CBR Communiqué

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GAP at California State University, Long Beach

Our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) returned to California State University, Long Beach, on October 9-10, 2019, where we encountered many open-minded students like Everett, a moral relativist. CBR Southwest Director Abra Singleton had a discussion with him in which he offered that he had no opinion on abortion. As Mrs. Singleton shared the pro-life view, he eventually said, "Thank you. You've given me a lot to think about." She also spoke with Kyle, who formerly considered himself a Christian and is now a nihilist. Our signs caused him to reconsider his "pro-choice" position. Mrs. Singleton helped him realize that his views sounded like Hitler's views. His departure from the Christian faith led Abra to bring up intelligent design. Kyle eventually offered that he might believe in God.

With crowds of pro-abortion students nearby, a young CSULB student approached our display and asked us if she might pray. We agreed, of course, and she dropped to her knees and spent several minutes in prayer. It was quite moving.

The school newspaper published two somewhat balanced articles, but also two highly critical opinion pieces. One article described the atmosphere during the first day of GAP: "The speakers engaged in debate with some students and were mostly calm. At times, debates got more heated, or students would walk by chanting and holding signs." http://bit.ly/2Qzwrav

A Jewish student was quoted as saying, "It's incredibly offensive to me that they would compare my ancestors' suffering and my ancestors' death to something that is not even remotely similar. It really hurts me inside, but it's the Jewish day of forgiveness, so I guess I forgive these people for their stupidity." Yom Kippur is Judaism's holiest day and focuses on repentance and atonement. Perhaps God is leading Jewish students towards their need for repentance for their abortions.

A second article, http://bit.ly/2qlksTo, included an interview with Mrs. Singleton, "The [pictures] are graphic because we are following in the footsteps of other reformers that used graphic images, reformers like William Wilberforce, Lewis Hine, and Martin Luther King, Jr." Social reformers must visually take the injustice to the public in order to bring about change.

The initial purpose of GAP was, and still is, to teach students about abortion. We soon realized that GAP has a second purpose, to teach students about free speech. A reporter recognized this truth: "Some students thought that GAP's demonstration was a good way to inform students about how free speech works."

Some pro-abortion students herald free speech rights, but not for people with whom they disagree. A biased student wrote that she respects freedom of speech, but called for GAP to be banned. She asserted that people's positions are immovable, and "nothing of value was gained" from GAP. http://bit.ly/2O34Uwx . Our experience teaches us that only hard-hearted people will not change their minds.

Her piece received a counter-point comment from Steve Arnold:

> The beauty of academic life is that real student-learners have the right to listen, discern and act accordingly. Students also have the right not to listen ... Doesn't the approach of not letting them [GAP] come back go against everything academic life is supposed to do?
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> When I talked to students at the GAP display, they made their arguments using science. They asked, When does life begin? Does this happen when a unique set of DNA is created? … Is it when a heartbeat is detected? These are good questions and need a careful examination of the science behind human development.

A crowd of 100 students formed at GAP on the first day. Members of our team addressed sections of the largest crowd. Mrs. Singleton spoke with a "pro-choice" woman who was shocked that abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy. A young man observed their conversation and

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Pro-Life Expressive Rights Under Siege in England

Under the inspired leadership of CBR-UK's director, Andrew Stephenson, and the remarkable Ruth Rawlins, Head of Communications, CBR-UK has launched a hard-hitting public information campaign exposing the cruel extremity of MP Stella Creasy's abortion policies. Ms. Creasy is a Member of Parliament from Walthamstow, a suburb in North London. As reported by the *Guardian* newspaper, November 16, 2019, in a story headlined "Fresh Police Move on Abortion Group Targeting Stella Creasy," Ms. Creasy "led successful Westminster efforts to decriminalize terminations in Northern Ireland."

Metropolitan Police have repeatedly declined to arrest CBR-UK campaigners for displaying large signs featuring Ms. Creasy's face beside the face of an aborted baby. This elitist elected official with a grandiose sense of entitlement is furious that anyone would have the temerity to show the public what her abortion legislation does to preborn babies.

Ms. Creasy is intolerant of any criticism whatsoever, and in the September 30, 2019 series of tweets, protested CBR-UK billboards featuring our nine-week living fetus picture. This wasn't even an aborted baby photo, but she denounced it as "crap," demanded that the CEO of ClearChannel Advertising Corporation take down all CBR-UK billboards, and criticized the police for declaring that our signs were "just free speech," and not "harassment of women" in Walthamstow. After congratulating her supporters for vandalizing our billboards with paint, she hysterically asserted that our baby picture (endoscopic scans of a fetus alive in the uterus) was a "graphic image," and pressured the government's Home Secretary to introduce legislation effectively banning the public exhibition of abortion photos, or apparently even live fetus pictures.

That legislation would create buffer zones which would outlaw any expression of opposition to abortion near abortion clinics and potentially elsewhere. The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously struck down similar prohibitions in the 2014 case of McAullen v. Coakley. UK advocacy group Christian Concern issued a November 1, 2019 press release quoting MP Sajid David, current Chancellor and previous Home Secretary, as rejecting

One of our new prenatal image signs was too much for MP Stella Creasy. She pressured the UK billboard company to take our sign down. Her apparent supporters vandalized it with paint before it could be removed.

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buffer zones since it "would not be a proportionate response" to educational outreach outside abortion clinics.

The city of Ealing took matters into its own hands when the borough imposed a ban on pro-life activism at local abortion clinics. That ban was upheld by the UK Court of Appeal in October 2019, but we will soon challenge it again on slightly different facts. The good news, however, is that criminal charges against CBR-UK staff member Christian Hacking were dropped after he violated the ban by praying outside an abortion clinic in August.

We at CBR find it amusing that the UK *Independent* newspaper reported October 1, 2019, that the Advertising Standards Authority received "over 300 complaints" about our living fetus picture, and the paper reported the scan was "disgusting." Equally entertaining was the paper's quote from the mayor of London, Sadik Hahn, calling it "sickening." More darkly, the leader of the Waltham Forest City Council condemned us for "targeting of individuals in such a personal way." But Ms. Creasy isn't merely an individual; she's a Member of Parliament who has targeted the babies of Northern Ireland who will now be butchered in untold masses.

Thank you for your partnership through prayers and gifts.

"On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."
II Corinthians 1:10b-11

Prayer Requests

- Pastors who will preach boldly against abortion and champion life
- Brave students to sponsor GAP
- More staff and volunteers

Events

ALL Black Lives Matter Project
Nov. 5-8 NMAAHC, Washington, D.C

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)
Nov. 11-12 University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Nov. 13-14 Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA

"Choice" Sign Outreaches
Nov. 5, 26 Clark Community College
Nov. 23 Phoenix/ Glendale, AZ

Reproductive "Choice" Campaign Trucks
Nov. 11-12 Athens, GA
Nov. 13-14 Kennesaw, GA

What really crossed the line was the outrageous smear with which Mrs. Creasy attacked CBR in a story appearing at Graziadaily.co.UK . Stella Creasy said, "I'm being labeled a 'hypocrite for being pregnant.'" In the article, she falsely claimed: "The U.S. branch of this organization is connected with one that was responsible for inciting a mass shooting in a Colorado Planned Parenthood in November, 2015." We don't know what she is talking about. We have retained UK legal counsel and are preparing a demand letter insisting on a retraction or she will face a lawsuit. Arguably the most belligerent pro-abort in government, Ms. Creasy knows she can't win an abortion debate, so all she has left is defamation. We will teach her that she won't be permitted to dishonestly discredit her opponents.

Crowds of about 100 students gathered around the CSULB GAP display at various times. Some stayed for hours. While protestors chanted slogans and hurled profanities, other students listened to or engaged in real conversations and debates.

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thanked them for their civil dialogue which contrasted with students who were cursing, mocking, and yelling. Another young man laughed as he told CBR staffer Jane Bullington, "When they don't have an argument, they just yell louder and curse more. There is no excuse for this outburst if it is only a blob of tissue."

Teenage volunteer Rachel Anselmo observed that many students were close-minded and tried to personally attack her. Pro-abortion people cannot defend the horror of abortion and they often resort to personal attacks.

We are thankful for Jose Espinoza, our faithful student sponsor who, though visually impaired, brought us back to CSULB.

A number of students thanked us for being on campus to offer the pro-life perspective. A student told volunteer Colleen Anselmo, "I used to think it was not wrong, but now seeing these images, I know it's wrong."

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CSULB student

CBR-UK team member Christian Hacking challenged a law that established a bubble zone around abortion clinics in Ealing, England, a law that is so appalling that it even prevents praying. He fell to his knees in prayer near an abortion clinic and police were summoned. They actually arrested him. The charge was so ridiculous that the Crown Prosecutor, possibly fearing embarrassment, dropped the charges.

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