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GAP at North Carolina Schools Makes Abortion "Real"

Fletcher Armstrong, CBR-Southeast Director, led a Spring Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) tour of five universities. Appalachian State University (ASU) in Boone, North Carolina, experienced GAP on March 30-31. Our team encountered a high level of hostility from many students; yet our staff and volunteers were trained and eager to engage students about our photographic display that demonstrates abortion is comparable to other forms of genocide.

A political science student approached volunteer Laurice Baddour and asked the purpose of our mission. His goal was to be a U.S. Senator; he was "pro-choice" and very interested in the legality of abortion. After a lengthy discussion comparing abortion with genocide that has been legally sanctioned, the student said, "Wow, I have a lot to think about, a lot. I had no idea. Thank you so much for helping me understand these things."

An amazing student went head to head with the pro-abortion protestors. She was born in Russia to an alcoholic woman, yet this student was thankful her birth mother did not abort her. She was subsequently adopted by American parents and became a Christian.

A university staff member (professor?!) stormed up to CBR staff member Jeanette Schultz as she offered brochures to students. The angry woman repeatedly cursed at Mrs. Schultz, "Get the f@#* away from me." Her manner was so menacing that two police officers standing nearby intervened. The lead officer loudly said, "What is wrong with you to be using such foul language?! You should know better. You are a bad example for the students!" The woman responded, "I felt threatened by her!" The officer replied, "She has every right to be doing what she is doing. She did nothing to you!" He took the woman by her forearms and sat her down nearby on a low wall. The officer asked her for identification and she produced her driver's license. He said loudly, "I don't want your driver's license, I want your ID." She then produced her ID [had she been reluctant to admit her role at the university?]; he looked it over and made a phone call. After about 20 minutes, the woman apologized to the police officer, but she never apologized to Mrs. Schultz. All the while, about thirty students stood by and stared at what was unfolding before them. Finally, the policeman dismissed her.

In spite of the rain on the second day of GAP, our team was on duty. An English professor who taught a persuasion class

reported that many of his students came into the class with our GAP brochure. They spent the entire class talking about GAP as an example of persuasive speech, discussing the merits of the brochure and the display. Even those who were against us agreed that GAP was successful in its use of persuasive argument to communicate our message.

A fairly balanced article was posted on <http://bit.ly/2e4rznS>. It explained our "How Can You Compare Abortion to Genocide?" brochure and included our quote, "We do not equate aborting mothers to Nazis; many such mothers are themselves victims. Our purpose is never to condemn anyone for past abortion, but to protect children and mothers from future abortions."

That didn't keep pro-abortion protestor Mia Steffen from claiming that "women who may have had an abortion... aren't going to feel safe or welcome on this campus because they're being compared to Nazis."

On college campuses, "safe space" is a growing cry from liberal students who do not want to see or hear any material that might make them feel uncomfortable. They are mired in an immature, close-minded attitude. Never mind that many of these students openly engage in speech and behavior that make Christian students, staff and faculty cringe.

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Groups of students gathered around GAP at Appalachian University in North Carolina to have lively debates about abortion.



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We have problems on the “pro-life” side too. On a Facebook post about GAP, Laurel Littler wrote that she’s the founding president of Students for Life at ASU, whose purpose is to create a “peaceful, loving conversation on campus” about the rights of pregnant students and mothers on campus. She admitted that when CBR contacted her about potential involvement with GAP, “I flat out told them that coming to ASU would do more damage than good.” Littler went on to lament that there is no parking, baby changing tables or scholarships available for pregnant women on campus.

CBR is troubled by pro-lifers who believe that having a satisfying or “peaceful” conversation with a pro-abortion person is a priority. They are ignoring the fact that 3000 babies are being slaughtered each day in America! GAP provides ample opportunities for our staff and volunteers to engage with students and others in a Christ-like manner. What grips people’s minds are the abortion photos; they educate open-minded people in just a few seconds.

Thank you for your support as we defend fatherless preborn children.

“You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror.”

PSALM 10:17-18

Prayer Requests

- Pray for strong pastoral leadership to stand against abortion
- Pray for Christian students to boldly sponsor GAP on their campuses

2016 Events

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

- Sept. 26-27 Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN
 Sept. 28-29 Tennessee Technology University, Cookeville, TNN

“Choice” Sign Outreaches

- Sept. 21 Johnston County Community College, Smithfield, NC
 Oct. 19 George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
 Oct. 27 Wake Tech Main Campus, Raleigh, NC

Urban GAP & ALL Black Lives Matter

- Weekly displays in Alaska
 Oct. 7-9 Say So March – Philadelphia and Newark, Patterson & Englewood, New Jersey; Washington D.C.

Corporate Accountability Project (CAP)

- Sept. 26 Starbucks, Times Square, NY
 Oct. 28 Starbucks, Fairfax, VA

Feeling good about a conversation is not what is required to save multitudes of children from abortion. Our pace of engagement with the culture and the Church must be urgently accelerated if we are to bring an end to abortion.

“Wow! This amplifies what I believe. It makes it so much more important, you know, and brings it from the back of my mind to the forefront. Thank you.” Cody was one of many interesting students and staff whom we encountered at the next stop, University of North Carolina-Charlotte GAP on April 4-5.

Bobby, another student, told staff member Jane Bullington, “You see it, and it really becomes real. It makes you think maybe it should not be legal, for sure. So different than I thought.”

A mature woman told Mrs. Bullington, “I am taking pictures of your photos to show my 18-year-old grandson before he goes off to college. As Christians, we don’t believe in abortion. You can hear the word all you want and it is nothing like seeing it! This is real!!”

It took a female student only 15 minutes to go from “pro-choice” to pro-life. Our volunteer signed her up for the pro-life campus organization.

Severen was a “military kid” who’d been around the world; he told CBR staff member Jacqueline Hawkins that he hated it when they wouldn’t debate, but would just shout “trigger-warning!” Trigger-warnings announcements are another recent liberal student response to anything that might offend them.

The final GAP visit was to University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill on April 6-7. Carolina Students for Life sponsored our display which was set up at our usual location on Polk Place in the heart of the campus. Thousands of students passed by during every class change and they began to discussing abortion.

We were informed that the Yak-Yak chat site was full of conversations about being pro-choice early in the day to “leaning pro-life” at the end of the first day of GAP.

One student wrote this poignant note on the GAP Message Board: “My mom was raped. She didn’t want to have me. I was almost aborted. My grandmother saved my life. When I was born, my mother was grateful. She then loved me well.”

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CBR protested Planned Parenthood supporter Starbucks (Morgan Stanley skyscraper on the left).



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A male student enthusiastically told Mrs. Bullington, “I am glad you are comparing abortion to other genocides. You know, I actually read your brochure; I like to think and ask questions!”

A student named Betty told us, “I wanted you to know you are making a difference.”

A male student said, “Thank you for showing the other side. It is never seen here.”

At the end of the first day of GAP, Ms. Baddour spoke with a diverse group of students. During the lengthy conversation, Ms. Baddour was amazed that not one individual argued against any of her points. A pro-abortion atheist male law student asked very intelligent questions and more students came to listen and engage. The next day, at the same time, the law student returned with more questions. Another young man from the prior day’s discussion approached to say thanks. He acknowledged he is pro-life and reported that he and his peers continued the discussion for quite some time after our team left.

With your continued support, we will make the womb a “safe space” for all babies.



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You can help the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform receive a charitable donation through a real estate transaction. RealEstateForLife.org is “*Funding Gospel of Life Groups World-Wide.*” If you plan to buy or sell a home or business, call 877-543-3871 or email ProLifeRealEstate@yahoo.com indicating you were referred by CBR. They’ll send you the name of an agent in your area. If a sale is made, CBR will receive a generous donation from the realtor’s commission. There is no cost to you.

What is the Quickest and Most Effective Tool to Change People’s Minds About Abortion?

There are many pro-life groups and many pro-life projects in the U.S. and throughout the world. Yet, we are convinced by our experience and our study of the history of social reform that one tool is the most effective.

CBR-UK will show you in this new video they produced. (Psst! It’s the pictures.) <https://youtu.be/9NCJxIZm9d4>



Lincoln Brandenburg, CBR-Georgia, drove the RCC truck along the entire Say So March route; he is pictured here with marcher Tristan by the Washington Monument.

CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham led a team from Priests for Life to conduct CBR’s Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) in Times Square. We stood in front of Starbucks to protest their corporate support of Planned Parenthood. Thousands of passersby were mesmerized and shocked by the abortion photos.





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Bobby, student at UNCC



Pastor Childress (Founder of BlackGenocide.org and CBR board member) led a team of African-Americans which displayed CBR signs at the National Portrait Gallery (this photo) and at the new African-American Museum in Washington, D.C.. The annual "If you Love the Children, Say So! March" took place October 7-9 and additionally brought CBR's GAP and ALL Black Lives Matter signs to Planned Parenthood locations in Newark, Patterson and Englewood, New Jersey, and to Philadelphia.

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