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A Glimpse in TIME

By: Heather Gims

This year marks a significant milestone for both pro-life and pro-abortion advocates—the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, companion Supreme Court decisions. January 22, 1973 has served as a landmark—a triumph for those in favor of abortion-on-demand and a tragedy for those who stand on the side of life. These court decisions have dramatically influenced the development of both movements. Now is an appropriate time to reflect on where we are four decades later.

As expected, this 40th anniversary did not pass unrecognized by the mainstream media. *Time Magazine* chose to commemorate this occasion with a provocative cover emblazoned with these words, "40 years ago, abortion-rights activists won an epic victory with *Roe v. Wade*. They've been losing ever since." At first glance, this may seem like a media triumph for pro-lifers. However, a closer read reveals a somewhat abortion-minded slant throughout the article entitled, "What Choice?" Even the title itself suggests a cynical perspective.

The opening paragraph introduces readers to an abortion facility director and details the daily operations, even down to the number of abortions performed. I'll admit it was difficult to read, as I could imagine the lives of the 22 mothers and their unborn babies who were described as being there for abortion services. There is seemingly no compassion toward these

women in the text. Yet the writer wastes no time in empathizing with abortion facility staff over the number of state-imposed regulations they must endure. She laments 24-hour waiting periods, counseling and parental notification as inconveniences.

During 2011, pro-lifers achieved a record high number of 92 abortion protections passed in 24 states. While Roe v. Wade still looms at the national level, there is no mistaking that pro-lifers are gaining ground at the state level. Keep in mind that these actions are largely designed to protect women's health. For example, Mississippi, a law was passed requiring abortionists to have admitting privileges at local hospitals. Of course pro-abortion activists sued to determine the constitutionality of the law and if it presents an undue burden on women seeking abortions. The Virginia state board of health issued a rule requiring that abortion clinics abide by the same architectural zoning regulations as hospitals. This meant that hallways must be wide enough for two gurneys to pass. The Time Magazine article revealed the proabort's main complaint is that this type of legislation is hard to campaign against. Again, there seems to be no concern for the health of the woman.

It seems the pro-aborts are unhappy they no longer have a monopoly on the

phrase "women's health." Historically, they clung to that language. In fact, it was one of the elements that proved influential in achieving the victory of *Roe v. Wade*. They campaigned on the premise that abortion should be a legally protected matter between a woman and her doctor. This was supposedly to "protect" a woman from the dangers of back-alley abortions.

Now, pro-lifers are revealing that abortion is not about women's health at all. One of the most tragic examples of the past year was the death of Tonya Reaves. Following her botched abortion, she was left to bleed for over five hours before being transported to a local hospital where she later died. Further investigation showed that the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in question was not even considered to be a surgical abortion provider. Another woman, Roberta Clark, had an early abortion at Planned Parenthood. Severe symptoms sent her to the hospital where doctors did emergency surgery to remove an undetected tubal pregnancy. Sadly, she will be unable to have her own children as a result of this incident. It is evident that as long as abortion remains legal, regulations must be enacted to help protect women's lives from the abortion industry.

Another hurdle for the pro-abortion movement has been the monumental

CINCINNATI

A Pro-Life Seed Bed



By: J.C. Willke,

Several years before the Supreme Court legalized abortion, Cincinnati began as one of the seed beds of pro-life organization and resistance. Let's look back.

In the years leading up to the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973, the pro-abortion clouds had begun to gather. Behind the scenes and unknown to the public, the abortion merchants were busy planning what they hoped would be a winning strategy to sell abortion to our country. Colorado passed the first permissive law in 1967, but it was hemmed in with tight restrictions. The pressure began to build in other states to join Colorado. Later in that same year, California became the first major state to legalize abortion for "mental health." practice that meant abortion-on-demand, but this fact received little publicity.

In 1970 the second major state, New York, passed a permissive abortion bill legalizing abortion for the first 4 ½ months of pregnancy. By then a total of a dozen states had legalized it, with all but three allowing abortion only for very narrow reasons. Clearly the virus was spreading, and it had reached some in Ohio.

A new bill was introduced into the Ohio General Assembly in 1971 to legalize abortion-on-demand in the first half of pregnancy. All of a sudden the problem was in our own backyard. If two other states had passed this radical bill, it could possibly pass in Ohio. We quickly mobilized our newly formed Right to Life group.

It so happened that several crucial

members of the Judiciary Committee of the Ohio House and Senate were from the Cincinnati area. When questioned, they had replied that they "were studying the bill." Clearly they had not established a position, so we decided to assist them.

We had just finished assembling a pro-life slide set and obtained some flyers from the Knights of Columbus. With the cooperation of the Catholic Archdiocese, we asked for and received invitations to speak in all of the Catholic high schools in greater Cincinnati. There were ten schools ranging from 500-1,000 students each. Every week or two, we and another doctor/nurse team, Dr. George and Jean Tenoever, lectured at a different school, usually to a general assembly of all the students. Our message was to explain why we did not want legal abortion. At the end of the talk, our request to the students was to write to their legislators and ask them to vote against the abortion bill.

At the same time, a team of lawyers was going to Sunday church services to explain the bill that was now before the legislature. They too asked for letters to be sent to state representatives.

The results were unprecedented. Whereas in the past, an elected official might have received 20-30 letters on a particular bill, in this case Chester Cruze, member of the Ohio House Judiciary Committee, got 9,000 letters from his own Cincinnati district. He became the pro-life leader in the House. Others also were completely inundated by a similar barrage of letters, and the bill was voted down by a very large margin.

At the House Judiciary Committee hearings for the two pro-abortion bills, we had been scheduled to show slides of living and aborted babies. However we were blocked from doing so. Instead we passed 12 x 16 inch photos of our slides around the table to the state representatives. Pictures of the fetal babies were slowly handed from one member to the other, but the abortion pictures were quickly passed on. The first House bill was defeated in committee 16-2 and the other bill 15-3, so neither went for a vote to the full House of Representatives.

As events transpired, this was only the beginning. Since then, the pro-life movement has grown to a national and international presence. Assuming the trend continues, we will see the day when developing babies' lives are again protected.



advances in ultrasound technology. Prenatal ultrasounds are a window to the womb that offer a glimpse at the miraculous growth and development taking place in utero. A tiny heartbeat can be heard as early as six weeks gestation. Undoubtedly, the prenatal images are opening eyes and changing hearts and minds of abortion-minded women. Equally as detrimental to the other side have been developments in neonatology allowing premature babies to survive as early as 23 weeks! The evidence in favor of life is incredible and indisputable.

In addition, these advancements have influenced public opinion. A May 2012 Gallup survey revealed that just 41% of Americans identified themselves as "prochoice," while 50% identified themselves as pro-life. However, pro-abortion advocates claim that this is merely a failure on their part to adapt to the shift in public attitudes on abortion. They believe that "prochoice" is a term of the past. Instead they are opting for new terminology to redefine the movement holistically as "reproductive justice." They have also realized that they

can no longer compare abortion to other medical procedures like having a tooth pulled. Instead they are admitting it is the termination of a life, but still maintain that it is a woman's "choice."

Fortunately in this new era, they cannot rely on the traditional ties to feminism. Emily Buchanan, executive director of the pro-life group, the Susan B. Anthony List, shares her viewpoint in "Pro-Life and Feminism Aren't Mutually Exclusive." This moving commentary (published online by Time Magazine) shows that 18-to-29-yearold women shun the notion that abortion somehow liberates women. This generation sees abortion as the human rights issue of our day. They refuse to overlook the fact that more than a third of their peers are not alive because of abortion. And it reveals another weakness in the pro-abortion camp—the blatant age gap.

The women leading the pro-abortion movement are those who were in their 20s and 30s when *Roe* was decided. These leaders, now in their 60s and 70s, are failing to connect with the next generation. Not only are they lacking in numbers, they are

also missing the level of passion the

pro-life movement has in its young, up-and-coming leadership. Groups like Live Action and Students for Life are doing phenomenal work and creating an influx of youthful energy, passion and brilliance. (Bradley Mattes goes into greater detail about these youthled groups in his column on page 7.) Even NARAL's own president, Nancy

Keenan acknowledged her need to step down because of young pro-life activists.

In response to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC she said, "I just thought, my gosh, they are so young. There's so many of them and they are so young."

Looking back, the pro-abortion battle cry used to be make

abortions "safe, legal and rare." Unfortunately, they only suc-

ceeded in making abortion legal. Over time the message has changed to become increasingly radical with the declaration that abortion should be "on-demand and without apology." That philosophy has caused a major division within the proabortion movement. Gallup poll data reveals the majority of "pro-choice" Americans support making abortion illegal in the third trimester, 24-hour waiting periods and parental consent for minors. Most abortion-rights organizations oppose any and all common sense regulation. This dissenting opinion contributes to the reality that more Americans are simply choosing not to align with the pro-abortion side. It suggests that the pro-abortion movement's division is weakening its resolve at the very time it needs to rally and develop new strategies.

In spite of the difficulties, the media has still remained an ally of the proabortion side. Last year, when the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation announced it was withdrawing grant funding to Planned Parenthood, it was subjected to a monumental backlash throughout the media and social media. Ultimately, the bullied group opted to reinstate funding rather than risk additional fallout. No doubt these funds are keeping the lights on while the abortions take place. Overcoming the media bias remains a daunting task for the cause of life.

The question remains, what are the facts about abortion? Is it increasing or decreasing? The number of abortion business-providers nationwide shrank from 2,908 in 1982 to 1,793 in 2008, the latest year for which data is available. Also, the CDC reports a drop in reported abortions of

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Reflecting on the Early Years

By: Barbara Willke



Mrs. Willke shows a special and personal look back as she reflects on how she and Dr. Willke first became involved in the pro-life movement. She tells of their earliest days as pioneers in the pro-life effort.

It was the summer of 1970 and we had been in California speaking at a marriage counselors meeting on the subject of sex education for children. There we met Father Paul Marx. His first question to us was, "What are you doing on abortion?" We explained that our weeks were filled speaking to various groups all over the US and Canada on sex education as well as raising our own children, Jack's busy medical practice and writing two books and other papers on sex education. We were simply maxed out.

But Father Paul persisted, "If we don't stop abortion, all the family life values we are working to preserve will be swept away." Prophetically Jack replied, "If we get involved, it will swallow us up."

A few weeks later, we spoke on the topic of marriage to a couples' group at a college in eastern Ohio. After the completion of our talk there was a question and answer session. Abortion was coming up in the Ohio legislature, and because we were a doctor and nurse, would we answer a few questions on abortion? So it began. We were asked question after question. One young man repeatedly asked, "Why don't you write a book?"

A short time later, a letter from Father Paul arrived which again urged us to get involved in the abortion debate. "With your credentials and authority as medical people you simply cannot miss such an opportunity." So Jack wrote a column for our hometown paper, the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, including a description and a picture of the famous 18-week unborn baby from the cover of *Life Magazine*. The

response generated both TV and radio interviews. Who would do these? Jack volunteered.

When several local women decided they wanted to meet and form an organized group, Jack figured that he would help get it started and then others would get interested. In the early days, our address was a PO Box and we widely distributed dues envelopes to build a membership list and start a treasury. We rotated homes until we were graciously offered a meeting room at St. Xavier Church in the center of downtown Cincinnati. It was an interesting, varied, energetic group that met to plan all the details of starting our organization. We distributed information and held educational talks with volunteer presenters. We shared any pro-life article or literature we could find. Such resources were scarce at that time. After one of our talks, Betty and Paul Mossey came up to offer their ideas. "You give a good description of the preborn baby, but if you would use slides it would be more effective." So Paul produced our first Kodachrome slides, which ultimately grew in number and became known worldwide as the "Willke Slides."

A real spark was lit while working with attorney, Bob Manley. He brought a list of lawyers and Jack contributed a list of medical doctors to plan a Sunday afternoon forum at the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine auditorium. Three hundred professionals attended. At the conclusion of the meeting, a request for help was made to work on the abortion bill being presented to the Ohio legislature. Attorney Don and Marianne Klekamp came forward to offer their help.

At the next meeting of Cincinnati Right to Life, the Klekamps were elected chair couple. Within a matter of months, they had set up a small office, written a newsletter and hired a part-time office manager, Virginia Kerr, who shortly became full-time most days, but continued at her part-time salary.

Cincinnati Right to Life grew at a rapid rate because of the willingness of so many gifted people who freely contributed their talents and time, which was surely needed. Mike Wagner and Lou Rekers volunteered to write the monthly newsletters. Father Huber and a group of ladies gathered in the St. Xavier church basement to address, bundle and mail them. The last step was bagging and loading them into a car for the trip to the post office.

The local chapters collected the remaining newsletters at the monthly board meetings for distribution in their local areas. The city was divided into twelve geographic areas; each was a "chapter" for education and action.

Locally the newsletters were given out as an educational service. Within a few years it was going locally, nationally and internationally to 75,000 recipients monthly.

Cincinnati Right to Life became an international clearing house for pro-life materials including brochures, bumper strips, billboards and many other items.

Looking back, the talents, abilities, time and treasure donated by a multitude of volunteers was awe inspiring and helped to educate a good percentage of people in our area, who reached out to start pregnancy care centers, the largest number in any area. The seeds planted in Cincinnati in these years resulted in it being one of the strongest pro-life cities today.



Educating Ecuador's Academia BY: BRADLEY MATTES

In the US, we live with the reality that abortion is legal. Unfortunately, America's pro-abortion laws have also been a dangerous export, influencing other countries around the world. However, not all have followed down our deadly path.

Recently, I traveled to the picturesque country of Ecuador. Abortion is not legal; however pro-abortion activists have been pushing their agenda. Thankfully, prolife Ecuadorians have been responding with a tireless opposition against the legalization of abortion.

The people of Ecuador do have a passion for life. This was evident to me during a lecture series at Catholic University. I and the other speakers were able to address the academic community and members of

Congress in an effort to prevent abortion from being legalized. Specifically, I spoke on the topic of men and abortion. I cited available research and explained the symptoms they experience and how to treat those symptoms. The lectures were covered by local media, generating lots of discussion in the nation's capital city.

Among my colleagues was Dr. Priscilla Coleman, a professor at Bowling Green State University, who has researched abortion's psychological effects on women. She spoke on the topic of rejecting abortion to safeguard the physical and mental wellbeing of women.

Additionally, I was fortunate to meet Dr. Danelia Cardona Lozada, a psychologist from Columbia who shared powerful, real-life accounts of abortion's impact on some of her patients.

Perhaps one of my favorite memories is visiting a local pro-life youth organization. I was impressed with their eagerness and all-encompassing joy of doing pro-life work. Presenting to a packed room of high school students was incredible. And I am moved to consider how many of the teens may have made a lifestyle choice to avoid pregnancy and abortion.

Our message to the leaders of Ecuador was to consider the damage abortion has caused in America. I pray that our message is taken to heart and that Ecuador will continue to protect its most vulnerable, unborn children.





(Left) Dr. Priscilla Coleman, (Center) Bradley Mattes, (Right) Dr. Danelia Cardona Lozada

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5 percent for 2008, being the largest single year decrease. While this is certainly positive news, it is also bittersweet because the nation's largest chain of abortion facilities has proven that it has become more and more efficient in the business of abortion. A

Planned Parenthood. It says, "We are so proud of the year's many successes, and deeply grateful for all the partners, sponsors, volunteers, staff and friends who helped make them possible." Clearly, Planned Parenthood remains arrogant and

> unapologetic tion numbers.

The notion that Planned Parenthood relies on abortion business

when it comes to reporting its abor-

is supported by a study released by Life Issues Insti-tute in October 2012. The research revealed that an overwhelming 79% of Planned Parenthood's surgical abortion facilities are located within walking distance of African American Hispanic/Latino neighborhoods. Minority women are approximately three-times more likely than Caucasian women to have an abortion. Therefore, the evidence suggests that Planned Parenthood is locating its facilities in the areas most likely to provide abortion income.

Following the money trail, Planned Parenthood's most recent annual report boasts \$1.2 billion in total income. Of that, \$542 million is taxpayer funding,

amounting to over 45% of their total revenue. It is alarming to consider that our government continues to provide blood money used to enable the slaughter of our unborn sons and daughters. This coupled with the re-election of the most pro-abortion president in history shows that we have our share of challenges to overcome pro-abortion legislation, and to achieve pro-life election victories.

The closing paragraph of the *Time* Magazine article defines the most pressing goal for pro-abortion activists 40 years after Roe. "To widen access to a procedure most Americans believe should be restricted-and no one wants to ever need." It sounds like a self-defeating cause, but don't be deceived, the task ahead is grueling for those of us who stand for life. Our generation is fighting for the past generation we lost to Roe v. Wade and is working to protect future generations from this mammoth injustice. We need to be aware of the opposition and how they will attempt to reframe the argument. We also must be aware of our own weaknesses and not only be willing to face them, but to correct them. Moreover, we must remain passionate and diligent. Be encouraged in your efforts, remembering the greatest asset we have is that the truth is on our side and life will prevail.

66 Planned Parenthood's... cancer screenings and prevention services have dropped by 29 percent. 99

record high number of 333,964 abortions were performed by Planned Parenthood in 2011. In fact, Planned Parenthood's abortion numbers have steadily climbed a staggering 69 percent or the equivalent of more than 136,894 abortions annually since 2000. Planned Parenthood's 2011-2012 Annual Report reveals while the number of abortions reached a record high, cancer screenings and prevention services have dropped by 29 percent. In addition, only 2,300 adoption referrals were made. This means 145 abortions were performed for each adoption referral.

A chilling statement appeared in the annual report's introductory letter signed by Cecile Richards, president of

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Life Issues Institute could not make the impact it has without a dedicated board of directors. Over the years our board has represented the crème de la crème of business, activist and social communities. All of them have one thing in common; they hold a deep and abiding passion for innocent human life. This year we want to thank two invaluable outgoing board members, Barbara Willke and Ray Clark.

Barbara, wife of our president J. C. Willke, MD, has served with excellence on our board since its founding in 1991. For decades she has shared her knowledge and experience as a pro-life leader, all as a volunteer.

Ray Clark is a former CEO of Cincinnati Bell who greatly blessed our work through his business acumen. He also provided considerable advice and assistance in reaching out to expand our donor base.

We will greatly miss these towering figures, but expect to regularly keep in touch with them in the future. May God richly bless them for defending the defenseless.



Barbara Willke



Ray Clark

From the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** Bradley Mattes

The Past is Solid

and Our Future is Bright



It's hard to imagine that we've been laboring 40 long, tortuous years to end the killing of innocent babies in the womb. The 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, the companion cases that legalized abortion-on-demand, is a solemn and tragic reminder that our job isn't done. It's also an opportunity to examine the past and future of the pro-life movement.

Dr. Willke and I have been immersed in pro-life activism decades—Jack, well before Roe became law of the land, and me as a senior in high school in 1975. The pro-life educational legacy by Jack and Barbara Willke has done more to advance the cause for life than any other on earth. Life Issues Institute was conceived by the idea that pro-life education is the foundation on which political and legislative victories are built. And it was intended to continue the legacy begun by Dr. and Mrs. Willke.

What started out as "The Willke" slide sets, brochures and books, has kept pace with an ever-evolving technology to what Life Issues Institute looks like today:

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- A weekly half-hour TV program dedicated to the life issues that has earned 2 Regional Emmy® Awards and is available to 95% of American households
- Educating the Black Community that the abortion industry is targeting them

Of course cutting-edge developments aren't limited to Life Issues Institute. An awe-inspiring array of creative, even edgy, pro-life efforts are working in concert with the movement to move us closer to our goal of ending abortion.

Most pro-life advocates have heard the name Lila Rose. She has secured a place in the history of the pro-life movement by her undercover work within Planned Parenthood abortion facilities throughout the nation. Her organization, Live Action, has exposed and documented corruption and federal violations of Planned Parenthood facilities and staff. Her efforts caught them red-handed as they secretly aided and abetted sexual predators, human traffickers and pimps. This has forced the nation's largest chain of abortion mills on the defensive, trying to salvage a tarnished image.

Live Action has inspired countless youth to engage in new and creative pro-life activities, and many of them have joined the ranks of Students for Life of America. This grassroots network of college students is led by Kristan Hawkins and is credited with helping to alter the trend of pro-abortion activism on university campuses throughout the nation. Their organization is mainstreaming the pro-life message within a segment of society that represents a significant number of abortion statistics. They're also giving a voice to pregnant students, as well as working to establish a support system so they can continue both their pregnancies and studies.

For years, even the most seasoned pro-life advocates assumed there were only a couple of babies who had survived abortion and grown into adult ambassadors for life. But recently Melissa Ohden changed all that. She miraculously survived a saltpoison abortion with little if any physical impact. Not only has she become an articulate spokesperson for the pro-life movement, she's reaching out to others like her and is building a nationwide network of abortion survivors. The goal of the Abortion Survivor Network is to put a face on the statistics of those who survive abortions and create awareness that many more survivors exist than anyone ever expected. It also provides support to those who emotionally grapple with the abortion and feel

alone in their survival.

Pro-abortion activists are struggling to effectively counter the dramatic message shared by abortion survivors. Simply denying their stories is proving futile. Our TV program, Facing Life Head-On, recently dedicated an episode to these survivors. You'll never forget their stunning personal stories.

While pro-life advocates have been successful over the years protecting babies and their parents from abortion by closing down abortion mills, Abby Johnson has recently taken a novel approach to accomplish the same goal. Abby's philosophy is that once there are no abortion facility workers, there won't be any abortions.

Abby was the director of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Bryan, Texas. Her experience while assisting with an ultrasound-guided abortion at 13-weeks changed her life forever. As a former staff member of an abortion facility, Abby knows first-hand the struggles of leaving the abortion industry and decided to start an organization dedicated to bringing abortionists and their staff out of the darkness and into the light. Her organization, And Then There Were None, provides practical assistance to those who want to leave the killing fields of abortion. This includes money for rent, groceries and utilities. They also provide spiritual and legal assistance and help them secure employment elsewhere. So far, Abby's efforts are generating very encouraging results.

It's true; the herculean task of awakening the conscience of our nation to the plight of unborn children and their parents has taken longer than any of us first expected. But writing the epitaph of the pro-life movement has proven premature at best. Our numbers, structure and influence have grown enormously these last 4 decades. And contrary to the pro-abortion movement, which is aging and dying out, we are growing in size and cultivating the next generation to value life and work to protect it. If I were a betting man, I'd bet on LIFE. 🧼





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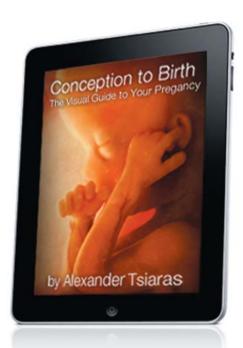
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A Beautiful Look at Life Unfolding



Thanks to technology and amazing insight, a new resource has been launched that gives us a never-before-seen, in-depth look at life in the womb. Author Alexander Tsiaras has recently launched the book *Conception to Birth: The Visual Guide to Your Pregnancy* as an interactive iBook format.

His work is a mix of creativity and science, giving vivid visuals to fetal development. Feeling limited by the printed page, he goes further than just static images. Tsiaras develops highly detailed 4D animations derived from microMRI and other imaging techniques. In fact, he created a series of 40 videos documenting each week of pregnancy.

The iBook format lends itself for even greater interactivity. Images are 3D and can be rotated and examined close-up. Layers of embryonic and fetal anatomy are represented. Thorough text details each stage of development, accompanied by specific information for each trimester. For example, you can see what the baby looks like at 6 days after conception, at 6 weeks and 6 months.

Imagine how this resource can be used by pro-life educational environments and pregnancy care centers to help save babies' lives.

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