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CBR Sues Smithsonian Museum for Violating Our First Amendment Rights

For readers who have visited the new Smithsonian black history museum which opened September 24, 2016 in Washington, D.C., you likely noticed the glaring omission of abortion in the displays; not least of these was a systematic cover-up of black genocide -- illustrated by the vastly disproportionate abortion rate in the African-American community. We recognized an opportunity to “correct” that problem by conducting a photo display outside the museum. Our goal was to open the door to ongoing, targeted pro-life education of the public.

On February 1, 2017, at the Smithsonian National African American Museum of History and Culture on the National Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C., Smithsonian security personnel threatened to “remove” or “arrest” picketers from the Center For Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) and the Life Education And Resource Network (LEARN, a national African-American anti-abortion organization with which CBR partners) who were non-disruptively displaying picket signs on the public sidewalk outside the museum’s front entrance. Rev. Clenard Childress, Jr., CBR board member and LEARN founder, and Jacqueline Hawkins, CBR Director of Minority Outreach, were the picketers.

Our purpose was to inform museum visitors that abortion devastates the African-American community; that abortion is linked to breast cancer -- to which post-abortive African-American women are particularly vulnerable; and that abortion has become so targeted, pervasive and systematic that it amounts to “black genocide.”

The defendant museum, a publicly funded federal agency, is required by statute to be represented by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in civil actions such as this. Unfortunately, the case has been

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Smithsonian security personnel are pictured as they threatened to “remove” or “arrest” picketers from the Center For Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) and the Life Education And Resource Network (LEARN). Rev. Clenard Childress, Jr. and Jacqueline Hawkins were the picketers. The female passerby with the red backpack is standing on the north edge of the Madison Drive bus lane, with two lanes of westbound traffic at her back.



In this photo, Rev. Childress and Miss Hawkins are standing with picket signs on the south side of Madison Drive. Museum security personnel ordered Rev. Childress to remove his signs to this location. A steady stream of tour and school busses create a nearly continuous vehicular wall which makes picket signs invisible, and at this distance they are undiscernible to museum visitors.



Spiritual Forces Engage at Western Kentucky University GAP

On the first day of our April 12-13, 2017 Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) at Western Kentucky University, CBR-Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong led our team in engaging pro-life students in conversation that might lead them to consider pro-life activism as a career. Team members worked hard to have these conversations, and one member signed up about ten students on day one. One of them was a quadriplegic student with cerebral palsy who is an advocate for the preborn and the disabled. His courage truly inspired our staff.

The first person who came up to the GAP display to speak with CBR-North Carolina staff member Joanna Keilson was Ally. This student said she was pro-choice when GAP was on campus two years ago, but she had become pro-life. Besides the impact of the signs themselves, Ally had spoken with a woman from our CBR team and also with long-time volunteer “Bubba” Gene Garret. Ally interviewed Mr. Garret for an article, and they spoke about Jesus. Her turnaround was so dynamic that she even offered that she might join us when she graduates.

Debbie Picarello of Deeper Still (D.S.), a post-abortion ministry which partners with CBR, set up a table next to GAP. She ministered to students who had already been involved in abortion. One student took materials for himself and his former girlfriend -- she aborted his child against his will. An older pro-life man told Mrs. Picarello that he was post-abortive and shared his story with her. Mrs. Picarello explained that D.S. is available for men as well as for women. A female student thanked Mrs. Picarello for being on campus and commended her for being “brave.”

ABC-13 WBKO ran an April 12, 2017 story entitled “California pro-life group showing graphic pictures in Bowling Green.” The station heard about GAP when the Bowling Green Police Department notified them CBR was coming. The station reported, “No sooner did we get that notification than we received a picture from a WKU student showing the photos on display in Centennial Mall on campus. The picture is too graphic to show.” Why is it “too graphic to show”? Because abortion is an act of violence, and pro-abortion news sources do not want people to see the truth.

Mid-day on the second day of GAP, a female student wearing a black robe with black hair, black nail polish, black lipstick, and red contact lenses, began setting up a table in front of our GAP display. Mrs. Picarello called volunteer Laurice Baddour over to the Deeper Still table and informed her that this student had witchcraft paraphernalia in front of her and was casting spells over us. They immediately began to pray, asking God to keep the GAP team and the campus community protected; they prayed fervently against the kingdom of darkness. Ms. Baddour shared what happened next:

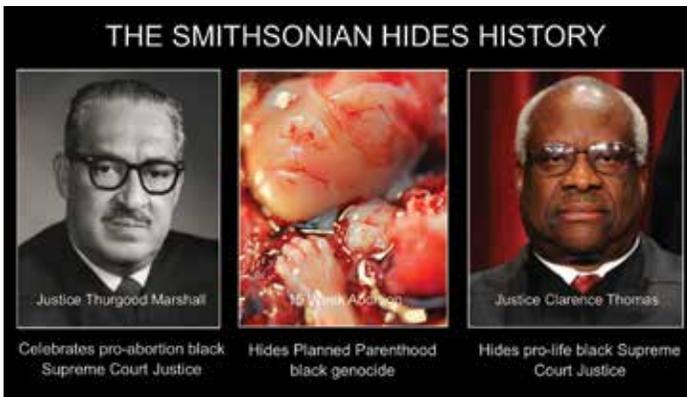
I asked for prayer, then told her, Fletcher and others that I was going to talk with the witch. I walked to the table, introduced myself, shared my faith, and asked her and two other female students with her some questions about their spiritual lives. They were incredibly open -- the two with her were atheists. I began to share the great power and love of God for them, but that their sin is separating them from Him, yet He is calling them to repentance and a relationship with Him. I shared the gospel three times with them, each time going deeper.

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Multiple conversations were taking place during GAP at Western Kentucky University. Bill Boyer of Florida, long-time friend of CBR (wearing a red cap, at left) engaged with some protestors. Seasoned New Jersey volunteer Frank Diorio (wearing a white hat) and Joanna Keilson (wearing a red cap) stand behind our barricades as they spoke with students.

Inset: The powerful and truthful message of GAP enticed a witch at Western Kentucky University to set up this table and cast spells on us. (Note that the table is a heavy-duty table, likely owned by the university.) God opened the door for our staff to witness to her and two atheist friends. “Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery...” Gal. 5:19-20a [Babylon] “... because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.” Rev. 18:11



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Amazingly, this lengthy conversation about salvation with a witch and two atheists was one of the most peaceful I have ever had! I had expected great trouble, but instead experienced engagement at such a deep, meaningful level, with no interruptions. Their hearts were so open to listen! I knew that God was doing a great work, and that team members were praying for us. I urged the students to respond to God, made myself available to talk again anytime that afternoon, and hugged them all before leaving their table.

Our team was encouraged by Matthew and Jimmy, two pro-life students who came to listen to the discussions and to assist with GAP. Matthew indicated he wants to start a pro-life group on campus. This heartens us as in addition to helping pro-abortion / “pro-choice” students move to the pro-life position, CBR works to inspire and recruit pro-life students to activism. They are the future of the pro-life movement.

**God bless you for partnering
with us at CBR.**

“But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Prayer Requests

- Courage for pastors to preach against abortion
- Blessings on students who start and lead pro-life campus groups
- New volunteers for all CBR affiliates
- Many new donors to help meet CBR’s financial needs

Events

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

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| July 21 | Market Square, Knoxville, TN |
| July 24-26 | NAACP Convention, Baltimore, MD |
| July 21-23 | Artscape, Baltimore, MD |

RCC Trucks

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| July 24-26 | NAACP Convention, Baltimore, MD |
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Black history sign – This is one of the signs we plan to display outside the new Smithsonian museum to show visitors the reality of abortion. The museum exhibits a deafening silence toward the plight of preborn black children.

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assigned to a Clinton-appointed federal judge, but we won’t permit that obstacle to deter us.

Several news sources covered our museum project, including Urban Family Talk:

Clenard Childress, Jr., assistant to the national director of the Life Education And Resource Network (L.E.A.R.N., Inc.) and pastor of New Calvary Baptist Church in Montclair, New Jersey, has joined with other African-American leaders for protests at the museum over ‘glaring misrepresentations of African-American history.’

‘[It] has excluded notable [African-American] figures such as Clarence Thomas, Mia Love, [and] also the title or anything referenced to eugenics, which has impacted African-Americans in this country more so than any other issue,’ Childress reports.

The abortion industry targets black women to abort their children, as that was something Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger supported. She considered blacks to be ‘weeds’ that should be rooted out from society.
<http://bit.ly/2uyqNu0>

As a consequence of the government’s mistreatment of these activists, Center For Bio-Ethical Reform has filed a First Amendment complaint in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. (*CENTER FOR BIO-ETHICAL REFORM, INC. et al. v. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE et al.*, Case number 1:17-cv-01121-ESH).

Our attorneys at American Freedom Law Center released a press release on June 9, 2017, the same day as the filing. In it, Robert Muise, AFLC co-founder and senior counsel, commented:

Our clients have a clear right under the First Amendment to engage in their peaceful, non-obstructive free speech activity on the public sidewalks outside of this museum. If the curators won’t tell the story about the impact of abortion on the African-American community inside the museum, our clients will exercise their free speech rights and tell it outside. Indeed, our clients’ important message should be part of the exhibits inside this publicly funded museum, but at a minimum, African-American citizens such as Pastor Childress and Ms. Hawkins shouldn’t be threatened by government officials with arrest or force for expressing their message on the public sidewalks in front of this museum.

Almost immediately, the Trump Administration Department of Justice contacted our lawyers to open settlement discussions. God is answering our prayers and we are thankful. Millions of students will visit this publicly funded museum each year, and showing them the truth about abortion will protect young moms and save innocent babies -- and win a few elections!

“ *[Abortion] is horrifying. I was born in 1973.
I could have been among the first wave of legal abortions.* ”

July 11 visitor to AbortionNo.org



CBR-Netherlands founder Salome van der Wende (center) spoke at the World Conference for Families - African Region in Nigeria in April. She reported it was a “resounding success for the rights of babies.” Ms. van der Wende spoke in several locations, and local organizers literally arranged for a jeep filled with armed guards to escort her through Boko Haran territory.

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