

Group protests circumcision in Yakima

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YAKIMA, Wash. - A small group of people protesting circumcision gathered at the busy corner of Nob Hill Boulevard and South 16th Avenue. The California-based group is on a protest tour across the Pacific Northwest. (Ryan Miller/Yakima Herald-Republic)

YAKIMA, Wash. — A small group of protestors dressed in white pants with red-stained crotches demonstrated against circumcision at the corner of Nob Hill Boulevard and South 16th Avenue Friday afternoon.

The Davis, Calif.-based group, “Bloodstained Men and Their Friends,” is in the middle of a protest tour of 15 cities in 15 days in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Displaying large signs, the group of about five spoke with pedestrians and drivers stopped for red lights.

According to the organization, the group is “dedicated to giving victims of genital cutting a voice and educating Americans about the harms of infant circumcision and the importance of the foreskin.”

A group spokesman said one of the main reasons for touring is to raise awareness about circumcision and the potential dangers that can come with it.

They are scheduled to hold a protest in Spokane on Saturday.