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Feminists Choosing Life Launches Anti-Racism Campaign Amid Protests and Police Violence Reforms

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Feminists Choosing Life's Anti-Racism Campaign Feels Squeeze of Cancel Culture

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Amid protests against racist police brutality and calls for police reform, Feminists Choosing Life of NY (FCLNY) launches an educational campaign on systemic racism. FCLNY's anti-racism campaign includes window and lawn signs as well as a comprehensive report on institutional racism titled, All Black Lives Matter. In Every Circumstance. No Matter What.

"Knowledge is power, and sizable portions of the citizenry appear genuinely unaware that racism's historical roots continue to impact our social structures, and therefore black people," says Sterlace-Accorsi, FCLNY's executive director. "While some American's recognize that broader racial issues are contributing to the steady flow of protests, many lack understanding of the extent to which racism continues to plague our civic institutions and adversely affect people of color," she explains. According to Caroline Bennett, the author of FCLNY's report, "Empirical data reveals that racial disparities exist within every sector of our society and persist even when we control for confounding variables such as socioeconomic status. America's most vital institutions, including our criminal justice, healthcare, educational and finance systems are fraught with racist patterns and practices, with origins pre and post Jim Crow."

"The initial response to FCLNY's efforts has been alarming," claims Sterlace-Accorsi. "A caller to our office recently left a voicemail stating in part, 'I just want to let you know that I am a racist. I support white lives matter. Black lives don't matter. F' your signs.' Another wanted to know if she could 'white paint' over the word BLACK on our signs. And many others, excited to post the signs, changed their minds when they understood that the campaign also highlights the connection between racism and abortion, including abortion's roots in the eugenics movement and how humans in utero are still targeted for termination in communities of color. No matter how woke or progressive abortion rights supporters believe they are," says Sterlace-Accorsi, "they refuse to fully recognize evidence showing that Planned Parenthood's surgical abortion facilities are disproportionately "located within walking distance of African and/or Hispanic communities," and that the abortion rate for black women is almost five times that for white women.

As a promoter of the consistent life ethic, FCLNY is not only anti-racism, but anti-abortion, anti-war, and anti-capital punishment. "Embracing the core principles of non-violence and non-discrimination paradoxically offends many on the current 'left' and 'right,'" explains Sterlace-Accorsi, "and in today's cancel culture, where protest has largely replaced dialogue, divisions and disagreements not only cloud common ground, but quash the cooperative focus necessary to effectively address social injustice. Our campaign aims to educate and foster open, peaceful discourse on contentious topics surrounding racism in America today. Genuine problem solving

cannot occur if folks with differing opinions dare not critically analyze facts, and seriously converse. Only then will our culture see reality more colorful than simply black and white.”

In addition to enhancing public awareness, the campaign also seeks to raise money for New York organizations dedicated to supporting and empowering communities of color. One of the benefiting organizations is Peaceprints of WNY, an organization committed to offering comprehensive reentry services to men and women involved in the criminal justice system.

Cindi McEachon, Executive Director of Peaceprints of WNY, explains, “As a nation that chooses to disproportionately incarcerate people of color at an alarming rate, this campaign seeks to educate and speak up in an effort to create a more equitable world for everyone. Peaceprints of WNY is grateful for the opportunity to join the fold and spread the message that All Black Lives Matter.”

