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Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

CBR just returned from the University of Missouri where we conducted one of our most effective Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) events ever. We chose that school at this time because Mizzou's campus culture is a particularly egregious example of the political correctness which is paralyzing American higher education nearly everywhere.

Throughout the fall semester Missouri students protested "racial tensions" which derived largely from a couple of unconfirmed reports of a white student directing "racial epithets" at black students, and a fecal swastika which reportedly appeared on a dorm wall. We may never know whether these alleged incidents actually occurred as described, but there is reason to be skeptical.

Commentary Magazine published a November 12, 2015 article headlined "A plague of racial hoaxes on campus." The story documents faked accusations of racist incidents at Oberlin College, the University of Wisconsin, Vassar College, Hinman College, and Central Connecticut State University. Liberal administrators incentivize these false claims because they tend to validate the leftist fiction that "white privilege" is a product of white racism which can only be exorcized by creating more government programs (mandatory sensitivity training, affirmative action recruitment of minority students and faculty, more funding for minority extra-curricular programs, etc.).

The news is full of stories describing the tendency of identity politics to spawn victim scams: Mediaite.com, "Media Creates Incentives for Students to Invent Racial Hoaxes," Breitbart.com, "Top Ten Media Hate-Crime Hoaxes of 2013," NationalReview.com, "Bogus Baiting, Retracted Rape, and Homophobic Hokum," AmericanThinker.com, "White Racism at Mizzou and Berkeley: Racial Hoaxes of the Week."

The veracity of these allegations (rape being an especially problematic charge) is often assumed and seldom adequately investigated. Accusers now assert a "right to be believed" which robs the accused of a presumption of innocence and other due process rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Victimhood is a coveted social status because it confers an entitlement to sympathy, special privileges, and perhaps a dubious cause of action which can be used to bully a defendant into settling a frivolous lawsuit. Some of Mizzou's student protestors participated in and/or were inspired by 2014's riots in nearby Ferguson, MO, where a black man named Michael Brown was shot to death after attacking a white police officer and trying to get his gun. The very racist Obama Justice Department surprised almost everyone by clearing the officer of misconduct, but that did nothing to dispel the myth that Brown was shot in the back while attempting to surrender. The "murder" may be a hoax, but Brown's parents have nonetheless filed a wrongful death lawsuit which will go to trial against the police officer in October of 2016.

The Justice Department report exonerated the police officer in part because “witnesses whose accounts supported Mr. Wilson [the accused officer] said they had been afraid to come forth or tell the truth because they feared reprisals from the enraged community,” *The New York Times*, March 4, 2015, “Darren Wilson Is Cleared of Rights Violations in Ferguson Shooting.”

Similar intimidation tactics are silencing black students who disapprove of “Black Lives Matter’s” coercive campaigns on their campuses. The *Los Angeles Times* published a story headlined “Sharp Divisions Emerge on Campuses as Some Criticize Activists’ Tactics as Intimidation,” November 21, 2015. The article quotes a dissenting black student who says, “Never did we think the day would come where scared to speak our minds, where fear of our fellow students’ rage silenced us” And it’s not merely students who fear university protestors. Unrest at Mizzou forced the resignations of the school’s president and its chancellor a few weeks ago.

Absurdity descended into farce, however, when black protestor Jonathan Butler mounted a “hunger strike” which inspired the largely black football team to refuse to play and thereby cost the school \$1 million dollars for each game forfeited until the president resigned. Of course, no one wanted to admit that the money was the issue. Though Mr. Butler was less than 72 hours into his political fast, one player asserted that the famished protestor “wasn’t in a good state.” Another loftily proclaimed, “A life is way more valuable than a game,” and most hysterically, Coach Gary Pinkel sobbed, “My players deeply cared about this guy and he was dying ...,” *The New York Times*, “University of Missouri Protests Spur a Day of Change,” November 9, 2015. Dying? Really? This sort of strong arm phony baloney kills unborn babies because it intimidates pro-life students into silence about abortion or any other controversy.

At this point, we at CBR had had enough. We decided to take our GAP exhibit to Mizzou with some extra signs focusing on the theme “All Black Lives Matter – Born and Unborn.” For good measure, we also displayed a sign which made the point that if a gay gene is ever identified, babies found to be carrying it will be aborted at high rates. We also included a sign asking whether the “honor killing” of Muslim rape victims is any more barbaric than killing the unborn babies conceived by Western rape victims.

Arthur C. Brooks of the American Enterprise Institute says a “grievance industry” is infantilizing students by creating a “culture of victimhood.” He adds that “victimhood claims the right to say who is and is not allowed to speak.” We determined to teach Mizzou the lesson that the First Amendment trumps political correctness, and we did so with signs specifically designed to offend every campus group with an exaggerated sense of entitlement. Our results were spectacularly successful in some measure because our traveling team consisted of ten white staff members and ten African American volunteers led by CBR board member Rev. Clenard Childress. He pastors a black church in suburban Newark, NJ. Pastor Childress spent much of our three-day visit debating black students while standing in front of our most inflammatory sign: It features a huge Confederate flag beside an aborted baby photo with captions which read “Which Is More Hateful?” – “Evil done to us?” (the Confederate flag symbol) or “Evil done by us?” (the abortion photo symbol).

Those signs totally flummoxed the 40 or so pro-abortion students who counter-demonstrated in defense of Planned Parenthood. A Jewish girl led chants asserting that “it’s reprehensible to use minorities to advance your political agenda.” She apparently failed to notice that her own protestors included minorities such as African American students, Muslim students, and lesbian students. Forget critical thinking skills; these poor kids lack even common sense.

By God's grace, the first student who stormed up to our display the first five minutes it was erected was a young black woman who was screaming and cursing. I recognized her immediately from television news broadcasts and newspaper photos as one of the demonstrators who had led the "Black Lives Matter" protests which had just forced the resignations of the university president and its chancellor. But at our GAP display site, she made a huge mistake: She could have accosted anyone of 20 CBR staff members and volunteers. But providentially, she confronted Pastor Childress.

Her face was contorted with rage. Her arms flailed and her index fingers stabbed at the air. Pastor Childress, however, just smiled. When she finally stopped to breathe, he gently set her straight about the importance of protecting the lives of black babies. She calmed down and they talked for an hour. When she said she had to go to class, he gave her a homework assignment. She returned later and they spoke for another half hour. She thanked him for not quoting Scripture, but, actually he quoted a lot of Scripture. She just didn't realize it.

We rocked Mizzou and furious pro-aborts demanded to know who had given us permission to bring GAP to their campus. I said "John Adams, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and the rest of our Constitution's framers," but that made them madder still, because they have been taught to hate the Constitution as a tool of oppression. They believe the First Amendment should not protect speech they find offensive.

When we emailed a progress report to our lawyer friends at the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), one replied, "That is a purely joyful report – amazing grace indeed." Another said, "Kudos to you and CBR for having the guts to go to Mizzou and bring your life-saving message. We need much more of this." We thank God for the generosity of the CBR donor partners who made it possible for us to challenge Missouri's bloody insanity. But the pro-aborts weren't the only ones angered by our presence.

Students for Life of America (SFLA) opposed our visit and their local student organization not only refused to co-sponsor our event, they wouldn't meet with us or come anywhere near us, and they even condemned us in the press and on social media. Who would have ever imagined that Planned Parenthood and Students for Life would make nearly identical arguments to justify hiding the horror of abortion?

In a public statement, the Mizzou pro-life student group said, "... we do not believe the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) is appropriate for the campus climate at this time." To what "climate" are they referring? A "climate" of fear. This, however, is precisely the appropriate climate in which to hit back hard against pagans who bully while Christians cower. But then the real truth came out:

The pro-life students said that "the images presented by this organization [CBR] can be offensive, thus, we do not believe their methods of getting the pro-life perspective across are helpful or conducive to rational dialogue." So timing wasn't the issue after all. But without abortion photos, there is seldom any dialogue whatsoever.

Then, however, the real-real truth came out. In an email from the president of the campus pro-life group we read, "... my group has to do what needs to happen for the survival of our group." But what about the survival of our babies? Then she became even more pathetic:

I was given a binder at the beginning of my term and it contained several articles from prominent news sources ... about the impact of GAP at Mizzou in 2012. It basically made our group look bad and caused the person who was currently serving as vice president to quit because he didn't agree with it.

She closed by admitting that the Students for Life national office believed "that it was not a good idea to come [to Mizzou with GAP]" and said her campus group planned "on being out there tomorrow, most likely tabling with pregnancy resources." On their Facebook page, however, they identified those "pregnancy resources" as Life Savers candy with little tags promoting adoption. Our side is terrified of disapproval and the other side revels in annoying their opponents.

The *Columbia Tribune Newspaper* published a story on November 16, 2015, headlined "Protests Tarnished University's Image in State, Poll Shows." The article reported that "62% of respondents in the state of Missouri opposed protestors' actions [at the University of Missouri]" and "more than half disagreed with student protesters' message about racism at MU" But the student protesters couldn't care less what others think of them. One of the student leaders dismissed criticism as "rooted in misunderstanding of the basis for the demonstrations" This is classic Obama arrogance. His critics are just too dumb to understand his noble motives. In fact, the article goes on to note that "President Barack Obama, in an interview with ABC News, praised the [Mizzou Black Lives Matter] students and the football team." The White House emboldens belligerent liberal students and Students for Life frightens timid conservative students. This is why the other side wins and our side loses. They attack and we surrender.

CampusReform.com reported that Mizzou's Jewish student organization also issued a statement which read, "This use of the Holocaust is an act of anti-Semitism and the Jewish Student Organization condemns the fear tactics the Genocide Awareness Project uses." The letter also urged, "If these images disturb you, please go to the Title IX website [federal anti-discrimination law] and fill out a bias incident report." I can't find the words to describe the joy I would experience hammering in federal court any Obama bureaucrat imprudent enough to allege that GAP violates federal law. It would be like dying and going to Heaven!

Yet we fight on. And as always, we need your help now more than ever. Would you consider a \$50 donation to support our Christian college outreach? \$75 toward our pickets of Starbucks – a leading corporate donor to Planned Parenthood? \$100 to help fund the billboard trucks we will operate to educate voters in carefully selected presidential swing states? 2016 will be a hugely significant year and we will do the projects if you will do the funding!

Lord bless,



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P.S. Please help us fight Planned Parenthood fetal harvesting atrocities: Micah 3:1-3, "Should you not know justice, you who ... tear the skin from my people and the flesh from their bones in pieces; who chop them up like meat for the pan, like flesh for the pot?"