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## Standing in the GAP

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**Director's Corner**  
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Dear Partners and Friends,

GAP at Oakland University (OU) in Michigan was one of the highlights of the season. The OU Students for Life were awesome hosts and among the most effective ambassadors for children that we have ever encountered. It was a real pleasure to stand with them. The OU student body and the OU administration were outstanding, a real credit to higher education.

*Thank you for winning hearts, changing minds, and saving lives. Your next gift of \$1,000, \$500, or even \$100 will help us boost pro-life activism at a campus near you!*

*Fletcher*

### Diversity and Dehumanization at Oakland University (Michigan)

Next stop for this Spring's massive Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) tour was Oakland University (OU) in Michigan. We were hosted by the OU Students for Life (SFL).

**A glimmer of diversity.** At every university, they basically tax conservative and neutral students (through exorbitant student activity fees) to subsidize left-wing student activism. They rake in millions of dollars in mandatory fees; almost none of it goes to conservative events/projects, but huge amounts go to left-wing propaganda events/projects. A local example is \$20,000 of student activity money spent on (Perverted) Sex Week at the University of Tennessee, but that is only the tip of the iceberg.

But they really do have diversity at OU. The SFL applied for and got the funding necessary to pay for GAP. Thank you! We must teach our students to do this more often, *and then sue universities when conservatives don't get their fair share.*

**They keep proving our point.** GAP highlights many ways in which abortion is comparable to other forms of genocide. One similarity is the language used to justify the killing.

For example, Lauren Catoni was quoted in the OU paper, "It's horrifying that they're comparing this to genocide because genocide is a widespread movement to eliminate people and abortion is a medical procedure people have when they need it."

But perpetrators of genocide almost never admit that they "eliminate people." No, they exercise their "choice" because they "need" to. Perhaps Ms. Catoni should complete her sentence: "Genocide is a widespread movement to eliminate people



*Full GAP display just outside Oakland U Student Center.*

and abortion is a widespread medical procedure people have when they need to eliminate people they don't want."

**A baby is like a cell in your finger?** One student said, "If you cut off your finger, then you can take the cells and turn them into reproductive cells which can be turned into a human being. So why is the embryo so important?"

First, he is confusing wholes with parts when he equates an individual cell that is *part* of a human being (the cell in your finger) with a cell which is a *whole* human being at an early stage of development. The cell in your finger is not a whole living organism. You leave it alone and it dies. The embryo in your womb is a living human being. You leave it alone and she grows into a fetus, infant, toddler, adolescent, teenager, etc.

Theoretically, it may be possible to create a new human being by manipulating an individual cell taken from the "parent." Once that process is complete, it would be a new human being. But until then, it's only a cell from the parent.

He then uses this theoretical possibility of asexual reproduction in humans to equate a baby in the womb with a cell in your finger. It's just another way of dehumanizing the unwanted human being that he intends to kill.

**Foreign students know about dehumanization and genocide.** We encounter many foreign students who know what dehumanization looks like. That's because many of them have experienced it ... or their families have.

- A group of three Armenian students had lost family members in the genocide in Turkey (1915). They understood it at a personal level, and believed those family members would agree with our message of genocide.
- She was a second child in China, an unwanted child. Most such children in China are killed, but her mother was a

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## Religion, Darwinism, and Abortion ... a Hot Combination!

CBR Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong is the purveyor of FletcherArmstrongBlog.com (FAB), which is, by the way, the No. 1 pro-life blog in all of Karns, Tennessee! Among his favorite targets are abortion and Darwinism, because abortion is an attack on the flesh and Darwinism is an attack on the intellect. Commenter W. Russell took exception to this view:

*I think you are making a big mistake by linking the pro-life cause with religion. There are people out there like me that are prolife but want nothing to do with religion. Not to mention the fact that "Darwinism" (btw, there is no such thing) has nothing to do with abortion. I am an atheist, believe in evolution, and am pro-life. Why do you want to write me off as an enemy to your cause.*

Excerpts of FAB's reply (edited): "Thanks for your comment. I agree with much of what you said. For example, you said, 'One can believe that every human being, born and unborn, is deserving of life without believing in a deity.' I agree. Many atheists agree with us on the right to life.

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"But just because we disagree on something important, it doesn't mean I have [written you] off as an enemy to [our] cause.' It only means we disagree on some things and agree on other things. I have many pro-life co-workers, and I disagree with all of them about at least one religious question.

"It is unrealistic to expect Christians to quit being Christians when they take up the cause of ending injustice. We Christians fight injustice for two reasons. First and foremost, we are commanded to do so by our Creator.

"Second, Christians believe that all of us are created beings, and we are endowed by our Creator with unalienable rights, and that among these is the right to life. If there is no Creator, then we all evolved from dirt. We are a cosmic fluke, mere dust that happens to be animated for a short period of time before we return to dust. And if that is true, then what is the basis for any system of morality? How can one clump of animated dust say what is moral and what is not moral for another clump of dust?

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"That's why I believe Darwinism to be a dangerous philosophy ... because it ultimately leads to the conclusion that there is no objective morality, that there is no basis for equality, and that there is no imperative to treat anyone with human dignity. Any moral code is only a tool to promote self interest, and it can be discarded by those in power as soon as conditions make a different moral code more profitable.

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"One final note about Darwinism (the notion that all life forms evolved as a result of random, unguided, naturalistic processes). Speaking as somebody with a science background, I believe the claim that science has made a conclusive case for Darwinism (as opposed to the alternative theory that life is the result of intelligent design) is a classic example of begging the question (i.e., assuming the proposition you claim to be prov-

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brave woman and saved her life. Eventually, she found her way to America, where she was adopted by an American family. *As a former unwanted child, her response to GAP was to join the Students for Life and volunteer to help!*

**Random Comments.** Here are some random comments by passersby at OU:

"I appreciate what you are doing."

"I want to punch you in the face."

"I am disturbed; I don't know what to think."

"They are freaking terrible."

"You should have been aborted."

"That's really blunt."

"It's just really disturbing."

"You guys are just disgusting."

"It's all God's creation...I don't know how people can say this is normal."

"Not allowing abortion legally won't stop it."

"I am glad you are doing this and I pray it gets changed in your country." (Muslim woman)

"If my girlfriend gets pregnant, she's going to have an abortion." [CBR: "That doesn't sound like 'choice' to me."] "I don't care. I would make sure she had an abortion."

"[Abortion is a] very bad thing; I think it is a loss."



Oakland University SFL President Mirna Awrow.

ing). Darwinism *does not prove* man evolved via naturalistic processes; it *assumes* man arrived on Earth via naturalistic processes. Big difference. But, that's another topic for another day."

For the entire comment and response, go to [www.fletcherarmstrongblog.com/religion-darwinism-and-abortion-a-hot-combination/](http://www.fletcherarmstrongblog.com/religion-darwinism-and-abortion-a-hot-combination/)