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# GAP Returns to Major California Universities - CSULB and UCI

Our powerful Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) returned to two major Southern California universities this spring: California State University, Long Beach (CSULB); and University of California, Irvine (UCI). The 6x12 foot photo murals contrast abortion with other forms of genocide, and they prompt people to rethink abortion wherever they are displayed.

On April 25-26, we held GAP at CSULB. The Newman Club sponsored us and provided a great group of student volunteers both days. "Survivors" also volunteered with us the first day and this team of young people was knowledgeable and conducted themselves well with the students.



*Students gather around CSULB GAP site to discuss abortion. The Newman Club President, Lorenz Madarang, is in the center of the display signs.*

Although most students behaved civilly, two angrily resorted to spitting; a male spit in the face of a gentle female CBR staff member and a female spit on the foot of a calm female student volunteer. The aggressive students were obviously not responding to the temperaments of our women -- they were angry that we were exposing the truth about abortion. As a deterrent against more aggressive or violent behavior on the part of pro-aborts, CBR's policy is to always press charges against those who attack us or our signs. When these attacks occur, we remind our team that we are blessed when we are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

UCI Students For Life (SFL) sponsored GAP on May 22-23. We had steady student traffic streaming by GAP all day as we were located on a major thoroughfare opposite the administration building.

While GAP was taking place, CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham was interviewed on location by a French television correspondent. Some students stopped to listen.

SFL President Lindsey Florek reported that a man who came by the display referred to the preborn child in a dehumanizing manner, saying, "It's a parasite." He unwittingly validated one of our main points -- that perpetrators of genocide always dehumanize their victims before killing them.

Our connection of abortion to genocide was strategically planned. A UCI professor spoke with CBR volunteer Julia Tavis. The professor teaches freshmen students about genocide and she expressed *her appreciation* for the GAP display. After they talked for a bit, the professor excused herself as she was concerned that she might prevent Julia from talking to students. Pretty amazing.

SFL sponsored another outdoor event the week following GAP, inviting women from "Silent No More" to give their post-abortion testimonies. A former CBR staff member (and UCI GAP volunteer) was one of the speakers. Lindsey was heartened by the student response to the eight women who gave testimony to the devastation of abortion.

Wherever we go, GAP changes people's minds about abortion. A female student looked at GAP and told Lindsey, "I used to be pro-choice, but this puts it in a new perspective."

We pray before, during and after each GAP that God might work in the lives of students.

Gregory Grimm, CBR Director of Administration, was standing in front of our new "Rape/ 'Honor' Killing" sign when two

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# Help Make our Key States Initiative Successful

In the run-up to the 2012 presidential election, we are conducting our fourth Key States Initiative (including the Blue Dog Campaign) which promotes voter registration, education and balloting. We need your help in the operation of a fleet of billboard trucks, displaying large pro-life signs on their sides and backs. The images and messages on these signs are intended to inform public understanding of the humanity of preborn children and the inhumanity of abortion.

Our trucks will increase the likelihood that the life-and-death issue of abortion receives the attention it merits from candidates and from news organizations, and most importantly, from America's voters.



*CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham is being interviewed by a French television correspondent at UCI GAP on May 22, 2012.*

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Muslim students approached him and objected to our use of a photo of a young woman wearing a hijab head scarf, arguing that using a “religious symbol” was an affront to Islam. [UCI has an active Muslim student group; eleven people were arrested for shouting down Michael Oren, the visiting Ambassador of Israel to the U.S., during a February 8, 2010 presentation at UCI. Ten students were convicted and sentenced to community service and 3 years’ informal probation.] As Gregory patiently described our rationale and why abortion is always wrong, one of the young men agreed that abortion is wrong for rape. Interestingly, the student then began to attempt to change the other Muslim student’s mind using CBR arguments that he had just heard from Gregory and gleaned from the GAP sign!

This is an example of how a GAP sign that is both provocative and educational will draw in students to be educated about abortion. Our sign illustrates that it is as barbaric for our culture to kill a preborn baby who was conceived in rape as it is for Islamist cultures to kill women who’ve been raped (“honor killings”).

**This is a major undertaking and to conduct it effectively, we need to recruit large numbers of volunteers to drive our trucks and also to ride along to help navigate.** Our trucks are the same as rental trucks; they are easy to drive because they have automatic transmissions and they do not require any special driver’s license.

We will cover the cost of transporting volunteer drivers and volunteer navigators to and from the states in which they will be driving and also provide for their lodging and meals. The longer the periods for which they commit, the more efficiently we can operate our anti-abortion election fleet.

**We also need volunteers who are willing to open their homes to our drivers and navigators, primarily in the major population centers in Colorado, Iowa, Wisconsin, Virginia and Florida. If you live in one of these states and have one or two spare bedrooms you are willing to share with our volunteers, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible. If you can donate money to help buy fuel for our trucks, we can increase the odds of keeping every vehicle on the road without interruption through November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Our trucks are beginning to roll. Election Day will be upon us before we know it and we need to take full advantage of this historic opportunity to make abortion a major issue in what is arguably the most important election of our lifetimes. We won’t be telling voters for whom to vote but we will be urging them to defend life. Please join us in this great cause.



*Alice and Amy Cunningham (daughters of Gregg and Lois Cunningham) are pictured here volunteering at UCI GAP; they’re standing in front of our new “Cosmetic Genocide” sign which features Alice before and after her cleft lip and palate were repaired. Alice and Amy and their big sister Annie are serious about helping CBR end abortion.*



## Comments from Gregg Cunningham on "'Honor' Killing" Sign

According to Phyllis Chesler's "Worldwide Trends in Honor Killings" in *Middle East Quarterly* (Spring 2010), meforum.org: "Although Sikhs and Hindus do sometimes commit such murders, honor killings, both worldwide and in the West, are mainly Muslim-on-Muslim crimes. In this study, worldwide, 91 percent of perpetrators were Muslims. In North America, most killers (84 percent) were Muslims, with only a few Sikhs and even fewer Hindus perpetrating honor killings; in Europe, Muslims comprised an even larger majority at 96 percent while Sikhs were a tiny percentage. In Muslim countries, obviously almost all the perpetrators were Muslims. With only two exceptions, the victims were all members of the same religious group as their murderers."

We do not debate whether Muslim religious writings condemn or condone "honor" killings although others have and come to a variety of conclusions. Our point is not an exploration of the theological etiology of "honor" killing. We are merely asserting that **rape does not provide any legitimate moral justification for killing women or children.** ...

### What about rape?



In some cultures, innocent rape victims are executed by their humiliated male relatives in so-called "honor killings."

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In our culture, innocent babies of humiliated rape victims are executed by rapacious abortionists.

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Is abortion less primitive and barbaric than "honor killing?"



## STOP EXECUTING THE INNOCENT!

I don't know the religion of the woman in our "Rape/'Honor' Killing" sign and neither do our Muslim critics. She is a professional model who was photographed by a professional photographer who sold her photo to the archive from which we purchased a license to use it. I don't know that her head covering is a hijab and neither do they. Women wear head scarves in connection with many different religions and with no religion at all. I did not mention the words "Muslim" or "Islam" or even "religion" on the sign. I talked about "cultures" being associated with "honor"

killing. It seems to me that these students "doth complain over-much." At Jihad-Watch.org, anti-"honor" killing activist Pam Geller posted a relevant statement May 1, 2012, complaining that when some Islamic leaders are challenged to forcefully condemn "honor" killings, they "...go into 'protect Islam' mode and not 'protect our girls.'" That appears to have been the reaction of the angry Muslim students at the U.C. Irvine campus display at which we exhibited our "Rape/'Honor' Killing" sign. (Read the entire article at <http://www.abortionno.org/index.php/blog.>)

**God bless you for standing with CBR  
as we work for the right to life  
for preborn children. We will not  
allow this word of prophecy  
to be true in our time:**

*"No one calls for justice..." ISAIAH 59:4A*

- Pray for God to mightily work through our Key States Initiative
- Volunteers to conduct our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) and Key States Initiative

### Events

#### Key States Initiative

July 19 through November 2

#### Corporate Accountability Project (CAP)

July 6, 13, 21      Marriott Resort, Dana Point, CA  
July 4, 11, 18, 25    Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, MD

#### Festival Sign Displays

July 20- 21      Artscape, Baltimore, MD



*CBR has been conducting our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort and Spa in Dana Point, California; and the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront in the Baltimore Inner Harbor, Maryland. Marriott International does not want guests to know that they allow their hotels to donate money to Planned Parenthood. In order to keep us away from the edge of their Dana Point property that overlooks a city park and the ocean, the hotel has begun reserving a large swath of the city park. In this photo, the hotel management sent 9 staff members out to stand in front of our signs at the end of the park in an attempt to block their patrons' view. We are obviously getting their attention, and we pray that it will result in Marriott ending their donations to Planned Parenthood.*



*I used to be pro-choice,  
but this puts it in a new perspective.*



**University of California, Irvine, student who saw GAP**



*Israel - Tehila Leonard of Be'ad Chaim ("Pro-Life" in Hebrew) shows CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham a new sign they use for street outreaches in Jerusalem; the top left photo is CBR copyrighted. Gregg was in Israel in May 2012 to inspire and train Israelis to use abortion images as a tool for social reform.*



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