

Protesters on Worth Avenue decry circumcision

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A group protesting male circumcision walks west Saturday on Australian Avenue in Palm Beach. (Meghan McCarthy / Daily News)

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The cause for protest and demonstration was a little different this week. As [President Donald Trump](#) stayed clear of [Palm Beach](#), so did his supporters and protesters.

But the town remained a hot spot for the First Amendment Saturday afternoon when about a dozen people dressed in all white with red paint over their crotches walked down Worth Avenue protesting circumcision.

"I realized a long time ago my body was violated by circumcision," said Harry Guiremand, a spokesman for [Bloodstained Men](#). The organization promotes that circumcision hurts, it's unnecessary and destructive. Members call themselves "intactivists."

“Everyone has a right to their human rights,” Guiremand said. “This happened without my consent.”

The group’s Palm Beach stop was part of a 19-day, 17-city tour through Florida. They walked from Coconut Row and down Worth Avenue to the corner of South County Road, where they stopped for close to an hour. Marchers then trekked toward the beach where they stood ankle high in the water with signs that said: “My body belongs with me” and “Foreskin is not a birth defect.”

Overall, Guiremand said the response the group received was pretty positive.

“I think people here were curious,” he said. “We do get some hostile responses. ... This has been the most upscale neighborhood we’ve protested in.”

Two police officers followed the group along South Ocean Boulevard, but more were present while the protesters were on Worth Avenue.

“We just wanted to make sure they weren’t obstructing any sidewalks or roadways,” said Capt. Curtis Krauel. He added that there were no complaints and no incidents during the demonstration.

