



Hello everyone. My name is Eric Clopper, and I have a very, very important story to share with you. It's not a story I particularly want to share, but a story that I know must be told.

There came a point in my life where I understood circumcision: its effects, its trauma, its betrayal, and its loss. This epiphany devastated me. How could such an evil be done to me? How could such an evil be done to over 100 million of my fellow Americans? And, even more pressing, how could we continue to allow such evil to occur? I was only 21, but I knew this needed to end, and I vowed to end it.

I spent years and years studying every aspect of genital-cutting I could get my hands on. I forwent job opportunities, graduate school, and even the respect of many of my peers as I delved into every aspect of genital cutting to grasp this evil in its entirety.

I helped Foregen, a biomedical startup, gain traction with the help of a stellar team and a very supportive community which I will forever be grateful for. In my role for Foregen, I had the opportunity to present on genital-cutting, and perhaps the even more culturally-isolating topic of foreskin regeneration. However, my

preparation paid off. My presentations have been well-received at a variety of venues, from world stem cell summits to sexual health conferences to universities.

This was not easy for me, but I knew there was no one who had put in more work or was better prepared to do this, so I took the leap of faith, and I was rewarded with positive feedback and – far more importantly – changed minds. We can no longer sit idly by while children's rights are being flagrantly violated. It is one thing to scar your own body for your beliefs, but no one has the right to forcibly cut into the flesh of another human being. We cannot make exceptions to this rule.

In less than two weeks time, on May 1, 2018, I will deliver my Magnum Opus at Harvard University's most prestigious venue – Sanders Theatre – sharing the stage with the likes of Winston Churchill, John F Kennedy, and Nelson Mandela. (I bet they didn't have nearly as good penis jokes.) My speech is the culmination of five years of research, thought, debate, and presentation embedded into a one-man show.

My one-man show, titled *Sex & Circumcision: An American Love Story*, is a funny, fearless, and tragic personal testimony. It's also cleverly outrageous – it has to be; intactivists can no longer be ignored. Our children do not have the luxury of waiting for our culture's ignorance to end.

And, perhaps far more importantly, it is an academic treatise. There are no holes, gaps, or counterarguments to make. No pro-circumcision voice on the planet can contest me in this realm; I will make that abundantly clear.

Sanders Theatre is a 1,100 person theatre. I've given an early version of this show at Cornell, the students were floored. This version is far, far improved. I can promise you that if you make the trip, you will remember this night for the rest of your life. And, more importantly, it would show the world that, Yes, people do care about this issue, this human rights violation. That, Yes, we do have numbers behind us. And, Yes, we are powerful. We can stop this. Together.

I have an amazing team supporting me, but there's only so much a small team can do. Would you be willing to attend? Would you be willing to bring your friends in the Boston area? Would you be willing to show up and show the world that we – the intactivists – those who fight for children's rights even if our own were violated in the face of cultural ridicule and derision will not go quietly into the night. We will not be intimidated by multi-billion dollar industries, by duplicitous media

empires, or by other powerful interests. We are here to stay, and we are here to win. We **will** win.

I would be forever grateful if you attend. [You can get your ticket here.](#)

(it's a \$7 charity event for childhood cancer that comes with parking included); it's not about the money, it never has been and never will be.

I know in my bones that this event has the potential to make all the difference. Our children will thank us.

Thank you so much for your time.

