



## CZECH YOUTH SEE GAP OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

**CBR**'S CZECH REPUBLIC AFFILIATE is actively and successfully working to change the next generation's thinking on abortion. They teach young people about abortion using our genocide and abortion photos. Stop Genocide has two or three GAP displays per week at schools with 400 to 1,200 students. Over the course of four hours, students exit the school building and GAP is right outside. Although directors of the schools are angry, they cannot stop these powerful abortion photo displays. Like all of our international affiliate and associate groups, Stop Genocide has translated the captions and selected photos to best reach their own culture. At this link, you will see familiar CBR GAP signs (<http://stopgenocide.cz/?a=10>) but also photos depicting the Gulag and other genocidal images which speak to the Czech people. Even non-Czech speakers will be encouraged to see this video link of young people's response to one of their very first displays, held in Beroun in 2008: <http://stopgenocide.cz/?a=11>.

### The Inspiration of CBR Part II

As a follow-up to last month's article, we offer another testimony from a pro-life leader who has been inspired by the work of CBR and our executive director, Gregg Cunningham. We are humbled by how God has used CBR to spur on effective pro-life activism worldwide.

*"We are greatly impacted by what Gregg has done as a mover and shaker over the years. He is a profound influence on us. This Project Truth we are doing is a direct reflection on Gregg's influence on our ministries. I consider him one of the fathers of our 20th century abolitionist movement and I would take a bullet for him. In some ways what we do is an extension of CBR and I stand up for Gregg in the marketplace of ideas when he is attacked.*

*"I am thankful for all that we have learned to fight with over the years in this civil war. The quickness of the Internet enables us to get the prayer covering going and the right people in the right places at the right time.*



**CBR's affiliate in the Czech Republic held this GAP display outside Gymnázium Nad štolou in Prague in January 2010. At this school, one student argued for the police to throw the display away, claiming it was breaking the Czech law against degrading the Holocaust. The police did not act on that student's claim nor have they interfered with other Stop Genocide displays.**

*This also helps us know that when we seem to be on the injustice side of a ruling, we know that God is in control, because we have done 'all to stand' and God always gets the glory. In the early years that was not so. Gregg has plowed much of that ground."*

**–Don Blythe, At the Well Ministries, Stockton, CA**

### Combating "Artificial Stupidity" with GAP at CSULA

**CBR**'S POWERFUL GENOCIDE AWARENESS Project (GAP) made its debut at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) on Feb. 24-25, 2010. This campus of 21,000 students is in the center of Los Angeles County. The student club sponsor was ANDREW (Advocacy for PreNatal Dignity and Respect for Every Womb) and although this is a small club that is only in its second year, by partnering with us they proved their courage and vision. Maria Pacheco, Sergio Hernandez and Maryhelen Halpin are three of the club leaders who have

**a** strong vision to reach their peers with the truth about abortion; they saw our “abortion is genocide” photo display as a strategic way to educate.

We found students at this campus to be more open and thoughtful than many other universities, including prestigious ones. Our team of staff, volunteers and particularly the students themselves capitalized on this openness and signed up a record 243 students who are interested in joining their ANDREW club!

There were some CSULA students who were not so open-minded, those who had fallen into “artificial stupidity.” Columnist Thomas Sowell writes about “...seeing the creation of artificial stupidity by people who call themselves educators.” This appalling trend on university campuses is definitely that which we find reflected in some students’ reflexive reaction to GAP. Several of those educators modeled “artificial stupidity” by passing near our display and shouting things like, “You should be ashamed of yourselves!” while never stopping to discuss our genocide comparisons. Sowell wrote about them:

Many of today’s educators not only supply students with conclusions, they promote the idea that students should spring into action because of these pre-packaged conclusions—in other words, vent their feelings and go galloping off on crusades, without either a knowledge of what is said by those on the other side or the intellectual discipline to know how to analyze opposing arguments.” (“Creating Artificial Stupidity,” *The Orange County Register*, March 10, 2010)

CBR’s executive director has long observed that a corollary to “artificial stupidity” is that the average person’s IQ instantly drops 40 points when he hears the word “abortion.” Gregg Cunningham determined that many intelligent people, sometimes even Christians, can fall prey to this condition. The Holy Spirit can be counted on to raise people’s IQ to see the truth when we show them the GAP images. Thankfully, we saw many of these students turned around at CSULA. We also talked with students having valid questions about GAP.

Crystal approached the GAP display because of the disturbing photos, but she remained about 15 feet away. She called out, “I don’t understand your comparison of genocide and abortion.” As Lois Cunningham responded and ANDREW’s Sergio Hernandez joined in, a small crowd of students began to listen. As an African-American, Crystal expressed that she doesn’t like it when PETA or GLBT groups try to use ethnic comparisons for their purposes. She also wanted to know how

we give women alternatives to abortion, so we discussed pregnancy help centers and adoption. Another GAP volunteer offered some practical answers. Crystal began to move closer to us as we patiently answered her questions. We encouraged her to visit [www.Blackgenocide.org](http://www.Blackgenocide.org) so she could learn more about how minorities are targeted by abortionists. The conversation ended with Crystal taking a “Why Abortion is Genocide” brochure. To her credit, Crystal returned a few hours later and said with a smile, “I’ve read your pamphlet and I better understand your point.”

GAP volunteers included several staff members and volunteers from two Los Angeles County pregnancy help centers. Astrid Bennett Gutierrez, the executive director of Los Angeles Pregnancy Services, spoke with a young man who was suffering due to his girlfriend’s abortion. Another told Astrid that he and his girlfriend faced a crisis pregnancy last year and he changed his mind about abortion when he saw images of the preborn child in his biology textbook. Both young men were so moved by GAP that they signed up for the ANDREW club.



**Student sponsors Sergio Hernandez and Maria Pacheco speak with one of their peers at CSULA GAP.**

*The University Times* ran a front-page story on GAP featuring a photo of ANDREW president, Maria Pacheco, in front of the GAP display. That photo alone set apart this newspaper from many others because it highlighted a Hispanic female student who was sponsoring the display; many other newspapers like to portray pro-lifers as exclusively middle-aged white men and women. The article discussed student response to GAP:

Passers-by had mixed reactions to the event. Some took the literature offered to them with no comment, while others challenged the group's position. Masters-in-ed. grad student Yolanda Ferraloro said, 'I think it's a good portrayal of what abortion really is. I just think people need to see all sides in order to make informed choices.'

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Don Cooper, project manager of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, works with the [abortionNO.org](http://abortionNO.org) group. ... [said] one of the goals of the group is to have a meaningful dialogue and discussion about the issue. 'That's why we have these pictures—to level the playing field.' ("Anti-Abortion Demo," *The University Times*, February 25, 2010)

ANDREW President Maria Pacheco gave CBR this feedback when GAP had ended:

My experience with GAP was amazing. Some people may think that it is too gross to display aborted human beings in public, but I saw time and again how it opened so many dialogues with people. The event laid down the cards on the table and allowed deep-seated issues to come to surface. One person I talked to was able to feel free in expressing the hurt caused by an abortion. The person did not feel judged and they revealed a secret that could have otherwise been buried within. Politics portrays abortion as a private choice, but GAP makes abortion a public issue. In reality, abortion is a public issue because it affects



**CSULA students ponder our powerful images as they head to classes. Many of them stayed a long time or returned to talk after class.**

the whole human family. I found this to be a deeply moving experience. It allows people from all sides of the issue to feel free to talk about their pains, concerns, and doubts.

GAP definitely brings out students who need to deal with their past abortions. As we have opportunity, we offer them post-abortion pamphlets and direct them to post-abortion ministries. One student in his early 30s came up questioning why we don't offer alternatives like safe sex. He eventually admitted to participating in the decision to abort his child 17 years ago. When he continued to talk up "choice," we asked him if his child deserved a choice. He replied, "I guess he didn't get one."

Two young women told CBR staff member Kathy Jones, "I can't believe they have the right to do this," [abortion] and, "This is shocking. I'm speechless." These responses to GAP are evidence that there is still a large population in the U.S. that desperately needs abortion education—it could mean the difference between life and death for their babies.

## Events

- **March 22-23 – GAP at University of Arizona**
- **April 5-6 – GAP at Western Carolina**
- **April 7-8 – GAP at University of North Carolina, Charlotte**
- **April 9 – Pro-Life Institute at Fairfield Christian High School**
- **April 10 – Presentations at Alabama and Ohio Students for Life Conferences**
- **April 12-14 – GAP at Ohio State University**

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“I can't believe they have the right to do this!” –CSULA student's response to abortion after viewing our GAP photo signs on her university campus.

### Anti-abortion ads circle Paradise Valley school



**CBR-Arizona took a Reproductive Choice Campaign truck to Horizon High School in Paradise Valley on March 10. [3TV / azfamily.com](http://www.azfamily.com) ran a story on the truck, showing a long and clear view of the Obama Awareness sign on the side. We are thankful that this media outlet didn't mask the photos which helped us educate even more people. View the story at <http://www.azfamily.com/video/featured-videos/Truck-with-anti-abordtion-ads-circle-Paradise-Valley-school-87282647.html>**

### Prayer Requests

- Genocide Awareness Project at universities.
- Fruit from student training sessions.

Thank you for supporting our pro-life work as we educate people to follow God's ways: *"Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him."* **Deut. 30:19b-20a**

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