

What Intact America doesn't want you to know

1. Intact America is dishonest and unreliable. The organization has repeatedly issued false and misleading public statements:

- That 100 boys in the United States die from circumcision each year.
- That circumcision causes erectile dysfunction.
- That the AAP confessed that complications have never been studied systematically.
- That Dr. Andrew Freedman of the AAP Task Force admitted that there really aren't any valid medical reasons for circumcision.

2. Its Statement of Principles proclaims opposition to female genital mutilation. (FGM)

- "Intact America fulfills its mission by challenging social and sexual norms and by advocating for the health and wellbeing of *all children* and the adults they will become."
- "Intact America believes that *all children* – regardless of their race, ethnicity, or culture of origin – have the right to be protected from bodily harm ...The prepuce, or foreskin, is a normal part of both male *and female* genitalia... The clitoral prepuce is removed in certain types of *female circumcision*."

3. But Intact America does NOTHING to help victims of FGM or end the practice.

- Intact America has never held a protest or media event to bring public awareness to the more than 500,000 girls in the United States who are victims of FGM or are at risk.
- Nor has the organization ever reached out to educate high-risk immigrant communities.
- Their website and Facebook page have scant information on FGM. Any such content is mentioned only in the context of equating circumcision with FGM.
- The organization hasn't raised or donated a single dime to help girls harmed by FGM.

4. Intact America is fanatical, its agenda extreme.

- Executive Director Georganne Chapin calls circumcision "evil," and she considers parents and doctors "the enemy."
- Strategy Advisor Dan Bollinger created a disturbing "Circumcision Cabal" chart that tracks circumcision advocates and assumes the existence of a shadowy pro-circumcision conspiracy.
- Steering Committee member Marilyn Milos celebrated the 2016 death of Dr. Edgar Schoen, a distinguished AAP leader. Milos wanted to "carry balloons and dance on his casket."
- Intact America encouraged a Florida mother to hide her son in violation of a court order. The mother was later arrested and lost custody of her child. Intact America retaliated by publicizing the names of the hospital and the the physician scheduled to perform the procedure, causing hundreds of intactivist threats of bodily harm and other illegal actions. Both the FBI and Secret Service were called in to investigate.

For evidence and references visit
CircumcisionChoice.com or Facebook.com/CircumcisionChoice



Georganne Chapin

Executive Director, Intact America

in her own words

She encourages intactivists to demonize anyone who dissents

“We must be willing to vilify circumcision and call it for what it is – horrifying, yes, evil. We must unequivocally call to account those who perpetuate it. This includes ALL circumcisers. And yes, it includes parents too – if they have been informed, and still persist in doing it.” [1]

She dismisses concerns about anti-Semitism and she justifies harassment

“An over-concern about anti-Semitism is misplaced, distracting, and destructive, and we must grow beyond it if we are to defeat the real enemy.

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The enemy is not an intactivist who might step outside our personal comfort zones. If we think this way, we will cannibalize ourselves, rather than keeping the focus on the real enemy... The enemy is any person of any religion, culture, race or gender who circumcises a child. We need to stop questioning the motives of those whose aim it is to make all circumcisers feel bad, so they stop circumcising.” [2]

She blames the “Jewish lobby” for blocking anti-circumcision laws

“I think that legislation is a very remote possibility. There’s a lot of opposition to that, primarily from the Jewish lobby.” [3]

[1] Georganne Chapin, “Whose Political Correctness? Changing Language, Viewpoints and Tactics in Today’s Intactivist Movement”; International Genital Autonomy Symposium; Boulder, CO.; July 25, 2014

[2] Ibid. In this speech Chapin dismissed concerns about anti-Semitism within the intactivist movement, particularly concerns about the infamous “Monster Mohel” comic book.

[3] Georganne Chapin, NewsTalk Ireland; August 4, 2017 – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Lx_c4vJsts

While Chapin blames the Jews, the recognition that circumcision is a valid parental choice spans religious and political spectrums. A coalition of religious groups that opposed a 2011 anti-circumcision ballot measure in San Francisco included the San Francisco Interfaith Council, Catholic Archdiocese, National Association of Evangelicals (representing 45,000 churches), and several Muslim groups. Political leaders included Mayor Gavin Newsom, City Attorney Dennis Herrera, State Senator Mark Leno, and several supervisors. The measure was removed from the ballot because it conflicted with state law. A bill (sponsored by two Christian lawmakers) to clarify the state’s exclusive authority to regulate circumcision passed both houses of the legislature by unanimous vote and was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown, a Roman Catholic. A 2012 German regional court ruling prohibiting circumcision of minors was denounced by the Roman Catholic Archbishop, the German Evangelical Church, and the Central Council of Muslims, as well as several Jewish groups. The German legislature swiftly overturned the ruling.