Standing in the GAP

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Dear Partners and Friends,

There is both good and bad to report from our GAP at UNC Chapel Hill. The leftists at UNC are among the most intolerant people we have ever met, the kind of demonic mob that Ann Coulter wrote about and Saul Alinsky would be proud of. But on the good side, the prolife students showed great moral and physical courage. When you stand with us, you stand with them, too.

Thank you for making this all possible. Your next gift of \$1,000, \$500, or even \$100 will help us confront the demonic mob at a campus near you!

Demonic Mob Shows Up at UNC, but Pro-Life Heroes Don't Back Down

When watching the pro-abortion mob (primarily men) trying to bully Carolina Students for Life (CSFL) members (primarily women) into submission, it reminded us why diversity and tolerance are good for society.

At the U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), there is very little diversity and consequently very little tolerance for dissenting viewpoints. This is a place dominated and controlled by far left ideologues, and they aim to keep it that way. (Christian conservatives don't help when they run and hide, which is exactly what the mob wants them to do.)

One reason leftists get free rein at UNC is the fact that so many conservatives simply go elsewhere. For example, academic programs at NC State (e.g., engineering, agriculture, etc.) attract people who think logically, whereas UNC academic programs (e.g., journalism, women's studies, etc.) attract people who think with their emotions. We are convinced leftists can attend places like UNC and never meet a conservative student. Conservatives on the faculty are even more scarce.

Leftists claim to be the voices of tolerance and diversity; however, the universities they control are the most intolerant and monolithic institutions in American life.

When leftist students, properly indoctrinated and radicalized, encounter a conservative, they are convinced that the admissions department has made a grave error. If conservatives advocate for their views in public, that's a scandal, because the public spaces belong to the leftists only. And if conservatives



The demonic mob wear masks to intimidate. They brandish non sequitur slogans like "Against Hate" and "Keep UNC Safe." All of this is helpful because it draws bigger crowds and creates more opportunities to engage students (below).



can back up their opinions with facts ... well ... that just cannot be tolerated. Uncomfortable facts must be suppressed. Examples of pro-abortion intimidation tactics:

- A visiting alumnus shouted at CBR's Lincoln Brandenburg, calling him a number of coarse names and shaking his finger in Lincoln's face. Later he challenged CBR's Mick Hunt to a fight and offered to hit him across the head with a baseball bat.
- A female Planned Parenthood representative mocked a male student for being a "30-year-old undergrad." (He responded by saying he had served two tours in Iraq.)
- Pro-abort students tried to cover the GAP signs with balloons. (UNC Police forced them to remove the balloons.)
- When Emily Ascik, one of the CSFL co-presidents, stood in front of our display holding a "Choice" sign, a group of pro-aborts surrounded her to pose for mocking pictures, as if she were some sort of inanimate object.
- Pro-aborts surrounded Julie Ascik, the other CSFL copresident, almost touching her, but not quite. When she tried to step away, they followed her, never letting her



We were astounded to learn UNC has its very own Jesus. This particular Jesus, created in the image of sinful man, is OK with decapitating and dismembering little children.

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escape the bubble they had constructed around her. The UNC Police said they would do nothing unless one of the pro-aborts actually touched her. (We are guessing none of us would ever be allowed to threaten/stalk a pro-abort that way; but of course, we'll never know for sure because none of us would ever do it.)

We've been to UNC before, but this was quite a departure from the past. Ten years ago, UNC students would engage in respectful debate, but the mob would have none of that. Apparently, they didn't like having to defend decapitation and dismemberment, so they resorted to intimidation tactics.

In the final analysis, all of this commotion actually worked to our advantage. The CSFL students were not threatened, but were emboldened. Co-Presidents Julie and Emily Ascik wrote:

We actually rejoiced when some UNC students staged a counter-protest; it meant they were thinking about abortion. Contrary to what most people think, having people talking about abortion, even if they are angry and insulting, is a good and productive thing to do. Yes, it hurts when they say hate-filled and incorrect things to and about you, but as Gandhi once said, "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."



When you stand with CBR, you stand with pro-life heroes like CSFL Co-Presidents Emily and Julie Ascik (striped shirt at left and blue shirt at right, respectively).

Thoughtful Students Encourage Us at UNC

In spite of the intolerance we witnessed among the hardcore leftists, there were many thoughtful students with open minds who encouraged us to continue in this difficult work. Here are a few stories and comments you will enjoy:

- A young man protested in front of our GAP display. He said that he was strongly pro-choice, although he would not want his girlfriend or wife to have an abortion. After a lengthy dialogue with one of our volunteers, he looked at the pictures for about 20 minutes, saying very little. Then he said, "You have some compelling arguments. Although I'm pro-choice, that doesn't mean I always will be. You've dissected this complex issue and made it very difficult for me to be pro-choice."
- A young man said he didn't get the genocide comparison because abortion isn't based on race or nationality. We explained to him how the Cambodian genocide was based on level of education. He said, "Thank you. I guess I had a very narrow view of what genocide is."
- Two young men wanted to talk and learn about abortion and our display. Afterward one said, "Thank you for a calm conversation. These emotional issues so often end in ad hominem attacks."
- Katie was taught by her mother at a young age that if she ever got pregnant before she finished college, and was not married, she would have to have an abortion. She looked sadly at the display, almost crying. She said, "Before seeing your display, if I had gotten pregnant, I would have had an abortion. I never really thought what abortion did to a baby or even if it really was a baby. But no more. Now I know the truth. I have a post-abortive friend and I am going back to talk with her and provide resources to move her toward healing."

We got an e-mail from Eugenia, a student who saw us (and others who use abortion victim photos) a few years back:

From 2005-2009 I was a student at UNC. On multiple occasions I saw your anti-abortion presentation and was shocked to see the dismembered little bodies. I was pro-choice when I was in college, mostly out of selfishness and lack of knowledge about the development of a fetus. I am now pro-life after having my first daughter and finally realizing what is going on when a baby is developing in the womb.

... I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for what you do. I am sure that you get much more argumentative and accusatory feedback than positive feedback. When I heard my baby's heartbeat and tracked her growth, I remembered your posters on campus and finally understood what you were fighting for... I'm only sorry it took me so long.

Thank you for what you do. Your project made a difference in my life.

For more about GAP at UNC, see Fletcher's blog at www.FletcherArmstrongBlog.com. Search for "Carolina".