



## “Choice” Trucks and Tow-Banners at Daytona

TWO REPRODUCTIVE “CHOICE” CAMPAIGN (RCC) trucks traveled to the 300-mile NASCAR race on Saturday, Valentine’s Day, and to the Daytona 500 on Sunday, Feb. 15th. The trucks also drove for several hours both days on the eight-lane Highway 92 in front of the International Speedway.

The first day’s weather was good, which enabled us to fly the 10-week abortion photo tow-banner for two hours over the track during the race itself. The banner also displays our web address, as do our RCC trucks, so people can learn more about abortion when they get home.

Thousands viewed the abortion images on the trucks and tens of thousands viewed the tow-banner. Our trucks drove before the races when the vehicular and pedestrian traffic was very heavy. Often we were stopped at intersections controlled by police officers, which resulted in hundreds of pedestrians crossing within a few feet and in clear view of the RCC signs.

One police officer was looking at the web address above the truck’s cab with a puzzled look on his face as he shrugged his shoulders. He took a few steps sideways and looked at the side of the truck and then nodded his head in understanding.

Among the callers to our RCC voicemail number was a woman who saw the trucks while working as a spokes model in one of the product display booths. She was so moved by the “Choice” signs that she volunteered her assistance, and she has already gotten connected with a local sidewalk counseling ministry to work with other women outside the abortion mills in the Orlando area. She is post-abortive but has experienced God’s forgiveness and, because of the nature of her job, is very comfortable with the concept of speaking persuasively to women coming to abortion mills.

The trucks and aerial tow-banner were also present during the Super Bowl in Tampa two weeks earlier. Our RCC voicemail number lit up with calls. Florida is a great state for a CBR regional office; there is always a good “audience” on Florida’s busy interstate highways,



**(top) CBR reached thousands of people who attended the 300-mile NASCAR race and the Daytona 500. The tall towers with Sprint logos (seen from the plane carrying the CBR tow-banner of a 10-week abortion victim) are in the center of the grand stand at the start/finish line. RCC trucks drove under this overpass with the Daytona welcome sign which carries heavy pedestrian traffic over an 8-lane Highway 92.**

but the audience grows exponentially during the numerous special events held in this key state.

### January 20<sup>th</sup> was No Celebration for Preborn Babies

ON JANUARY 17, 2009, The *Columbus Dispatch* reported a story headlined “Roe v. Wade Anniversary: Inaugural Hubbub May Deter Influx of Activists.” Well, the “Inaugural hubbub” didn’t deter us; it was why we were in Washington with our Reproductive “Choice” Campaign billboard trucks and new Obama Awareness Campaign signs. The article said:

At least one anti-abortion group, the California-based Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, whose Midwest division is based in Columbus, said last week that it plans to protest during the inauguration

with its fleet of ‘mobile billboards’—essentially, panel trucks displaying huge pictures of bloody fetuses.

These signs are designed to point out the ironies of Mr. Obama’s many statements which don’t sound nearly so noble when read against the background of an aborted baby photo. One has a caption beside his picture, which quotes the president as saying “ONE OF THE HIGHEST RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE [IS] TO ENSURE THE ... WELLBEING OF OUR NATION’S CHILDREN” (*New York Times*, Feb. 4, 2009). We display that caption beside a picture of a baby’s severed arm. Another has the president’s picture beside a caption which reads “... FOR THOSE ... SLAUGHTERING INNOCENTS ... WE WILL DEFEAT YOU” (Mr. Obama’s inaugural address, Jan. 20, 2009). This one displays a cluster of body parts from several abortions.

Another sign quotes BarackObama.com/2007 on ending harsh interrogation of terror detainees and is head-lined “OBAMA ENDS TORTURE” with the quote “IT’S TIME TO STOP ... [SAYING] ONE THING IN PUBLIC WHILE DOING SOMETHING ELSE IN THE SHADOWS.” That quote appears between a photo of the Obamas and a late-term baby which has obviously been tortured to death. On that same theme is the sign with an Obama campaign poster and a dead, late-term baby with the caption “REAL MESSIAHS DON’T SUPPORT INFANTICIDE.”

Still another has a different late-term baby with the president and the caption “OBAMA OPPOSES TREATMENT FOR BABIES SURVIVING FAILED ABORTIONS” (*National Review*, Sept. 15, 2008). Particularly ironic is the sign with the painting of Mr. Obama with an aborted baby photo and a caption which reads “COURTS SHOULD ‘PROTECT PEOPLE WHO DON’T HAVE A VOICE ... THE VULNERABLE ... THE OUTCAST’” (*Los Angeles Times*, Nov. 17, 2008).

And lest people forget that there is something more important wrong with our country than the economy, we use a *National Review* magazine cover with a painting whose caption is “It’s raining money” and an aborted baby photo with body parts scattered across a one dollar bill with the caption “WHEN YOU SPREAD THE WEALTH AROUND, IT’S GOOD FOR EVERYONE!” (*New York Post*, Oct. 15, 2008). Of course, the dead babies are people for whom spreading money around hasn’t been so good at all.

And finally, in a jab at the sick and dying, post-Christian



**(top) CBR Florida Director Mike Schrimsher speaks with students at Florida International University (Miami) Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) on Oct. 29-30, 2008; (right) Air RCC collaborates with GAP at FIU; (below) two sisters, Rosa and Reanna, traveled from Ohio to volunteer at FIU GAP**



culture which elected this most pro-abortion president in American history, we have a sign with a lynching photo beside an inauguration photo and an aborted baby photo with the caption “WE’VE COME A LONG WAY—OR HAVE WE?” One final sign, which is also designed to put the brakes on the orgy of self-congratulation being indulged in by the electorate, has a slavery photo, an inauguration photo, and an aborted baby photo with the caption “WE ABOLISHED SLAVERY—WE OVERCAME BIGOTRY—BUT WE STILL KILL OUR CHILDREN.”

I can attest to the fact that people don’t want to be chided for putting their jobs ahead of our children because I have a smaller version of that sign covering the rear window of my old station wagon (printed on

*“I misunderstood what goes into an abortion. After watching this, I have e-mailed this link to all my friends just so they will be more careful and never even consider abortion!”*

*–27-year-old woman from Illinois, Feb. 22, 2009 website survey*



see-through material) and it provokes some very angry reactions on my drive to and from the office. But it is vital that we constantly remind the public that we have now elected the first president who would kill even newborn babies. Now we will see how long it takes for me to get my window smashed in some parking lot. (GC)

## U.S. Supreme Court Says CBR Free-Speech Victory Stands

ON JANUARY 12, 2009, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT announced that it had denied a request to review a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision that upheld CBR’s right to display graphic abortion photos outside public schools. The case dates back to March 2003 when police unlawfully detained a Reproductive “Choice” Campaign truck outside a California school.

Our pro-bono legal counsel for this case is the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We quote from their Jan. 13, 2009 press release here:

The Supreme Court’s decision cements a victory for the Thomas More Law Center and the pro-life cause.

In July 2008, court observers were stunned when a unanimous three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed a lower court decision and held that pro-life activists had a constitutional right to display large graphic photos of aborted babies on the public streets adjacent to the Dodson Middle School in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. The case involved a 75-minute police detention of two members of the Center for Bio-

Ethical Reform, Inc. (CBR), a California-based pro-life organization. The CBR members had been driving a box-body style truck that displayed large photos of first-term aborted babies on its sides.

School officials and the LA County Sheriff’s Department claimed that the photos were “disruptive” in violation of a California penal statute. The Ninth Circuit ruled that deputy sheriffs violated the pro-lifers’ First Amendment right to Free Speech and their Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable police seizures when they halted the peaceful demonstration.

In the opinion, which was written by Judge Harry Pregerson, who is considered by many to be one of the most liberal judges in the Ninth Circuit, and supported by Judges William A. Fletcher and Marsha S. Berzon, the Court ruled that “the government cannot silence messages simply because they cause discomfort, fear, or even anger.”

The Thomas More Law Center, a national public interest law firm based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, brought the case on behalf of CBR. The mobile billboard truck is part of CBR’s effort to expose as many people as possible to the horrors and realities of abortion.

Robert Muise, trial counsel for the Law Center who handled the case, commented on the decision, “This is a tremendous victory for the First Amendment and the pro-life movement. The Supreme Court’s decision leaves the Ninth Circuit’s ruling undisturbed, ensuring that there is no double standard for pro-life speech and affirming the fundamental principle of the First Amendment that government officials cannot prohibit silent, peaceful, non-obstructive, political speech on the public streets simply because certain listeners or viewers find the speech offensive.”

The finality of this victory is tremendous not only for us, but also for all pro-life activists who know the power of the photos to change people’s minds.

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*–U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit*



**What about the abortion slaughter of these innocents? New Obama Awareness Campaign sign**

## Events

- RCC at Super Bowl
- RCC at Daytona 500 & NASCAR – Feb. 14 & 15
- RCC at Daytona Bike Week – March

## Prayer Requests

- Praise for court victory
- Matt. 28:20 mobilize scores of Christians to fight abortion

*God sees and will repay wicked ones of whom the psalmist writes: “He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the hiding places he kills the innocent...”*

Psalm 10:8

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