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# IN HISTORIC DEBATE, CBR GRACIOUSLY DEMOLISHES UK's LARGEST ABORTION PROVIDER



SCAN TO VIEW VIDEO OF DEBATE.

**F**rom the very beginning of CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham's historic encounter with Ann Furedi, CEO of the deceptively named "British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS)," it was clear that Gregg had carefully studied many of Ms. Furedi's past debate videos. It was equally clear that she had studied none of his. At issue was the public display of large abortion photos outside abortion clinics. Ms. Furedi argued that it is immoral for CBR to show her prospective customers what she intends to do to their babies. Gregg argued it is immoral to hide the horror from them. By the grace of God and the generosity of donors such as you, CBR handed Ms. Furedi the first decisive defeat of her long and storied debating career. Our UK court victory affirmed our legal authority to use abortion photos. This debate victory affirmed our moral authority to do so.

CBR-UK and Christian Concern, an association of Christian attorneys, co-sponsored this debate, and a capacity crowd filled the Emmanuel Center in Westminster, London, on October 3, 2013. The debate persuaded UK pro-life leaders that we can win this war, and a number of them generously gave us the following post-debate feedback. We hope our supporters will take time to watch the debate online at <http://youtu.be/HKRzObY-SSc>.



*Ann Furedi has enjoyed total control over what potential clients see outside BPAS abortion clinics. By God's grace, CBR has broken that monopoly forever. Ann Furedi chose moderator Brenden O'Neil, editor of Spiked magazine; he was a likable chap and scrupulously fair. Gregg believes we made progress in shifting his position on abortion.*



*Gregg argued that by trying to keep abortion photos off the sidewalks outside her clinics, Ann Furedi, a former television news anchorwoman, was being deceptive, manipulative and exploitative.*

## **Andy Stephenson, Founder, CBR-UK, Abort67**

It may be difficult for those *outside* of the UK to know how significant the progress has been *inside* the UK. The significant change is not just in what we have achieved directly through Gregg's help but how much we know we can now achieve. When Gregg first came to visit us, he said he wanted to change our sense of the possible. Despite pessimistic British attitudes this has been accomplished many times over.

Gregg, being a military man, has helped me see the fight against abortion in terms of warfare. The Scottish Black Watch fought in the WWII Battle of El Alamein. Churchill said about this pivotal moment, "Before Alamein we never had a victory. After Alamein, we never had a defeat." For over 46 years the pro-life movement has only ever seen defeat. Pro-lifers are weary and cynical. One significant pro-life leader I spoke to recently told us he believed that abortion would never be outlawed.

Just in the last year due to Gregg, we have successfully challenged the restrictive speech laws so we now have an influential case supporting the use of graphic abortion images in the public square (without which social reform would indeed be impossible). We have organised two debates -- one between



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Gregg and another influential pro-life campaigner, the other between Gregg and the head of the largest abortion provider in the UK. Both were arguing the same position: that graphic images should not be used outside abortion clinics. Gregg obliterated their arguments. The debate with pro-abortion Ann Furedi of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service reflected the situation in the UK. For 46 years the abortion industry has been able to successfully say and do almost anything they wish with no accountability or meaningful push-back from the pro-life movement. Likewise, Ann Furedi has said and done the most outrageous things, and those listening have just quietly nodded and allowed her to get away with it. If you watch any other debate with Ann Furedi, she is confident and in control. Her body language shows she is relaxed and sure of herself.

But she hadn't come across Gregg Cunningham before in a face-to-face debate. Gregg insisted on using logic and reason to politely destroy her baseless assertions. We watched Ann Furedi, who is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of babies, trying in vain to defend "choice" whilst Gregg forced her to defend killing innocent human beings. It was a thing of beauty.

Amongst the throngs whom turned up to see this battle were many pro-lifers who were very hesitant about the use of dead baby pictures. Now they could see the pictures are a valuable weapon in obliterating the lies of the abortion industry. I saw battle weary pro-lifers cheering (very unBritish, I must say) and suddenly gaining strength from the idea that we can be confident of our case. Since Gregg started working with us and visiting to goad us on, the debate on abortion has now shifted in the public's mind. People are starting for the first time to talk about what abortion actually is.

### Andrea Williams, President, Christian Concern

This debate between Gregg Cunningham and Ann Furedi to a packed hall in Westminster in October was a truly historic encounter. Gregg's passionate argument for life destroyed Ann's promotion of death and left her looking morally bereft with no concept of right and wrong. The fact that Ann Furedi has never opposed gender selection abortions and even states that the Abortion Act permits them certainly made for a lively debate.

This debate is part of the process of changing the landscape in the UK. Gregg provokes a response from the public and shakes us out of our complacency, which is exactly what we need here in the UK.

### Alan Craig, Christian activist and campaigner

The debate was game, set, and match to Gregg Cunningham and the pro-life cause, and also for the right quietly to show images of terminated babies outside abortion centres.

I was astonished at the weakness of Furedi's case, which anyway was destroyed by Gregg's incisive analysis and remorseless logic. It was encouraging that cool but passionate reasoning



*The audience was largely pro-life but a show of hands before the debate began indicated that a substantial percentage were undecided about the display of abortion photos. By the end of the evening, nearly all had embraced the CBR strategy. Unlike most reserved British debate audiences, this group applauded Gregg's more compelling points. They sensed victory at last and they loved it.*

can still win the day in our democracy, and the shift in support during the debate towards Gregg's position was testimony that the moral high ground can be defended and promoted without froth and emotionalism.

### Andrew March, Project Director, Christian Concern

Just before the turn of the millennium, prominent BBC journalist and presenter, Jeremy Paxman, wrote:

*"In England, it is not that the issue [of abortion] is any less ethically charged [than in the US], merely that no one likes to make a fuss about it. The English know that abortions take place on a staggering scale in their country -- 177,225 in 1996 -- which means that for every four children born, one foetus was destroyed. There is a 'thesis' and an 'antithesis' in the issue all right. But the English simply prefer not to notice."*

A decade later, the numbers were higher still. But today, CBR is 'making a fuss' and challenging the English pretence 'not to notice'. Gregg Cunningham's debate with BPAS CEO Ann Furedi was another milestone. That the debate happened at all hints at the industry's fear of imagery which reveals truth about abortion.

Throughout, Gregg Cunningham calmly refuted Ms. Furedi's arguments and assertions, highlighting how public education projects merely allow abortion to 'protest itself'. In the process, he extracted startling admissions from Ms. Furedi and shifted opinion, as the closing vote revealed.

### Ivana Forman, CBR-UK staff

It was an historic occasion, one which needs to be broadcast far and wide to show abortion supporters the weakness of the pro-choice argument against that of life and the horror and injustice of abortion.

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### Daniel Rodger, CBR-UK volunteer

It was key that those who already support the pro-life cause were able to hear how vital it is to use abortion images; this was eloquently communicated by Gregg to the audience. He also did a masterful job in the Q&A. ...

### Rachel Wagstaff, Head of Finance, Christian Concern

Gregg was gracious but unswerving in his arguments, which were direct and exposed the flaws in Furedi's rhetoric effectively.

### Kathryn Attwood, Director, CBR-UK and Abort67

Every time Gregg visits it is a game-changer for us. This particular visit, though, saw history made as the biggest abortion provider in the UK faced off with Gregg in a debate in which we were victorious thanks to Gregg's mastery of his argument. ... The UK pro-abort movement takes us seriously because of Gregg's input into our work.

### Joe Clovis, Human Life International-UK

The very calm, clear and polite way in which Gregg Cunningham presents his arguments is very disarming to the proponents of the culture of death, yet the force that it accompanies is undeniable truth which sends those embroiled in the slaughter scurrying speechlessly. The worst they can do is engage him. The best they can do is ignore him, pretending that he and truth do not exist since the truth cuts finer than any two-edged sword ...

Yet Gregg's greatest strength is his compassion for the victims of abortion ... and his faith not just in the fight but evermore in Jesus Christ. These are the people for whom he fights!

### Robert Colquhoun, International Outreach Director, 40 Days for Life

Gregg Cunningham comprehensively and convincingly won the debate against Ann Furedi, CEO of BPAS. Ann failed to make substantial rebuttals to Gregg's main arguments. Gregg highlighted in his talk that when a person holds up a picture of an abortion, abortion protests itself.



*The vote declaring CBR the winner was overwhelming.*

**We thank you for your faithful prayers and support of CBR. God is with us as we speak up for the babies.**

*"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*

*DEUTERONOMY 31:8*

- Pray for our international CBR affiliates
- Pray for pastors to lead their churches in pro-life ministry

## Events

### GAP (Genocide Awareness Project)

April 7-8 Oakland University

April 9-10 Michigan State University

April 28-29 SUNY Buffalo

### "Choice" sign outreaches

Weekly in Baltimore, Germantown, Berwyn Heights, Towson University and Rockville, MD. Also at Northern Virginia Metro stops; George Mason University in Fairfax, VA; Montgomery Community College in Rockville, MD; Washington, D.C.; and Old Town Alexandria, VA.

### Jean Stephenson, Abort67 volunteer

Gregg showed Ms. Furedi and delegates the video information on her own BPAS website that supposedly gives a woman all the information she needs to make a decision and be prepared for what will happen when she comes in to have a medical or surgical abortion. This exposed a great lack of information which Ms. Furedi was left floundering to account for. Her only response was that she was unaware of this lack herself and said she would have to go back and look at it again. This was an embarrassing exposure for BPAS and Ms. Furedi. ... In fact, the power of his presentation led to even Ann admitting that the unborn foetus is a human being and not, as her clients are told, "just a blob of tissue," a "bunch of cells," etc.....

### Greg Clovis, Executive Director, Family Life International, Human Life International-UK

Gregg Cunningham's work in the UK has been one of the most significant pro-life activities since abortion was legalised in 1967. Gregg's ability to win debates on news programmes and the help he has given pro-lifers to obtain the legal right to protest with pictures has at last helped to turn things to our advantage. His attendance at our pro-life conferences has enthused pro-lifers to do the work God is calling them to do in defending ...the unborn child. I'd personally like to thank Gregg, for I believe he will always be remembered as one of the great pro-lifers.

(CBR extends special thanks to Scott Klusendorf, Daniel Rodger and Clinton Wilcox for providing invaluable BPAS debate research support.)



*We don't need to protest abortion.  
When we hold up an aborted baby photo, abortion protests itself.*



**Gregg Cunningham**



*CBR's photos outside abortion clinics are a form of consumer protection. BPAS doctors have admitted to regularly pre-signing abortion authorization forms for women the law requires them to examine but whom they had never even met. That is medical malpractice, and Gregg called Ann Furedi out for it.*



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