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# Sickening!

If the Pro-Life group Show the Truth Canada which hit town Monday was hoping to shock passers-by with graphic images smeared on anti-abortion posters, it succeeded.

Many who viewed the posters were shocked by the sickening photos.

The posters contained large, pronounced colour photos of aborted fetuses in various stages of dismemberment.

And for those who were shocked by what they saw, the organizers are not apologizing.

Said the group's founder Rosemary Connell, of Burnt River, "Abortion should shock people."

## Shocking the public isn't going to help the pro-life cause.

However, the demonstrators clearly crossed the line.

There is nothing wrong with a peaceful protest — and this one was that — but exposing these kinds of graphic images, which make the ones on cigarette packages look tame, to young children is a visual assault.

In one case Monday, a woman was upset that her three-year-old was confronted by the graphic, unpleasant photographs.

There are better ways to get the the anti-abortion message across.

The people who take delight in showing these kinds of poignant images need to re-evaluate their quest for shock value.

Out on the street where children of all ages are exposed to the images is not the proper forum.

What is there to gain from shocking young children?

Would anybody think that exposing young children to graphic photos of a diseased lung eaten away by cancer would be a great way to keep them from smoking when they get older?

Of course not.

A few people might be swayed to support the Pro-Life cause by the shocking photographs, but in the majority of cases people are turned off.

It is a pity we don't have a law which forbids the public display of such revolting photographs.