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Every January, as cold winds blow and snow often falls, thousands gather in Washington DC to make a statement.

This has been happening for 40 years, every year since the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision on Jan. 22, 1973 allowing abortion on demand in this country.

Thousands and thousands will gather again next week on Jan. 25 for the National March for Life. They will gather to peacefully demonstrate against abortion, even as the U.S. debt crisis and President Obama's gun control efforts may be taking center stage.

Will our President and the rest of us even take notice?

Since 1973, 56 million children have been killed by abortion in this country.

And, we wonder why the U.S. has become violent.

Why should shootings in Sandy Hook or Aurora, Colo., surprise or shock us?

While those are horrendous tragedies, so are the murders of unprotected children in the womb.

We have a President in this country who is willing to use children to push his political agenda at press conferences and healthcare law signings. Yet as a U.S. Senator, our current President would not even vote for legislation to require medical staff to make efforts to save children who survived late-term abortions.

With the Sandy Hook school shootings fresh in our minds, he stands in front of the country and says the killing of innocent children must end.

Listen to his words following the Sandy Hook shootings—how telling they are.

But think of them with a soon-to-be aborted child in mind, as a newly-released Blackstone Films advertisement so skillfully does:

The president said: "If there's even one step we can take to save a child, then surely we have an obligation to try.

"They had their entire lives ahead of them—birthdays, graduations, weddings, kids of their own.

"This is our first task, caring for our children. If we don't get that right, we don't get anything right.

"That's how as a society we will be judged. By that measure, can we honestly say that we are doing enough to keep our children, all of them, safe from harm?

"Are we really prepared to say that we're powerless in the face of such carnage, that the politics are too hard?

"Are we prepared to say that such violence visited on our children, year after year after year, is somehow the price of our freedom?"

Like the President said—those innocent children at Sandy Hook School had their entire lives ahead of them—birthdays, graduations, weddings, kids of their own.

So did 56 million others.

The words of Mother Teresa have much to say regarding what seems like ever-growing violence in this country:

“If we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?”

As the 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade approaches, it's time our country takes a long, hard look at where it's going, and why.