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**Center for Bio-Ethical Reform** 

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# Cleveland State Couple Decides Not to Abort Their Child

student couple stopped by our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) display at Cleveland State University (CSU) to say they had an abortion appointment scheduled. They wondered if we could say anything to change their minds. Volunteer Tony posed the question, "If these pictures don't change your minds, what about the realization that vou will be the mother/father of a dead child that you paid to have killed?" After some conversation, the couple left

and we rejoiced as they remarked that they would not abort their child.

We don't always learn about the "saves" – when a person/couple who planned to abort their child changes their mind. We know God is at work whenever we show abortion and prenatal development photos in public, but it blesses us to hear some real-life stories.

Cleveland State University was the fourth stop on our Spring 2023 GAP tour. We were on this campus of 15,308 students from April 26-27, 2023. Our sponsoring student club was CSU Advocates for Life, started by CBR 2022 summer intern Ilyssa. Her training gave her the tools and the courage. We are especially proud of her in these days of people getting "cancelled" for speaking the truth. Ilyssa is now back with us as a 2023 summer intern.

We had an impact on some of the students who called themselves pro-choice. "Victor" accepted our How Can You Compare Abortion to Genocide? brochure and questioned



CSU students listen to CBR staff member Amanda Levi and volunteer Marie explain about GAP. Note that one student (at right) holds his protest sign while he listens.

CBR volunteer Bill about arguments we present in the brochure. He wandered around the first day listening to abortion advocates arguing their position to the staff and volunteers. Victor returned the next day and he began talking to students from a pro-life position, and when obnoxious students tried to interrupt, he asked them to leave so "we can have a very important conversation."

A female student was initially part of the shouting throng of pro-abortion protestors, but she

broke away to talk with CBR volunteer Bill. She informed him, "Your group is not yelling back at us like we expected; that is how other church groups treat us." We train our team to behave respectfully and it disturbs us to learn that others who claim the name of Christ may not behave well. Although she didn't want us on her campus, she softened as they talked and she accepted our brochure and began reading it. As their conversation continued, there was a noticeable change in her outlook.

There are students who may be partly honest, but callous. "Kathy" is a criminal science and law major who acknowledged the preborn child is human, but she still believed abortion is the woman's choice. She returned the next day with what seemed to be a concocted story as she claimed our photos are not "correct." She asserted that she went with a friend to her abortion appointment and she saw "her photo" and it didn't look like a baby's body. We have never heard of women being given photos of the babies

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they just aborted, nor of friends being granted permission to enter the surgical abortion rooms. Nonetheless, CBR volunteer Brad explained when the baby's body parts pass through the suction machine tubing, the child will not have an intact body. Pro-aborts are desperate to convince themselves the preborn child is not a human baby so they can defend this genocide.

It is a blessing when community members urge students to behave civilly as this used to be largely how people behaved on U.S. campuses. A senior citizen named "Shawn" listened as three female students disrespected CBR volunteers Amanda and Brad, repeatedly interrupting their thoughtful answers. Finally, Shawn spoke up and asked the students, "Why do you have to yell? Why do you have to use profanity? If we're going to talk, let's be civilized!" The stunned students paused, and then restarted the conversation with a level of politeness.

Our team talked to many international students, including some from India, Nepal, Saudi Arabia and Nigeria. They told us that abortion is illegal in their countries, and most of these students were totally against abortion. Why are so many Americans believing lies about abortion?

A Muslim graduate student angrily approached the GAP display. She told us, "I left my class mid-lecture to come see this display and ask how you can compare abortion to genocide!" Yet after talking with CBR volunteer Amanda, she wasn't angry anymore and she even thanked Amanda for the conversation. She offered that she needed to go home and think about the things mentioned as they made sense. We trust that this bright student will go on to be fully pro-life and influence others.

Another Muslim student objected to our sign that raises the issue of "honor killing" and educates that killing the preborn baby is just as barbaric as killing the woman who was violated. She said "honor killing" is not done as much as in

the past, but Amnesty International estimates 5,000 "honor" murders are committed each year. Neither the woman raped nor the child conceived should bear the brutal punishment of violently ending their lives for the sin of the man.

Our staff dubbed one professor "the professor of genocide" as he told our team he taught about "real genocides" and that our comparison of abortion to genocide denigrated the "real genocides." He proudly proclaimed he earned a doctorate in biology and he claimed that when life begins is a philosophical debate and not agreed upon in the medical community. He spouted lies including the claim that 20 million women per year die or have debilitating consequences from pregnancy. He urged us to "check your soul and change your tactics." His parting words were that he needed to teach a lecture on "real genocide" so he was going to leave. Our staff member Jane Bullington was relieved when he departed. Yet we are grieved that students endure being taught by him and other similarly arrogant, ill-tempered and lying professors.

One young male student blathered on a megaphone all day. He repeated slogans, misinformation or just engaged in name calling. This type of behavior demonstrates to openminded students how little the pro-aborts have to offer.

In contrast, a female student thanked us with tears in her eyes, saying, "I am surprised you are here. I am glad. This needs to be seen."

The student newspaper wrote a biased report about GAP and interviewed a student who wished to remain anonymous. https://bit.ly/44qlw5U She told the reporter she is Native American and CBR has no right to use pictures of the [Wounded Knee Massacre] genocide. She said it was an excuse to take away women's health care [abortion] and ironically stated, "All while Native American babies are getting taken away from their mothers." Our response: Do you not recognize that abortion is the ultimate act of "taking away" a baby from his mother?



It was a breath of fresh air to have Dr. "Jerry" stop by GAP. This pro-life doctor teaches in the medical programs at CSU and Ohio State University. He acknowledged the truth of our photos and remarked that the students are

Crowds gathered April 26-27 at Cleveland State University to discuss abortion. That is the beauty of GAP – it raises the issue of abortion by using our powerful photo messages.



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indoctrinated and emotional. He said that red herrings and ad hominems don't work in his classroom; he has the actual data to give students. If a pregnant woman ends up in the emergency room, he does all he can to save the baby also.

CBR volunteer Brad took the opportunity to share the gospel with "Sally," a female who transitioned to live as a man and who asked that Brad use the "he" pronoun. This 20-year-old college student objected to our sign which clearly states our opposition to gender transitions for minors. Bill felt compassion as Sally spoke of being bullied growing up and of her attempted suicide at age 17. This young woman was so troubled about being a girl that she consented to having "top surgery," a double mastectomy of her healthy breasts. How wicked are the doctors who prey upon these vulnerable youth! How similar it is to the doctors who kill the babies of women in crisis pregnancies. When Sally left the GAP display, she had tears in her eyes. Let us pray that God leads her to the truth that will set her free.

## God bless you for your faithful financial support of CBR. Together we are striving for justice for preborn children.

"The Lord is known by his acts of justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands." PSALM 9:16

## **Prayer Requests**

- 2023 CBR Summer Intern Program
- The implementation of new CBR projects
- Courageous pro-life pastors

## **Events**

## **CBR Summer Intern Street Activism**

## Program began May 21

June 17 Pigeon Forge, TN

June 18 Abortion mill, Charlotte, NC

June 22 Cedar Bluff Knoxville, TN

June 29 Urban GAP

& July 7 Market Square, Knoxville, TN

## **Photo Trucks**

Weekly in Manatee & Sararota counties, FL

## **Sign Displays at Abortion Mills**

July 15 Planned Parenthood, Mission Viejo, CA

## **Email Updates**

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We will not spam you.

## **CBR Interns Educate Outside Museum**

t has become a tradition to take our CBR summer interns to Washington, D.C. to hold signs outside the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). Since this museum opened in 2016, we recognized the importance of having a regular educational presence outside the entrance so we can reach the museum-goers. Inside, they are not taught about the fact that far more black babies are being killed by abortion than were black people lynched by the Ku Klux Klan. Our photo signs educate about the high abortion rate among African American women. One sign gives facts about "How abortion suppresses the African American vote."

Two CBR staff members traveled with the interns to be a powerful witness to the truth. They held our photo signs during the week of June 6 and their impact on passersby was obvious.

Thankfully, CBR won a lawsuit that we filed in federal court to prevent the Smithsonian from having us arrested for displaying abortion photos outside the black history museum.



CBR summer interns and staff members educated museum-goers about abortion outside the NMAAHC during the week of June 6, 2023.



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(Abortion and "honor killings")



## **CENTER FOR BIO-ETHICAL REFORM**

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Our team returned to Atlanta for the 2023 Passion Conference on January 3-5. We held signs outside the arena where 50,000 students were estimated to be in attendance. Our photo signs focused on calling them to action, and the blue sign was specifically designed to recruit CBR summer interns.





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