

Contrasting Two Marches in Washington, D.C.

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BIG SANDY, Texas—This is one of those years where much is happening in Washington, D.C., in January.

As you probably noticed, there is an annual march of pro-life advocates in the nation's capital near the anniversary of the legal ruling of *Roe vs. Wade*—which legalized abortion in the United States on Jan. 22, 1973. In spite of occasional strong winter weather, a large crowd of women and men regularly march in Washington to protest the ruling—this year on Friday, Jan. 27.

And, since this is a January following a November presidential election, the inauguration of the president-elect occurs in this month as well. The inauguration this year was scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20.

Because there are so many media outlets, lobbyists and citizens who were displeased with November election results (the favored female candidate did not win), many people have openly expressed their desire to form an ongoing resistance to the new president's agenda.

One of those events of resistance was the scheduling of a women's march in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Jan. 21.

At this time, let's contrast the two marches—which are predominantly fueled by women.

Resistance to Trump

Following are excerpts from an article by Kristen Bahler titled "Get in Formation: The Working Girl's Guide to Joining the Trump Resistance" that was posted at time.com on Jan. 17, 2017.

■ The movement that has been dubbed the "Trump resistance" is still taking shape. But, in the run-up to the Women's March on Washington, some of the most ambitious, high-profile efforts have come from a powerful, and perhaps surprising, political contingent: career women with a bone to pick.

■ "We're at a cultural crossroads," says Shannon Coulter, a marketing executive and cofounder of #GrabYourWallet, a campaign that calls on consumers

to boycott the companies that stock Trump products. "I couldn't sit back and be quiet anymore."

- As CEO of her company, Coulter's alignment with the Trump opposition is less risky than it is for some, she admits. But she does have clients to appease, and not all of them were happy about her involvement with the movement.

- For Jayna Zweimann, joining the resistance means putting to good use the tools she's honed over the course of her career as an architect. On Thanksgiving weekend, Zweimann and screenwriter Krista Suh launched the Pussyhat Project—a nationwide knitting initiative designed to outfit every participant in the march on Washington with a pink, cat-shaped hat.

- Zweimann isn't concerned about career repercussions. "That's a risk I have to take," she says. After all, she explains: If a prospective employer deems her unfit for a job because of her involvement in the march—which is broadly in support of gender equality, women's health, LGBTQ issues, and other progressive issues—she probably wouldn't want to work for that firm anyway.

- But workers can face serious career risks for speaking out.

- Back in July, a couple was fired from their day jobs after launching a Kickstarter campaign for a satirical picture book, "D is for Dump Trump"—something their employer said was at odds with its position of political neutrality.

- Days after the election, a Rutgers University professor was placed on administrative leave for posting a series of anti-Trump tweets.

- And on Dec. 14, Politico severed ties with Julia Ioffe, one of its best-known writers, after she posted a crude tweet about Trump's relationship to his daughter.

- The vast majority of at-will employees (which is to say most private-sector workers) can be fired for any behavior not connected to certain protected classes like gender, race and religion, says Jon Hyman, a Cleveland-based employment attorney. That includes comments made on social media.

- When it comes to a job search, Trump detractors face an even bigger threat. If you're arrested at a protest—for trespassing, say, or disturbing the peace—you could wind up with a black mark on your criminal record. And even more benign offenses, like a photo of an anti-Trump sign on a candidate's Facebook page, can hinder the hiring process, says recruiting expert Alysse Metzler.

- Over 250,000 people have RSVP'd so far to the Women's March on Washington, with more than 600 global "solidarity" marches planned for the same day.

Noticeable difference

Following are excerpts from an article by Katie Pavlich titled "Of Course: Pro-Abortion Feminists Ban Pro-Life Women From Sponsoring Women's March in D.C." that was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 17, 2017.

- On Saturday [Jan. 21] in Washington, D.C., just one day after Republican Donald Trump is sworn in as the nation's 45th president, the "Women's March" will take place in the nation's capital. But there's a catch. Only pro-abortion women are welcome.
- When the Women's March became an idea, organizers reached out for sponsors. New Wave Feminists obliged.
- From *The Atlantic*: A pro-life group based in Texas, New Wave Feminists, was granted partnership status. "Intersectional feminism is the future of feminism and of this movement," said Bob Bland, one of the event's co-chairs. "We must not just talk about feminism as one issue, like access to reproductive care.
- When rabid feminist Jessica Valenti noticed the pro-life group on the list of sponsors for the event, she became "horrified" and demanded they be removed.
- They were removed in the name of women's rights or something and the original decision to include the New Wave Feminists was described as an "error."
- The Women's March isn't for all women, just those with approved political ideologies.
- According to the left, women count only so long as they're in approval of women aborting girls developing inside the womb. This is just another example.
- To be clear, in 2017 feminism encompasses only women (and men) who are in favor of abortion and does not include support for all women or their differing beliefs.
- The Women's March isn't a march for women. It's a march for abortion.

Marching for life

The march in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Jan. 27, is geared to show support for the unborn babies who have been aborted.

One of the big supporters of the march for life is LifeNews.com. Following are excerpts about what they say about themselves on their website.

- LifeNews.com is an independent news agency devoted to reporting news that affects the pro-life community. With a team of experienced journalists and bloggers, LifeNews.com reaches more than 750,000 pro-life advocates each week via our website, email news reports, social networking outreach and weekday radio program.
- LifeNews.com also acts as a service provider to furnish news content to media that share the pro-life perspective.
- The topics covered by LifeNews.com include abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, bioethics issues such as human cloning and stem cell research, campaigns and elections, and cultural legal and legislative issues as they affect the pro-life community.

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