Women's Declaration International USA



Annual Report February 2023 WDI USA's actions are guided by the <u>Declaration on</u> <u>Women's Sex Based Rights</u>, a document that reaffirms the principles set out in the UN *Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women*, 1979 (CEDAW).

WDI USA ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Report of the U.S. chapter of Women's Declaration International (WDI USA). This report is divided into two sections: activities and accounting. Its purpose is to explain what we have been up to and how we spent our donors' generous contributions.

WDI USA dedicated itself this year to repeatedly reminding members of Congress that redefining sex to include "gender identity," which the Equality Act would do, harms women and girls. We are happy to <u>report</u> that as of December 31, 2022, the Equality Act appears to be dead.

We held a series of webinars called *Living the Declaration on Women's Sex-Based Rights*. These webinars featured women talking about one article of the Declaration and how it affected her in her own personal life. The idea was for us to talk with each other about why the Declaration matters in the everyday lives of women and girls. These webinars are available on our YouTube <u>channel</u>.

Finally, we held a <u>convention</u> in Washington D.C. called *Reigniting the Women's Liberation Movement*. Speakers came from all over the country to talk about what went right during the second wave of the women's liberation movement, what went wrong, and what we can do moving forward. We think we <u>succeeded</u> in our goal.

We are still a tiny organization that operates on a shoestring budget, but we're happy to report that 2022 saw tremendous growth in both volunteer numbers and financial contributions. Our generous donors increased their support nearly 800% over last year! As an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff or physical premises, we were able to use these contributions extremely efficiently, putting 89 cents of every dollar spent toward programming.

Thanks to everyone who worked to put this report together and a special thank you to all WDI USA's volunteers. Nothing would happen without them!

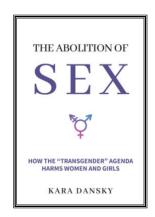
Here's to an exciting 2023 -

Kara Dansky

President, Women's Declaration International USA Author, The Abolition of Sex: How the 'Transgender' Agenda Harms Women and Girls

Activities and Accomplishments

In **January**, we created an action to disseminate our proposed Equality for All Act (EFAA) to lawmakers, and we sent this action to all US signatories of the Declaration. This first EFAA action was so popular that we repeated it—supplemented with a new, timely news hook—every month for the rest of the year. In addition, we completed our "Deck the Halls" campaign to send a copy of Kara Dansky's book, *The Abolition of Sex: How the "Transgender" Agenda Harms Women and Girls*, to every US Congressperson.



In **February**, WDI USA president Kara Dansky chatted with board member Lorraine Nowlin about Lorraine's clever tactic of reaching legislators on social media, and we sent a short <u>video</u> of this interview to our supporters. We also collaborated with Keep Prisons Single Sex USA (KPSS) to craft a joint <u>WDI USA/KPSS letter</u> regarding Lia Thomas to District Attorney Lawrence S. Krasner of Philadelphia and to the University of Pennsylvania.

Our State Legislative Advocacy Team is always hard at work and is submitting testimony on state bills all over the country. You can find a full record of the Team's actions under <u>"Law & Policy Work"</u> in the "State Legislative Testimony" tab of our website. For instance, in *March*, WDI USA issued a statement opposing Vermont bill HB-659, which would permit puberty blocking drugs to be administered to minors without parental consent, and even without parental knowledge. That month, we also opposed the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States, as she would not provide a definition of the word "woman" during her

confirmation hearing. In addition, we initiated the WDI USA Book Club, which met weekly to discuss "The Abolition of Sex: How the "Transgender" Agenda Harms Women and Girls".

In *April*, we started our new webinar series "Living the Declaration" with <u>Webinar</u> <u>#1: "Article I: Women's Rights are Based on Sex"</u> with speakers Sheila Jeffreys, Jo Brew, Amie Ichikawa, Lierre Keith, and Donna Hughes. Thanks to a generous supporter, we were also able to mail copies of "The Abolition of Sex" to every female state legislator in Missouri. In addition, we urged all US signatories to contact their legislators about CA SB-923, which would force the "Affirmative Model of Care" on clinicians. The "Affirmative Model of Care" encompasses a range of medical and nonmedical interventions that are designed to affirm an individual's "gender identity" if it conflicts with his or her sex.

In **May**, we introduced the <u>Women's Bill of Rights</u> cosponsored by Independent Women's Voice, Women's Liberation Front, and the Independent Women's Law Center. We also sent the San Diego "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" (CEDAW) Ordinance Action to our signatories. The CEDAW is designed to identify and eradicate discriminatory barriers for women and girls and to give women and girls equal opportunities in all areas of public life. May also saw the second installment of our "Living the Declaration" webinar series with <u>Webinar #2:</u> <u>"Article 2: Motherhood is an Exclusively Female Status"</u>. Speakers were Lorraine Nowlin, Isabella Malbin, and Candice Jackson. In addition, we also issued a <u>scathing statement</u> <u>against the overturning of Roe vs Wade</u>.

In June, we published a <u>critique of Matt</u> Walsh's documentary "What is a Woman?", as well as a <u>commentary on the US Supreme</u> <u>Court's decision in Dobbs vs Jackson Women's</u> <u>Health.</u> We also recorded the third



installment of our "Living the Declaration" webinar series with <u>Webinar #3: "Article 3:</u> <u>The Right to Physical and Reproductive Integrity"</u> with speakers Kara Dansky, Lauren Levey, and Iris Erlings. The high point of June was our participation in the <u>Title IX rally:</u> <u>"Our Bodies, our Sports"</u> which was livestreamed on YouTube. Both Kara Dansky and Lauren Levey appeared as speakers. We also sent our <u>NJ Prison Action</u> to all US signatories.

July was a very busy month: We completed the fourth installment of our "Living the Declaration" webinar series with Webinar #4: "Article 4: Women's Rights to Freedom of Opinion and Expression" and speakers Christina Ellingsen, Lierre Keith, and Kara Dansky; and we held a pop-up webinar explaining the decision of a federal court to block President Biden's executive order on "gender identity" in 20 states. We also created no less than three actions: An action commenting on the proposed changes to Title IX, an action ensuring access to abortion, and an action opposing New York State's "Equality Act". The first two were sent to all our US signatories, whereas the latter was only sent to our signatories located in the state of New York. We also endorsed the "Save Women's Sports 4th of July Parade" organized by the fierce women's sports activist, Emily Kaht.

In **August**, we aired "Living the Declaration" <u>Webinar #5: "Article 5: The Right to</u> <u>Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association"</u> with speakers Kara Dansky, Katherine Kinney, Lauren Levey, and Marian Rutigliano. August also saw the formation of the WDI USA Lesbian Caucus.

In **September**, WDI USA's National Convention took place in Washington, DC under the title "Reigniting the Women's Liberation Movement". A compilation of many speakers' presentations is available <u>here</u>. In addition, September saw the sixth installment of our "Living the



Declaration" webinar series with Webinar #6: "Article 6: Women's right to political participation on the basis of sex" with speaker, Maud Moran. That month, WDI USA also adopted the Lesbian Caucus' Lesbian Bill of Rights, and we published our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) team's "Report on "Gender Identity" in American Schools."

In **October**, we continued our "Living the Declaration" webinar series with <u>Webinar</u> #7: "Article 7: On Women's Sports and Physical Education" with speaker Emily Kaht.

November saw the launch of <u>WDI USA's first online merchandise store</u>, and we aired "Living the Declaration" <u>Webinar #8: "Article 8: On Ending Male Violence against</u> <u>Women</u>" with speakers Genevieve Gluck, Carmen Speer, and April Morrow.

In **December**, WDI USA organized and participated in a Non-Violent Demonstration in Oakland regarding the Dana Rivers trial. Men's sexual rights activist Dana Rivers was eventually found guilty of murdering a lesbian couple and their son. We also presented two webinars: "Living the Declaration" Webinar #9: "Article 9: The Rights of the Child" with



speakers Chloe Cole, Brette Smith, and Jeannette Cooper, and our second "Language and Values" Webinar: <u>"The Importance of Language in Matters of Sex and Gender"</u> with speakers Libby Emmons, Elizabeth Miller, and Mary Lou Singleton. The WDI USA Lesbian Caucus also issued a statement on the Respect for Marriage Act, we sent an <u>action regarding the Centers' for Medicare and Medicaid Services Definition of Sex</u> to our US signatories.

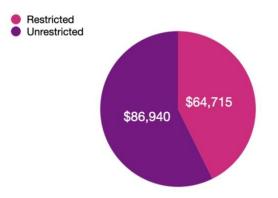
Giving

2022 was the first full year in which WDI USA benefited from the efforts of a volunteer with a professional background in development. With her help, we raised **\$40.78** for every dollar spent on fundraising.

With a median gift of **\$25**, our donors—almost all of them women—increased their financial support nearly **eightfold**, growing from **\$19,811** in 2021 to **\$156,655*** in 2022.

*Includes in-kind contributions valued at approximately \$5,000.

2022 Cash Donations



Missouri State Legislature Action

In April, we sent a copy of Kara Dansky's *The Abolition of Sex* to each woman in the Missouri state legislature. This effort was made possible by a generous gift from an anonymous Missouri woman. This followed on our "Deck the Halls" effort to send the book to every member of Congress in January (fundraising for that effort occurred in 2021).

National Convention: Reigniting the Women's Liberation Movement

In addition to ticket sales, donors designated \$1,945 as gifts in support of our inaugural convention in Washington, D.C.

Speakers' Fund

Generous donors also contributed \$8,920 toward convention speakers' travel and accommodation costs. These funds were vitally important in helping us to attract an incredible slate of speakers, some of whose presentations can be read <u>here</u>.

WIN Giving

In November, WDI USA launched WIN Giving, a new program to recognize and connect with the loyal friends who make recurring monthly gifts. Nineteen anonymous donors have enrolled in WIN giving; we hope to expand their ranks in 2023!

In Grateful Recognition

It is a striking feature of the current social and political climate that so many fear losing employment, relationships, and even personal safety if their names are published as supporters of women's sex-based rights.

Of the fourteen donors who made one-time gifts of \$1,000 or more in 2022, the following have agreed to be recognized in this report:

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Many thanks to these steadfast supporters!

Thanks also to the **others who remain anonymous**, without whose vitally important support WDI USA's first convention and other efforts this year would not have come about.

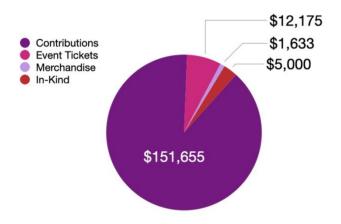
In particular, we would like to thank **one very special anonymous woman** whose generous unrestricted operating gift; convention sponsorship of women who could not otherwise afford to attend; and in-kind gifts in support of our Oakland NVDA event made possible some of WDI USA's most important work in 2022.

Financial Information



Total Income

Income by Category



Expenses

