

I first came in contact with tear gas (amongst probably other crowd control munitions) when I was protesting at the justice center in July. I had been on birth control that halted my menstrual cycle for the past five years, but that night when I got home, I started an unnatural menstrual cycle that lasted for three months. I had to get my birth control removed in order to rule out whether that was what was causing my period to be abnormally long, but even afterwards it persisted. I have still not gotten a clear answer by a doctor as to that. Today, I continue to experience debilitating cramps that significantly impair my quality of life (a menstrual symptom I have never experienced before) every month on my period, even after my menstrual cycle length has returned to normal. I am concerned about the effect this might have on my ability to have children someday.