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# GAP at University of Arizona Enrages and Educates Pro-Abortion Students

**W**hen our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) team arrived on the University of Arizona (U of A) campus on April 12, 2023, they knew they would encounter opposition, but they had no idea it would be as severe and dangerous as it turned out to be. Over the next two days, they faced some of the fiercest protests we have had in our 25 years of GAP. If not for our prayer partners, it could have been uglier. Yet God was with us and there were many victories. Wars are won by fighting and the abortion wars are no exception.

Our huge photo murals compare abortion to various forms of genocide, and some panels expose the evil of related bio-ethical concerns such as trans hormones and surgeries on teenagers and even pre-teens. Opponents of the right to life for preborn children gathered around our display and loud abortion rights activists were constantly present. They swore at our team and behaved terribly. Some of them took eggs and gelatin from the school’s pantry for low-income students and lobbed them at our staff, hitting several in the head and chest. The campus only had plainclothes police on site because the administration is afraid uniformed officers will provoke the angry students who attack us. They only

*This “blanket screen” shows how intensely the University of Arizona students wanted to prevent reasonable students from seeing our display. Thankfully, the double row of barricades made the blanket largely ineffective.*

arrested one girl who was caught in the act of throwing an egg at us. CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham had to call the campus police and demand that the police increase their presence to protect our staff from the offending students, or the school was risking a CBR lawsuit.

Accordingly, on the second day of GAP, there were four to eight uniformed police present at all times. When police are visible, it deters most bad actors from acting out. The police erected a larger diameter barricade ring around our barricade ring to keep the aggressive protestors back. The pro-abortion students lifted high some bedsheets on poles in an attempt to cover up part of our photos, but they were largely ineffective as they had to stay outside the second ring of barricades. These tactics often draw the attention of more students, so we welcome them.

The number of radical protestors, including trans activists, eventually swelled to 400 people who marched and chanted around the display. The entire university of 45,000 students was talking about the display. Local news showed up and interviewed CBR Southwest Director Abra Singleton. (Links to stories: KGUN 9 <https://bit.ly/3oB2s4Z> KOLD 13 <https://bit.ly/3mZbIiU> ) Arizona State Representative Austin Smith posted a video CBR provided of eggs being lobbed at us, and he asked on Twitter: “Why are students

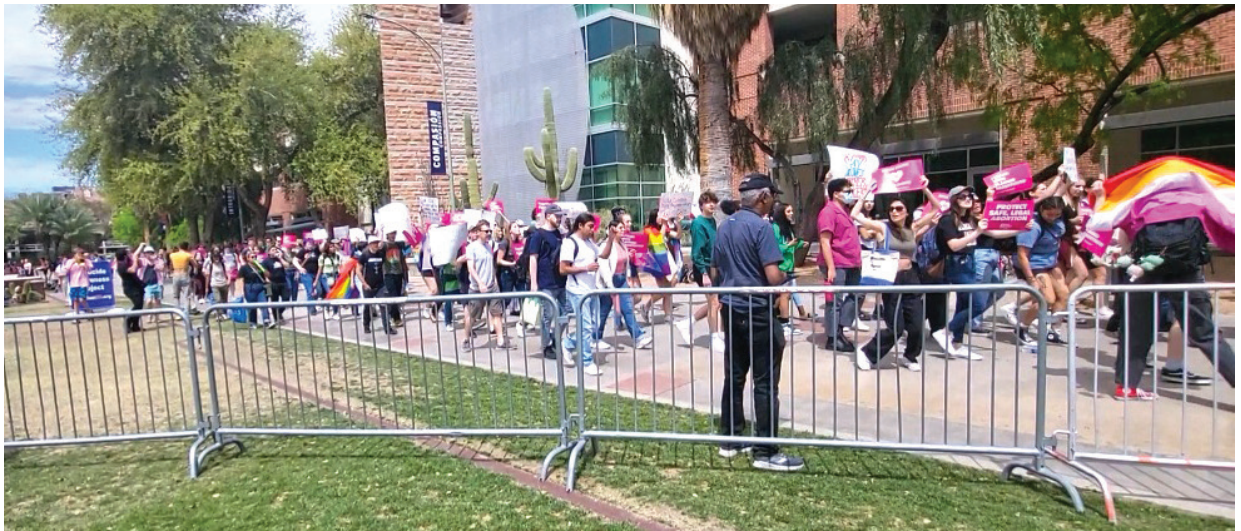
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*Pro-abortion activists and students loudly protested our GAP display at University of Arizona. Many of them were loud, profane and insulted our staff and volunteers.*



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allowed to deface a pro-life display event? Is this how you run your campus?"

National conservative news coverage came on the Daily Wire <https://bit.ly/41C1m7O> and on LifeNews <https://bit.ly/3V5TpFf>, and American Family Association.

Social media was ablaze with photos and comments about GAP. Our sponsoring group, College Republicans United, posted a video on Twitter that shows many groups of students gathered around the GAP display to discuss and debate abortion, and it includes the signs we displayed that day. Scan the QR code to see...



Our team of staff and volunteers was small due to volunteers getting ill or other factors, and we had been praying for God to send students who would see GAP and volunteer on the spot. By mid-day on the first day, students started to approach us wanting to help. By day two, 17 pro-life students and community members volunteered. Students joined us even after the egging on day one, and that took courage.

These new student volunteers agreed to follow our volunteer statement of conduct and joined us in handing out pamphlets and talking to students bravely amidst the loud and obnoxious marchers. They also helped with setting up and taking down the GAP display, which consumes an hour or two.

A student named Taylor volunteered on Wednesday and ended up helping both days. She wrote down her thoughts after GAP:

I had so many memorable moments, but if I had to pick one it would be that I felt God's presence so powerfully

over those two days. To be able to stand strong in my beliefs and have the hard conversations with strangers who are literally standing a foot away from me with their finger in my face screaming, and seeing hundreds of students surround our small group and scream at us and knowing that God was keeping us safe and keeping us strong was such an amazing experience that I'll never forget... And another thing that was so memorable was the people that came up to me and thanked me for being out there. It's so encouraging to know that I'm not only standing up for what I believe in but also standing up for what others are too scared to say. I am honored and blessed to have been able to help out.

Laura is a student who walked up and volunteered to help us both days. She was egged by pro-aborts the first day, but she told us she's holding her head a little higher after what happened. She was able to give her testimony at the College Republicans United meeting the next Thursday.

College Republicans United were enthusiastic and helpful, and they saw how we handled the abuse from pro-aborts, standing strong in the midst of it. They paid a price to sponsor GAP in front of their peers. The club president was shamed and abused on social media. The enraged pro-aborts also went after the administrator who has worked with student groups for 20 years to assign locations for tables and displays. She was just doing her job, but her helpfulness to us made her a target of the abuse which radicals use to warn other staff they must never lend any support to a conservative, Christian, or pro-life event. The radicals verbally abused her using profanity and viciously cursing her by name during the display. Their behavior was reprehensible.



Not all students who support abortion were obnoxious and rude. Mrs. Singleton had pro-abortion students, including an openly gay man with two mothers, defend her against a man who harassed her both days.

There were two local evangelistic teams working the crowd and sharing the Gospel with students who came out to see GAP. Miguel, the team leader of six evangelists, said they were able to share the Gospel at least 20 times on the second day. The spiritual warfare was intense. CBR staff member Dr. Bob Seemuth was told to go kill himself numerous times, and foul-mouthed protestors cursed him repeatedly. Nonetheless, he took the opportunity to share his testimony many times. By taking a stand for the value of human life, it opens the door for discussions about God

### Thank you for your encouragement and donations to CBR.

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

*JOSHUA 1:9*

### Prayer Requests

- Pray for the attacks on the U of A CRU president and school administrator to back-fire
- Interns for 2023 CBR Summer Intern program
- Pastors to lead their flocks to stand for the sanctity of human life

### Events

#### GAP

April 10-11	Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
April 12-13	University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
April 17-18	Marshall University, Huntington, WV
April 19-20	West Virginia University Morgantown, WV
April 24-25	Kent State University, Kent, OH
April 26-27	Cleveland State University Cleveland, OH

***CBR Summer Intern Program begins May 21***

#### Photo Trucks

April 10-11	Phoenix, AZ
April 12-13	Tucson, AZ

#### Sign Displays at Abortion Mills

March 11,	Planned Parenthood
April 8	Mission Viejo, CA

our Creator. These kids are angry at us because they are frightened of us – but it is actually the truth they fear.

Turning Point International, led by Charlie Kirk, is bringing female athlete Riley Gaines to speak at U of A in response to the strong reaction against GAP. She is speaking on campuses to oppose male transgender athletes ruining female sports.

When we shine the light of truth on these campuses, Satan rages. He has taken control over many colleges and universities, but God’s people are also at these schools and our presence can embolden many to take a stand for life and truth. We know who has the victory, and Jesus is His name.



***Hot weather is often a reality in Arizona, but our team of staff and volunteers stood strong in 90 degree weather during our display at Arizona State University April 10-11. Our signs educated open-minded students.***

## CBR Educates Students at Arizona State Univ.

**W**e also conducted abortion photo sign displays at Arizona State University (ASU) in Phoenix on April 10-11, 2023. This campus was tame compared to the University of Arizona, which followed on April 12-13. James, a Ratio Christi staff member who volunteered with us at ASU, sent us this message afterwards: “Hi Abra! I had a great conversation with a young man who thought that abortion is wrong, but only after 10 weeks. So, we talked through the SLED criteria to show that there is no important difference between a 9 week pre-born [child] and an 11 week.”

We offer our pro-life apologetics training to students and community members who want to volunteer so they will be prepared to answer questions well and to make good arguments. SLED stands for “Size/Level of development/ Environment/Degree of dependency” and it helps people see that preborn children are not much different than us.



“ I felt God’s presence so powerfully over those 2 days ”  
**Student volunteer at U of A GAP**



*Many open-minded students approached our U of A GAP display with questions, but the opposition (right) resorted to foul speech and middle fingers.*



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