

Circumcision protestors didn't plan for pope appearance, report says

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[PHILADELPHIA](#) -- A group protesting the medical practice of male circumcision recently arrived in Philadelphia as part of an East Coast tour, but apparently didn't plan for it to coincide with Pope Francis' arrival, [according to NBC10](#).

Bloodstained Men, members of which set up outside of City Hall in Center City, carried posters that read "Stop the Cruelty" and "Foreskin Theft" while wearing pants made to look like that the crotches were stained with blood.

According to the report, protesters said they were demonstrating in public to show that circumcising infant males is an act that the victims do not consent to.

[According to the group's website](#), the participating "intactivists" are those who feel "that every child, regardless of their gender or parents' beliefs, has the right to their intact genitals, as they're born."

The group's website also includes a list of upcoming events and an itinerary of their ongoing Northeast U.S. "circumcision crisis protests."

The group visited New York City and [Princeton](#) prior to arriving in the city of brotherly love and sisterly affection. Dates after two-day stop in Philly include Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, among others.

Ahead of their Princeton appearance, one member remarked to NJ Advance Media, "I was born healthy. Why was I altered? This seems completely unethical to me."

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