



SPEAK *for* LIFE



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### Statement Regarding George Mason University Students for Life and Students for Life of America's *Abortion Is Not Right* Fall Campus Tour

As black leaders in the Pro-Life Movement, we support the George Mason University (GMU) Students for Life group and stand behind the content of Students for Life of America's *Abortion Is Not Right* Fall Campus Tour. The reversal of *Roe v. Wade* has given the United States an opportunity to rectify the injustice of abortion. **It is more important than ever to highlight the humanity of the preborn.** In the past, the Supreme Court has been gravely wrong regarding major human rights abuses such as slavery, segregation, Japanese internment during World War II, women's rights abuses, and more. The most important precedent of the Court is its willingness to review and reverse unjust decisions that go against our country's fundamental principles. The Declaration of Independence is clear, "all are endowed with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Justice Alito stated in his majority opinion for *Dobbs v. Jackson* that "*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start." Legal scholars on both sides of the abortion issue agree that *Roe* was not in line with the Constitution and therefore was susceptible to reversal on that basis alone. The most crucial point, however, is that ***Roe* was "egregiously wrong" because it stripped an entire group of human beings of their most fundamental right.** 96% of biologists agree that human life begins at fertilization, and that means that every abortion ends a human life. Since abortion ends innocent human lives, it is a human rights violation and should not be allowed to continue.

The *Abortion Is Not Right* Fall Campus Tour sheds light on the injustice of abortion and how it impacts the rights of innocent human beings. We have been made aware of a situation at George Mason University, in which the Students for Life group there has been labeled racist for hosting this tour. **We categorically condemn any suggestion that the pro-life principles demonstrated in this display are racist** or incongruent with human dignity and our efforts to establish equality among the races. We must learn from our past mistakes as a nation. We correctly view slavery as an abhorrent and immoral stain on our history and we will look at abortion the same way. That does not mean that slavery and abortion are the same. No human rights abuses are. It does mean however, that human rights abuses are cyclical and that we must learn from our historical injustices to fight current injustices.

In addition, the abortion industry has roots in the eugenics movement and has done more to establish systemic racism than any other industry. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, was dedicated to destroying black fertility and reproduction to achieve her goal of uprooting what she considered the "weeds of society." **The abortion industry has**

**targeted the black community by ending innocent black preborn lives at a rate higher than any other race.** The abortion industry has systematized the ending of black preborn lives by forcing public funding and pushing narrative campaigns that black women need abortion more than other women do.

The abortion industry's ties to racist organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan and the eugenics movement is well documented and something that cannot continue to be ignored. The results of their racist affiliations speak for themselves. In New York, for every black child that is born, two are aborted, and since 1973 over 22 million black preborn lives have been lost to abortion. That is double the current black population. Nothing has set back our community more than abortion and the lie that black people need abortion more than other races. There is nothing more disempowering than hearing that our community needs abortion because of the other issues we are confronted with. In the last 50 years, black poverty, homelessness, divorce rates, and crime have gotten worse. **The lie that abortion offers us an opportunity to overcome these barriers has been clearly and definitively debunked.**

Offering our community and women in general abortion as a solution is disingenuous. Abortion is not a solution to any issue a woman is facing. The abortion industry treats women's bodies as objects to profit off by selling them abortions and sending them back into the circumstances that brought them to the abortion facility in the first place. We celebrate the Pro-Life Movement's efforts to support women and the Pregnant Student's Rights petition which is a part of this dynamic tour. Women of all races deserve authentic, life-affirming support on and off campus. The abortion industry only offers ending innocent human life.

**The *Abortion Is Not Right* Fall Tour demonstrates that abortion is the greatest injustice of our time** and that although abortion is not like any other human rights abuse, it is in the same category of human rights abuses. We stand in solidarity with the preborn, the student leaders at GMU and across this nation, and other pro-life organizations like Students for Life of America as they fight to protect the preborn.

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