

Statements from Students, Faculty, Staff, and Community Members
In Support of Banning CPCs From Our Campus

In a place of learning and growth, why would we promote institutions that profit off of the misinformation and disruption of women's health? If that is what these school would want to facilitate then I don't want to go to them.

Please think about the safety of your students and take action against these horrific organizations bullying our community.

As a southerner, I've seen how CPC's use religion and lies to prey on vulnerable people while offering no support. We cannot give them a platform.

This appalling, blatant attempt to control and limit the rights of students should not be allowed to spread to harm or affect students on campuses. As institutions we should do all we can to support and build upon the rights of individuals, not allow the organisations working against these liberties to continue to affect the students on campuses.

Crisis pregnancy centers have no business spreading false medical information concerning abortion. It is a serious crime to pose as healthcare professionals and give out medical advice without a license, and as such, it is a major liability to allow these groups to advertise their services on campus. Lastly, were it not for abortion, people I care about would not be alive today.

On my behalf: Francesca Whitecross

On behalf of myself, as a woman, it's absolutely beyond me that our so called progressive society has take one MAJOR step backwards in social evolution. The right to a woman has to her on body shouldn't even be in question especially not by men. I hope change is upon us and roe v wade being overturned isn't the tipping point of other basic human rights being stripped from those who are cis white men.

CPCs give false medical information and endanger women

CPCs only exist to manipulate people out of seeking abortions. Allowing CPC advertisements and involvement and campus is utterly inexcusable.

Fuck CPCs and fuck Middlebury College for letting the center in town prey on and harass students.

CPCs endanger the health and privacy of not only Middlebury College students but also all people in the local community.

This is important.

Our students deserve the best education and the best reproductive care, not disinformation and manipulation.

CPCs represent an aggressive threat to reproductive rights. Their presence on campus harms students seeking abortions by misleading them about their options until they are forced, when not coerced, to keep an unwanted pregnancy. CPCs have no place on campus.

We don't want them.

CPCs are a danger to all women and persons that can get pregnant. The NESCAC must recognize this and do something about it.

Banning CPCs from NESCAC campuses is an essential move to ensure that people of reproductive age are able to access the medically accurate and comprehensive care they need.

I strongly support this petition

CPC advertisements have no room on campuses that should be instilling knowledge, learning and science. Please strongly consider banning CPC advertisement and involvement on NESCAC campuses.

As an OB/GYN resident, these clinics spread blatant misinformation that is directly harmful to pregnant people.

Crisis pregnancy centers prey on vulnerable people just trying to access healthcare. They should not be advertised on campus as medical centers (or advertised/promoted on campus at all)

The American Public Health Association and the American Medical Association both condemn CPCs, which they characterize as predatory, unethical, racist, and a threat to client privacy.

Sources:

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Crisis Pregnancy Centers are manipulative and dangerous. I spent several months in 2015 and 2016 interviewing employees and volunteers at the CPC in Brunswick, Maine and saw first-hand the harm they posed to the community, including deliberately giving visitors inaccurate information about the safety of abortion. At the time they were in the process of buying an ultrasound machine that nobody there knew how to properly operate to bolster their sense of medical credentials. This is an excellent opportunity for students to stand in solidarity with each other and with others in the community, especially with those who do not have access to robust healthcare and information. And I'll say it here because it bears repeating: abortion is common; abortion is safe; abortion is normal; abortion is good.

I support this measure with enthusiasm. An additional reason is the nefarious effect the local CPC has had on teen age persons already. When Planned Parenthood lost its central location within walking distance from the Middlebury High School, the CPC took over that space the better to trick vulnerable persons out of the opportunity of choosing the best course of action for themselves.

I'm concerned that Middlebury College would allow an external, non-student-run, religiously-driven organization to participate in what I understand is a fair of entirely student-run organizations. Neither student tuition nor individual donations should support or give platform to any person or organization affiliated with a movement specifically intended to not only repress but turn back the clock on women's bodily autonomy and sexual reproductive health.

I've always considered facilitating open expression of ideas to be a critical part of how Conn operates, and misinformation is a massive threat to this ideal. CPCs purposefully spread misinformation, and thus it is unacceptable to give a platform to them.

On behalf of the Program in Studio Art

These centers promote misinformation and ARE NOT HEALTHCARE. Health care prioritizes the patient, they do not.

CPCs are an active and dangerous threat to all students. Their coercive practices and lies put students at risk and their presence on campus should be unacceptable.