



# CHARITY WATCHLIST

## YWCA USA

eliminating racism  
empowering women  
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### ABORTION & CONTRACEPTION

- The [home page](#) on its website links to becoming a YWCA Advocate and fighting against “attacks on reproductive justice”. Its [‘reproductive justice’ page](#) admits:  
*“YWCA has supported access to abortion for more than 50 years.”*
- The [YWCA’s Advocate page](#) invites users to write members of Congress and ask them to protect the so-called “Women’s Health Protection Act”:  
*“The Women’s Health Protection Act (S.701/H.R.12) protects the right to access abortion, free from burdensome and often medically unnecessary restrictions, including mandatory ultrasounds, waiting periods, biased counseling, and irrelevant medical testing. The bill also protects providers offering abortion services to ensure abortions remain safe and accessible.”*
- YWCA’s [commentary on the overturning of Roe v. Wade](#) in June 2022:  
*“As we navigate a world without Roe’s constitutional protections, advocates have taken to the polls and to the streets pushing for accessible abortion care and the right to reproductive care—and YWCA continues to advocate at federal, state, and local levels to restore this essential right.”*
- The YWCA visits its pro-abortion history in a [2023 blog post](#):  
*“YWCA USA adopted the first of three resolutions supporting women’s freedom of choice with respect to abortion at its YWCA Convention in 1967 and again expressed our support of reproductive freedom when we adopted healthcare – including abortion and other reproductive healthcare – as part of our five national policy priorities in 1988. In recent years, YWCA has continued what we call our pro-women stance by advocating to ensure women access to the full range of reproductive healthcare, including abortion care, through legislative and administrative advocacy at the federal level.*
- Promotes mifepristone (the first of the abortion pill regimen) [on its Facebook page](#):  
*“As cases challenging medication abortion make their way through the courts, let’s be clear: Mifepristone is safe, effective, and has been used by more than five million people since the FDA approved it more than 20 years ago.”*
- A search on its website for “abortion,” “reproductive rights,” and “contraception” leads to commentaries, articles, statements, and podcasts that YWCA has done to support the culture of death for decades.

### PLANNED PARENTHOOD

- On January 23, 2017, [the YWCA released a brief statement](#) (archived) stating its support of Planned Parenthood and that it believes PP should receive federal funding.  
*“We stand with Planned Parenthood, a vital reproductive health organization . . . We oppose any Congressional efforts to defund Planned Parenthood.”*
- [Statement in support of Planned Parenthood](#) in July 2016 (archived):  
*“YWCA USA thanks Planned Parenthood for the critical services it provides for all women every day across the country.”*
- Under their [Health & Safety tab](#) on the website, [it lists](#):  
*“Learn about our partnership with Planned Parenthood’s Chat/Text Program and chat with a health educator.”*

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#### Mission

Dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

#### Focus

human rights, human services, public affairs, civil rights

## LGBTQ+

- YWCA's [statement on transgenderism](#):

*"During pride month and year-round, it is critical for us to be allies to our trans sisters, taking on the responsibility of using our privilege and platform to promote education, camaraderie, and to rebuild trust across the spectrum of womanhood and sisterhood."*

- YWCA [supports the Equality Act](#) (archive):

*"We will continue to do this essential work and continue to advocate for more non-discriminatory protections for the LGBTQ community, like the Equality Act, until justice is the standard – not the exception."*

- Multiple [postings on its Facebook](#) page show YWCA's support for the LGBTQ+ lifestyle:



## NOTEWORTHY

- Under '[Frequently Asked Questions](#)', the YWCA answers why it changed its name in 2015:

*"Yes, in 2015 we formally changed our corporate name from the 'Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America, Inc.' to 'YWCA USA, Inc.' Our name change reflects YWCA's diverse and inclusive nature. In our early years it was 'a Christian sisterhood' that drove our work. Today, our organization is driven by a commitment to social justice, no matter someone's religion. Our updated name provides YWCA with the opportunity to engage a broader spectrum of individuals in our crucial work to eliminate racism and empower women."*



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