

IN DENIAL ABOUT ABORTION

Those who support abortion rights are in denial, and for good reason: public opinion has shifted. Indeed, more Americans consider themselves pro-life than at any time since 1973.

Last November, the Centers for Disease Control released a report that found there was a 5 percent decrease in abortions between 2008 and 2009, the largest single-year decrease in a decade. This makes sense given the general revulsion against abortion and the increasing reluctance of doctors to kill children in utero: it takes a special kind of person to do that. This is why New York Governor Andrew Cuomo wants to allow non-doctors to do abortions—they don't have the same scruples about killing the innocent.

Abortion numbers peaked in 1990 and have been declining ever since. The number of abortion providers peaked in 1982, and have been steadily declining, though a leveling off has been evident since 2005. The good news is that 27 states and the District of Columbia have experienced a decrease in abortion providers.

The Center for American Progress' (CAP) Faith and Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute is also in denial. It recently issued a statement by a few clergy members that was classic doublespeak. It said they are committed to "justice and dignity for *all* God's people" [our italic], which is obviously a lie. They also said they "affirm the sacredness of conscience...as a foundation of religious liberty." This was also a lie: Sally Steenland, director of CAP's Faith and Progressive Policy Initiative, who touted the statement, cheered when Catholic conscience rights were nixed by the HHS mandate.

Doublespeak and denial. It's what the pro-abortion lobby does so well.