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Justice For All reflection on the outreach to the University of Northern Colorado

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The JFA outreach at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) was probably the most valuable thing that I did this semester, as I know a lot of past Focus on the Family Institute students have stated. It was so much more than just an outreach and it went so much deeper than the issues of abortion and the woman's right to choose. It was the clearest example of conflicting worldviews that I have ever seen before in my life.

I actually wasn't very nervous going into the exhibit, but I found myself observing and listening to people a lot more than I thought I was going to. I thought I would go in there and just embrace every conversation available and that was not the case. I learned so much about our current culture just by listening and observing.

It was really sad to hear people's stories and hear their negative outlooks on the lives that God had so graciously given them. Pretty much every person I encountered that shared a pro-choice position had some sort of baggage from their past. I just wanted to go back in time and take that painful experience away for them.

Overall, the JFA experience was such a wake up call for me. How could it not be? We are just immersed in a culture of moral relativism. I think every argument I engaged in came back to that point. It was just astounding to me that so many people out there think that right and wrong are up to each individual or the society as a whole.

People put so much spin on things that they can make the most awful crimes seem to be alright. The whole experience challenged me so much while I was there to confront what is going on in the culture and to bold in speaking the truth.

More so than that, the JFA experience has given me a boldness to engage the culture around me once I leave. I love being under fire!

The JFA exhibit is something that I recommend for any person passionate for the truth and living Godly lives. There is no greater training than to just go out there and engage the culture head on exactly where is at. I didn't anticipate that the experience

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would change my life as much as it did. It not only gave me a passion for truth in regards to abortion, but just as importantly, the passion for truth in one's worldview.

I desire to live a life of boldness and a never ending desire to show God's truth to the world around me. That is my mission in this life—and I am to give the glory back to God for allowing me to do so.

Needless to say, I would definitely do the JFA exhibit again and would recommend to anyone who is serious about engaging the culture and finding the truth. By the way, I am trying to see if I can fly out to California in May to be a volunteer for the JFA exhibits out there.

I don't think that there is a better way to gauge what people believe and spread truth all at the same time. God has gifted me in dealing with people in love and I intend to use that gift to the best of my abilities and to His glory.



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