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Chanting Pro-abortion Slogans is No Substitute for a Good Argument

hree students jumped over our GAP display barricades and lay down on the grass. They proclaimed that the location we had reserved was theirs and they demanded that we get off their campus. We had to notify the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) campus police about this interference with our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP). Security officers arrived and spoke with the intruders, and soon the students arose and vacated our space. People sometimes ask us if GAP is very effective, well, our adversaries must think it is because they stop at nothing to disrupt it.

We first took GAP to UNC-CH in April 2001 and have returned several times in subsequent years. On this October 24-25 visit, the students protested GAP throughout both days as they held signs and chanted slogans which included: "Whose campus? Our campus!" "My body, my choice!" and "Go home!" The problem is that it's not their campus. It is a public university, open to all and funded by every taxpayer. Students attempted to block our photo murals using their hand-held signs and bed sheets. They yelled as they desperately attempted to keep people from speaking with our team of staff members and volunteers. A pro-life biology and economics student pointed to the protestors and told us, "This is awesome! Look at them! They think they're trying to hide the message but they're just drawing more attention to it!"

When students have signs and sheets that are large enough to block other students from seeing our GAP display, we ask the school authorities to move them back from our barricades. Good security officers will immediately respond. Others need to hear from the university counsel to whom we threaten lawsuits if their police don't enforce the law.

We know that many students are led into false teaching through their professors. In the Department of Religious Studies is an infamous academic, author and leading atheist, Bart Ehrman. Thankfully, a Christian student named "Leah" is a Religious Studies major who has not been led astray by this professor. She stood silently apart from the crowd of chanting protesters and told volunteer Brad she had never before seen abortion photos. "They don't show you this," she said. "They say it's just a clump of cells!" "They're lying! They're hiding the truth. That's a baby!" Leah gave us her contact information so we can help her become involved in campus pro-life activism.

It is heartbreaking to hear what a low opinion some students have of themselves. One student told Pam, "I would abort myself if I could." Two students professed to volunteer Dana that they were depressed and wished they had been aborted. A Hindu student told us she has had a difficult life, including suffering much abuse. While she stopped *Continued on page 3...*

Huge crowds came out for GAP at University North Carolina -Chapel Hill. Pro-abortion students held signs in protest, but their noise drew in more students to see our abortion photo signs.



CBR Opposes the Unjust, Unwise Proposal to Jail Women Who Abort

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here is room for varying opinions regarding how best to fight abortion, but there are some perspectives that are extremely damaging to the pro-life movement. One argument that is gaining momentum in some pro-life circles is that a woman who aborts should be punished by serving time in prison. We categorially reject this notion, and this article further addresses this matter.

Abortion is a societal problem. Society pressures pregnant women to abort at many levels. It may be because she is young, in school, pregnant as result of rape, an athlete, a businesswoman, an actress or model, if the baby is diagnosed with a serious medical condition, if the mother has a medical condition, and the list goes on.

Rampant pressures start coming at women when they tell those around them that they are pregnant.

In the case of a woman becoming pregnant through rape, she is expected to abort. This sort of societal pressure is difficult to resist. This brief exchange between Joe Rogan and Babylon Bee CEO Seth Dillon illustrates the dominant attitude in society: 'You don't have the right to tell my 14-year-old daughter to carry her rapist's baby' | Watch (msn.com)

During a CBR photo sign display near the Mission Viejo, California Planned Parenthood last year, volunteer Annie heard a man yell out his car window, "What if your daughter was raped by a black man?!" Annie immediately identified the racism in that man's heart, as well as the societal pressure for a woman to abort any pregnancy resulting from rape. The woman is rushed through the process by medical personnel, rape center counselors, and family and friends who think they know what is best for this crime victim. She is left not only with the traumatic memory of the rape, but also the pain of a dead baby. An abortion never erases a rape.

Which groups should be criminally charged for pressuring this woman to abort?

In addition to societal pressure, the pregnant woman faces familial pressure coming from her parents or husband. She may face fierce pressure from a boyfriend who doesn't want to pay child support. Often, parents of teens and husbands/



CBR staff member Jacinta Robin (in red shirt inside barricades) addresses students' questions at University North Carolina - Chapel Hill GAP.

boyfriends expect their daughter/husband/girlfriend to abort so THEY can maintain their status/lifestyles. Should the family and boyfriend be criminally charged for their participation in an abortion?

What a terrible choice is demanded of women whose husbands or boyfriends threaten to leave if they don't abort!

Friends who have had abortions may apply direct or indirect pressure; misery loves company and it "validates" their own abortions. Shall the friend who pressures for abortion and drives a teen to an abortion mill face criminal charges?

Employers threaten women's jobs in many cases – whether it be in sports, entertainment or in physically taxing jobs. Should these employers face criminal charges?

There is also pressure from abortion workers who lie to women and tell them the baby is just a blob of tissue and that they need to abort "before it is too late." They tell a young girl she can have another baby later, although the aftereffects of abortion may render her infertile. Should the abortionist face criminal charges? We categorically respond: "YES." The abortionist is the person who knows the truth about the preborn child and who is performing the abortion for profit.

One visit to the new <u>ERF.science</u> website refutes the "blob" argument.

As the former director of a pregnancy help clinic, Lois Cunningham rarely counseled a woman who made a *Continued on page 3...*



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short of wishing she had been aborted "because that would be morbid," she told volunteer Brad that she believes in reincarnation and might return in better circumstances. When we meet these students, we know they need our compassion and prayers. We are always looking for opportunities to share our faith in Christ.

It is not only non-Christian students who need our message, but also some students who claim to be Christians. A freshman student couldn't believe the baby is a person from conception, and she would not tell someone not to abort. Yet she would almost certainly tell someone else what to do if that someone were abusing a child, and our photo signs prove that abortion is child abuse. Although she appeared unmoved in her confused positions, we know that the Holy Spirit is working on her heart.

Best Colleges published an October 25, 2022, story about GAP. http://bit.ly/3AqKBkb The reporter quoted CBR staff member Jacinta Robin as she defended the necessity

We at CBR thank God that you make our life-saving work possible.

"The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; but the Lord laughs at the wicked for he knows their day is coming."

PSALM 37:12-13

Prayer Requests

- Pray against the Church's indifference to abortion
- Protection on our families
- For pastors to lead their flocks to stand for the sanctity of human life

Events

Sign Displays at Abortion Mills

Nov. 12 Planned Parenthood Mission Viejo, CA

GAP (Genocide Awareness Project)

Oct. 24-25 University North Carolina Chapel Hill

Oct. 26-27 University North Carolina, Charlotte

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Appalachian State, Boone, NC

Nov. 2-3 East Tennessee State University

Johnson City, TN

Revival Project

Nov. 5-6 Harvest Crusade, Anaheim Stadium, CA

of CBR using graphic imagery: "Most social justice issues like the civil rights movement or child labor issues were resolved when publications of imagery about the issue at hand were given to the masses."

Student confusion about their own actions was on display in the *The Daily Tar Heel* article about GAP http://bit.ly/3UPLFq4 . Junior Helena Walsh was quoted as saying: "I wouldn't even say we're protesting anything. We're simply trying to block, to make people with uteruses feel more protected and more safe." She had too little moral clarity to realize that blocking our signs is, of course, an act of protest.

"Doug," a political science major, was initially against our use of medically accurate pictures of abortion and genocide, but after hearing why we argue that abortion is genocide, he began to reconsider his position. This is why we display GAP -- to help students reconsider their confused opinions about abortion and to save them and their babies from the horror of abortion.

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decision to abort her child entirely on her own, or one who aborted against the wishes of her family or boyfriend. It does happen, but it is uncommon. Punishing only the woman who aborts is reminiscent of the book "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne. The baby's father escaped the scaffold, prison time, and the shame the town heaped on the mother, but God still held him responsible and his guilt led to his death.

Pro-aborts are delighted to hear pro-life people advocate for criminal penalties for women who abort. This is music to their ears as it helps them raise money and more significantly, it brought defeat to pro-life laws in the midterm elections. Pro-abortion candidates scared female voters into believing they would be criminally charged if they elected a pro-life candidate.

It is not prudent to call for criminal penalties for women who abort. It is the abortionist who should be punished. Women need education about the preborn baby and what abortion does to him. If they abort, they need to know there is a Savior who is as eager to forgive abortion as any other sin of which they repent.

We believe Jesus' words from Matthew 10:16 apply here: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."



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Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Jesus





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Thousands of people attended the November 5-6 Harvest Crusade in Anaheim Stadium, California. Most of them barely glanced at our signs, much less approached us to speak. Some did take photos of the stunning preborn baby photos.



It reminded us of a quote from Open Doors Founder Brother Andrew: "Persecution is an enemy the Church has met and mastered many times. It's indifference that we must watch for! Indifference is a far more dangerous foe!

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