

Pushing Past Protest

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A group called Jane's Revenge is on a rampage against organizations known to oppose abortion.

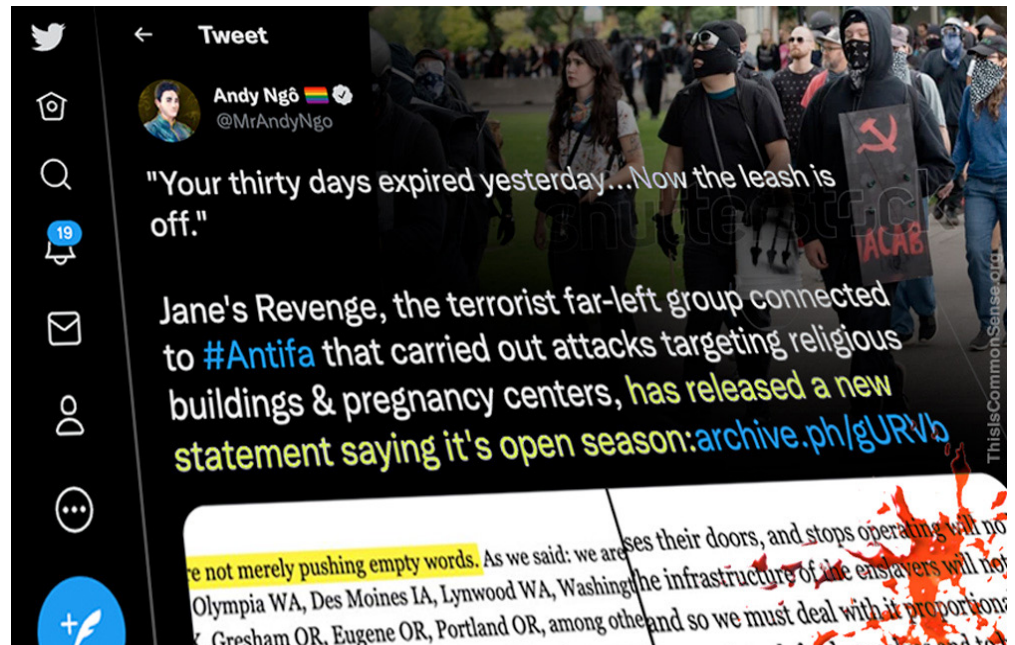
"We promised to take increasingly drastic measures against oppressive infrastructures," the manifesto declares. "Rest assured that we will, and those measures may not come in the form of something so easily cleaned up as fire and graffiti. From here forward, any anti-choice group who closes

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their doors, and stops operating will no longer be a target. But until you do, it's open season."

We don't know how Jane's Revenge is constituted. Maybe it will turn out to be just one woman with a keyboard. Whatever its form, though, it has acolytes, persons willing to damage the property of churches, anti-abortion pregnancy centers, and other anti-abortion organizations.

Jane's Revenge has claimed responsibility for vandalizing the Agape Pregnancy Center in Des Moines this month. In Olympia, St. Michael Parish



was spray-painted with the words "abort the church." Dozens of similar incidents began in early May, when Wisconsin Family Action was damaged by arson and vandalism. (Family Research Center maintains a list of the attacks; Wikipedia curates a page about those attributed specifically to Jane's Revenge.)

The Biden administration has finally made a pro forma objection to the violence being perpetrated by pro-abortion protesters. Too often, though, government officials and others have been conspicuously silent. Could it possibly be the case that they're OK with violence as a means because they agree about abortion as an end?

This is tantamount to encouraging violence by the angry left — and not just when it comes to this particular controversial issue.

Thankfully, though there have been protests nationwide against the Supreme Court's overthrowal, last week, of *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), there has so far been no "Night of Rage."

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.