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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	2 linear ft.
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	Louisiana
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1979-1987
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1983-1986
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	The Prolifers for Survival Collection includes correspondence, publications, audio visual materials, and other records documenting the administration and activities of a pro-life and anti-nuclear proliferation activist organization from 1979-1987.
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Prolifers for Survival was founded by Juli Loesch in 1979 to promote discussion between the pro-life movement and the peace movement. Its members printed and distributed a newsletter and numerous brochures on abortion and nuclear arms, worked to promote grassroots awareness of the issues, and held national conferences from 1981 through 1986. At its height Prolifers for Survival had 3000 members through the United States and in affiliate organizations in Australia, West German, Canada, England, and Italy. Group members and leadership regularly lead workshops and distributed literature at National Right to Life conventions. The organization disbanded in May 1987, passing much of its work on to Justlife, founded in 1986, and the Seamless Garment Network Clearinghouse.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Prolifers for Survival Collection documents the administration and activities of a pro-life and anti-nuclear proliferation activist organization. It includes financial documents, correspondence, and copies of the group newspaper, *P.S.* The collection features writing and press coverage of organization founder Juli Loesch and her involvement in the international peace and pro-life movements. The records also include materials from the organization's annual conferences, newsletters, brochures, photographs, audio-visual materials, and an oral history interview with group coordinators Scott Rains and Patricia Narciso.

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**Subseries 4. Audio Cassette Tapes, 1984-1987**

**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS****Series I. Administrative Records, 1981-1987**

This series consists of general membership and administrative information, including correspondence, financial documents, and employee records. It also contains individual files for several national and international chapters of the organization, materials from group meetings, and other records detailing interactions with affiliated groups. Of note are the records from the Prolifers for Survival National Conferences from 1981-1986.

**Series II. Fundraising Records, 1982-1986**

This series consists of records describing the fundraising activities of Prolifers for Survival. The records include donor lists, solicitation materials, financial pledge information, and paperwork for various grants from other organizations.

**Series III. Publications, 1979-1987**

This series consists of brochures, informational flyers, newsletters, press releases, articles, and other published and printed materials created by Prolifers for Survival and affiliated organizations. Of note are the articles written by Julie Loesch (1981-1983) and the news items with Scott Rains (1985-1987). Also of note is the run of the Prolifers for Survival newspaper, *P.S.*, which spans most of the organization's existence (1980-1987).

**Series IV. Audio and Visual Materials, 1983-1987**

This series consists of various types of media including photographs, VHS, film slides, and audio cassette tapes. The audio cassette tapes include an oral history interview with Scott Rains and Patricia Narciso (1987), and recordings of addresses given at the Prolifers for Survival National Conference in 1986 (see container list for specific information on speeches). The photographs were taken at various functions and events through 1985 and 1986, including The Peace Ribbon in Washington D.C., the Pax Christi Conference in Erie, PA, the Second Annual Pro-Life Action Network Conference in St. Louis, MO, and the National Right to Life Conference in Denver, CO. All photographs are labeled and dated.

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