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Profiles In Courage!

Jackson County, IN Protesters Make an Unprecedented Stand

In this day of moral relativism, when making a judgment about someone's behavior is taboo, this is a story that is hard to believe.

Perhaps the good people of Jackson County, in the small town of Uniontown, simply didn't know any better. When a porn chain store opened along Interstate 65 in Southeast Indiana four years ago, no one must have told

a group of concerned citizens that they would embark upon a journey no other group in the Midwest has traveled.

These patriots cared about preserving their Hoosier values and they were not about to allow smut peddlers to harm marriages and families with the distribution of pornography in this rural community. So they decided to have a protest.

When a strip club, porn store, abortion clinic or a casino opens, there are often protests from local residents. Those citizens may also take the step of writing letters to the editor, complain at a local government hearing or contact a legislator. The media will often cover the controversy with a story or two. Once in while, their concern will be acted upon by a state legislator, a city councilor or other elected official. But then the issue seems to fade away.

If this were the typical controversy, the story of the Uniontown Protesters verses the **Lion's Den** would have already come and gone. In fact, nearly four



years after it opened, the Lion's Den is still open. But this is a story of courage and duty like no other. *It's also a story of victory.*

As you may have guessed, the Uniontown protesters did protest outside the porn store. In fact, they have protested for nearly four years. That alone is notable these days. To have a group of about fifty people protesting a store every weekend for four years in sun, rain or snow is impressive. But these thirty-to-fifty residents didn't protest every weekend. They have protested outside the Lion's Den *every hour of every day, 24-hours a day for 1,403 days in a row*, as of June 15th!

The **Uniontown Watchdogs**, as they are known, have a method to their madness. They have been strategic with a purpose. When a truck driver exits the interstate and pulls into the Lion's Den he sees a sign warning him that his truck's picture will be taken and his license plate number sent to his truck company management letting them know he visited a porn store. In fact, when *anyone* parks at the Lion's Den they are warned by similar signs and photographed. Their license number and car description is recorded, and if there is any

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AFAIN: New Look, New Location, Same Mission by Micah Clark



It is true that a majority of Americans who voted last fall, voted for “hope” and “change” but that’s certainly not why AFA of Indiana is making some changes. Still, we do “hope” you like our “change.”

The first change is simply one of appearance that you may have already noticed from last month’s letter about the legislative session. We began to move toward a softer blue green color scheme. With that subtle change we also had a graphic designer make a new logo for us that we can use for various situations that convey a message about AFA of Indiana.



On a more substantial level, by the time you receive this newsletter, we should have moved our office from

the east to the north side of Indianapolis. We were fortunate to find a very nice, professional location that also includes access to conference and training rooms with computer projection and presentation equipment for our use. Most importantly in

these times, our new location costs the same as our current location. Over the next few months we will transition our phone and address info, but for now nothing will impact how you contact us. AFAIN may have a slightly new look and a new location in this, our

16th year, but our mission to protect your family, defend your values and stand for decency has not changed.

APA Admission: There’s No ‘Gay’ Gene

A publication from the **American Psychological Association** includes an admission that there is no ‘gay’ gene, according to a doctor who has written about the issue on the website of the **National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality** (NARTH). Specifically, in a brochure that first came out

about 1998, the APA stated: ‘There is considerable recent evidence to suggest that biology, including genetic or in-born hormonal factors, play a significant role in a person’s sexuality.’ However, in the update...the APA’s position changed. The new statement says: ‘There is no consensus among scientists about the exact reasons that an indi-

vidual develops a heterosexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian orientation. Although much research has examined the possible genetic, hormonal, developmental, social, and cultural influences on sexual orientation, no findings have emerged that permit scientists to conclude that sexual orientation is determined by any particular factor or

factors.’

“It is clear that efforts to ‘prove’ that homosexuality is simply a biological fait accompli have failed.” (A. Dean Byrd, the past president of NARTH) wrote. ‘The activist researchers themselves have reluctantly reached that conclusion. There is no gay gene.

- World Net Daily 5/12 - Bob Unruh



AFA of Indiana’s New Billboard Offers Help for Porn Addict

AFA of Indiana has a new billboard that we are very excited about displaying this month in two locations near Huntington, IN. If you know of a billboard location where we can post this message for free or low cost, let us know.

“Knowledge is, in every country, the surest basis of public happiness. To discriminate the spirit of liberty from that of licentiousness - cherishing the first, avoiding the last.”

- President George Washington, from his first annual address to Congress, January 8, 1790

Obama: The Pro-Life President ?

There is a new poll out from the Gallup organization that is getting a lot of attention because it shows for the first time in 15 years a majority of Americans (51%) now self-identify as pro-life. Those saying that they are “pro-choice” on abortion are at a low point with only 42% labeling their views this way.



Twenty-three percent of Americans say that abortion should be illegal in all circumstances. An additional 53% of Americans say abortion should only be legal under certain circumstances.

Gallup editor, Lydia Saad, believes that President Barack Obama's strident pro-abortion position is the cause of the pro-life shift. “With the first pro-choice president in eight years already making changes to the nation’s policies on funding abortion overseas, expressing his support for the Freedom of Choice Act, and moving toward rescinding federal job protections for medical workers who refuse to participate in abortion procedures, Americans -- and, in particular, Republicans -- seem to be taking a step back from the pro-choice position,” she writes. “While Democrats may support that, as they generally support everything Obama is doing as president, it may be driving others in the opposite direction,” she adds. In other words, after over two-dozen steps against life since his election, the President has inadvertently helped America become pro-life.

Hope for the Nation As People Gather to Pray

America seems to have an entire laundry list of problems today from our economic woes to our moral decay to the attacks upon our fundamental freedoms and institutions. There seems to be a lot of good



reasons for the concern and even despair many people seem to feel. While politics are important, we should not look to Washington for long-term or lasting solutions. Politics is a reflection of the culture.

For this reason, many pro-family groups are calling on Americans, particularly our pastors and churches to join together on Sunday, July 5th for a unified act of prayer for our nation. The “Call2Fall” hopes to connect 40,000 churches and millions of people who will commit to pray for our nation. You can find out how you and your church can sign up at the web site: www.call2fall.com.



AFA of Indiana in the News !

Some Recent Interviews of AFAIN Director Micah Clark

- [Christian Broadcasting News \(CBN\)](#)
- [One News Now](#)
- [Phipps Gospel Show](#)
- [WFRN Radio](#)
- [WGMR Moody Radio](#)

An Unheeded Warning from a Past President?

“As we peer into society’s future, we – you and I, and our government – must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering for our own ease and convenience, the precious resources of tomorrow. We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without asking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow.”

- President Dwight's Eisenhower - Farewell Address, January 17, 1961



Profiles in Courage

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illegal behavior in the parking lot, that is also photographed.

What has this “in your face” protesting accomplished? Well, on the surface, *nothing*. The Lion’s Den operates today, 24-hours a day with customers in the parking lot at all hours. The Uniontown Watchdogs are the scorn of many. Customers routinely shout obscenities, flip off or expose themselves to the protesters. Few of the churches in this rural area support the protesters. Recently, the County Council tried to limit the protester’s ability to demonstrate. But this dim view misses “*the rest of the story.*”

Looking only at the reaction of the Lion’s Den patrons, the fact that the porn store is still in business or that many of the local leaders may not stand with the Watchdogs misses all that their courage and faithfulness *has* accomplished.

When the Lion’s Den was built, court records show that up to 200 trucks a day were expected to fill a parking lot that is now covered in weeds. Instead of 1,400 semi-trucks a week, the Lion’s Den attracts fewer than 20. Some protesters believe that up to 90% of potential customers either drive past the Lion’s Den when they see the warning signs, or they turn around in the parking lot and leave at the sight of the protesters’ cameras.

And what of the angry customers shouting profanities or bearing it for all to see? Perhaps a better question is what about the safety of the community? A parole officer from another county ran the plate numbers recorded by the Watchdogs. He found numerous sex offenders violating their parole by visiting the porn store and took action against them.

Obviously, not all of the Lion’s Den customers are sex offenders, or even angry people misbehaving in the parking

lot. But many of their customers are better people today. One of the protester’s signs offers a free Bible to any customer who wants one. To date they have given away over 1,000 Bibles. Each of the protestors seems to have a story of praying with a customer who wanted help for an addiction or a relationship problem.

Last month an out-of-state truck driver returned to the store, but not to buy porn. This time, he came to spend the weekend with the protestors who had led him to the Lord. He had crossed the line from customer to protestor wanting to tell other Lion’s Den customers of a real life-changing love. In fact, the Watchdogs estimate that over 100 customers over the last 3 years and 10 months have prayed to accept Christ. Sadly, fewer than five churches in the county support the Watchdogs. This is perhaps because they see only a group of “controversial” protestors outside a business, rather than the outreach to misguided porn users.

The Uniontown Watchdogs still hope to see the Lion’s Den close, either through legal battles wherein the store is in violation of ordinances, or through an economic drain caused by the protest. Some estimates place the loss of revenue for the Lions Den to be half-a-million dollars.

Regardless of the open wound of still having a porn store operating in their community, these faithful courageous few have already succeeded. Through their bold action, they have confronted evil *and* changed lives. What more could any community ever want from a handful of its citizens? The Uniontown Watchdogs are role models we can all learn from, thank, and admire for their selfless act of good citizenship.

For more information go to: www.war-line.net



Citizen’s Action Corner



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- ✓ Please pray for AFA of Indiana.
- ✍ Please **support AFA of Indiana with a financial gift**, so we can defend your values in the halls of government and in the media throughout the year.

✓ Visit the Uniontown Protest web site (www.war-line.org) to learn more about the item discussed in this month’s cover story!

✍ Find AFA of Indiana’s Micah Clark on Facebook, visit our web site or pass this newsletter on to a friend or your pastor.

✓ Look for affordable opportunities for AFA’s billboard to go up in other parts of the state.

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