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Reflection on the Justice For All Outreach

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Using the following five questions, please write a thoughtful and legible reflection of your experience at the Justice For All pro-life outreach. Since this reflection will be used to improve future outreaches, as well as promote the work of Justice For All, your careful attention to detail and clarity of expression are appreciated. Thank you!

- > Was there any experience from the outreach that was particularly noteworthy?
- > If you could choose, would you participate in such an outreach again? Why or why not?
 - > What do you consider to be the most effective aspect of the outreach?
 - > How valuable for you was the second day?
- > What was particularly valuable about the pre-outreach training? How could it be improved?

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Justice For All outreach was amazing! I had never done anything quite like it before - and I left feeling like I could do something like that for the rest of my life! I really felt like we were able to make a difference with some of the students - to get them really thinking about hard issues. With the arguments we presented, it wasn't sufficient to say, "well, that's just your opinion." This outreach really pushed people to think of truth in terms of what is REAL, rather than how it may be perceived. I found that as I really got into the discussions with people, they really had no foundations for their opinions & what

they believed - the tragedy of our generation. I talked to several people who thanked me for helping them to THINK because they just hadn't understood before. There were, of course, those who were more dogmatic and seemed to try to route even the facts back to preference and choice, but even the few who are helped to see more clearly are worth all the effort!

I think the most effective aspect of the outreach was the exhibit yourself. It drew people in and forced them to see what they had previously chosen to ignore or condone. Several people told me that their view had changed by merely looking at the exhibit. The exhibit itself was a display of the hard truth - for people with the mind to think & the heart to understand, the display of truth is all that it is needed. For those lacking in either area, we were there to help them think & understand (a crucial element for our generation since we seem to think &

The second day was as valuable as the first. At no time did I feel "more comfortable" because each day I was being talked down to and attacked. Yet, the second day did help me to feel more confident. After the second day, I felt like this was something I was equipped to continue to pursue, whereas I might have been more hesitant to say that after the first day.

The training was amazing. I felt totally prepared intellectually to go out and confront the issue! Role playing was probably the most helpful aspect for me during the training. I honestly don't know how it could have been improved - I really feel like it totally prepared me to the fullest extent. In addition, I felt like the training continued into the outreach itself as we watched the JFA staff kick off the first day. That actually helped me feel more prepared emotionally & mentally by letting me see exactly what I would be up against.

The whole experience was challenging & enlightening and I would do it a million times again if I could!