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# Pro-Abort Rage in Brussels Prompts Police to Confiscate CBR Signs

**D**isturbing videotape footage of police confiscating CBR- Poland's (Fundacja Pro) and CBR-Netherlands' (AbortusInformatie.nl) abortion photo signs in Belgium last month is on our website and other websites for all to see. Video here: <http://bit.ly/1GjQ6xB>. These actions occurred after pro-aborts began raging during the legally permitted anti-abortion event near the European Parliament buildings in Brussels on March 30, 2015. When our colleagues protested the confiscation of their signs, here is what they were told by a policeman at Luxembourg Square:

“With your banners, we’d have people fighting here. So we removed the cause of the problem.”

Another plainclothes cop was really upset and told our colleagues that “we were the danger; we were provoking violence.” We certainly expect opposition wherever we display the truth about abortion, as the darkness hates the light. But when policemen see us as the problem, they give in to mob rule and it cannot be tolerated.

Interestingly, the plainclothes cop kept pointing to CBR-Poland’s provocative banner that has an 8-week aborted baby photo next to an image of Adolf Hitler with the caption: “Hitler legalized abortion for Poles. March 9, 1943.” We printed a photo of that sign in the CBR Communique when CBR-Poland first introduced it in 2010 on a massive billboard in Poland. After a day of stunned silence from the media, then ensued a media frenzy debating the message.

The video footage gives evidence of CBR-Poland’s signs being damaged and confiscated. During the ruckus, the video shows our Polish colleague, Marisuz Dzierzawski, calmly holding high over his head one of the signs from CBR-Netherlands. Police soon also confiscated all the CBR-Netherlands’ signs.

LifeSiteNews interviewed pro-lifers who were shocked at what they experienced in Brussels. One was Kaja Godek, a leader of Fundacja Pro (CBR-Poland):

When we display graphic abortion pictures on the streets of Poland, the reaction we get is mostly sympathetic. In Brussels, we met with aggression and a hysterical reaction. Some furious people surrounded us, screaming that we were sick and that the photographs of abortion victims were a lie...



*CBR-Poland’s abortion photo display so enraged pro-aborts that they physically pushed peaceful pro-lifers, threw firecrackers, yelled obscenities and tried to steal the banners. Although this protest near the European Parliament buildings in Brussels was legal, police confiscated CBR- Poland’s (Fundacja Pro) and CBR-Netherlands’ (AbortusInformatie.nl) abortion photo signs. The March 30, 2015 events in Belgium were captured on video and are on the web for all to see.*

A youth named Jacek Januszewski gave his testimony to LifeSiteNews, “They screamed vulgarities and obscene insults, specifically directed at the ladies in our group. They threw firecrackers, physically pushed us, and tried to steal our banners.”

Cameras were in the hands of countless pro-lifers who filmed the commotion, thank God. We train our U.S. regional directors, our international affiliates and all pro-life activists to always have cameras ready for action. It is vital to establish the facts. We learned this from our careful study of the history of social reform. Violent people who want to shut down peaceful civil rights protests often go after the photographer first, but on that day there were too many photographers!

This melee in Brussels demonstrated just how important the photos are to document our peaceful approach contrasted with the violence of the pro-aborts. On this occasion, it was also significant to have

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evidence of police action. CBR-Netherlands Founder, Irene van der Wende, emailed us to describe what took place:

When I was carrying one of our signs above my head, like Mariusz [CBR-Poland] can be seen doing in the film with the board with the 7-week aborted baby, someone snatched it out of my hands with such force and vigor and then thrashed it downwards so hard that it landed with a big thump on another pro-lifer standing next to me. I was apologizing profusely to my unknown pro-life friend. I was so shocked the police weren't arresting the people who were harassing us, even with the Member of European Parliament (MEP) there, and instead turned against us as if we were criminals.

I was taking pictures of the main policemen who had been pushing and shoving me with such force as if I was a criminal. (I lost my balance and landed in the mud.) At the end, the most intimidating policeman came up to me and said words to the effect of that he couldn't stop me from taking pictures, but that they were not to be used on internet, blog, media, press etc. - they were only for myself.

I also have a picture of the policeman who shouted me the address of the police station where our signs could be collected (Kolenmarkt 30, 1000 Brussel) and his handwriting on paper. Why on earth was he shouting at me?! All I asked was where I could collect my signs, but he got angry, saying he shouldn't even be talking to me. There was only one police officer who didn't push me - a female - so I turned around to thank her for not pushing me like her colleagues...

When Ms. van der Wende went to the station, her signs were nowhere to be found.

Sorry about the photos, Mr. Policeman. Before Irene returned to the Netherlands, countless other pro-lifers had posted their photos and video on the internet.

We pray that God will use this persecution for His glory and that it mobilizes more pro-life people to get involved in the cause for life.



*Mariusz Dzierżawski, Fundacja Pro Foundation Council member (CBR- Poland's Board of Directors) addresses the Brussels event near the European Parliament. He told them, "Europe is dying, because it kills children. We have to stop it."*



*CBR's affiliate in Poland displayed CBR abortion photos signs in front of the European Parliament buildings in Brussels. This peaceful and lawful demonstration was later disrupted by angry pro-aborts.*

Good fruit started to come quickly after the Brussels event. CBR-Poland was invited to the March for Life in Antwerp by a young man with whom we have worked in Belgium.

Dear people,

Congratulations with your courage yesterday!

We are spreading the news about this scandal in Flanders. I also met your people and spoke with some of you at the March for Life in Brussels last Sunday.

I would like to invite you to come in high numbers to the March for the Family in Antwerp: <http://bit.ly/1GkvXu8>

As you can read in our Manifesto: To the civil authorities, we demand a reuptake of abortion in criminal law and an end to subsidies for contraceptives, as well as the many misleading campaigns about it.

So please come to our March for the Family and bring all your equipment and abortion pictures.

God bless you!

Dries Goethals

Fundacja Pro (CBR-Poland) received another e-mail from Belgium:

I read about your action today nearby the European Parliament. We are a Belgian pro-life group. Congratulations with your actions. In the future we are very willing to help you if needed.

Kindest regards,

Liesbeth Ronsmans ([www.provita.be](http://www.provita.be))

Also, the following day, Marek Jurek, an MEP, brought this pro-abort disturbance up in the European Union session, asking the authorities in Belgium to address the police misconduct.

Video here: <http://bit.ly/1DjMto4>

We are heartened by the courage of our European affiliates and we ask you to join us in prayer as they use our photos and strategies to seek justice for preborn children. As of this writing, Ms. van der Wende has still been unable to retrieve the CBR-Netherlands' signs or to be compensated for them. If God prompts you to give toward purchasing her a new set, please contact us at 949-206-0600.



## Thank you for caring for preborn babies AND their mothers.

*“When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.” PROVERBS 21:15*

### Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to raise up students to sponsor our Christian College Project
- Pray for God to bless our international affiliates

### 2015 Events

#### Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

- April 1-2 Grand Valley State University
- April 6-7 East Carolina University
- April 7-8 California State University, Long Beach
- April 8-9 University of North Carolina -Wilmington
- April 13-14 Western Kentucky
- April 15-16 Tennessee Tech
- April 20-22 Fayetteville State University

#### Reproductive “Choice” Campaign (trucks)

Fayetteville, NC

#### “Choice” Sign Outreaches

Weekly in Baltimore, Germantown, Berwyn Heights, 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.

#### Training Seminars/Speaking Engagements

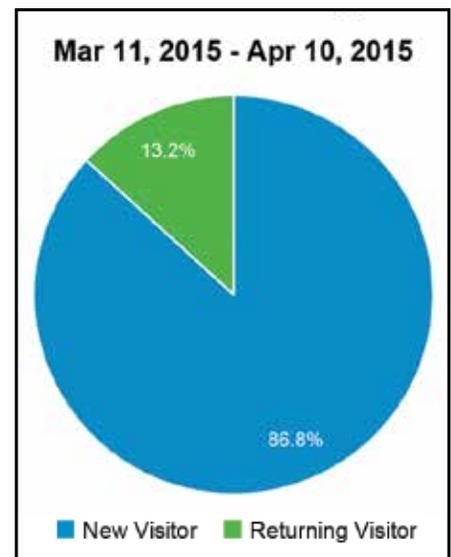
- April 12 Pro-Life Training Academy Cookeville, TN
- April 19 Pro-Life Training Academy Fayetteville, NC
- April 25 Incrementalism vs. Immediatism Debate (Gregg Cunningham vs. T. Russell Hunter) Tulsa, OK



*Noah is born! His young mother decided not to abort her baby after seeing Canadian CBR’s photo sign display last summer in Hamilton. One of the volunteers spoke with her that day and she has been in contact with the mother since then. A few weeks ago, baby Noah was born and his mom sent CCBR a beautiful picture of him as a thank you and as motivation to the rest of our team. All glory to God!*

# AbortionNO.org Statistics

Our website continues to undergo a major update that will not only continue to provide our supporters and other pro-lifers with valuable information, but it also greatly increases our search engine position. When we first created our AbortionNo.org website, it ranked high in search engines for key words like “abortion” and “abortion pictures,” but we recognized that we needed to move back up in the rankings by making changes. Under the expert guidance of CBR’s Director of Administration, Robert Fenn, we are back in the top listings for many key words. Here are some figures from the recent month, March 11-April 10, 2015 (pie graph, below).



We had a spike of new visitors in early April that is likely due to the Genocide Awareness Project being conducted at ten universities in late March and April.

#### Sample of key words that brought in visitors:

- “Abortion pictures” 647
- “Abortion facts” 258
- “Abortion stats” 47
- “Abortion images” 44
- “Abortion videos” 13
- “Abortion pictures 8 weeks” 8

#### Ten countries with most visitors:

United States 2551	Kenya 456
India 1212	South Africa 360
South Korea 1070	Australia 205
United Kingdom 624	Philippines 180
Canada 543	Mexico 149

Many of our international affiliates have their own websites and all use our abortion photos, so our web traffic and influence extends to those who visit CBR’s international affiliates’ and associates’ sites.

*“We could do nothing without CBR’s help.”*  
Polish Fundacja Pro board member



*CBR-Spain joined with other pro-life organizations to rally 10,000 people on March 14, 2015 to protest the unwillingness of the government to pass a pro-life law. Although similar demonstrations have been organized before, this was the first time that pro-lifers joined CBR in showing abortion photo signs. Many people were asking our colleagues about CBR displays. Our affiliate has made great inroads in a short time in Spain as evidenced by the reality that many pro-lifers now agree with CBR strategy and CBR abortion photo signs were at the front of the March!”*

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