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Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

CBR is back in the news this month with a *World* magazine story about us which describes our work without mentioning our name (May 28, 2016). Headlined “We are a dying breed,” the article quotes abortionist Shauna Heckert, executive director of Women’s Health Specialists of California, on the unwillingness of many young doctors to perform abortions, and the consequential trend toward abortion clinics closing across the country.

A major reason novice physicians are staying away from abortion is that CBR has showed them its horror while they studied pre-med courses on the campuses we visited with our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) displays. We also showed them how disruptive abortion protests can be, and even many of those we failed to convert decided they wanted none of it. Millions of students have seen our photos over the last 20 years and virtually every pro-life group currently displaying abortion imagery on college campuses is using pictures we provided. You, our invaluable supporters, have made this victory possible.

And there was even more good news in the *Los Angeles Times*, June 16, 2016, albeit in a story also filled with bad news. Headlined “A burgeoning Chinese feminism is swiftly stifled,” the article reports that the Communist Party is “very strongly promoting extremely traditional gender norms.” It adds that the “propaganda” in the “state media” is “encouraging women to return to the home and have babies.” It cites “the end of the one-child policy” [various experts have differing opinions on the current state of the one-child policy] and “an attempt to address ... very severe demographic crises: The shrinking of the workforce, the aging of the population, [and] falling birthrates.”

These problems were obviously compounded by forced abortion policies which the government now understands to be an atrocious disaster. That may be why CBR’s ministry partners are succeeding at getting our abortion images into the large and growing house church network in China.

Abortion has also devastated Russia demographically, and we suspect that the government’s desperation to raise the birthrate is why our Russian associates are able to display our abortion photos in places in which almost any other form of protest would provoke immediate arrest. Thank God for the grit of our brave partners who defend life in dangerous locations.

Closer to home, CBR has been pushing back hard against the deeply pro-abortion Black Lives Matter (BLM) activists who are trying to silence pro-life students who dare call public attention to the shockingly high abortion rate in the African-American community. Students raising the issue are reflexively bullied with fraudulent accusations of “racism.”

A few months ago, Purdue Students for Life (PSFL) addressed this atrocity with brochures and posters and they were harshly criticized by black students who complained that their “Hands Up – Don’t Shoot” slogan (etc.) had been misappropriated by PSFL, who added the phrase “Don’t Abort!” The black students accused PSFL of “trivializing” Black Lives Matter concerns, but our students were actually urging BLM to broaden

those concerns and oppose all killing in the African-American community, not just some of it. This is the same moronic drivel we hear from Jewish students who complain when we compare abortion to the Holocaust. Slogans and images related to campaigns of social reform are the moral property of every person of conscience and not merely some persons of conscience. These tools should be used to combat injustice of every type, not merely injustice of some types. Martin Luther King compared black victims to Jewish.

We love, respect and admire PSFL and commend them for tackling this contentious issue, but PSFL could have headed off much of the condemnation they received had they known to use abortion photos (concerning whose display their “parent” organization, Students For Life Of America (SFLA) claims official neutrality in public but aggressively opposes in private – and yes, we have the leaked email messages to prove it). They would also have insulated themselves from much criticism had they partnered with black pro-life activists in opening a dialogue about black abortion. These unintentional tactical errors invited the pro-aborts to change the subject and throw PSFL on the defensive by making the issues “choice,” “racism,” and “hurt feelings,” instead of babies being tortured to death.

There then followed an explosion of idiotic identity politics with black students gleefully playing the bogus victims: They shrieked “racist misogyny.” They alleged that white students were “shaming” poor, black women who had insufficient access to free birth control drugs and devices (not “free” to the taxpayers who have to fund welfare programs related to contraception and abortion). Someone even filed a discrimination complaint with the university (which was sensibly ignored).

Then, predictably, BLM students and faculty disrupted a PSFL meeting with a “sit-in protest” and demanded an apology. PSFL had behaved responsibly and had done nothing remotely meriting an apology, but Kristan Hawkins, president of SFLA, sided with the pro-aborts and insisted that a public apology be issued. To ensure that this pathetic *mea culpa* was sufficiently groveling and adequately humiliating, Ms. Hawkins required that it be personally reviewed by her. She also ominously warned that any refusal by PSFL to comply with her edict could “adversely affect” PSFL’s relationship with SFLA going forward.

On campuses all across the country, pro-abortion organizations are bullying pro-life students into surrendering their expressive rights. Now a “pro-life” organization is piling on. And if that weren’t enough, adding insult to injury is normally sensible pro-life columnist and Professor Dr. Mike Adams, who denounced PSFL as cowards at Townhall.com, calling them “chickens” for issuing an absurd apology they had actually been coerced into signing by SFLA!

We should be lifting up our students instead of beating them down. We should be teaching them to provoke thoughtful conflict and use it as a teaching tool. We should equip them to endure persecution instead of running from it. But above all, we should entreat them to reject SFLA’s very strange campaign to help Planned Parenthood hide the horror of abortion. And that’s exactly what CBR did – all of it – by going to Purdue in April and helping our students transform an avoidable defeat into an unambiguous victory. Under PSFL sponsorship, we brought our All Black Lives Matter abortion photo signs to campus and staffed the exhibit with our African-American volunteers, led by CBR board member Rev. Clenard Childress. Our win was total and spectacular!

Pastor Childress, who has worked in the prisons of Newark, NJ, said he had never seen black youth as nasty and racist as Purdue BLM activists. The first day they came out in droves, not for dialogue so much as to shout us down and run us off. But you can’t shout down a giant photo. By day’s end, they had given up and they never returned. For the next two days, we had enormously productive discussions with students of all ethnicities – but not until we had first blown up the “safe space” and “micro-aggression” lunacy. I told a campus police officer that we were glad he was there (because gay protestors were jumping over our barricades) and he replied with a smile that “We’re glad you’re here too!”

PSFL was even more pleased, and here is what they said about our visit:

... [CBR] came to Purdue's campus ... and we have had a lot of really great conversations with people that we wouldn't have had ... if the images weren't here. We had a lot of other things we did this year ... [chalking, booths, tables, a mock cemetery] but it doesn't really move ... [people] very much. Something like ... [abortion photos] is very different. You can't deny the horror. Definitely invite ... [CBR] to your campus ... because I ... feel we've made such a difference.

I'm so thankful and appreciative that CBR has come to our campus. It's been an awesome opportunity to do outreach .... You can't question the results. There is literally not [another] group out there more prepared and more willing to help you succeed.

My experience with L.E.A.R.N. [CBR's African-American staff partners, under the leadership of CBR board member Rev. Clenard Childress] has been really amazing. People are talking about this issue ... [unlike] when we were not ... [having abortion photo displays]. I wish we had brought them sooner, to be honest. It's phenomenal and I really hope ... [CBR] will be able to come back.

We've had a good experience with the Genocide Awareness Project [abortion photos] ... because it has been very well organized. We had a training session right before this that really reflected the conversations we actually had once we came out here and started talking to people. We have had ... professionals in the field who were able to handle any questions that ... [our] students weren't comfortable handling by themselves. They were able to support us.

This [abortion photo display] draws a lot more [people] than I have ever seen. Normally we have booths and flyers and we ask people for their input ... But we have never [before] had people come ... and just look at the display the whole time ....”

Unlike PSFL stalwarts, many of today's college students have become so fragile that they actually imperil the future of the republic. *LA Times* columnist Jonah Goldberg posted an essay on November 10, 2015 titled “The Delicate Little Flowers on Today's College Campuses.” The Drudge Report published an article, November 30, 2015, headlined “University President Blasts Students for Being Too Sensitive.” “This is Not Daycare!” Are these and countless other critics exaggerating students' tendency to be thin-skinned and demanding?

Students are becoming so “entitled” that Georgetown University law student Sandra Fluke demanded that taxpayers fund her birth control pills in 2012. Former Mizzou law student Jessi Miller complained that her local Planned Parenthood might close and “if something were to happen accidentally right now [pregnancy], I honestly don't know I would be able to get to St. Louis or Kansas City, Kansas in order to have the procedure [abortion] done.” Poor baby (Ms. Miller, not her preborn child). Read her peevish lament in The University of Missouri campus paper, *The Maneater*, “Planned Parenthood Given Two Days to Find Privileges,” December 2, 2015.

Student rights advocates also recently whined that “the national school lunch program supports schoolchildren but not college students. Subsidized housing and transportation are often available when a student is in high school but not once he enters college. Even if students are technically adults, this is short-sighted thinking.” *Los Angeles Times*, “Hungry, Homeless and in College,” December 4, 2015. Why

should hard-working taxpayers, struggling to provide for their own families, be shaken down to fund student sex, student abortions, and room and board for liberals-in-training?

RealClearPolitics.com ran a December 10, 2015 story called “The Necessary Recklessness of Campus Protests.” It was written by a black woman whose moronic notion of racism was “parties that didn’t play the music we like,” and “buildings with names of men who didn’t want us there.” I am Scots-Irish and I couldn’t care less about being in buildings named after men who mocked my ancestors as “simian” and who posted commercial signs which read “No Irish Need Apply.” My wife and I adopted three Chinese baby girls abandoned on the streets at birth because of disfiguring developmental defects. They couldn’t care less about being in buildings named for men who mocked Chinese immigrants as racially and culturally inferior to white people, and who tried to ban them from skilled trades and even manual labor. Those bigots are long dead and their hatred with them. Get over it, campus cry-babies!

Nauseated yet? The *LA Times* featured a March 11, 2015 story headlined “University of Oklahoma Minorities Say ‘Casual Racism’ permeates their lives.” A Latina complains about “the feeling she gets as a person of color, standing in front of a room of white faces.” Black students want the school to hire more black faculty and enroll more black students – on the basis of race, not merit. That is pure bigotry. Just as tragic, however, is Students for Life of America’s campaign to shelter our campus activists from the persecution invited by displaying abortion photos. University of Missouri pro-life students protested our decision to bring All Black Lives Matter to their campus because one of their leaders complained that the last GAP we conducted on their campus, the display “made them look bad.” That’s what SFLA thinks is important. They cared more about avoiding criticism than about the lives GAP saved on their campus.

CBR has spent the last 25 years encouraging collaboration around a unifying strategy in the pro-life movement. We proposed healthy debates of strategic differences. We have pleaded with organizations to work together supportively and not competitively. We have urged activists to help build up a few larger organizations instead of constantly watching individuals splintering off into countless smaller groups. We have also tried to minimize conflict by discouraging the tendency to personalize differences. But when we expose the mistreatment of pro-life students by pro-life adults, the abusers are responsible for the conflict, and we won’t abandon those students in pursuit of a superficial illusion of unity. You may hate this sort of controversy and we do too, but we can’t responsibly ignore what is going on here.

The three Mid-West campuses to which CBR traveled on very short notice this school year all involved unexpected assaults on the expressive rights of pro-life students by the pro-abortion Black Lives Matter movement (more on Ohio State Law School’s pro-life student Madison Gesiotto’s mistreatment by three deans next month). These crises left our students unprotected -- and sometimes even betrayed by pro-lifers who should have been supporting them instead of criticizing and abandoning them. It was our privilege to turn big defeats into big wins all three times. I say this with all humility, no other pro-life group could have or would have placed itself between the bullies and their victims. It is a sad commentary on the state of pro-life activism in America that it was us or no one. But none of these very expensive trips were budgeted. We are now scrambling to replenish our already depleted coffers. Please dig down deeply and help us help our students. The fall semester will be here before we know it, and this exhausting battle will begin anew.

Lord bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregg Cunningham', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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