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Introduction

The U.S. [chapter](#) of Women's Declaration International (WDI USA) is pleased to share our 2023 Annual Report with signatories, supporters, and donors. It has been quite a year of advancing the [Declaration](#) on Women's Sex-Based Rights throughout U.S. law and policy.

We started 2023 by [celebrating](#) the apparent death of the Equality Act by the end of 2022. That bill would have redefined the word sex out of existence for all purposes under the U.S. Civil Rights Act. We think we had a lot to do with ending this misogynistic piece of legislation. Although the bill was reintroduced in 2023, we are confident that it does not have the support of a majority of either chamber of Congress.

Below, we'll discuss 2023 organizational developments pertaining to the composition of our board of directors and our volunteer staff, legal advocacy, legislative and administrative advocacy at the state and federal levels, our caucuses that focus on the unique needs of different categories of women, our Gender Abolition Tour, other public appearances and education, our 2023 convention "Accelerating the Women's Liberation Movement," polling and advertising, and our giving and expenditures.

Board Composition and Volunteer Staffing Changes

This year we lost two valuable board members, but gained two more. Austin DeVille served on the leadership team of our organization from its inception in 2020 until this summer, when we had to say goodbye. Marian Rutigliano served on the board of directors as secretary between 2021 and 2023. Both remain signatories to the Declaration on Women's Sex-Based Rights and active volunteers with the organization.

Megan Rose has been our development director since 2021 and this year we're excited to say that she joined the board of directors and filled the role of vice president (Lauren Levey stepped down as vice president and remains on the board of directors). Irene Lawrence has coordinated both our Prison Freedom of Information Act team and our Gender Abolition Tour, and in 2023 joined the board of directors as secretary.

WDI USA would like to thank Zuleyka Valentin for her service as chief of staff from 2022 to 2023 and is happy to welcome Elizabeth Chesak to the position starting in the fall of 2023.

Legal Advocacy

2023 was a big year for WDI USA's legal advocacy.

In May, we filed an [amicus brief](#) in *B.P.J. v. West Virginia*. In this case, West Virginia has a law on the books mandating that school sports remain single-sex. BPJ is a young man who wants to compete on the girls' cross-country team and he sued the state to be able to do that. At the federal District Court level, the court ruled in favor of the state – that under both Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, states may maintain single-sex sports in schools. WDI USA is urging the 4th Circuit to affirm that decision on appeal. Oral arguments in the matter were held in October 2023.

In June, we filed an [amicus brief](#) in *Neese v. Becerra*, which is before the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. At issue in this case are whether: (a) recipients of federal funds under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) may provide sex-specific medical care to their patients and (b) what the word sex means under Title IX of the Civil Rights Act (because the ACA incorporates Title IX in its non-discrimination provision). A doctor in Texas who receives federal funding was concerned that current administrative law prohibited him from providing life-saving sex-specific care to his patients and initiated a class action. The class won before the District Court for the Northern District of Texas and the government appealed to the 5th Circuit. Oral arguments were held in January 2024.

In July, we filed an [amicus brief](#) in *L.W. v. Skrmetti*, where a group of minors (and their parents and doctors, represented by the ACLU) sued the state of Tennessee over its law prohibiting the administration of puberty blockers and opposite-sex hormones to children. The plaintiffs had prevailed at the District Court level and the state filed an emergency petition to appeal and a request to the 6th Circuit to block the District Court's order from taking effect. The 6th Circuit granted that petition and expedited the appeal. WDI USA worked hard to write and file a brief in accordance with the two-week deadline the appellate court had imposed. The 6th Circuit ultimately ruled in favor of the state and the plaintiffs have asked the Supreme Court to review that decision. If the Supreme Court takes the case, WDI USA may have its first opportunity to articulate its objection, grounded in Article 9 of the Declaration, to administering harmful hormones to children.

In November, WDI USA joined several other women's groups - the Women's Liberation Front, the Independent Women's Forum, and Concerned Women for America - in [supporting](#) a petition to the Supreme Court to review the 7th Circuit's decision in *Martinsville v. A.C.*. In that case, a female student demanded permission to use the boy's bathroom at her school, the school said no, and she sued. The 7th Circuit eventually ruled that "gender identity" should be able to supersede sex for the purpose of determining school bathroom use. This was in stark contrast to the 11th Circuit's December 2022 decision in *Adams v. St. Johns County*, which had come to the opposite conclusion—that maintaining single-sex bathrooms is consistent with both Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The Supreme Court declined to take the case in January 2024.

Finally, in December, we filed an [amicus brief](#) in *Westenbroek v. Kappa Kappa Gamma*. At issue in that case is the ability of women and girls to assemble outside the presence of men (specifically, in the context of a sorority whose bylaws mandate that any new member "shall be a woman"). Kappa Kappa Gamma is a centuries-old sorority that always maintained that membership is exclusively female until 2018, when it issued "guidance" stating that its membership is comprised of "women and individuals who identify as women." A man named

Artemis had been granted membership and been permitted to be present in the sorority house, where he watched women undress while having an erection, among other allegations. A group of sorority sisters sued, and the District Court decided that Kappa Kappa Gamma was fully within its rights to admit this man into the sorority. The sorority sisters appealed to the 10th Circuit, where WDI USA filed its brief arguing that women must have the right to assemble without the presence of men, as articulated in Article 5 of the Declaration. WDI USA is also in contact with a group of over 450 Kappa Kappa Gamma alumni who also filed a brief in the case in support of the sorority sisters and may work with them to organize additional advocacy in support of the sisters whenever oral arguments take place (likely in early 2024) and during Kappa Kappa Gamma's convention in June 2024.

Legislative and Administrative Advocacy

Federal

WDI USA has been hard at work urging the federal government to stop redefining sex to mean "gender identity." In February, we submitted a [statement](#) to the sponsors of the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act (PWGSA) of 2023. Our statement read, in part, "WDI USA supports this bill on the basis of Article 7 of the Declaration, 'Reaffirming women's rights to the same opportunities as men to participate actively in sports and physical education,' which is consistent with Article 10(g) of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) as well as with the Title IX Education Amendments of 1972."

The PWGSA is an extremely straightforward piece of legislation that would define sex unambiguously and prohibit institutions that receive Title IX funding from allowing men and boys to compete in athletic teams or events intended for women and girls. In April, we [republished](#) an [article](#) that president Kara Dansky had previously published in *The Washington Examiner* titled, "Why progressives should support the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act." Consistent with Articles 3 and 7 of the Declaration, that article stated:

To Democratic lawmakers, I say this: Thank you for championing abortion access, which is an aspect of the human right to bodily integrity.

However, I'd also ask you this: If a woman is fully human, and has full human rights, including rights to bodily integrity, physical safety, privacy, and dignity, then how can you compromise her full humanity to further the lie that some men are women? Or the lie that simply claiming to be a woman is enough to make a man one? Or the very regressive lie that if a man enjoys wearing feminine fashion, he may literally be a woman and deserve all of the legal protections associated with womanhood?

If women are fully human, then we have human rights. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights declared that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world." Surely this includes women's right to female-only sports and spaces. Surely it includes women's right to say that we are women and that men aren't.

A commitment to human rights is supposed to be a progressive value. If you think women’s human rights are important, you have to respect women’s sports and spaces. A sport is not a women’s sport and a space is not a women’s space if it admits men, regardless of “gender identity.”

Fellow progressives, if you want to regain your credibility with voters of both sexes, you should support the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act and do so boldly. If you don’t, you need to tell American women why you don’t think we are fully human.

The House passed the bill in April, when it went to the Senate. Every month after that, for the rest of 2023, we invited signatories to [TAKE ACTION](#) by urging Senators to advance the bill.

Also in April, we put out a [statement](#) concerning an “Athletics NPRM” the Department of Education had issued. We noted that in July 2022, the Department had previously issued an extremely broad proposed new rule that would have redefined sex to mean “gender identity” for all purposes under Title IX, which we had strongly opposed. Notably, that proposed new rule received over 200 thousand public comments—the most public comments the Department had ever received in its history of issuing regulations for notice and comment. A group of Senate Democrats had written a [letter](#) to the Department supporting its 2022 proposal, but only 19 signed it.

The April 2023 “Athletics NPRM” was more limited in scope than the 2022 proposal, but it still would have permitted schools to allow “gender identity” to override sex under certain circumstances, which is, of course, inconsistent with the Declaration. In our statement opposing it, we noted that we were pleased to see that the Department: (1) was no longer proposing to redefine sex to include “gender identity” and (2) now appeared to acknowledge the material reality of sex. But we also noted that we still had concerns and stated, “This is an acknowledgement of the material reality of sex, which WDI USA is pleased to see. However, it also assumes that ‘gender identity’ is a coherent concept that might, under some circumstances, be permitted to obscure the material reality of sex, which should never happen. And the Department seems to expect schools to understand how to navigate all of this even if they want to maintain single-sex sports, which Title IX and the Constitution permit them to do.”

Meanwhile, the Department was supposed to have issued its final version of the July 2022 proposal by March 2023, but it missed its deadline. The next deadline was supposed to be October 2023, but it missed that deadline too. The new target release date appears to be March 2024, and it’s not clear whether it will meet that deadline either. We cannot help but wonder if the Department knows how unpopular its proposed policies are with the American electorate and is under tremendous pressure to back-track.

State

At the state level in 2023, WDI USA submitted written testimony regarding 48 bills and sent our model SAFE Act (explained below) to legislators in 16 states. In total, we were active in 38

states. Consistent with Articles 3 and 7 of the Declaration, the bills we supported were all designed either to protect female-only sports/spaces or to protect or expand abortion rights. The bills we opposed would have either undermined female-only sports/spaces or restricted or eliminated abortion rights.

Article 9 of the Declaration reaffirms the need for the protection of the rights of the child. Citing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Declaration provides that the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration of all legislation concerning children. To raise awareness of this important topic, in 2022, WDI USA developed the [SAFE Act](#)—a model bill to prohibit procedures intended to disguise the sex of children. The SAFE Act would accomplish the intended purpose of safeguarding children against these harmful practices, while also being consistent with the sex-based rights of women to be free of harmful sex-role stereotypes. In February 2023, the *Columbia Missourian* published an [article](#) crediting our model bill for many of the bills that have been introduced at the state level to ban child medicalization with the intent to disguise sex.

The following table summarizes all 68 bills and links to our testimonies.

STATE	DATE	BILL #	TOPIC	WDI ACTION	BECAME LAW?
California	3/8/2023	CA AB 583	Reproductive health and medicalizing children	Testimony to neither support nor oppose	
California	3/10/2023	CA SB 36	Reproductive health and medicalizing children	Testimony to neither support nor oppose	
Colorado	3/20/2023	CO SB 188	Reproductive health and medicalizing children	Testimony to neither support nor oppose	YES
Florida	3/5/2023	FL HB 1033	Expanding abortion access	Supporting Testimony	NO
Florida	3/8/2023	FL SB 1076	Expanding abortion access	Supporting Testimony	NO
Georgia	1/16/2023	GA HB 653	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	NO
Hawaii	4/24/2023	HI SB 890	Expanding abortion access	Supporting Testimony	
Hawaii	4/24/2023	HI SB 1526	Expanding abortion access	Supporting Testimony	
Idaho	4/8/2023	ID HR 2	Restricting abortion access	Opposing Testimony	NO
Illinois	1/12/2023	IL HB 3196	Gender neutral bathrooms	Opposing Testimony	

Indiana	2/28/2023	IN SB 311	Expanding abortion access	Supporting Testimony	
Indiana	3/1/2023	IN HB 1118	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
Indiana	4/18/2023	IN HB 1525	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
Indiana	4/18/2023	IN HB 1220	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
Indiana	4/18/2023	IN HB 1231	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
Iowa	3/1/2023	IA SB 129	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	NO
Kansas	4/26/2023	KS HB 2427	Sex segregated restrooms	Supporting Testimony	YES
Missouri	4/8/2023	MO SJR 19	Restricting abortion access	Opposing Testimony	
Missouri	4/9/2023	MO SB 160	Restricting abortion access	Opposing Testimony	
Missouri	4/10/2023	MO SB 356	Restricting abortion access	Opposing Testimony	
Missouri	4/12/2023	MO SJR 8	Restricting abortion access	Opposing Testimony	
Nebraska	5/25/2023	NE LB 169	Non-discrimination on the basis of "gender identity"	Opposing Testimony	
Nebraska	5/25/2023	NE LB 670	Non-discrimination on the basis of "gender identity"	Opposing Testimony	
Nevada	3/5/2023	NV SB 153	Men in women's prisons	Opposing Testimony	YES
New Hampshire	3/13/2023	NH HB 619	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
New Jersey	4/13/2023	NJ S 3076	Medicalizing children	Supporting Testimony	
New Mexico	2/21/2023	NM HB 7	Reproductive health and medicalizing children	Testimony to neither support nor oppose	YES
New York	1/15/2023	NY A 709	Men in women's prisons	Opposing Testimony	
New York	1/27/2023	NY SB 2860	Men in women's prisons	Opposing Testimony	
New York	2/18/2023	NY SB 744	Men in women's prisons	Opposing Testimony	
North Carolina	5/18/2023	NC H 574 (SB 631)	Sex segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	
North Carolina	5/21/2023	NC HB 43	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	

Ohio	4/28/2023	OH HB 6	Sex segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	
Oklahoma	4/26/2023	OK HB 1449	Women's Bill of Rights	Supporting Testimony	
Oklahoma	5/11/2023	OK SB 614	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
Oklahoma	5/23/2023	OK SB 878	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
Oregon	3/27/2023	OR HB 2002	Reproductive health and medicalizing children	Testimony to neither support nor oppose	
Oregon	4/18/2023	OR SB 749	Sex segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	
Oregon	4/19/2023	OR SB 453	Sex segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	
Pennsylvania	4/20/2023	PA SB 535	Non-discrimination on the basis of "gender identity"	Opposing Testimony	
Pennsylvania	4/20/2023	PA SB 150	Non-discrimination on the basis of "gender identity"	Opposing Testimony	
Pennsylvania	4/20/2023	PA HB 300	Non-discrimination on the basis of "gender identity"	Opposing Testimony	
Pennsylvania	4/30/2023	PA HB 216	Sex segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	
Pennsylvania	5/10/2023	PA HB 138	Allowing for civil action regarding medicalization of children	Sent SAFE Act	
South Carolina	1/16/2023	SC H 3551	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
South Carolina	1/16/2023	SC SB 125	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
Texas	4/25/2023	TX HB 3213	Sex segregated prisons	Supporting Testimony	
Texas	4/25/2023	TX HB 3147	Sex segregated prisons	Supporting Testimony	
Texas	4/25/2023	TX HB 2862	Sex segregated prisons	Supporting Testimony	
Texas	5/17/2023	TX HB 1532	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
Texas	5/23/2023	TX HB 1806	Non-discrimination on the basis of "gender identity"	Opposing Testimony	
Texas	5/27/2023	TX SB 274	Non-discrimination on the basis of "gender identity"	Opposing Testimony	

Vermont	2/7/2023	VT HB 0089	Reproductive health and medicalizing children	Testimony to neither support nor oppose	YES
Vermont	2/12/2023	VT SB 37	Reproductive health and medicalizing children	Testimony to neither support nor oppose	YES
Virginia	1/28/2023	VA HB 1387	Sex segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	NO
Virginia	2/22/2023	VA HB 2278	Restricting abortion access	Opposing Testimony	NO
Washington	2/22/2023	WA SB 5185	Restricting abortion access	Opposing Testimony	
Washington	3/13/2023	WA HB 1214	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	
Washington	3/20/2023	WA SB 5489	Reproductive health and medicalizing children	Testimony to neither support nor oppose	NO
Washington	3/20/2023	WA HB 1469	Reproductive health and medicalizing children	Testimony to neither support nor oppose	YES
Wisconsin	10/4/2023	WI AB 465	Medicalizing children	Supporting Testimony	NO
Wisconsin	10/4/2023	WI SB 465	Medicalizing children	Supporting Testimony	
Wisconsin	10/17/2023	WI AB 447	Sex-segregated prisons	Supporting Testimony	
Wisconsin	12/12/2023	WI AB 377	Sex-segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	
Wisconsin	12/13/2023	WI AB 378	Sex-segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	
Wisconsin	12/14/2023	WI SB 377	Sex-segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	
Wisconsin	12/15/2023	WI SB 378	Sex-segregated sports	Supporting Testimony	
Wyoming	3/13/2023	WY SB 144	Medicalizing children	Sent SAFE Act	NO

Caucuses

Lesbian Caucus

May - Lesbian Caucus [comments](#) on USAID “inclusion” policy. Here’s one of our comments:

USAID's stated policy of Do No Harm is incompatible with sterilizing children, including many girls who would otherwise grow up to be intact lesbians. It stigmatizes lesbians who reject men who claim to be lesbians. It is also incompatible with the ability of lesbians to exclude men from our public gatherings to socialize and organize politically as lesbians. Do No Harm in this context is a sick joke at the expense of lesbians.

July - LBOR International, an international network of radical feminist lesbian organizations, is [created](#). Lesbian Caucus is a founding member.

August - LBOR International writes an [article](#): "Effects of Losing Lesbian Spaces in Germany and How to Get Them Back."

October - LBOR International submits [statements](#) to the Australian Human Rights Commission in support of LAG (Australia), who argued for the right of lesbians to exclude men from their public gatherings.

November - "Lesbians in the Crosshairs" [blog post](#) written by the Lesbian Caucus and cited in one of USA's amicus briefs (Westenbroek). It reads, in part:

In reality, that demonization of lesbians as genocidal bigots bent on literally eradicating all people claiming to be T is a reversal: According to the [Lesbian Bill of Rights](#), a lesbian is by definition a "human female homosexual; or, a woman or girl who is exclusively same-sex attracted." But if men can be lesbians, and bisexual women can be lesbians, it is lesbians who cease to exist as a coherent category in law and in public life. For the crime of categorically denying sexual access to all men, lesbians are in fact effectively erased as a coherent group by transgenderist activists, both in terms of definition and in terms of the ability to meet as lesbians in public spaces to socialize or organize politically, and threatened with violence precisely for being what lesbians are, i.e., female.

Black Women's Caucus

January - Black Women's Discussion Group shifted to the Black Women's Caucus. Objective was to plan outreach and advance the declaration to the Black female demographic.

January to March- Brainstormed and planned the first statement.

April - BWC statement on GI (tweeted by JKR) was viewed by over 2 million readers. To sum up our statements purpose:

"We urge all Black women to denounce gender identity ideology and instead advocate for policies that protect the rights of Black women and girls. This fight is especially crucial for Black women, as we are the demographic most in need of protection from male

violence but with the least access to that protection. We must stand up against any movement or idea that seeks to erase our experiences or undermine our fight for equal justice, safety, and dignity.”

September - BWC interview with writer and award-winning artist N3LYNNN. She is a writer and filmmaker who lost her Instagram account after making a video on Black de-transitioners. Our goal was to highlight Black women that accept the biological reality of sex. Dr. Suzanne Forbes-Vierling co-facilitated the interview.

Detransitioners/Desisters Caucus

We are pleased to report that this caucus launched in December under the guidance of chief of staff Elizabeth Chesak and look forward to seeing what it is able to accomplish in 2024 and beyond.

Gender Abolition Tour

Articles 4 and 5 of the Declaration reaffirm women’s rights to freedom of opinion, expression, and assembly. Consistent with those Articles, in 2023, WDI USA launched a Gender Abolition Tour, where we traveled around the country to engage in public speaking and education about radical feminism and the harms that “gender identity” poses to women and girls as a sex class. The first of these events occurred in December 2022, outside the courthouse where a man named Dana Rivers (born David Warfield) was being tried and sentenced in connection with his murder of a lesbian couple and their teenaged son. We held banners that read “DANA RIVERS IS A MAN” and “NO MEN IN WOMEN’S PRISONS.” After speaking outside the courthouse, we took our message to the public square, where a small group of men (and one woman) attacked us, threw eggs and pies at our heads, and stole our banners. Footage of that event (showing a woman peak-transing in real time), is available [here](#).

Heading into 2023, we held similar events in Florida and Ohio in March, New York City in May (on Mothers Day, to celebrate mothers), [Philadelphia](#) in July (to talk about free speech and the independence of women), [San Francisco](#) in September (to celebrate lesbians’ rights) and [Portland](#) in November (to oppose violence against women and children). In Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Portland, we were met with vicious and violent opposition from men who do not think women should be permitted to speak about issues that affect us exclusively.

Each of these events was preceded by a training session in the tactic of nonviolent direct action (NVDA), led primarily by Lierre Keith, co-founder of the Women’s Liberation Front (WoLF).

In 2024, we will launch a new series of activist trainings led by members of the WDI USA Board. Women who attend will learn how to champion the Declaration through public speaking, legal and legislative advocacy, and other peaceful means of exercising our rights to freedom of speech and assembly.

Other Public Appearances and Education

WDI USA has been working to raise awareness of the Declaration and the threats posed by “gender identity” all over the U.S. all year.

In January (building on momentum from December), we [promoted](#) a petition by the group Independent Council on Women’s Sports (ICONS) to protect female-only sports, consistent with Article 7 of the Declaration.

Article 8 of the Declaration calls for the elimination of violence against women and girls, including in prisons. In 2021, WDI USA volunteers sent FOIA requests to every women’s state prison in the US to inquire about the exact number of male inmates being housed in each of them. The results have been used by journalists around the country and around the world to report on this blatant violation of basic human rights. The 2021 results are [here](#).

In April of 2023, we decided it was time to do it again. More men have been using state laws and policies that contain convoluted definitions of sex to gain access to the women’s facilities on the basis of their supposed “female gender identities.” For this reason, the 2021 numbers were likely to have grown. This time, not only did we request the numbers, we also requested the entirety of the policy documents that states are currently using to determine which and how many inmates will be housed in the women’s facility based on their “female gender identities.” The 2023 results are [here](#).

In July, president Kara Dansky gave remarks on the importance of always using accurate sex-based language when communicating about the threats that “gender identity” poses to women and girls at an ICONS conference in Denver. Her remarks are [here](#).

Sometimes our efforts to promote public awareness of the Declaration fail because a lot of people don’t think that feminists ought to be able to talk about the threats of “gender identity” in public. In early 2023, president Kara Dansky was contacted by the producers of the forum American Public Square ([APS](#)), a Kansas City-based community organization “working to improve the tone and quality of public discourse by convening groups and creating space for respectful dialogue on important topics; educating community members about why engaging in this way is important and how to do it well; and engaging diverse segments of our society to ensure that multiple perspectives are explored.”

They invited her to join a [panel](#) of experts on the topic of “gender and identities.” She had several very positive conversations with the producers. The discussion was to take place in consultation with a local PBS affiliate, and she had nothing but positive interactions with the PBS representatives as well.

It was scheduled for September 26. The other panelists were to be Jamie Reed (a woman who blew the whistle on the “gender clinic” where she once worked about the harms it was causing to kids), a black lesbian named Monica Harris (the executive director of the Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism who also blogs about feminism), a man named Justice Horn (the head of the local LGBTQ+ Commission), and a young woman named Alex Pearson (who uses they/them pronouns and founded a group called Kansas Missouri Queer Law).

On September 22, however, Dansky was notified that Justice Horn and Alex Pearson had canceled, leaving APS unable to go forward with the program. Horn and Pearson simply refused to share a stage with women who are critical of “gender identity.” The event was “postponed” (and has not been rescheduled). We’ll keep supporters informed if that event does proceed.

Also, in September, president Kara Dansky and vice president Megan Rose attended the Glasgow launch of the WDI [book](#) *Women’s Rights and Gender Wrongs*. The launch got some great news coverage, including an [article](#) in the U.K. *Telegraph* with the headline, “UN accused of promoting ‘rape culture’ by saying trans women can be lesbians: It comes as a new book reveals that women’s rights across the world have come under threat by the growth of gender ideology.” The launch was a great opportunity for WDI USA to network with other feminists from all over the world.

In October, we published a blog [post](#) called “On Femininity and the Abolition of Gender,” laying out several feminist critiques of femininity. Our intention was to start an honest conversation among feminists about how all women have been socialized into femininity and the various ways we can challenge that socialization. Later, we hosted a [webinar](#) on the topic that generated a lot of discussion, and WDI later invited board member and secretary Irene Lawrence to appear on a Feminist Question Time panel entitled “Femininity as a Gender Identity”, where she [spoke](#) about NVDA as anti-feminine.

On October 12, in the wake of the horrific events in southern Israel, we posted a [statement](#) on women caught in global conflict. We said:

Like many, we watched in horror as Hamas invaded southern Israel, raping Jewish women and girls, murdering innocent civilians, and taking women, men, and children hostage. Nothing justifies such atrocities. By Tuesday October 10, it was being [reported](#) that Hamas was killing Jewish babies, some of them by beheading. And now Israel has retaliated militarily in both Gaza and Lebanon (amidst reports of Hezbollah supporting the Hamas invasion).

The piece concluded, “We can (and should) acknowledge important differences among us in terms of skin color, culture, class, sexual orientation, and education level, and the differences in experience that stem from all of these. At the same time, our commonalities as women can bring us together to fight back against the injustices that are perpetrated against all of us, every day, on the basis of our sex. Women and girls in Israel and Gaza alike deserve no less.”

We were happy to [report](#) in October that a group of WDI USA volunteers, under the leadership of Carol Dansereau, had submitted a formal demand to the Seattle School Board to “Get Gender Identity Out of Our Schools.” As many readers know, Seattle is one of the worst offenders in terms of indoctrinating society’s children with the poison of “gender identity.” These volunteers “called for an end to the promotion of Gender Identity Ideology in Seattle Schools” and, “in the heart of Kool-Aid-drenched Seattle, stood up and declared that the Gender Identity Emperor has no clothes.” They went on to “insist that curricula and policies that promote Gender Ideology must be immediately rescinded.” WDI USA would be happy to work with volunteers in other geographical areas who want to do something similar in their school districts.

President Kara Dansky took two trips in October: one to London to attend the annual global WDI meeting (where she participated in an [episode](#) of Feminist Question Time on what success would look like) and another to Roanoke Virginia to attend a press conference in support of a women’s college swim team that was collectively standing up and saying no to the college’s

policy of allowing a male athlete to compete on their team and be present in their locker room. While in London, Kara also attended the annual convention of the LGB Alliance and a Let Women Speak event with women's rights campaigner Kellie-Jay Keen to raise awareness of what we've been doing to advance the Declaration in the U.S. When the Roanoke Women's Swimming Team decided to collectively say no to a man swimming and changing with them and Kara was invited to attend their [press conference](#), she immediately said yes.

In November, we [announced](#) that we were presenting Professor Janice Raymond with a lifetime achievement award for her unyielding commitment to fighting male violence against women, sexual exploitation, and the medical abuse of women, and for her steadfast commitment to the sex-based rights of women and girls as a sex class. Beginning in 2024, the keynote address at our annual conventions will be known as the Janice G. Raymond Keynote Address. Our post announcing the award contains a short video of WDI USA board member Lauren Levey and WDI founder Sheila Jeffreys talking about what Professor Raymond's work has meant to them.

One of the panels at our 2023 convention (discussed below) was titled "Intersectionality and Bridging the Gap." Conceived and facilitated by WDI USA board member (and WDI USA Black Women's Caucus coordinator) Lorraine Nowlin, the panel explored ways in which women can connect across differences related to race, religion, sexuality, class, education level, and other differences. It was a lively discussion during our convention. In November, we turned some of that content into a blog [post](#) called "Bridging the Gaps In Order to Accelerate the Women's Liberation Movement." Lorraine's introduction to that post begins:

When I developed the Bridging the Gaps panel for our September 2023 convention in San Francisco, I had no idea that we would soon be tested to see if we meant what we said about prioritizing women over "tribe." The current conflict in the Middle East is proving to be a great test of our commitment to ALL women and girls. I do not believe that the Women's Liberation Movement can move forward or survive if women are not united. There is not now nor will there ever be justification for the rape, murder, or displacement of ANY group of women. That includes Jewish, Palestinian, Christian, Muslim, Black, White, etc. We must remember that even in our questioning of policy or any government as a whole, we should not become apologists for male aggression against women that is once again at a boiling point around the world. We cannot forget that women pay the highest price during war.

The post continues with WDI USA board member Lauren Levey's convention panel remarks on Jewish Women and the Women's Liberation Movement.

In December, we began a project to send thousands of copies of WDI USA President Kara Dansky's newest book, *The Reckoning: How the Democrats and the Left Betrayed Women and Girls*, to members of Congress and other influential figures in politics, the law, media, and culture. This project continues into 2024 as we urge those in power across the political spectrum to learn about the harms of "gender identity" and correct course in law and policy to protect the sex-based rights of women and girls.

2023 Convention: Accelerating the Women's Liberation Movement

In 2022, we held our first annual convention in Washington D.C., called “Reigniting the Women’s Liberation Movement.” Our main purpose was to draw on the successes of the second wave feminist movement in the 1960s and 70s, and to that end we launched the convention with a panel of staunch second wave feminists. At the end, we [declared](#) that we had succeeded in reigniting the movement.

Having reignited the movement, in 2023 we decided to accelerate it. Our 2023 [convention](#), held in downtown San Francisco September 15-17, was titled “Accelerating the Women’s Liberation Movement.”

The convention began with a discussion of radical feminist tactics. Board member Lauren Levey discussed consciousness raising, WoLF co-founder Lierre Keith discussed nonviolent direct action, and president Kara Dansky discussed legal and legislative advocacy.

On Saturday, we covered a wide range of topics that concern women and girls as a sex class:

- Women’s academic studies (Katherine Kinney, Karla Mantilla, Donna Hughes)
- Misogynoir Pt. 2 (Lorraine Nowlin and Suzanne Forbes-Vierling, following on a similar session from the 2022 convention)
- Desisted women (K. Yang, Elizabeth Chesak, Anna Dutton, Emily Faye)
- Lesbian-only spaces (Marian Rutigliano)
- Consciousness raising (Lauren Levey, on the topic of dignity)
- The debate over working with the right (Kara Dansky, Mary Lou Singleton, Meghan Murphy, Ann Menasche, and Fran Luck)
- Feminist publications (Katherine Kinney, Karla Mantilla)
- Detransition and reclaiming womanhood (Laura Becker)
- Radical feminist language (Austin DeVille, Exulansic)
- Consciousness raising on mothers and daughters
- Lesbians and the Women’s Liberation Movement (members of the WDI USA Lesbian Caucus - Zinetta Hope, Dana Stanley, Katherine Kinney, Marian Rutigliano, Arla Hile, Heather Scalzi, and Lauren Levey)

Our keynote speaker on Saturday was Mary Lou Singleton, who gave a harrowing talk on “Reproductive Technology as a Threat to the Women’s Liberation Movement.” Mary Lou generously reproduced her talk for our YouTube channel, [here](#). Saturday ended with a visit to an art [exhibit](#) opening, “A Nasty Piece of Work: The Art of Dissident Feminists.”

Sunday began with a plenary session by Suzanne Forbes-Vierling on “A New Form of Patriarchy,” continued with our plenary session on “Intersectionality and Bridging the Gap” (Lorraine Nowlin, Suzanne Forbes-Vierling, Saba Malik, Kara Dasky, Lauren Levey, and K. Yang), and ended with participants engaging in an optional speak-out to share thoughts on the convention and other news.

In the process of executing this convention, we had to ignore numerous protestors who vandalized the hotel and even assaulted hotel security staff, which resulted in hotel staff, security, and guests seeing the violence of the men who hate us laid bare.

We are hard at work planning our 2024 convention, which we plan to call “Amplifying the Women’s Liberation Movement.”

Polling and Ads

WDI USA President Kara Dansky often says that “if we can be heard, we will win.” As an organization, we have long suspected that when the issues are presented clearly, most Americans will require little persuasion: the vast majority of the public already favors sex-based rights for women and girls. In 2023, WDI USA carried out two polls that provide evidence for this contention.

Working with top-rated polling firm SurveyUSA to word our survey questions in accurate, everyday language, we first surveyed 810 New Mexico registered voters in March. In September we surveyed 1,262 registered voters across the country.

Our March poll focused on sports. Even in the “blue” state of New Mexico, support for participation in women’s and girls’ sports based on “gender identity” rather than sex was very low. Just 12% of respondents said that eligibility for the women’s or girls’ category should be determined by “gender identity in all or almost all cases.”

Support for men and boys sharing shower and changing facilities with women and girls was even lower: just 7% of respondents said that a male athlete who has not undergone genital surgery should shower and change in an open-plan women’s locker room.

Our September national survey asked a broader range of questions about specific situations facing women and girls. As this [summary](#) published in *The Liberal Patriot* in November explains, respondents overwhelmingly agreed with our positions on women’s sex-based rights.

A few key findings:

- Four in five respondents said that the description of women as “adult humans who are female” is closest to their own definition of the term. This included more than two out of three Democrats and a full 84 percent of black voters—the highest figure among any racial or ethnic group surveyed.
- When asked about specific situations facing girls and women, survey respondents supported mainstream positions even more:
 - Thinking about an all-female high school basketball team, just 10 percent of respondents thought their opponents should be either female or male, as long as they considered themselves girls.

- Considering the use of a women’s restroom by a 10-year old girl in a restaurant, 85 percent of respondents, including 76 percent of Democrats and 91 percent of black voters, agreed that the facility should be for female users only. Support for female-only women’s locker rooms was similar: 85 percent of respondents, including 75 percent of Democrats, agreed that a women’s locker room should be for females only.
- Just 9 percent of respondents thought a home health care agency should be able to assign either a female or female-identifying male aide to an elderly or disabled woman who requested a woman to help her with showering. And just 9 percent of respondents thought that a patient who requests a woman nurse for her breast exam or Pap smear should be provided either a female or female-identifying male nurse.
- Only 10 percent of respondents thought that a women’s shelter for victims of rape or domestic violence should employ and accommodate both female and female-identifying male people.
- Nearly 9 in 10 respondents agreed that a girls’ cabin at summer camp should accommodate female campers only.
- Only 11 percent of respondents thought a female airline passenger should be patted down by either a female or female-identifying male TSA officer.


These results demonstrate that large majorities of voters support preserving female-only spaces, opportunities, and certain employment conditions in which sex functions as a bona fide occupational qualification. This includes large majorities of Democrats and people who describe themselves as politically liberal. Even among the cohort of survey respondents who self-described as “very liberal,” the female-only answer option won majority support on every question.

Despite this overwhelming cross-partisan consensus, mainstream news outlets continue to frame the conflict between “gender identity” and women’s rights as a fringe culture war. In light of this media climate, WDI USA took its message directly to the public in the form of paid billboards, print and digital ads in 2023.

Our *No Males* billboard campaign in New Mexico and Pennsylvania highlighted sports, prisons, and locker rooms as important arenas where no male should be allowed to intrude on the women’s facilities.





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In addition to these billboards, in April and May we designed and ran print and digital ads featuring “No Males” messaging and highlighting our polling results in New Mexico.



In December, we designed a new national print and digital ad campaign to promote the Declaration. Called *I Signed Because*, it features the faces and quotes of women from across the nation and all walks of life explaining why they have signed the Declaration.

Just a few of the dozens of ads created are pictured here:

I SIGNED BECAUSE

“...I am a woman athlete and an Olympian.”



-Inga Thompson

This political ad is paid for by Women's Declaration International, USA

I signed because

“...the Declaration clearly outlines the rights of women and girls in all aspects of our lives, from motherhood to politics.”

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I signed because

“...I can’t put a man’s feelings before my daughter’s safety.”

-*Monica*



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I signed because

“...men are not and can never be women.”

-*Kara*



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Yo firmé porque...

“...creo y defiendo el avance de las mujeres en el deporte, el espacio político y social.”

-*Zuleyka*




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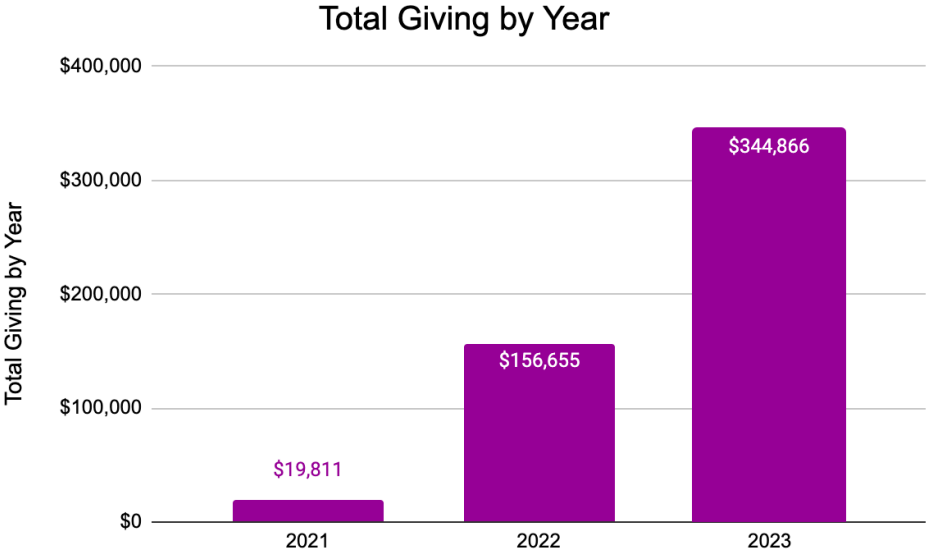
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Giving

Incorporated in 2021, WDI USA has seen tremendous growth in its few short years of existence. We believe this is both a credit to our volunteers’ tireless work and an encouraging sign that the general public is becoming increasingly aware of the urgent need to defend women’s sex-based rights in the United States and around the globe.

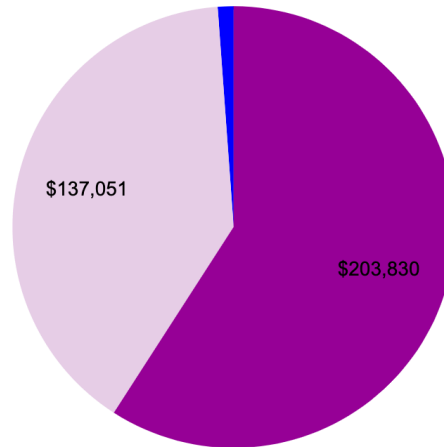
In March, we surveyed our donors in order to learn more about them. While we welcome supporters from all backgrounds, it was interesting to learn that the survey data confirmed our anecdotal impressions of our supporters: 94% of respondents were female; 6% male. 62% were heterosexual while 17% were lesbians and 17% bisexual. The largest cohort, 41%, considered themselves politically “very liberal or progressive;” 21% “somewhat liberal or progressive;” and 32% “centrist; in the middle.” Just 6.5% considered themselves “somewhat conservative.” No respondent chose “very conservative.”

Whatever their political leanings or personal circumstances, we are sincerely grateful to the women (and a few men) who helped to make 2023 our most successful year yet. Thanks to their generosity, support for WDI USA **more than doubled** from its 2022 level. And because we are an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff or outside fundraising contractors, we are able to keep fundraising costs *significantly* lower than those paid by most other nonprofits. In 2023 we raised **\$145** for each dollar spent on fundraising.



Total Giving: 2023

- Restricted gifts, grants, and contracts
- Unrestricted gifts
- In-kind gifts



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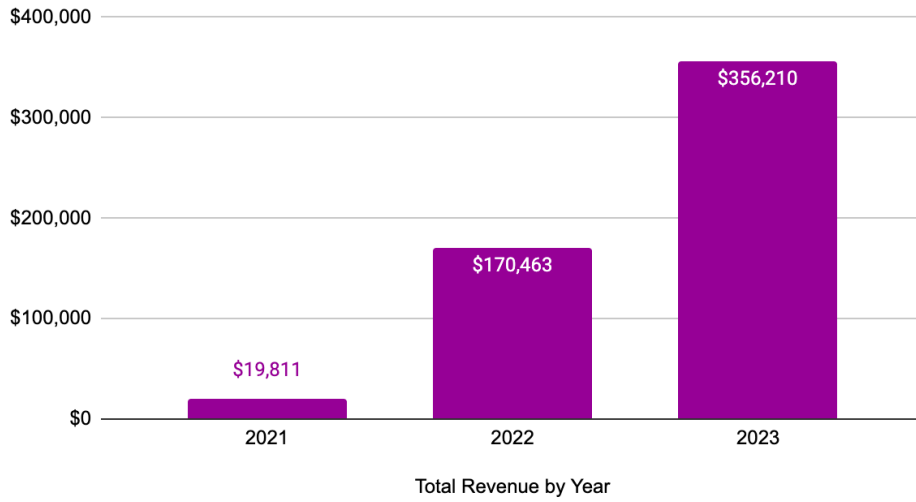
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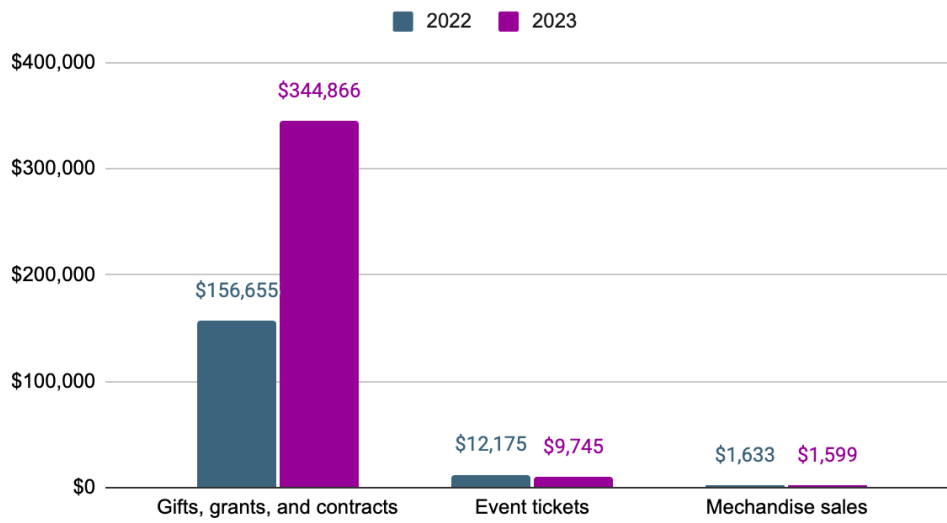
In 2023, robust fundraising results allowed WDI USA to **more than double** expenditures on core programming. These efforts ranged from legislative and legal advocacy to original research (including FOIA requests and polling) and public education through events, trainings, demonstrations, webinars, online publications, and mailings.

As an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff or physical offices (and therefore minimal overhead costs), WDI USA is able to put donors' contributions to work as directly and efficiently as possible: in 2023, **program expenditures accounted for 95% of total expenditures.**

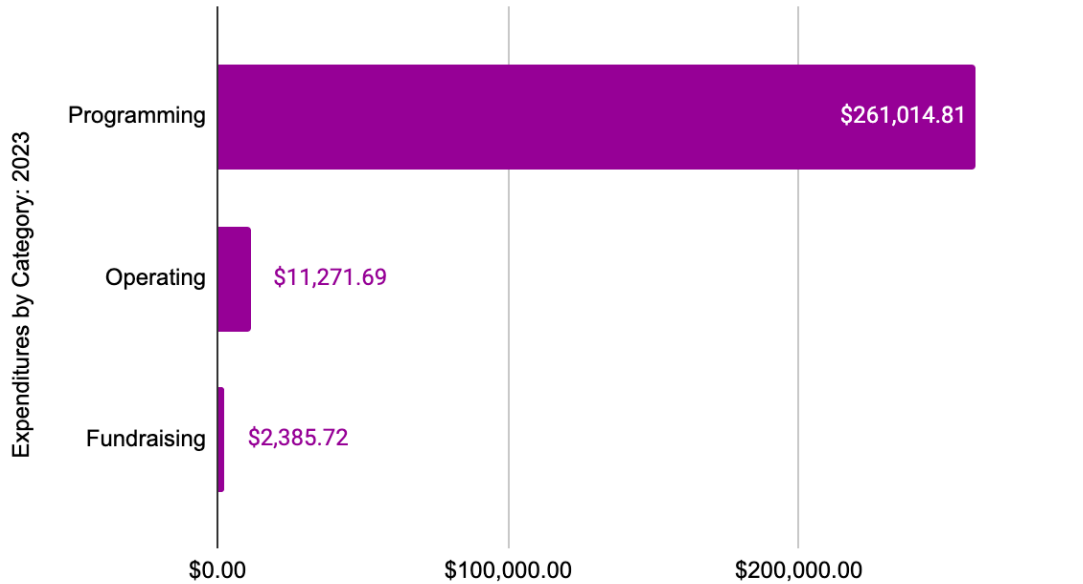
Total Revenue by Year



Revenue by Category, 2022 vs 2023



Expenditures by Category: 2023



Conclusion

2023 was a big year for the movement to protect the sex-based rights of women and girls. In 2024, we look forward to expanding the number of US signatories to the Declaration on Women’s Sex-Based Rights, bringing even more awareness of the Declaration to lawmakers and judges at the federal and state levels, and supporting women who are speaking out about male violence against women and girls; reproductive autonomy; the harms of prostitution, pornography, and surrogacy; and the threats “gender identity” poses to women and girls as a sex class.