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Preservation in Reel Time: Documenting the Women's March Participant Experiences

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- Women's March 2017 Background
 - In reaction to the election on November 8, 2016 several Facebook groups were started calling for a march on Washington
 - March was set for the day after Inauguration, January 21, 2017
 - Sister Marches established around the world

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- How did RU Archives come to this project: Bud Bennett and Regan Chancellor



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- Marches Represented
 - Washington, D.C.
 - Atlanta, GA
 - Roanoke, VA

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- Interviewees to date:
 - Beth Kelsey
 - Gabriel Bennett
 - Alison Armstrong
 - Anja Whittington
 - Ann Stith and Katherine Chambless
 - D'Avianna Love
 - Djuna Osborne
 - Jeanne Roper
 - Kierra Landrum
 - Shayna Gutcho
 - Regan Chancellor
 - Theresa Burris
 - Jen Carroll
 - Lisa and Tom Hammett

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- Questions

- Why did you decide to march? And what were you marching for?
- Talk about your march. (Where were you in the crowd, if you were too far from the stage what were you doing during the rally, etc)
- The signs....Did you have a sign? Talk about yours or other signs you saw. Do you think they were effective/offensive/funny etc. What do you think was the reason for the signs? Some people who did not attend have been critical of the more graphic signs and hats, do you have any thoughts on that?

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- Questions (continues)
 - Talk about the chants you heard on the march.
 - Talk about the rally part of the march. What are your thoughts about the speakers, the messages, the music. Was the rally effective?
 - Did the march change your perceptions of the country? Do you think it will change the way you think about the country in the future?
 - What would you like to see happen in the country because of the march and what can we do to ensure that it does?
 - What is a feminist?
 - What is next?
 - What do you think participating will mean to you in 10 years?

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- Technical Information

- High Resolution videos are presented through Vimeo

<https://vimeo.com/channels/1206741/>

- Lower Resolution versions are available through our digital library

- <http://monk.radford.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/womensmarch>

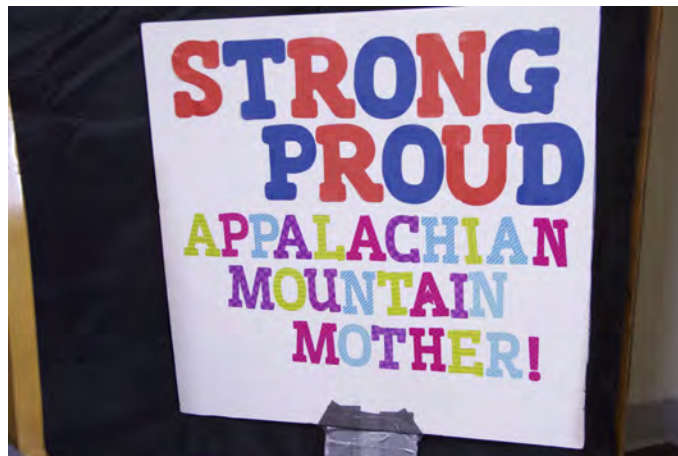
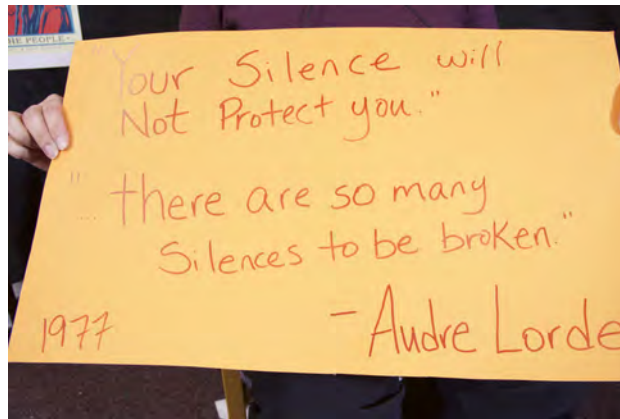
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- Reaction

- Interviews have over 500 views
- 517 photos donated
- Several artifacts were donated, ex. Posters, hats, tshirts/sweatshirts, ponchos



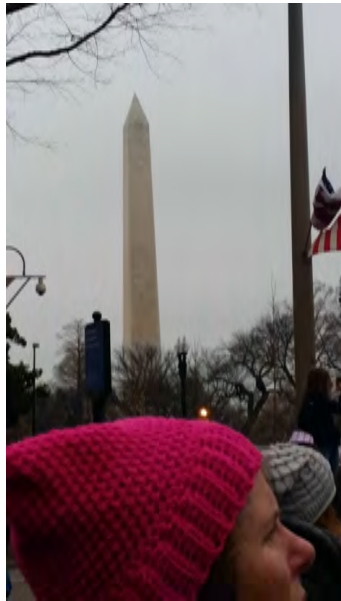
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- Future

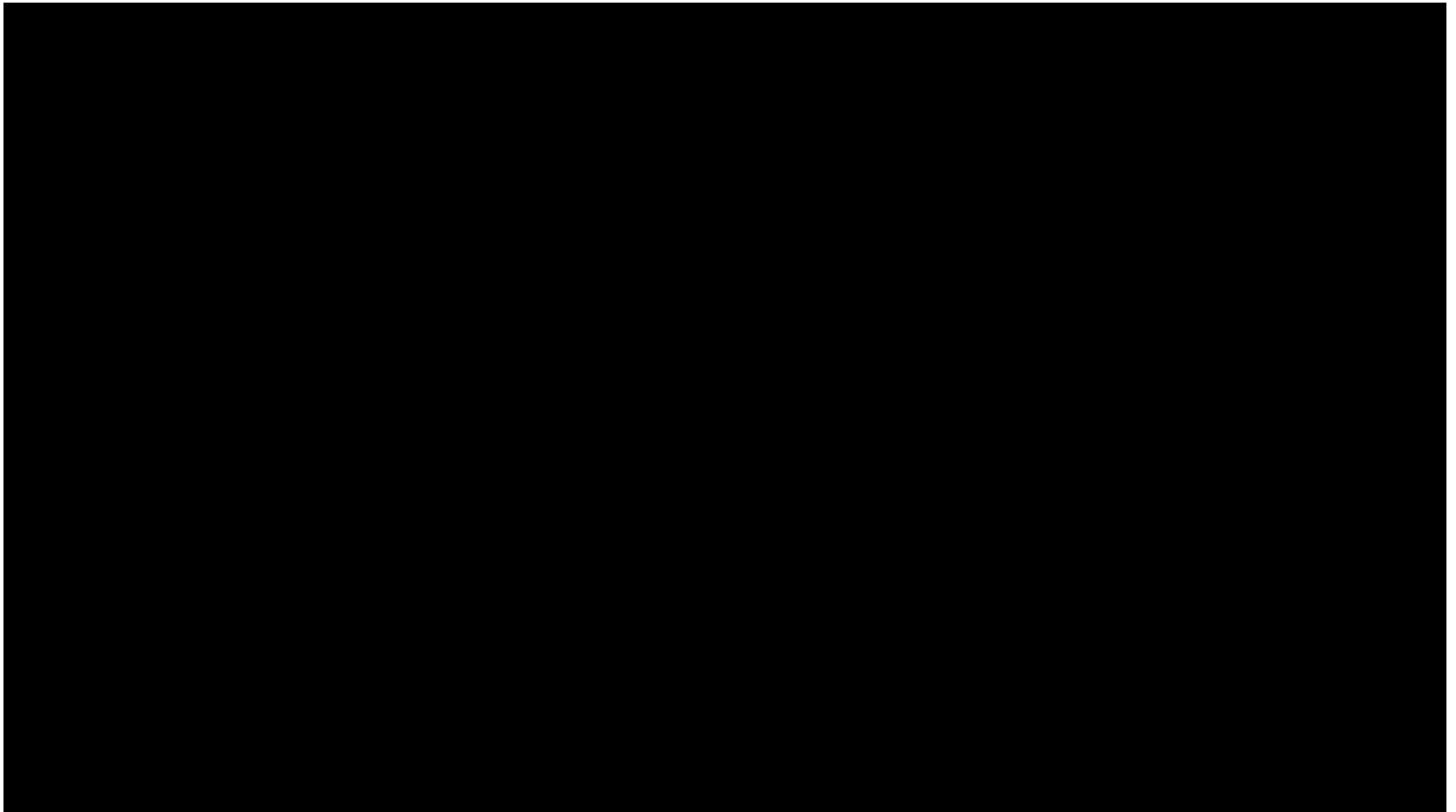
- Still soliciting more interview subjects, photos, and artifacts
- Hope to re-interview some of the previous interviewees

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- Lessons learned on collecting in real time
 - Strike while the iron is hot!
 - Engage more with campus community
 - Have policies and procedures firmly worked out

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- Organizing the Roanoke March





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