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Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

It is becoming increasingly important to use abortion photos as a teaching aid on college campuses. The *Wall Street Journal*, July 19, 2018, ran an opinion story titled "Rethinking College." Its opening sentence read "Higher Education is in a Lot of Trouble" It reviewed a book titled *Academically Adrift*, by Richard Arum and Joseph Roska who, according to an article in *Inside Higher Ed* (January 18, 2011) have found that "45% of students 'did not demonstrate any significant improvement in learning' during the first two years of college." Even worse, "36% of students 'did not demonstrate any significant improvement in learning' over four years of college." The disabling influence of leftist propagandists, masquerading as high school teachers, leaves high school students intellectually compromised and easy prey for the lies of socialist university professors. The authors warn that "you can't have a democratic society when the elite -- the college educated kids -- don't have these abilities to think critically"

In the September 3, 2016 issue of *World Magazine*, Amherst college professor Hadley Arkes lamented that today's students "have trouble doing sit-down exams and giving an account of what they've read." Our abortion photos really need to be seen by students who lack the analytical ability to understand abortion with words alone. The numbers of such students are large and growing rapidly.

The *Wall Street Journal* story also reviewed a book titled *The University We Need* by Warren Treadwell. He contends that what is missing from higher education is "a substantial curriculum untainted by mandatory leftism." He is alarmed that "the campus left has tightened its grip on colleges and universities" and is indoctrinating students with the dangerous fiction that "western civilization, including the history of the American Republic, is a long narrative of oppression." He criticizes curriculum content that purports to be "the study of victim groups and their supposed oppressors -- capitalism, colonialism, religious belief and privilege." Why should students value America if the nation has been evil from its founding?

The *Journal* article also describes a professor at Portland State University who was forced to withdraw a paper he had written under the title "The Case for Colonialism." It had been accepted for publication in a scholarly journal, but the professor received death threats for daring to write it. CBR can sympathize. We took our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) abortion photo display to Portland State last year specifically because of its violent opposition to free speech. We received so many threats each day that the police had to escort us to our cars every evening. But unlike the cowed professor, we didn't flinch. We doubled down on the second day with a display even more provocative than the sign display we exhibited on the first day. **Campus police had to surround our display site both days to keep mobs of students from tearing down our signs. Sadly, the pro-life student group kicked out their president for inviting CBR to conduct GAP at Portland State.**

CBR goes out of our way to erect our sign displays on campuses populated by students whose opposition to freedom of speech is acted out with threats and acts of violence. Some readers will recall

that we went to the University of Missouri after Black Lives Matter (BLM) protesters forced the firing of the school's president and chancellor and shouted down any discussion of the higher abortion rates in the African-American community. But no one can shout down a huge abortion photo and that is why we displayed our "All Black Lives Matter -- Born and Unborn" signs despite opposition from shrieking black protesters. Our secondary message was that in America, no one gets to ban disfavored speech from the campus of a public university. Even the campus pro-life group opposed our sign display.

The *Wall Street Journal*, June 16-17, 2018, reported that because Missouri allowed protesters to get out of control, funding cuts forced the elimination of "185 positions on top of 308 cut last year." The campus chaos also caused freshman enrollment to drop by 35%. "Lost tuition accounts for \$29 million of the university's current \$49 million budget shortfall." The article adds that "much of the public outcry concerned free speech," which is, of course, why we went there.

On October 6, 2017, Oregonlive.com reported a story headlined "Student Protesters Disrupt University of Oregon's Announcement of \$50 Million Gift." As soon as we read this story, we packed up our GAP display and headed for Oregon. The article described "a noisy group of protesters" who stormed the stage and prevented the school's president from announcing a donor gift for, among other things, "support for a new black cultural center." Some of these kids have absolutely no sense of ironic awareness. The president refused to have the disrupters arrested and then complained pathetically that "he does not support protests that impede other people's free-speech rights."

CBR, however, refused to meekly surrender our speech rights to the angry mob we went there to confront. When many of the same students covered our signs with bedsheets, we demanded a meeting with the university's chief legal counsel. We told him that campus police had refused to control the protesters and that if they weren't moved away from the display, we would sue. Under threat of litigation, the school removed the disrupters. I sent the school's attorney to our website to read about our court victory over the State University of New York at Buffalo. Students there had also blocked our signs until we sued. New York is primarily pro-abortion, anti-God and anti-American.

WashingtonTimes.com, January 19, 2014, reported a story titled "Gov. Cuomo: Pro-life conservatives 'have no place' in New York." He added that "Moderate Republicans have a place in their state," presumably because they are pro-abortion. He is one of many New Yorkers who hates the Constitution, and the state's fondness for abortion goes back decades. This is the same governor Cuomo who recently mocked the President's "Make America Great Again" by declaring that "America was never that great."

The New York Times, August 2, 2018, published an article headlined "'Most liberal' of all, far and near, in the pre-Roe era." The state legalized the procedure in 1970. The article adds that "In the first two years after it was passed, health officials estimated that 400,000 abortions were performed . . ." Roe was cheered by New Yorkers even though it shredded the Constitution. Contempt for our founding documents goes all the way back to the American Revolution.

The book *The American Miracle*, Medved, Crown Forum (2016), notes that a secretary to British Commanding General Howe harshly condemned the Declaration of Independence; "A more impudent, false, and atrocious proclamation was never fabricated by the hands of man." Many liberals, particularly in New York, felt that way then and still do now. The anti-American Left continues to express contempt for the Declaration and the Constitution to which it gave rise. They despise the entire document as a check on their tyranny -- most especially its First and Second Amendments -- both loathed by Governor Cuomo.

The book *Miracle at Philadelphia*, Bowen, Back Bay (1986), observes that “When the [Constitutional] Convention was in full swing ... there was a rumor that a certain group in the New York Legislature – ‘the Seditious Party’ – had ‘opened communications with the viceroy of Canada.’ Selling America out to Canada would have been treachery of the first rank. The book also notes that “On July twenty-sixth, New York ratified by thirty to twenty-seven, a majority of three, their capitulation was grudging” Nearly half of New York’s delegates did not want New York to be part of America, and many of today’s New Yorkers hold the same view. Most certainly don’t want CBR to be part of New York.

Medved also says that “... Many of New York’s wealthiest and most prominent considered themselves loyalists to Parliament and the Crown ...” and that’s why they betrayed America to the Redcoats.

1775, McCullough, Simon & Shuster (2005), reveals that as the British Militia forced its way onto Long Island, New York, “Loyalists by the hundreds converged to welcome the invaders, many of them bringing long-hidden supplies of all kinds.” These New Yorkers were traitors and many would eventually flee to Canada and England. The descendants of many of those who stayed behind would ban CBR from the state if they could.

Among the worst of the out-of-control campuses we recently visited was Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. Its students rioted when some white faculty members defied student demands that all white people leave the campus for a day of protests against “white privilege.” We went there as soon as we learned of this anarchy. Our displays provoked the usual threats and howls of protest, but the police were very professional and held the protesters at bay.

Evergreen released a statement describing the “Day of Absence” as an opportunity to facilitate “conversations of difference,” but a survey of non-rioting students found that “more than one-third of the students said ‘academic mobbing’ was a top concern.” One of these students explained that his classmates “now feel like they can’t speak their mind without getting attacked.” That is precisely why we took GAP to Evergreen. Here is an update: Public reaction to these student riots was swift and angry. “Applications for Fall 2018 [enrollment] are down 20%.” The *Journal* also noted that “undergraduate retention reached its lowest performance in over a decade” and added that “only 60% of first-year students who enrolled last fall stayed to the end of the school year, a full eight percentage points below the prior year” Equally painful, “25 full-time adjuncts [instructors] will lose their jobs.” At last, this lawless public school is being brought to justice.

When CBR dismantles our huge campus sign displays, pro-abortion counter-protestors almost invariably celebrate. Our abortion photos really bother them. I have never understood the celebration of anything related to baby-killing, but when Argentina’s lower legislative chamber passed a bill to legalize abortion, the *New York Times* reported (June 15, 2018) that “women popped bottles of champagne and shed tears of joy.” The same paper a few days earlier (May 27, 2018) ran front-page photos of women cheering in “Celebration ... after the results of a referendum legalizing abortion” in Ireland.

CBR was heavily involved in our long-term abortion education project during the Irish referendum, despite our conviction that the vote itself was already a lost cause. Government corruption (along with corruption in the church) is endemic in Ireland and we expected foul play during the campaign. I don’t know why the pro-aborts bothered to cheat since the Church has collapsed as a moral authority and the country has been thoroughly secularized by its membership in the European Union. But cheat they did. The police threatened us with arrest when we displayed abortion photo signs, but we politely defied them and they backed down.

National Review, June 11, 2018, also reported that “Irish pro-lifers had been gaining in the polls but their strategy of using digital advertising in the last days of the campaign became obvious. Tech companies intervened dramatically.” Google, for instance, banned all referendum advertising. This favored the pro-abortionists because the government, the press, the medical establishment and most schools are outspokenly pro-abortion. “The Irish prime minister applauded the tech companies for doing so” (which censorship he had probably been urging behind closed doors.) God will eventually prosper our efforts no matter how bleak our circumstances may seem. A sense of futility is Satan’s ploy to make us give up -- or not even try.

Medved, referring to George Washington, says “In one of his periodic bouts of self-pity, [he] told his military aide Joseph Reed that he never would have accepted his command had he known of the perilous position in which he found himself.”

Thomas Jefferson was also oppressed by a sense of futility. “I regret that I am now to die in the belief that the useless sacrifice of themselves by the generation of ’76, to acquire self-government and happiness to their country, is to be thrown away by the unwise and unworthy passions of their sons, and that my only consolation is to be that I live not to weep over it.”

Even the apostle Paul sometimes felt defeated. Author N.T. Wright, *Paul*, Harper One (2018) wrote “Had Paul been wasting his time? This possibility seems to have haunted him at various stages of his work; he worried that he might have been wasting his time running the race to no good effect.” Paul quotes Isaiah 49:4 because the prophets often wrongly believed that all was lost. God redeems our earnest efforts and often blesses us with unexpected progress.

Our opponents hate the Constitution and the Bible because they hate America and God. Even some shopping malls are betraying freedom of speech and freedom of religion. On August 10, 2018, OneNewsNow.com posted a story titled “... One billboard company, the Irvine Co. in Southern California, is refusing to run an ad for an evangelist – simply because he is holding a Bible.” The article said “the ad ... [depicted] a silhouette of [Greg] Laurie holding a Bible in his hand ...” It gets worse. Laurie soon got a call from the Irvine Co. reporting that they had received ... complaints and requested that the image of the Bible be removed from the picture.” He complied, but the Irvine Co. spiked the ad anyway, apparently deciding that merely announcing an evangelical outreach was too controversial. This is all quite ironic because Pastor Laurie’s staff has covered up our abortion photo signs when we have displayed them outside his events. Perhaps most ironic of all, CBR sued the Irvine Co. for banning the display of abortion-related photo signs we proposed for display outside mall stores which support Planned Parenthood. We won on most of the litigated issues and we took the remainder up on appeal. Please pray for total victory.

Scripture teaches that with God, all things are possible. That’s why CBR fights as though there is no such thing as a hopeless case or lost cause. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your donations.

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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