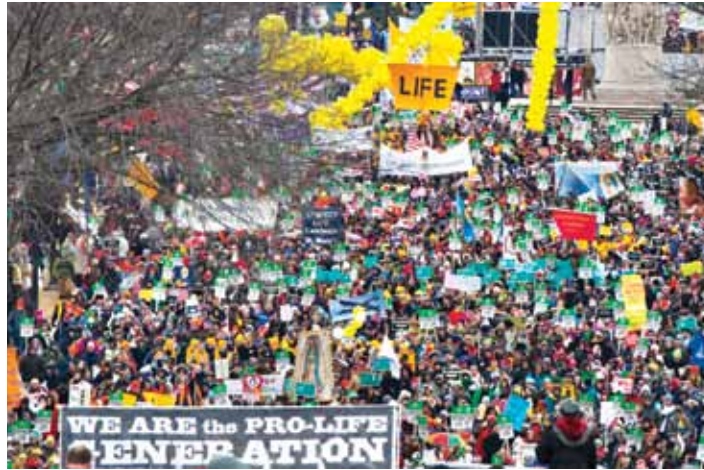


Blatant Media Bias

If Americans needed any further evidence of the blatant bias and disregard for the truth displayed by the increasingly discredited establishment press, the coverage — or lack thereof — of two recent demonstrations in Washington, D.C., provided a perfect illustration. One tiny protest was seeking more gun control and was promptly plastered all over the front pages. The other march, which was virtually ignored by the press despite record-breaking attendance, sought protection for the lives of unborn children.



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On January 25, more than 500,000 people, according to reliable estimates, converged on the capital for the annual pro-life March for Life. They came from all across the country in support of protecting the lives of unborn children to mark the 40th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, which improperly purported to legalize the killing of babies by inventing “rights” not listed in the Constitution or anywhere else.

Despite the massive size of the historic march, the media barely noticed it. According to the non-partisan Media Research Center, the marches did not garner a single “syllable of coverage” from ABC or CBS. While ABC could not find the time to mention the demonstration for life that evening, though, it was certainly not because there were too many other critical stories to tell.

“Anchor Diane Sawyer made time for an update on the supposed controversy over complaints Subway’s ‘foot-long’ subs are sometimes only eleven inches long. Horrors,” noted Brent Baker, vice president for Research and Publications at the Media Research Center, on January 26. “Sawyer allocated 28 seconds to this.”

There were plenty of newsworthy events going on at the March for Life, too. “Can a nation long endure that does not respect the sanctity of life?” asked U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.), one of the many lawmakers who spoke at the rally. “Can a nation conceived in liberty carry its head high if it denies protection to the youngest and most vulnerable of its citizens?”

If the record-breaking march complete with top national leaders was mentioned at all in newspapers, it was barely a footnote. The few outlets that did cover it often used pictures of a few pro-abortion supporters to illustrate the article, drawing fury from readers. Many media outlets did not have a single word about the massive demonstration at all.

In fact, the huge story was ignored so completely that it never even hit the “top stories” section in Google news, offering further proof that the establishment press all but ignored the enormous demonstration. Most of the major papers and “media” outlets simply pretended the March for Life never happened.

Imagine, though, if over 500,000 people had marched on Washington for higher taxes on the rich, gun control, in support of killing babies, or other statist causes. Analysts say the press would have been all over it for weeks, asking lawmakers why they were ignoring the will of the people. When more than half-a-million Americans demand an end to the legalized slaughter of millions of babies, however, not even a peep was heard

from most of the establishment press.

Compare that media coverage to the attention lavished on a pitifully minuscule “march” the next day demanding more infringements on the unalienable right to keep and bear arms, which was the top story on Google news for hours. While some media estimates acknowledge fewer than 1,000 actually participated in the demonstration despite other claims, the tiny event favoring more restrictions on the Second Amendment became instant front-page news across America, complete with lies and distortions about the numbers in attendance.

USA Today had its homepage covered with articles about the rally. “Thousands rally in Washington for gun control,” read the headline of the paper, which was quickly ridiculed in the comment section of the article. “Despite chilly temperatures and snow-covered ground, supporters came from around the country came to make their statement,” the paper “reported,” despite the same chilly temperatures endured by hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers assembled the day before that never got mentioned.

The *Washington Post*, while celebrating the rally in prominent articles, offered a slightly more realistic estimate on the numbers, saying “nearly 1,000 people” had joined the march. CBS was also more accurate when it said that “close to a thousand” had demanded more restrictions on unalienable rights. Analysts, and especially gun rights supporters and pro-life activists, however, ridiculed the press for putting its hostile and deceptive bias on full display for the world, helping to further discredit the already widely mistrusted establishment media.

As the phony, media-driven gun-control “debate” continues, and as the press continues to ignore the grievances of millions of Americans to push the establishment’s anti-liberty and anti-American agenda instead, mainstream media credibility is likely to continue plummeting. Out of the ashes of what critics have started calling the “lamestream media” or the “dinosaur press,” however, the alternative media are rising, growing by leaps and bounds even as the deceitful establishment “news” outlets continue their death spiral into irrelevance. ■