

# WHY THE WOMEN'S MARCH DIDN'T SPEAK FOR ME

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It's been an action-packed five weeks since the inauguration. While the new president has been busy getting the new administration in place, there have been numerous and massive protests against him. The biggest protest, and one which I've been asked about the most, is the Women's March held across the country the day following the inauguration (January 21, 2017). While I support women and their various causes, I did not support the March and here's why.



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I've been a woman my whole life (that's meant to be a joke), all 65 years of it. I have changed over the years. As a wife, mother, grandmother, speaker, author, activist, business woman, I've experienced a lot. When I was younger, I would have been marching and yelling right along with Madonna and Ashley Judd. You see, for years I was angry following my own abortion, and in order to justify my actions, I lashed out at any one and everyone, and that's exactly what I saw at the Women's March. I saw vile, nasty, angry women who are so intent on furthering their own agenda, and they left out a majority of women who don't follow their political and ideological philosophies.



As I've matured, I'm now comfortable in my own skin. My reproductive organs don't define who I am. I embrace and am grateful that I've been given the ability to have children, love unconditionally, nurture completely, express empathy, support my husband, enjoy healthy relationships, have strength, the ability to multi-task, be a problem solver, and not be intimidated by anyone or anything.

I love life and believe it is God-given, from the womb to the tomb, and am unashamedly pro-life. When I witness abortion supporters gleefully promoting their abortions and pushing reproduction as a right, I merely see a money-making tool for a big industry that deals in death. When money is

made off the sale of human body parts of our most innocent, there's something terribly wrong in our society.



Source from Wikipedia

I respect authority and rule of law and strongly support free speech and peaceful demonstrations for opposing policy or opinion. I never support violence to persons or property. However, as I watched the Women's March all I could think of were adults acting as children who were throwing temper tantrums. We have lost the ability in America to have a civil debate.

There was a pro-life group, New Wave Feminists, who were originally invited to be a part of the D.C. march, but once the march organizers learned they were pro-life, they were disinvited. The organizers were not all-inclusive, but were close-minded. Their total intent was a pro-abortion death march. I saw no explanation of what they were marching "for."

I am a firm believer in equal pay no matter the gender. I believe women have the right to work outside the home or stay in the home to raise their children and family. What I am adamant about is that at no time should a woman be scorned because they believe life begins at conception and fails to follow the pro-abortion mantra.

Recently, someone I have never agreed with said the "future is female." I agree with that statement, but I believe that future must include the full potential of women, not the limited view of those exhibited from this year's Women's March.

I'd love to hear from you.

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