

## Group of men with red stained crotches travel the country to protest infant circumcision

- **Bloodstained Men & Their Friends is a protest group which travels the US**
- **Its members believe that circumcision on baby boys is cruel and painful**
- **To illustrate this, they dress in white and paint red splotches on their groins**
- **The group will stage its next protest in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday**

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A group of men are traveling North Carolina with red stained crotches as part of a protest against infant circumcision.

The group is called Bloodstained Men & Their Friends.

Its members wear all white and paint red splotches on their groins in an eye-catching attempt to represent the brutality they say baby boys experience while having their foreskins removed.

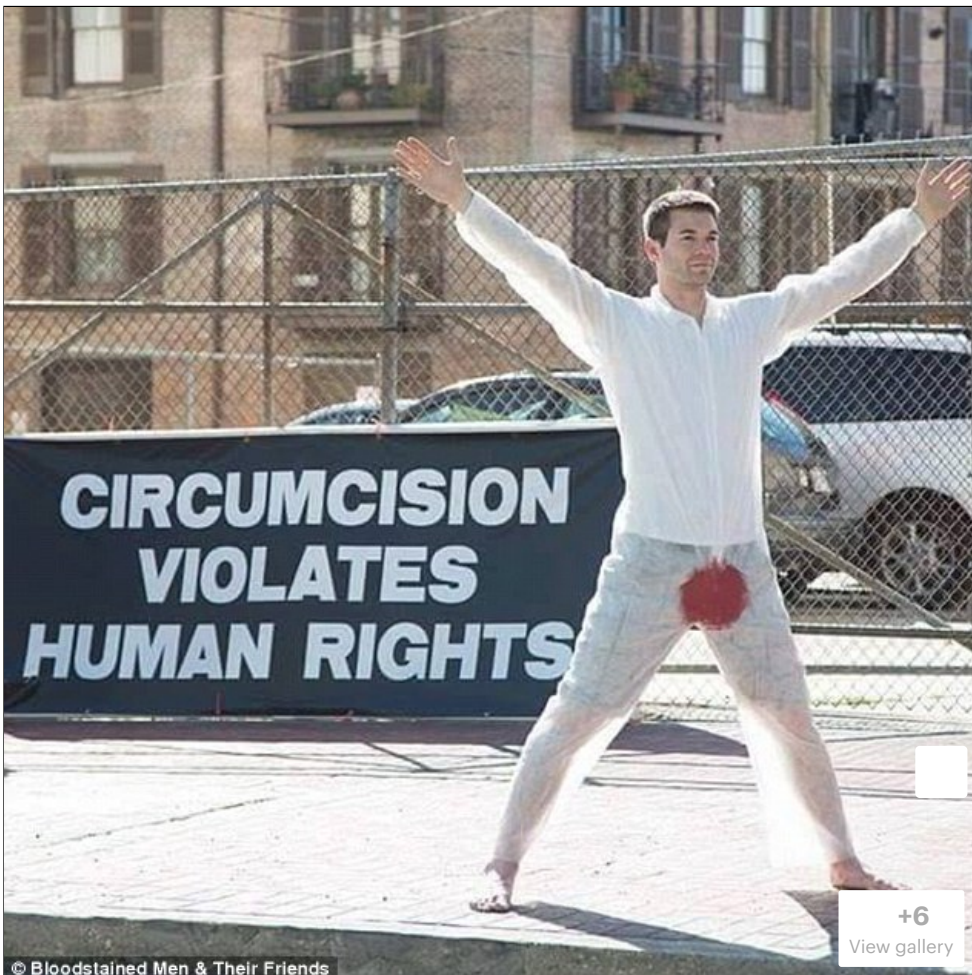
This weekend, the group will take a stand in Charlotte. They have previously staged demonstrations in [Florida](#) and other states.

They believe it is cruel and harmful to remove baby boys' foreskin at birth or shortly afterwards.



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Bloodstained Men & Their Friends wear all white and paint red splotches on their groins to protest infant circumcision. Some of the group's members are pictured



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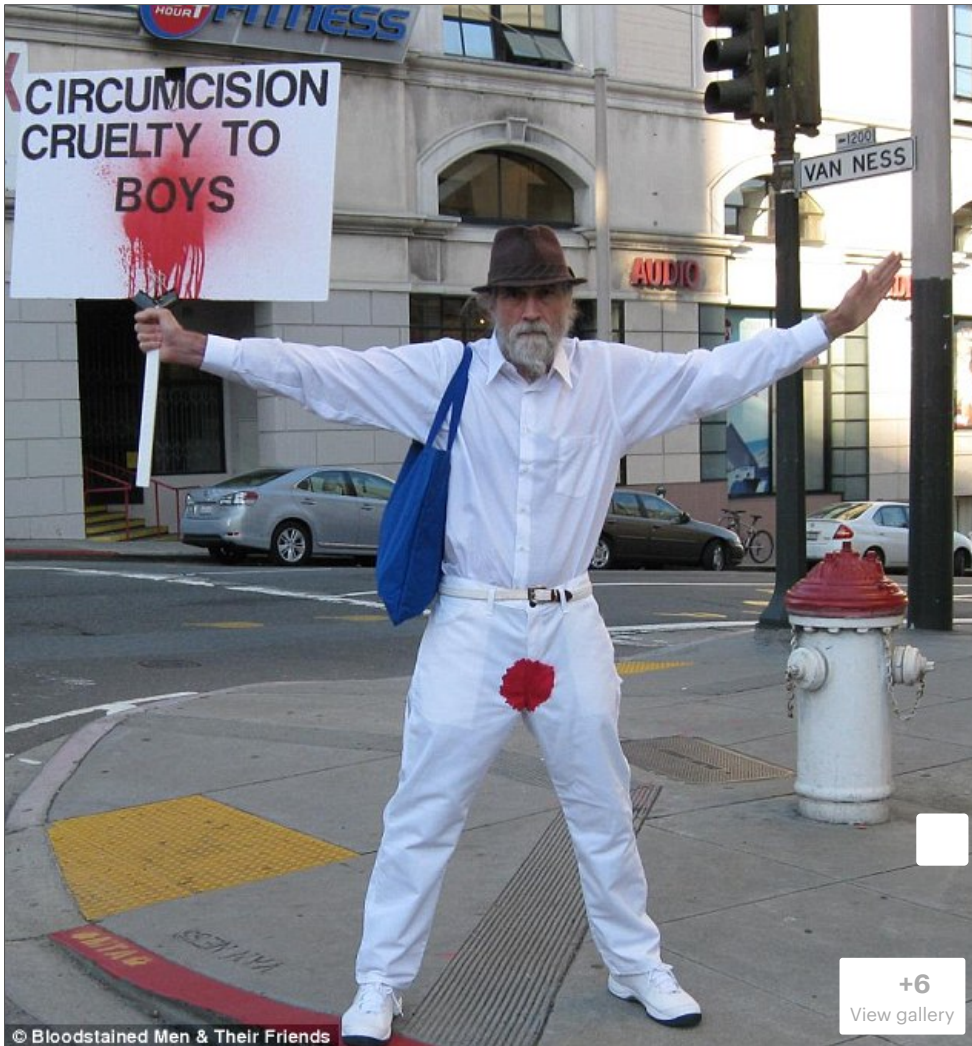
**At another protest, a demonstrator went barefoot and stood on a sidewalk to catch the attention of passing motorists**

'Bloodstained Men & Their Friends 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,' the group says on its Facebook page.

The group considers circumcision a 'shameful experiment'.

They say it is only ever carried out for 'purported religious or cultural reasons'.

Circumcision is more common in the United States than in other developed countries.



**Another protester is pictured. The group says that while it is not mandatory for demonstrators to wear the outfit, they encourage it**





**The group says circumcision among baby boys, which is more prevalent in the US than in other developed countries, is as harmful as female genital mutilation, which is illegal**

The World Health Organization estimates that the rate in the US is between 70 and 90 percent. It is closer to 20 percent in parts of Europe and in some countries, namely Iceland, there are proposals for it to be banned completely.

Medical benefits, listed by WHO, which the procedure can lead to include improved hygiene and reduced risk of infection later in life.

It is also sometimes a necessary surgery for a man or adolescent later in life if their foreskin becomes too tight to be rolled back.

The next Bloodstained Men & Their Friends protest will take place in



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**The group complains that circumcision in baby boys is painful and barbaric. They say it is not fair for infants to be strapped down into what is known as a circumstraint (shown above) to have their foreskin removed**

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