protection Acts than those based on Fetal Pain.

# Continued Education on Roe is Needed

- Gen Z and Y were first asked whether they supported "Codifying Roe" with no definition given on what that meant, and 52% strongly or somewhat strongly supported it, 26% undecided, and 22% opposing.
- After they learned more, young voters changed their minds and the math flipped by 15 points as 37% supported "Codifying Roe" after learning more, down from 52%. Those opposing "Codifying Roe" rose from 22% to 47% a 25-point shift, made possible in part as 26% undecided fell to 16%.

# Young Voters Will Support Pro-Life Candidates

- 53% said they see abortion views as important in their voting decision, It's the most important issue for 13% and top two issue for 15%.
- Asked whether they could support a candidate who wanted abortion without limits and no restrictions of any kind, 4 in 10 reject that extremism, reporting that they are UNLIKELY to give their vote. And 35% said that their vote was unlikely to go to someone promising taxpayer funded abortion.
- 38% said they could vote for a candidate who promised to limit abortion after a baby's heartbeat has been confirmed. 39% said they could support a candidate backing a bill to limit abortion at 15 weeks.

And again this year

# ALMOST 7 IN 10 SAY THEY WANT LIMITS ON ABORTION

The majority of Gen Z & Gen Y reject abortion extremism.



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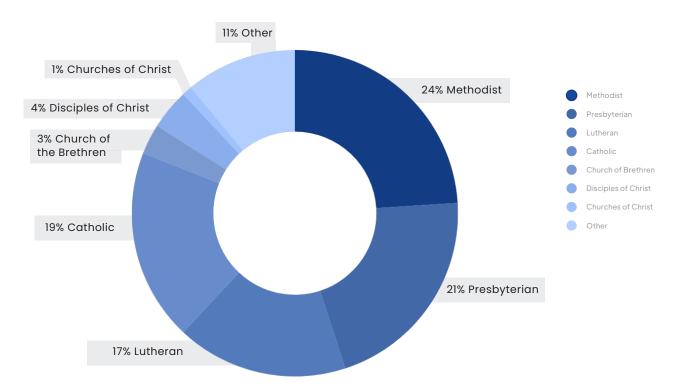
More than **9** in **10** young Americans...



Reject the Biden Administration's no test, online distribution of Chemical Abortion Pills, which put Gen Z & Gen Y at risk of injury, infertility, death, and abusers, who use the drugs against mothers without their knowledge and consent.



# Religious Affiliation of Christian Schools with Infractions



Planned Parenthood remains the nation's largest abortion vendor. According to the organization's own 2022 annual report, Planned Parenthood ended the lives of 374,155 preborn children through abortion violence last year. Considering location data proving Planned Parenthood targets college students, with 87% of its locations within 5 miles or less of a college campus, it is no surprise that Planned Parenthood has also crept its way into faith-based schools.

During the 2023 Christian Schools Project, we investigated 767 colleges and universities affiliated with Christian churches in the United States and found that 75, or **one in ten Christian schools**, maintained some type of relationship with Planned Parenthood.

Within the 75 infracted schools, several denominations were represented, but Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian made up the largest share of infractions

During our 2023 outreach, 8 schools replied positively and removed some or all ties to Planned Parenthood. This year's research brings the total number of Christian schools' victories to 42. Below are the 8 schools that removed a website referral or reference during the 2023–2024 school year:

- 1. Baylor University (TX) increased from a B to an A Removed Planned Parenthood as a job/internship opportunity from their website
- 2. Bethany College (WV) increased from a B to an A
  Removed a previous Planned Parenthood event from their website
- 3. Chapman University (CA) increased from a D to a C
  Removed Planned Parenthood as a job opportunity from their website
- 4. College of St. Benedict (MN) increased from a B to an A Removed Planned Parenthood as a Resource for "LGBTQ + Students" through Project Embrace from their website

- 5. Mount St. Mary College (NY) increased from a C to an A Removed previous Planned Parenthood events from their website
- 6. Notre Dame of Maryland University (MD) increased from a B to an  $\mbox{\bf A}$

Removed a previous Planned Parenthood event from their website

- 7. University of Portland (OR) increased from a B to an A
  Removed Planned Parenthood as a health resource from their website
- 8. Wittenberg University (OH) no increase due to 4 remaining infractions.

Removed a previous Planned Parenthood event from their website

# Christian schools with outstanding infractions:

# "B" Grade Infraction Schools Christian schools with one infraction

Allegheny College (PA), United Methodist Capital University (OH), Lutheran Chaminade University of Honolulu (HI), Catholic Concordia College - Moorhead (MN), Lutheran Earlham College (IN), Quaker Felician University (NJ), Catholic Guilford College (NC), Quaker Holy Cross College - MA (MA), Jesuit Catholic Manchester University (IN), Church of the Brethren Mary Baldwin University (VA), Presbyterian Church Millikin University (IL), Presbyterian Church Monmouth College (IL), Presbyterian Notre Dame de Namur University (CA), Catholic Paine College (GA), Methodist Rocky Mountain College (MT), Wesleyan Methodist Sewanee-The University of the South (TN), Episcopal

St. Joseph's University (PA), Catholic Trinity Washington University (DC), Catholic University of Tulsa Graduate school (OK), Presbyterian Church Villanova University (PA), Catholic

# "C" Grade Infraction Schools

Christian schools with two infractions.

Albion College (MI), United Methodist Augustana College - IL (IL), Lutheran Blackburn College (IL), Presbyterian Church Boston College (MA), Catholic Carthage College (WI), Lutheran
Chapman University (ICA), United Church of Christ\*
De Paul University (IL), Catholic
Eckerd College (FL), Presbyterian Church
Elizabethtown College (PA), Church of the Brethren
Gustavus Adolphus College (MN), Lutheran
Hendrix College (AR), United Methodist
Illinois College (IL), Presbyterian Church
Lafayette College (PA), Presbyterian Church
Lindsey Wilson College (KY), United Methodist
Pacific Lutheran University (WA), Lutheran
Schreiner University (TX), Presbyterian Church
St. John Fisher College (NY), Catholic
Texas Christian University (TX), Disciples of Christ
University of Indianapolis (IN), United Methodist

# "D" Grade Infraction Schools Christian schools with three infractions.

Agnes Scott College (GA), Presbyterian Church Albright College (PA), United Methodist Birmingham-Southern College (AL), Methodist Central College (IA), Reformed Church in America Cornell College (IA), United Methodist Dillard University (LA), United Methodist/United Church of Christ

Church of Christ
Drury University (MO), Churches of Christ (United)
Gettysburg College (PA), Evangelical Lutheran
Hamline University (MN), United Methodist
Moravian University (PA), Moravian
Ohio Wesleyan University (OH), United Methodist
Santa Clara University (CA), Jesuit Catholic
Southwestern University (TX), United Methodist
Wesleyan College (GA), Methodist

Whitworth University (WA), Presbyterian Church

# "F" Grade Infraction Schools Christian schools with four or more infractions.

American University (DC), Methodist
Augsburg University (MN), Lutheran
Carroll University (WI), Presbyterian Church
Davidson College (NC), Presbyterian Church
Drew University (NJ), United Methodist
Duke University (NC), United Methodist
Emory University (GA), Methodist
Macalester College (MN), Presbyterian Church
Muhlenberg College (PA), Lutheran
Oklahoma City University (OK), United
Methodist
Rhodes College (TN), Presbyterian Church

Roanoke College (VA), Lutheran Southern Methodist University Grad school (TX), United Methodist St. Olaf College (MN), Lutheran Virginia Wesleyan University (VA), United Methodist Wittenberg University (OH), Lutheran



# Planned Parenthood Location Study

Does Planned Parenthood Target Young People?

Approximately 10 years ago, Students for Life of America researched Planned Parenthood locations in operation nationwide evaluating their proximity to college campuses. The project concluded that 79% of Planned Parenthood facilities were located within five miles of a college campus.

With the reversal of Roe in 2022, there was an interest in determining whether Planned Parenthood's apparent corporate strategy to operate facilities within close proximity to college campuses had continued or if policy changes resulted in an impact on locations.

This study yielded **THREE** primary findings to be used as a baseline for formulating strategy in the pro-life movement...









87.6%

of the 563 Planned Parenthood facilities in operation are located within 5 miles of a college campus. This is an increase of 8.6% since our initial study approximately 10 years ago.

**59** 

of these facilities in operation, or 16%, are located within states that prohibit abortion according to the state law. It is clear that Planned Parenthood's business practice of referring patients for abortions in neighboring states continues.

In the last 10 years,

Planned Parenthood, has increased its proximity to college campuses. This should not be a disheartening statistic, but rather a market signal from the most influential pro-abortion stakeholder that the pro-life movement stands the most to gain by prioritizing providing education opportunities and resources to college students.



Following the reversal of Roe, many felt that Pro-Life Movement lacked a clear national rallying cry that could be easily understood and accepted by leaders and volunteers alike. We set out to explore the potential application of the 14thAmendment as the movement's next united focus. Throughout the summer of 2023, key Pro-Life Movement leaders, supporters, and volunteers were interviewed to develop a variety of messages to test. From there, over 1,000 respondents who identified as "pro-life members" were surveyed to gauge their awareness of and support of applying the 14th Amendment to protections for the preborn.

# Key findings are as follows:

- Only 1/4 identified the need of a national rallying cry, making that the least of their priorities. Current pro-life volunteers do not naturally hold the 30,000-foot view. If we expect to help local leaders connect the need and impact of federal protection for preborn children, we must first demonstrate how their community efforts fit into this bigger picture.
- The majority agree a national rallying cry such as the 14th Amendment would "greatly aid" the movement. While a rallying cry was not prioritized as the greatest need, it was, however, recognized as a significant benefit.
- There is a lot of education needed surrounding the 14th Amendment. Less than half of respondents were "moderately familiar" or better. More than half had never heard a pro-life leader apply the 14th amendment to the preborn as a strategy before.

# Top performing messages that pro-life volunteers found most compelling:

- The preborn are members of the human species from the moment of fertilization.
- We need to work to get the right elected officials in place to support and pass a *Life at Conception Act*, which cites the 14th Amendment for why preborn people should be protected from abortion.
- History has shown countless examples when certain attributes of human beings were used to define a group of "non-persons" resulting in discrimination or violence.
- There is still work to do to ensure systems are in place to support pregnant women and to legally protect all humans, born and preborn.

While this study was informative, the messaging analysis is only surface level. Responses revealed there is much more needed to learn concerning the best possible story and framing surrounding the 14th Amendment. Once further testing is done, we will be able to create a winnable marketing campaign galvanizing pro-life Americans to both understand and engage to achieve 14th Amendment protections for preborn children.

# One-quarter identify having a new national rallying point as the greatest need in the pro-life movement, the lowest of needs presented. Greatest Needs in the Pro-Life Movement

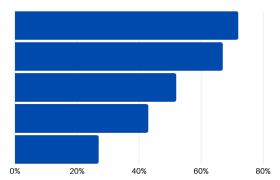
Education to help people promote the pro-life message at the grassroots level

Increased efforts among the youth

More resources to pregnancy centers

More efforts directed to states that support abortion

A new **national rallying point** (to replace overturning *Roe*)







After researching America's movable-middle young people, we deployed the winning messages in a variety of ways through the *Campaign* for Abortion Free Cities.

At the **doorsteps**, our volunteers deliver a message of hope, strength, and support to women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Since launching our *Campaign for Abortion Free Cities* mission, teams in **31** cities have visited more than **184,000** neighbors with this message.

Where allowed and where funding is made available, our team has even rented **billboards** to reinforce this message.



Dallas, TX total reach: 4,108, 944



Denver, CO total reach ~400,000

At churches and pro-life gatherings, our team is disturbing grassroots marketing materials.



On campuses, Students for Life groups also echo this message.





Our biggest deployment of the winning messages we learned during our Moveable Middle Women & Men's Studies was online where a six-digit investment was made

# In the following cities...

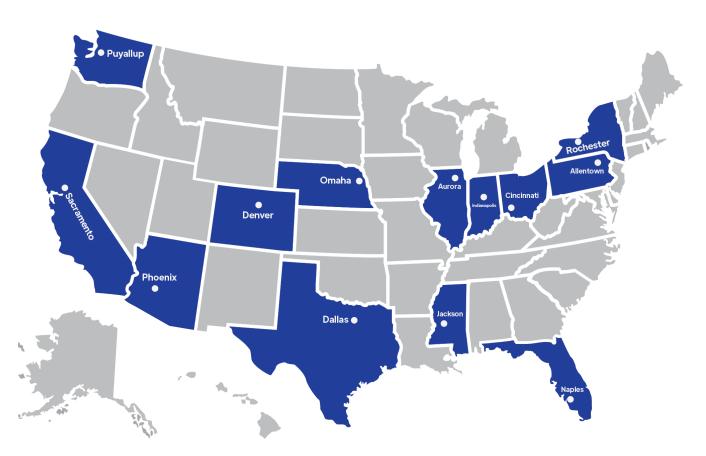
# **2022 National Campaign Total**

**\$212,364.10** spent

881,078 online conversations

136,202 minds changed

**\$3.16** cost per mind changed



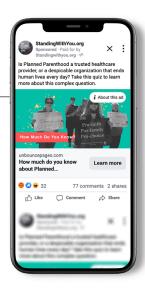
### QUIZ

### What do you know about Planned Parenthood?

156,548 Conversations, 26,648 Minds Changed, \$2.88 Cost per mind change, \$40,015.94 Total spent

## QUIZ What do you know about Abortion?

197,818 Conversations, 51,592 Minds Changed,\$1.15 Cost per mind change, \$49,705.27 Total spent







# What do you know about Abortion?

131,768 Conversations, 21821 Minds Changed, \$3.32 Cost per mind change, \$38,899.72 Total spent



# The Day I Found Out About You

50,217 Conversations, 3,294 Minds Changed,\$4.54 Cost per mind change, \$9,807.54 Total spent



# See Her Strength

132,633 Conversations, 11,916 Minds Changed,\$3.96 Cost per mind change, \$30,738.75 Total spent



# You Can Be Her Hero

55,236 Conversations, 4,468 Minds Changed,\$2.93 Cost per mind change, \$7,781.91 Total spent



### **Abortion Hurts**

156,858 Conversations, 16,463 Minds Changed,\$3.35 Cost per mind change, \$35,414.97 Total spent



First using COVID-19 as an excuse to make chemical abortion pills, that cause injury, infertility, and death to women, available to all women without seeing a doctor and now using the urgency of Roe's reversal to push for mail and pharmacy abortions, Chemical Abortion Pills are now the leading cause of abortion death in America. The goal of the abortion industry is to eliminate brick and mortar, easy to protest, easy to shut down abortion facilities and turn every bathroom into one.

No-test, at-home Chemical Abortions result in the contents of the uterus (the child and the placenta developed to sustain his or her life) being disposed of in the toilet or bathtub, resulting in recognizable human fetal remains being regularly found in wastewater.

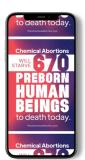
The battleground for the pro-life movement has shifted requiring an innovative response. Here's how the Pro-Life Generation has been leading the charge...

### **EDUCATION CAMPAIGN**



This is Chemical Abortion Docu-Series (produced in partnership with AAPLOG and Heartbeat International)

### Social Media Awareness Campaign







Two national webcasts for pro-life grassroots on chemical abortion with 19,505 combined attendance



# **GRASSROOTS ACTION**

**February 14, 2023**Protest of Walgreens Headquarters



March 4,2023

Cancel Abortion Cartel Day of Action with more than **45** protests nationwide



November 2023

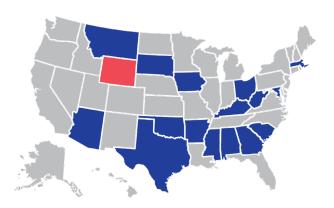
"Halt Pharmacy Abortions" Month with more than **20** local events

### **PASSING LAWS**

Even though some states have passed laws to prevent surgical abortions in their state, chemical abortion drugs are still flowing to the states. We're working with state legislators to introduce and pass legislation to hold abortionists accountable for mailing these dangerous drugs to women. In addition, the Ending Chemical Abortions Act of 2023 has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Andy Ogles of Tennessee.

# Advocating for Laws to Protect Women & Children from Chemical Abortion

- Signifies a state where
  SFLAction introduced a
  Chemical Abortion Protection
  or Wastewater Protection Act
- Signifies passage of one of SFLAction's Chemical Abortion Protection Acts



### **LEGAL DEFENSE**

After an exhaustive review with some of the best minds in pro-life policy and litigation examining what the pro-life movement can tangibly do during an Biden Administration to restrict and end Chemical Abortions, the Demetree Institute & Students for Life of America got to work.

First, we held individual meetings with Attorney General offices of **nine states** and resulted in a national pro-life AG coalition.

Then, our legal team researched, wrote, and submitted four Citizens Petitions to the Food & Drug Administration asking them to reconsider their approval of Chemical Abortion Pills as it harms mothers and our environment.

Next, we'll be testing waste water throughout the United States and publishing the findings.

The next abortion fight could be over wastewater regulation





# Anti-abortion advocates turn to the environment: Is mifepristone in wastewater a threat?

PETITION 1: WE NEED A RED BAG MEDICAL WASTE POLICY

PETITION 2: REINSTATE THE HEALTH & SAFETY STANDARDS

PETITION 3: PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FROM MIFEPRISTONE

PETITION 4: COMPLY WITH THE CLEAN WATER ACT



Since 2019, the *Demetree Institute for Pro-Life*Advancement has gathered state & national pro-life leaders in Washington, D.C. for a time of networking and discussions related to winning strategies and messaging for our movement.

This annual event has included leaders from
The March for Life, Susan B. Anthony List,
state Right to Life chapters and family policy
councils, congressional offices, and dozens of
other influential pro-life national organizations.
In additional to providing a space for multiple
organizations to present and share research and
winning messaging, we provide expert training
in topics to benefit every organization such as
fundraising, public relations, staff development,
and much more.

Thanks to the generous funds available, we sponsor one "seat at the table" free of charge for every organization attending, which also includes three meals, professional headshots, and access to research study results and assets. We have seen this event grow over the years with as many as 90 participants in-person for 2023's annual gathering.



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