



Group protests against male circumcision



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A protest in Cedar Rapids Thursday saw people donning what they call bloodstained suits to help spread their message.

The "Bloodstained Men" is a non-profit from California that's currently on a protest tour of five states. Their message - to end circumcision of baby boys in America.

About five people held up signs at First Avenue and Collins Road NE. They call the procedure of removing foreskin from the penis genital mutilation. They say it's destructive and unnecessary.

Rates of circumcision in the U.S. have been declining, but according to the National Institutes of Health about 70-percent of men in the U.S. are circumcised.

"When you amputate the foreskin, you have essentially changed the nature of the human penis. And that's why the Europeans are so horrified. We've talked to some Europeans who don't believe that Americans parents are so cruel to do this," said Brother K, one of the protestors.

The American Academy of Pediatrics studied circumcision and in 2012 said there are health benefits to the procedure, but not enough to recommend circumcision universally.

Bloodstained Men say they're seeing more and more support.

Friday they'll take their protest to Des Moines.

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