



GAP at University of Florida – “Giving a Voice to Those Who Cannot Speak”

CBR’S GENOCIDE AWARENESS PROJECT (GAP) visited Florida universities in February. Our huge photo mural exhibit compares abortion with more widely recognized forms of genocide and it leaves a tremendous influence wherever it is shown. CBR Midwest and CBR Florida coordinated this tour, which included the University of Florida (UF) on February 20-21, 2008. GAP last visited UF two years ago. The sponsoring student group was the Pro-Life Alliance.

The school newspaper wrote about GAP’s powerful ability to reach students:

... Mark Harrington, director of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform [Midwest Region], said his group has changed some minds with its presentations over the years.

At Florida State University, Harrington said one student said his views were changed within 10 minutes of seeing the abortion photos.

‘What we’re trying to do is plant the seed of thought,’ he said. ‘All this is a picture of what’s legal.’ He said Adolf Hitler’s persecution of the Jews was legal at the time. ‘There’s a different motive, but the result is the same,’ he said.... (“Display compares abortion, genocide,” *The Independent Florida Alligator*, February 21, 2008)

Alligator’s online article permits students to post their opinions. One of the comments that followed the *Alligator* article was as ludicrous as it was callous:

...How is this for an analogy: If Adolf Hitler’s mother aborted him, then the Holocaust would never have happened. Maybe the last baby that was aborted in the U.S. would have become a dictator.

I personally think my analogy is better than the one created in the Plaza. Let people do what they want with their bodies. A fetus doesn’t know if they are alive or dead. Insensitive?



Michael Schrimsher, Director of CBR Florida, is interviewed by station WUFT.

Maybe a little. But genocidal? Not even close. (goldenx, Feb 21, 2008)

CBR’s Director of Crisis Pregnancy Outreach heard a similar “Hitler argument” for abortion from a Christian woman with whom she worked years ago. We wonder if such people expect pregnant women and abortionists to dialogue with the unborn child to ask if he will grow up to be a mass murderer before they decide to proceed with the abortion. Gregg Cunningham, CBR’s Executive Director, has long opined that people’s IQs instantly drop 50 points when they talk about abortion. The above example tends to confirm his assertion.

Some students are so focused on lamenting “their genocide” that they blindly miss the strong connection between abortion and genocide as a general concept. Jonathan Mann, wrote in his Feb. 22, 2008 letter to the editor of the *Alligator* that “As a grandchild of Holocaust survivors, I am deeply offended by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and Pro-Life Alliance’s attempt to compare the Holocaust with abortion.” Even though our staff answered his questions about the definition of genocide and explained how the abortion industry builds facilities whose purpose is

to systematically kill unborn children and this is often government-subsidized, he couldn't reconcile that with his statement that, "The Nazis built death camps capable of killing millions of people for the simple reason that they were Jewish, Catholic, handicapped, black, gypsy or political opponents." And the abortion industry kills unwanted, unborn children "for the simple reason that they are" unwanted, unborn children.

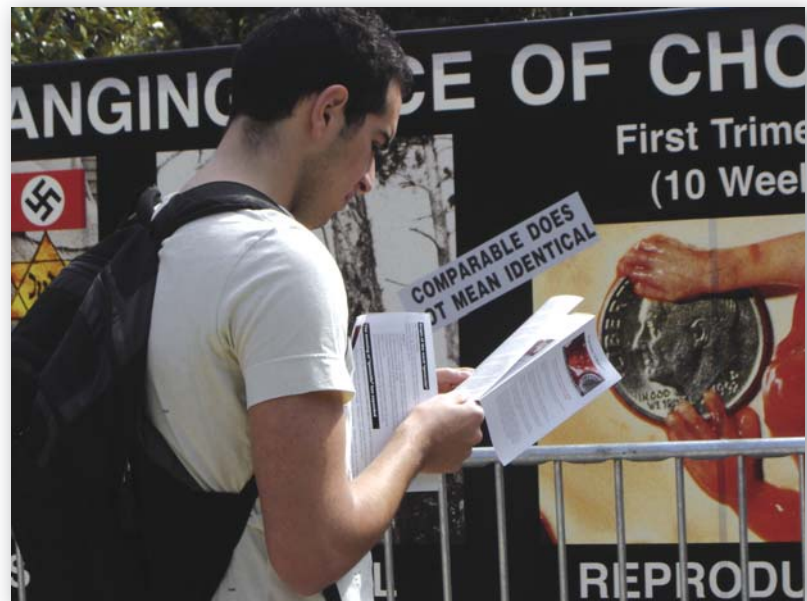
The Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI) estimates that there are 46 million abortions worldwide, each year (<http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/journals/25s3099.html>). If Mr. Mann were not blinded by his obsession with "his genocide," he might see that the numbers of people killed in the Holocaust pale greatly in comparison with the number of children killed by abortion.

God only knows the actual number of children that have been killed by surgical abortion since the 1960s when "technology" made abortion "safer" for women and many countries legalized abortion. If we even halved the 46 million AGI number to 23 million and multiplied it by 40 years (1968-2007), that would equal 920,000,000 babies killed. This unrealistically low estimate still equals nearly 1 billion babies killed by abortion!

Consider just the world's two most populous countries. FOGSI, a research group in India, estimates 11 million abortions are performed annually. (www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/07dec21/national.htm#1). In 1996, China accounted for one-third of all legal abortions worldwide with 7,930,000 "terminations" (www.guttmacher.org/pubs/journals/25s3099.html). Although China's Ministry of Health Statistics reports a 21 percent drop in abortions from 1996 to 2003, these numbers are incomplete and The Guttmacher Institute believes the real numbers are higher (www.alanguttmacher.org/pubs/journals/3310607.html#1). The revised annual figure of 6,264,400 million surgical abortions is therefore low, as it does not include the estimated 1 million medical (chemical) abortions done in China each year.

Fox News reports on the impact of gender selection abortion alone in Asia: "According to a recent [United Nations Population Fund](http://www.unfpa.org) (UNFPA) 'State of the World Population Report,' these practices, combined with neglect, have resulted in at least 60 million 'missing' girls in Asia, creating gender imbalances and other serious problems that experts say will have far reaching consequences for years to come." (www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,281722,00.html)

Also ignoring what they see with their own eyes regarding the magnitude and seriousness of abortion was the *Alligator's* Editorial Board, which categorically came



A UF student stops by the GAP display and takes time to read our literature too.

out against GAP. ("Scare Tactic Murals Won't Change Minds," *Alligator*, Feb. 21, 2008). The editors declared, "The graphic nature of the center's demonstration essentially turns off anyone who would be willing to ask a question or openly debate the issue" and "...the center's approach will accomplish nothing to eliminate what they call 'the evil of abortion.'"

But that is wishful, pro-abortion "thinking." Our photos can't be an effective "scare tactic" unless an abortion photo is scary. An abortion photo can't be scary unless abortion is scary. And students do ask us questions at GAP all the time. And we change minds all the time, often saving babies. These student journalists are wrong on every point. One student took the editorial board to task by writing this letter in response:

In Thursday's editorial, the author wrote that the anti-abortion display set up by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform 'was, at best, insensitive and tasteless.' Is it the display or the result depicted that is insensitive? How does this author have the audacity to call this group insensitive? They are giving a voice to those who can't speak.

The editorial also states the display 'turns off anyone who would be willing to ask a question...' I find it interesting that this author assumes to be speaking for everyone. When I was looking at the pictures, I heard college students actually say things like, 'That's really what abortion looks like?' Maybe if ignorant pro-choice people learned what abortion really looks like, then America would outlaw this form of murder. If you don't want to see the insensitive results in these pictures,



Your organization has forever changed my view of abortion. ...Your graphic pictures and live videos cause us to choose one way or the other.”

–37-year-old woman from Nebraska, AbortionNO.org website survey, June 12, 2008

don't look. And as you walk away, ask yourself, "Why do I not want to see the truth of abortion?"

Maybe because to see the truth is to recognize one's conscience, and in today's world, a conscience is a barrier to our own selfish, materialistic endeavors. ('Display allowed students to see truth,' *Alligator*, Feb. 22, 2008 Letter to the Editor by Jenna Killic)

Well put, Jenna!

abortion. I saw students' faces turn in disgust at the evil crime of abortion as their hearts softened to the reality of 'choice.' GAP really motivated me to continue to fight this battle against death in our nation while changing one heart at a time.

The school newspaper wrote an interesting editorial that did not endorse GAP but which defended our First Amendment rights and which educated students about the power of "direct action," also known as social reform movements. We quote a portion:

...[S]o how can people say that these tactics are ineffective? The argument is weak. Direct action is what this nation was founded on—why women, slaves and blacks are free. Freedom of speech and the right to petition the government for grievances are fundamental to this nation.

Meaningless rhetoric and endless debates will not produce immediate changes to immediate problems. Sure the debaters may walk off pondering the issue—that is, if they even agreed to take the time on their way to class to sit down for an 'inviting' discussion on the subject. But that will last up until their cell phone rings with more 'important' news. Short term memories don't serve us well when it comes to remembering words. Visual images, however, are imprinted on the brain and are harder to shake from the memory than weaker words that produce nothing tangible. Yet, one mere glance at a demonstration is all that is needed to get the message across—and students can still make it to class on time. ('Open Your Eyes, Change the World,' Central Florida Future.com, Feb. 27, 2008)

We are forcing students to think hard about abortion and their own world views. Your support of our work will save babies' lives far into the future. These students will have the visual evidence of the hideousness of abortion in their minds every time they hear the word "abortion" and when they eventually face pregnancy and abortion decisions.



The UF GAP team included not only the sponsoring students, but also staff and volunteers from FL, OH, NJ, TN and Canada.

UCF GAP – “The Best Experience of Our College Careers”

THE NEXT STOP FOR GAP WAS THE UNIVERSITY OF Central Florida (UCF) on February 25-26, 2008. It had been two years since GAP visited UCF. Jesse Cuadros, president of UCF Students for Life, the sponsoring student group, later wrote this glowing report:

I cannot express in words what this event did for our Students for Life group and for our campus. I share the view of my members that participated in GAP, that this was the best experience of our college careers. I was able to have a lot of great conversations as well as just watch how the images spoke for themselves to so many who have been fed lies about

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“Ask yourself, ‘Why do I not want to see the truth of abortion?’”
–Student letter to the editor following GAP at University of Florida



Pro-abortion UF students were so overwhelmed by GAP that they were forced to lay down their KEEP ABORTION LEGAL signs.

Events

Aug. 8 – RCC truck at Ke’ehi Lagoon, HI

Aug. 14 – Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary presentation, Kansas City, MO

Prayer Requests

- Students that will find and use CBR’s resources.
- Wisdom in planning for Matt. 28:20 church project.

Let us never forget the unborn child as we consider the second greatest commandment given by our Lord, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Mark 12:31

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