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On April 6, 2012, a twenty-two-year-old woman wrote us to say that seeing our abortion pictures had just saved her baby. She gave us her email address for follow-up, and added: “Yes. I am pregnant, and now I [am] definitely not getting an abortion. I never had one, and never will.” This young mother is why your support is so important to CBR. She, as is true with most women, has a functioning conscience, and as long as we have the resources required to show her the facts, she will choose life. But the abortion industry wants her to choose death -- and it will stop at nothing to conceal the facts we are struggling to expose -- in America and all over the world. Abortion is a global scourge because the abortion industry has a global vision. And their agenda parallels current news events, particularly where we work in Europe and the U.K.

Whether institutions are governmental or corporate or charitable, corrupt officials reflexively conceal damaging information and suppress every attempt to expose and debate it.

Telegraph.co.uk, May 26, 2012, posted an article headlined “For the Eurozone, the worst is yet to come.” The writer reported that “...European policy-makers languish in denial ...” regarding impending economic cataclysm. He says: “Let what is now happening in Europe serve as a reminder, a 28 million decibel wake-up call that serious economic debate matters and matters a lot.” He warns that “Attempts to dismiss or even suppress it, because it’s ‘hard’ or ‘boring’, have very real human consequences.”

Forbes.com, May 26, 2012, shines a light on those consequences in an article titled “Now Spain Circles the Drain.” The author echoes the *Telegraph* warning concerning psychological denial: “A little of Warren Buffett’s point that it’s only when the tide goes out that you can see who has been swimming naked.” The tide is rapidly receding, and the Eurozone is beginning to resemble a nudist colony.

The article says that “... it’s the mutually owned and local banking system, the *cajas*, which is [in trouble].” The reason is that “... regional governments have very much larger debts than they are letting on to as yet. Utilities and suppliers have been going unpaid for a year or more so there’s more to add to the debt that the markets can currently see.” Hiding indicting data merely forestalls and worsens the inevitable reckoning. The story adds that “... this is very similar to the way in which the banks before the crisis hid matters in Special Purpose Vehicles. In Spain these were hidden in the *cajas* and the regions and we’re only now uncovering them.”

A U.K. newspaper called *The Argus* documented our fight against this global scourge in a March 24, 2012 attack piece about our CBR U.K. affiliate, Abort67. The story ran under the banner headline “PROTESTERS ‘INTIMIDATE’ RAPE VICTIM.” But CBR never does the intimidating; abortion photos do the intimidating. *The Argus* writer repeatedly parroted abortion industry mischaracterizations of CBR’s clinic pickets and quoted the Wistons clinic’s management complaint that “... it passes the comments [of customers offended by our abortion pictures] on to Abort67 but it has yet to receive any response” That, like so much else the abortionists at the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) says, is untrue. For the record, here is our response:

Opressors have tried to discredit reformers by tarring them with scurrilous lies throughout recorded history. In the biography *Bonhoeffer*, published by Thomas Nelson (2010), author Eric Metaxas details the fall of German General Wilhelm von Fritsch, who “... made the mistake of trying to talk Hitler out of his war plans.” The Fuhrer’s inner circle viewed this plea to preserve Western civilization as an act of treason, so to ruin von Fritsch’s reputation and force his resignation, Himmler falsely accused him of homosexuality. Metaxas explains that “... in the Third Reich an accusation of homosexuality was without peer in smearing someone’s reputation” and that “... Hitler and the Nazis employed this tactic innumerable times against their political enemies...” The book also reveals that “... the concentration camps were full of sad cases whose real reasons for being there need never be disclosed, so long as they [falsely] bore the stigma of a pink triangle.”

The book *Amazing Grace*, also written by Eric Metaxas, and published by HarperOne (2007), describes British abolitionist James Ramsay’s horrifying service as the “medical supervisor” of Caribbean sugar plantations. The experience compelled him to write an exposé titled *Essay on the Treatment and Conversion of Slaves in the British Sugar Colonies*. Metaxas says that “... the slave trade interests would do all they could to keep information from getting out ...” and that “Its publication in 1784 produced much the same effect as turning a hose on a nest of hornets. All hell was loosed upon Ramsay and the battle in earnest had now ... begun.” In describing this reformer’s fate, Metaxas adds that “... so viciously and relentlessly had he been attacked by the pro-slave trade forces, with such a bombardment of cruel lies, that it literally seems to have killed him.”

For abolitionist Thomas Clarkson, who published similarly indicting information on the slave trade, Metaxas says the unleashed “hell” also took the form of “... despicable lies ... among them that Clarkson had himself applied for the post of captain on a slave ship.” Of course Ann Furedi, CEO of the British Advisory Pregnancy Service (BPAS), the U.K.’s largest independent abortion provider, will tell lies to discredit Abort67.

Members of the German Confessing Church who protected Jews from the Reich, and the British abolitionists who protected blacks from the slave traders and planters, and the Abort67 activists who protected children from BPAS, all shared a common devotion to Christ. All, therefore, have been and will continue to be lied about by those who do the work of the devil -- and mass murder is quintessentially demonic. 1 John 3:8 says “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.” Revelation 12:10 refers to “... the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night ...” The devil and his minions have always lodged false accusations against believers and especially those believers who, in the Name of Christ, toil to destroy the devil’s work.

Encyclopedia.com’s section titled “Abolitionists” explains that “Following the end of the Revolutionary War, many slaves and free people of African descent, as well as some American and British whites, began to question the slaves’ future, especially in terms of achieving full citizenship rights and economic independence. Colonization was used as a strategy to end slavery, and Freetown in Sierra Leone was established as a colony in 1787.” But slave traders quickly grasped the threat inherent in this abolitionist answer to the question, “If we abolish slavery, what happens to former slaves?” Metaxas says in *Amazing Grace* that “In 1794 French revolutionary forces, aided by an American slave ship captain, attacked Freetown, pillaging with a particular gratuitousness, slaughtering the livestock and killing every plant.”

Anti-abortion activists must answer a similar question related to abortion: “If we abolish abortion, what happens to all the pregnant women and their babies?” The answer is an extensive network of truly supportive pregnancy support centers and a more progressive view of adoption. Abortion advocates fear the peril posed by this answer as deeply as slave traders feared successful freed slave colonies in Africa.

Worldmag.com published the proof in a January 28, 2012 article, headlined “Under attack ... again.” Its sub-headline reads “Crisis pregnancy centers are facing a new campaign to smear and silence them.”

The Argus article then says “...the [British Abort67] group is backed by American pro-life lobbyists [and] critics have condemned the way it has intensified its approach.” Our Center For Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) is, of course, the “intensifier,” and British pro-aborts are wise to fear our strategy. Salon.com posted a related story on April 5, 2012 headlined “Abortion war hits Britain,” with a sub-headline which read “U.S.-style protests and Breitbart-like tactics have given the British anti-abortion movement new life.”

The headline writer is correct in observing that CBR is helping reinvent anti-abortion activism in the U.K. and goes on to breathlessly explain that we are doing it with huge abortion photo signs. “The protesters ... staged ... vigils at the corporate Calthorpe Abortion Clinic in Birmingham, the Marie Stopes Clinic in Manchester, and the Wistons Clinic in Brighton, where they worked with Abort67, an offshoot of America’s highly controversial and virulently graphic Center for Bioethical Reform.” One dictionary defines “virulent” as “extremely infectious,” and there can be no doubt that our abortion photo strategy is contagious. It is now spreading rapidly.

Not to be outdone, TheAtlantic.com posted a story on April 4, 2012 headlined “The Americanization of the U.K. Anti-Abortion Movement.” The sub-headline said “British pro-life activists are learning from their U.S. counterparts, adopting tougher tactics and harsher rhetoric.” The story was a masterpiece of defamation and disinformation:

LONDON -- Since the first day of Lent, protestors have gathered across the street from the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) on Bedford Square, praying and chanting in the name of halting abortions

The group, 40 Days for Life [with which CBR also closely collaborates in the U.K.], has also approached women seeking consultation with BPAS, thrusting upon them literature that claims abortion is linked to breast cancer (it isn’t) or that having a termination leads to alcoholism, drug use, and eating disorders (it doesn’t). Some women who have used the Bedford Square clinic during Lent, according to BPAS policy manager Abigail Fitzgibbon, have said that the protesters made them feel humiliated, embarrassed, harassed, and even violated.

“Seeking consultation”? These mothers are seeking abortion -- and BPAS is only too happy to give it to them. And, as did this *Atlantic* story, *The Argus* article also repeated the falsehood that we exaggerate abortion’s health risks, misreporting that “... they again offered our reporter leaflets containing graphic images and suspect medical claims.” The BPAS CEO Ann Furedi repeats this dishonest claim in a CNN column titled “Why anti-abortion activists should not intimidate women,” March 20, 2012, when she incorrectly accuses us of handing out “... leaflets with fanciful claims about how abortion will raise their risk of cancer and mental illness.”

She issued an equally unethical BPAS press release on January 22, 2009, in which she said “For most women, having an abortion poses fewer medical risks than going through pregnancy and birth.” This is, of course, the lie promulgated by the shameful Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RCOG). In a February 28, 2011 article at dailymail.co.uk headlined “Abortions are safer ...,” Dr. Peter Saunders, of the Christian Medical Fellowship, called out the RCOG for “perpetuating a myth” about the safety of abortion. Questioning why the report’s 18 authors include representatives from two of the country’s largest abortion clinics but not one psychiatrist, he said: “The RCOG has been heavily criticized in the past for underplaying

the physical and psychological consequences of abortion for women and this new document appears to continue in that vein.”

Consider the following rebuttal published by LifeNews.com on January 17, 2011, in a story headlined “Abortion has Caused 300K Breast Cancer Deaths Since Roe”:

Professor Joel Brind, an endocrinologist at Baruch College in New York, worked with several scientists on a 1996 paper published in the *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health* showing a ‘30% greater chance of developing breast cancer’ for women who have induced abortions. He recently commented on how many women have become victims.

Karen Malec, the head of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer, a public awareness group, says the number of studies showing the abortion-breast cancer link continues to grow in the years since Brind’s groundbreaking 1996 analysis of the major studies at that time.

‘During the last 21 months, four epidemiological studies and one review reported an abortion-breast cancer link,’ she noted. ‘One study included National Cancer Institute branch chief Louise Brinton as co-author. We count nearly 50 published epidemiological studies since 1957 reporting a link. Biological and experimental studies also support it.’

Abortion is safer than full-term delivery? BreastCancer.org says that “About 39,520 women in the U.S. were expected to die in 2011 from breast cancer” How many might have lived had they not aborted?

In further refutation of these false allegations that we are overstating abortion’s health risks, AfterAbortion.org cites a study published in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, December 2002, which found that “women with a prior abortion history are twice as likely to use alcohol, five times more likely to use illicit drugs, and ten times more likely to use marijuana during the first pregnancy they carry to term, compared to other women delivering their first pregnancies” One of the journal article’s authors says: “This is the seventeenth study linking abortion to elevated rates of substance abuse.” AfterAbortion.org also notes three more studies supporting the proposition that “For at least some women, post-abortion stress is associated with eating disorders such as binge eating, bulimia, and anorexia nervosa.”

LifeSiteNews.com says Priscilla K. Coleman, Ph.D., Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Bowling Green State University, notes that “... [T]he data reported by abortion clinics to state health departments and ultimately to the CDC [Centers for Disease Control] significantly under-represent abortion morbidity and mortality”

We thank God for your willingness to help us confront and defeat these devious abortion industry predators. Now join us in working and praying to turn voters back to the Constitution and churches back to the Bible.

Lord bless,



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