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**USA Tactical: 51st March for Life demonstration slated in Washington, DC on January 19, pro-choice demonstrations planned in multiple cities on January 20; allot for disruptions**

### Current Situation

- According to reports, the 51st annual March for Life demonstration is scheduled in **Washington, DC** on January 19 to denounce abortion.
- Pro-life protestors will gather at the intersection of 12th and 14th Street, Constitution Avenue, and proceed towards Capitol Hill between 12:00-13:00 (local time) on January 19.
- Meanwhile, pro-choice protests demanding reproductive rights and access to abortion have been

planned in multiple cities nationwide on January 20.

- Specific details regarding the timings and locations of these pro-choice protests on January 20 are as follows:
  - In **Atlanta, GA**, a protest is slated at the Georgia State Capitol between 08:30-12:30. Another demonstration is slated outside Fox Theater between 16:00-17:30.

In **Austin, TX**, a protest will be held in front of the Texas Capitol from 12:00-14:00.

In **Boston, MA**, a protest is slated at Boston Common City Park from 13:00-15:00.

In **Houston, TX**, a protest is planned in front of Houston City Hall at 12:00.

In **Phoenix, AZ**, a protest will be held at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza 1700 W Washington street from 11:00-13:00.

In **San Francisco, CA**, a protest will be held in front of the San Francisco Public Library on 100

Larkin Street between 11:00-13:30.

In **Washington, DC** a protest will be held at the Freedom Plaza from 12:00.

## Assessments & Forecast

1. Given precedent of previous annual March for Life demonstrations, the upcoming January 19 demonstration is anticipated to witness a turnout in the high thousands to low tens of thousands in Washington, DC. Given elevated sentiments over the issue and as also evidenced during the March for Life demonstration on January 20, 2023, counter-protests by pro-choice groups witnessing a turnout in the mid to high dozens remain likely in the vicinity of the demonstration on January 19.
2. Separately, pro-choice protests on January 20 will likely witness varying turnouts in the low to high hundreds at each location. The highest turnout is anticipated in Washington, DC in the mid to high thousands, given precedent.
3. Both pro-choice and pro-life protests are anticipated to transpire peacefully without instances of major unrest. However, the potential for localized scuffles between protestors and counter-protestors remains, especially during the annual March for Life. Hence, a bolstered security presence can be expected in the vicinity of the protest locations on January 19-20 and along the route of the march on January 19, to monitor proceedings.
4. Additionally, significant disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular travel can be expected in the vicinity of the aforementioned protest locations during the slated hours on January 19-20.

## Recommendations

Those operating or residing in the aforementioned cities in the USA on January 19 and 20 are advised to allot for travel disruptions in the vicinity of the planned protests during the slated timings.