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THE LEFT WING TRIES TO MARGINALIZE SOCIAL CONSERVATIVES

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The left wing elites, who like to refer to themselves as “progressives”, are in the throes of an all out attempt to marginalize social conservatives. For example, political columnist, Mr. Michael Den Tandt, for Postmedia News (April 30, 2012), thrusting aside the facts, declared:

Discrimination based on race and gender and sexual orientation are history, too, for the most part. There are still racists, homophobes and gender-haters in Canada, of course.... But the shared expectation of equality under the law for all, is now so firmly embedded as to be foundational. This is something interesting, unique—and new.

...we live in a society in which the shared idea of equal rights spans the political spectrum, and also our country's vast geography.

We now have a consensus, a national one, that Canada is a uniformly socially progressive nation and will remain so. (Quebec and British Columbia have always been more progressive than either Ontario or Alberta, as regards social issues.)

In effect, Mr. Den Tandt is stating that Canadians have now accepted the left wing interpretation of “equality”, such as: homosexual rights trumping religious rights; same-sex marriage being equated to traditional marriage between a man and a woman; and feminist policies giving women clear advantages over men in our so called patriarchal society, such as employment equity (affirmative action), subjugation of men in family law, domestic violence and education; no-fault divorce etc.

Further, according to Mr. Den Tandt's wondrous analysis, anyone who is not a “progressive” is racist, homophobic or a gender hater. This rant by Mr. Den Tandt lacks both honesty and intelligence. It's merely his juvenile attempt, by way of name-calling, to try to marginalize anyone who doesn't support the left wing, “progressive” point of view. Apparently, he hopes social conservatives will slink away in embarrassment, leaving his “progressives” a free hand. This is not likely to happen.

To be charitable, Mr. Den Tandt has “forgotten” that many of the dramatic social policy changes over the past decade in support of this liberal perspective have come about by way of the imperial, appointed judges sitting on our courts. Abortion, homosexual rights, same-sex marriage, the Vancouver drug injection site, prostitution, assisted suicide are all decisions made by judges without the input, consent or approval of the public. Furthermore, just because activist judges have made these decisions does not make them either moral or acceptable. Nor, contrary to Mr. Den Tandt's assertive comments, are they imbedded into the Canadian culture or psyche. These were radical judgments made by elitist judges, rather than being agreed upon, after extensive debate, and careful research by Parliament. These policy decisions can and, hopefully, will be overturned in due course.

The process to overturn these left wing policies

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masquerading as equality rights, will be slow and ungainly, akin to a large ocean liner turning slowly around in mid ocean. However, we can already see some lights of change, twinkling on the horizon. Some examples include:

- In 2009, the Dominican Republic permanently enshrined an amendment in its Constitution to protect all human life from the moment of conception until death.
- In 2012, the Spanish government announced revisions to restrict abortions and to specifically prohibit abortions of unborn children with disabilities, such as Down Syndrome.
- In 2012, Azerbaijan introduced legislation to ban abortions.
- In 2012, Turkey and Russia both introduced legislation to restrict abortions. This legislation was temporarily withdrawn in both countries under pressure, but will be re-introduced.
- In 2011, Chile's Constitutional Tribunal, the nation's highest authority on constitutional matters, denied the legal challenge by three same-sex couples to recognize their "marriages". The court instead declared marriage to be only between "a man and a woman".
- In 2012, The European Court of Human Rights ruled that the prohibition of adoption to non-married couples is not discriminatory, and same-sex marriage is not a right under the European Convention of Human Rights.
- In 2012, Ukraine introduced a bill to prohibit "propaganda of homosexuality" defined as positive depiction of homosexuals in public. Pavlo Ungurian, one of the authors of the bill stated that growing acceptance of gay rights in the west is "not evolution, but degradation".
- In 2012, St. Petersburg, Russia's second largest city passed a law mandating fines of up to \$33,000.00 for promoting homosexuality among minors.
- In 2012, a special committee of the Boy Scouts of America comprised of professional Scout executives and adult volunteers unanimously supported the Boy Scouts long standing policy, upheld by the Supreme Court in 2000, that homosexuals be excluded from the organization.

- In 2012, the State of Queensland in Australia reversed its decision to allow same-sex civil unions to have state sanctioned services that were much like wedding ceremonies.

- In 2012, the Arizona law banning abortion after 20 weeks gestation, based on scientific evidence that the unborn child can feel pain, was upheld. (A similar bill to ban abortion after 20 weeks took effect in Nebraska in 2010). This is the first federal court ruling to uphold a general prohibition on all methods of abortion, after a defined point in development. An injunction was issued two days after the law was upheld, in order for a three-judge panel to review the statute.

Many more such changes will slowly come by starts and stops on these and other issues. The fad of accepting homosexuality will fade, as feminism has faded over the past few years. There will however, be damage left in the wake of unacceptable laws, but this damage can and will be rectified.

It is reassuring to know that in every country, there are prolife/family groups on the ground working relentlessly with great faith, to change unacceptable laws. They will never give up.

Mr. Den Tandt has also "forgotten" another significant fact. Canadians no longer rely on the handful of newspapers, magazines and the major networks that work industriously to promote only the liberal perspective. Today is different, in that Canadians have access to dozens of cable TV channels and the internet, including You-Tube, Twitter, Facebook etc., plus the ever active, ubiquitous Blackberries. Rarely are the former communication centers the sole source of information for Canadians, who have moved on.

There are millions of social conservatives across the country. They will not be shut down by the likes of Mr. Den Tandt and his ideological colleagues.

We social conservatives actively participate in the election process. We work incessantly against politicians who reject traditional values. Social conservatives have long memories. Just watch the 2015 federal election. †

MAKING THE THIRD WORLD BARREN

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United States billionaire, Melinda Gates, knows how to cure the problems of the developing world. Her plan is to send in contraceptives by the crateful and make abortion freely available. Supposedly, this will result in women being freed from the tyranny of family in order to produce a thriving economy, and a deeply grateful population. Ms. Gates says she has dedicated her life to this. The U.S. Gates

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THE LONDON SUMMIT ON POPULATION CONTROL

To further pursue this objective of population control, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in conjunction with the UK's Department Of International Development and the UN's Population Fund, organized, in London, England, a huge Family Planning Summit in July 2012. The Summit accomplished this by pushing governments and philanthropic organizations to provide funding, not to help with the

real problems of the developing world, such as economic development, food, clean water, education, infrastructure, health and maternal and child care etc., but rather to target these countries for the elimination of their people. In effect, the objective is to eliminate poverty by doing away with poor people.

The gatekeeper to this conference was International Planned Parenthood (IPPF), the primary partner of the Gates Foundation. IPPF was given \$6 million in 2012 from the Canadian taxpayer by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA): this funding must have assisted IPPF with this conference. Only the heads of states, willing to provide population control funding, and NGO's active in population control, as well as pharmaceutical companies eager to obtain new markets were officially admitted to this conference. No pro-life/family organizations were allowed to attend (although the latter did manage to have a few representatives there surreptitiously, despite IPPF's best efforts to keep them out!).

A REPEAT OF OLD COLONIAL POLICIES

The policy objective of the Summit, to control population in the developing world, is nothing more than a repeat of last century's imperialist colonial policies, but twisted into new language, which claims the policy is only to "empower women", "reduce maternal mortality" and "improve women's rights", rather than the control and destruction of human life. However, this argument ignores the established fact that countries with restricted abortion, which have, instead, used medical funds for the care of women and children both before and after birth, have achieved the lowest maternal mortality in the world, eg. Chile and Ireland. Facts, however, never impinge on the ideology of those advocating population control.

The conference also pledged to provide third world women with Depo Provera, (a 3-month injectable contraceptive), which has serious side effects, such as compromising the immune system (e.g. enhancing the spread of AIDS) and increased osteoporosis, as well as infections and other medical complications caused by the implants. Unfortunately, women in third world countries do not have readily accessible health care, and Depo Provera with its inherent side effects, can cause women serious harm and even death. This contraceptive is highly controversial in Canada. The Canadian Coalition on Depo Provera, a coalition of women's health professionals and advocacy groups, strongly opposes its use here. The harmful effects of Depo Provera do not seem to bother the conference participants, perhaps, because the women who will be provided it are members of another race and colour.

These western policies of thrusting contraception and abortion on third world countries inevitably create other

problems—namely, coercion and sterilization of women by denying them medical care unless they agree to accept contraception or undergo sterilization. An Egyptian delegate at the UN conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994, explained to REAL Women, "You westerners want our beds to be as barren as our tables: what do you really know or care about us as women?"

If women living in third world countries were actually asked what it is they want, assuredly it wouldn't be contraceptives and abortion. Their needs are much more fundamental than that.

During the Summit proceedings, the thorny problem of many third world countries rejecting abortion and contraception for religious and cultural reasons was raised. Some speakers acknowledged that they cannot be successful with their contraception and abortion policies if they do not overcome these obstacles. The participants stated that these "barriers" of culture and religion must be "torn down". The arrogance and sense of self-importance, and the imposition of their values on others, as a right, is a common characteristic of those advocating population control. Their indifference to the culture and religion of target populations is deeply troubling.

The problem is that population controllers seem unable to grasp the fact that individuals in developing countries only have, as their security, their children to care for them in their old age. To eliminate the birth of their children (many of whom do not survive to adulthood) is to condemn them to suffering and abandonment in old age.

It is significant that recently, a group of Ugandan women launched a legal action before their Supreme Court to force the government to put more resources towards maternal and child healthcare so as to prevent the high numbers of deaths in childbirth. (More than 100 women die during childbirth each week in Uganda. In effect, Uganda loses 16 women in childbirth daily.) Most of the deaths occur in villages, where bad roads and poverty make it difficult for women to reach health centres. Yet The London Summit, apparently, is not interested in the plight of these women, who would have benefited greatly from these population control funds if only they were directed to their health needs.

The London Summit raised \$4.6 billion to carry out its population policy. Eager third world government officials from Zambia, Nigeria, and Ethiopia etc. all lined up to partake of this western largesse. This money should have been pledged, with a real commitment to women in third world countries in order to provide them with, as mentioned above, funds for maternal and child healthcare and their many other real needs. Instead, unfortunately, this money is being used to make these needy women even more deprived. †

HOMOSEXUALS UNTRUTHFUL ABOUT THEIR VICTIMIZATION

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Homosexual activists go on and on about how they are victims, constantly under attack because of the supposedly prejudicial attitudes of society.

It seems, though, that these activists choose to remain misinformed. The categories of people, who truly are victims, are minority races and religions, not homosexuals who are a protected group that enjoys special privileges.

In April 2012, Statistics Canada, based on a report from The Canadian Police Services, released hate crime statistics for 2010: in all of Canada, 1,041 hate crimes occurred that year. This was 18% lower than in 2009, which followed two consecutive annual increases.

The percentage breakdown of hate crimes in 2010 is as follows:

50.4% (707 incidents) were based on race and ethnicity, mostly against blacks, followed by those involving Arabs and South Asians;

28% (395 incidents) were based on religion (over half anti-Semitic), followed by attacks on Muslims and Catholics;

15.5% (218 incidents) were based on sexual orientation –lesbian and gay, followed by “other” sexual orientations or “unknown” orientations.

Provincially, the highest rate of police reported hate crimes occurred in Ontario, in eight cities – Guelph, Ottawa, Peterborough, Kitchener-Waterloo, London, Barrie, Hamilton and Toronto. According to experts, the reasons for these crimes occurring in Southern Ontario cities is due to the rapidly shifting demographics.

All hate crimes are unacceptable and must be eliminated. However, to place emphasis on one type of hate crime over other hate crimes, as the homosexual activists attempt to do, is not acceptable and distorts the reality of the situation. †

THE DIGNITY OF THE DISABLED

BY LAURIE GESCHKE, BC REAL WOMEN MEMBER

In these materialistic times, when self-fulfillment is the driving force in society, little time or energy is spent by the general public in considering those who may need help to survive in a selfish, competitive world. Individuals who are disabled, physically, emotionally or intellectually, are often shrugged off or ignored and regarded as “not my problem”.

But all humanity is our problem. The dignity of the disabled and how we treat them is a reflection of our culture.

The reality is that more than half a million Canadian families currently have a child, teen or adult family member below the age of 49 with significant physical, cognitive or developmental disabilities.

Parents always worry about their children — even when they are independent, self-sufficient adults. But how much more do parents worry when one of their children will never reach some of the milestones of life that most parents take for granted? What if their child can never walk? Never read? Never get that first job that teens look forward to and hate at almost the same time? Never find a faithful life partner and have a family?

It is fortunate however, that not everyone in Canada is consumed by their own self-fulfillment. Instead, several organizations, including REAL Women of Canada, have been working to assist parents with their disabled children.

It is such organizations that raised the problems of the disabled with the federal Conservative government, which, to its credit, has done something about it.

In 2008, the government came up with the world's first Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). This is a long term savings plan, like other registered savings plans, which allows savings to be accrued for future use by a person with a disability.

The beauty of this plan is that anyone can make a deposit into an RDSP for another person. What better birthday or holiday gift for a disabled person? Under

certain conditions, the government will match, double or triple a deposit made, and can do this for up to twenty years. The government will also provide an additional \$1000.00 grant every year, for 20 years, if the beneficiary is a low income Canadian.

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Another benefit of the RDSP is that in every province and territory in Canada, the RDSP is not considered as an asset. That is, the money withdrawn is not considered as income by provincial authorities and therefore it doesn't affect the amount of the provincial disability benefit received. And it can be spent on anything.

It is surprising that this marvelous plan is not better known or recognized in Canada. Should you require more information about the RDSP, visit the websites below, contact your MP's constituency office, or ask at your local Community Living Association and, above all, talk to parents with disabled children about it.

www.rdsp.com (This site has a great little video in sign language for the deaf and another clip with a simple illustration about compound interest.)

<http://www.rdspresource.ca/> (This site has a section helping you to figure out if you qualify for an RDSP, and how to go about getting one.)
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/rdsp-reei/menu-eng.html>

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Finally, if you have a family member with a disability, it is also wise to make sure your Will and any trusts you create for your family member with a disability are drawn up in a way that will not cause financial hardship for your vulnerable family

member when you die. There is a great online Wills, Trusts and Estates Course, available through Planned Lifetime Advocacy Networks for a modest fee. Call 604.439.9566 for more information about how to register or go to www.plan.ca and then, under Learning at the top of the page, click on the second choice in the drop down menu, Wills, Trusts and Estates Online Course. †

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SUPPORTERS OF HARM REDUCTION ARE EXTREMISTS



Harm reductionists, such as Dr. Kendall, who have the ultimate objective of legalizing all drugs, are prepared to take outrageous positions in pursuit of this objective.

There is no longer any doubt that supporters of the harm reduction policy on drug use are radicals and extremists.

This became apparent when one of the prominent figures in the harm reduction movement, Dr. Perry Kendall, B.C. Provincial Medical Health Officer, stated bluntly, in June 2010, that taking the drug ecstasy can be “safe” when consumed “responsibly”. Dr. Kendall has a long history of political activism on the liberalization of drug laws.

The drug ecstasy was responsible for 18 deaths in western Canada last year. However, Dr. Kendall asserts, “Under the right circumstances and in non-toxic dosages” the drug can be safe.

The medical literature contradicts Dr. Kendall. According to medical studies, the drug ecstasy, even in its so-called “pure form” (not contaminated in drug trafficking operations) is highly dangerous. It causes increased blood pressure and heart rate, anxiety, blurred vision, nausea, vomiting and convulsions, even at low doses. The drug’s letdown can include feelings of confusion, irritability, anxiety, paranoia and depression, and people may experience memory loss or sleep problems, jaundice or liver damage. Even if an individual recovers from the short-term effects of ecstasy, there can be lasting effects due to organ damage to the liver and kidneys.

The RCMP in B.C., who have a team dedicated to dismantling clandestine drug labs, such as those manufacturing ecstasy, maintain that no amount of the substance is safe.

According to the RCMP, B.C. is an ecstasy manufacturing hub that has networks globally. Organized crime groups are behind its manufacture and distribution because there is significant money in it.

According to a 2009 Statistics Canada study, the category of “other drugs”, which includes crystal meth and ecstasy, has increased 168% in the past decade.

Because ecstasy is so dangerous, Canada criminalized it in 1996, and the penalties are similar to those of cocaine and heroin.

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At this point in time, Dr. Kendall has suggested that ecstasy be “regulated”. However, it is common sense that ecstasy and any other illicit drugs, for that matter, when readily available, will be consumed more and more and will be purchased illegally on the street, even when available from “licensed government run stores”, as suggested by Dr. Kendall. That is, once a drug is no longer regarded as illicit, its consumption vastly increases, since to many people, what is legal is acceptable. The more individuals using a drug, the less resistance there will ultimately be to its legalization.

As a medical health officer, Dr. Kendall should know better. He appears to be blinded by his own ideology in favour of so-called “harm reduction”, which means that drugs be legally available for continued use, but that only its “harm” be reduced. Dream on, Dr. Kendall! †

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CREATING THE PERFECT STORM ON THE ABORTION ISSUE

[I]t is imperative that the pro-life movement constantly agitate to create a perfect storm, whereby a popular consensus will be reached that some legislative initiative must be taken to correct the situation.

Canada has been without an abortion law for 24 long years, since the law was struck from the *Criminal Code* by the Supreme Court of Canada, in the 1988 Morgentaler case. When this occurred, Canada joined other international outlaws on the abortion issue: China, North Korea and Vietnam. This is not a record of which Canadians can be proud. It is obvious something has to be done.

Pro-life groups in Canada have faithfully and courageously been trying to keep the issue front and centre. Despite this, however, the abortion issue seems to have stalled in this country.

Many pro-life measures have been introduced in Parliament over the years: over 19 bills have been introduced since 1969, when former Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau first allowed the decriminalization of abortions under some circumstances. All these bills have gone down to defeat because they did not have sufficient public support.

Currently, it has been proposed that legislation be brought forward to ban late term abortions, or, in other words, a gestational approach to the abortion law. It is argued that this measure would be morally acceptable if it reduces the negative effects of the current unjust situation of no law or control on abortion whatsoever, and would save at least a few human lives. On the other hand, others argue that the gestational approach would change the status of abortion from something that is tolerated in the absence of a law, to permitting it by recognizing by way of a gestational cut off date, that some abortions performed before that cut off date are authorized.

It is significant that Roman Catholic Archbishop J. Michael Miller of Vancouver and Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto have endorsed the gestational approach to legislation as morally acceptable. Toronto Canon lawyer, Monsignor Vincent Foy, has also endorsed as morally sound, the gestational legislation on the abortion issue.

A 2011 poll by Environics asked: "Thinking generally, do you think abortion should generally be legal or generally illegal during each of the following stages of pregnancy...first three months...second three months... last three months?"

Last three months:

16% said, "legal."

77% said, "illegal."

7% said, "Do not know/No answer."

There is no doubt however, that the abortion issue is a complex one, so much so that even within pro-life organizations themselves there can be disagreement as to the appropriate strategy to undertake.

RESPECTING THE VIEWS OF OTHERS

The significant point is that, whatever approach is subsequently adopted to the contentious abortion issue (whether, for example, gestational or many other approaches), either by way of strategy or legislation, it is crucial that no one in the pro-life movement publicly criticize any pro-life initiative. Certainly, there must be no lobbying, even in private, against any pro-life initiative.

In short, if one does not approve of a particular approach or strategy in conscience, it is crucial, that one does not speak against it, no matter how deeply one believes that it may be the wrong approach.

Further, no matter how much one is pressed by the mainstream media about one's views on a particular approach, one should remain silent. The media want very much to report dissension in the pro-life ranks in order to weaken the perceptions, credibility, and solidarity of the pro-life movement. We must not give the media such a gift. Nor must we give the government this gift, as it could then refuse to do anything because it will happily cop out, arguing that the pro-life movement is not united on the issue.

In fact, there is no disunity in the pro-life movement, on the core issue, though there are differing views on the strategies of achieving our singular goal of protection of unborn children.

CREATING A PERFECT STORM ON THE ABORTION ISSUE

In order to achieve our united goal, it is imperative that the pro-life movement constantly agitate to create a perfect storm, whereby a popular consensus will be reached that some legislative initiative must be taken to correct the situation. In order to create that perfect storm, all of us who are pro-life must make a contribution by sowing the seeds of dissent and dissatisfaction about the present gruesome situation.

That is, it is essential that all of us become involved in the abortion issue. The necessary agitation and dissent cannot be achieved by a single group or a handful of organized pro-life groups. It is unfair and unreasonable to place such a burden on them.

Each pro-life individual and/or group must participate by determining his/her own strategy and effort according to one's conscience. Imaginative and diverse pro-life initiatives must come from all directions to create agitation to contribute to that perfect storm.

Even holding a banner up at a local hockey game is a helpful contribution. For those who may object to politics intruding on a sports event — it certainly is not without precedent! A pro-life rally and/or a walk in your area is also helpful. Letters to the Editor must be continuously filed on any aspect of the abortion issue: a rapidly decreasing population, increased health costs, abortion used as birth control, repeat abortions, gender based abortions, etc. The list of subjects is endless. It is no excuse to say that your letters are never published. The editors know of them and their volume, which compels them to publish at least a few of them. If your letter is not one of the few published, it is still important since it provides the necessary background that moves the issue forward.

Pro-life individuals on the municipal, provincial and federal levels must be encouraged to run for office, as it is essential to establish a pro-life network. Private members' bills in the provincial legislature and Parliament on various aspects of the abortion issue must be encouraged. They may be defeated at this time, but that is not the point. Rather their purpose is to continuously plant the pro-life flag and keep it waving.

Provincial private members' bills can cover a myriad of subjects relating to abortion. They chip away at the abortion issue from a provincial perspective, since only Parliament has jurisdiction to change the abortion law itself. A provincial bill could include de-funding abortions under the provincial medical plan, conscience rights of medical personnel, informed consent by requiring the mother be advised of the baby's development etc, providing a waiting period before an abortion can be preformed, banning the release of information on a baby's gender by ultra sound technicians, etc. There are endless possibilities for such provincial bills.

Whatever one chooses to do, it is critical to create in the public mind a dissatisfaction with the failure to protect pre-born children. Of course, supporting both financially and morally and actively any local pro-life organized group

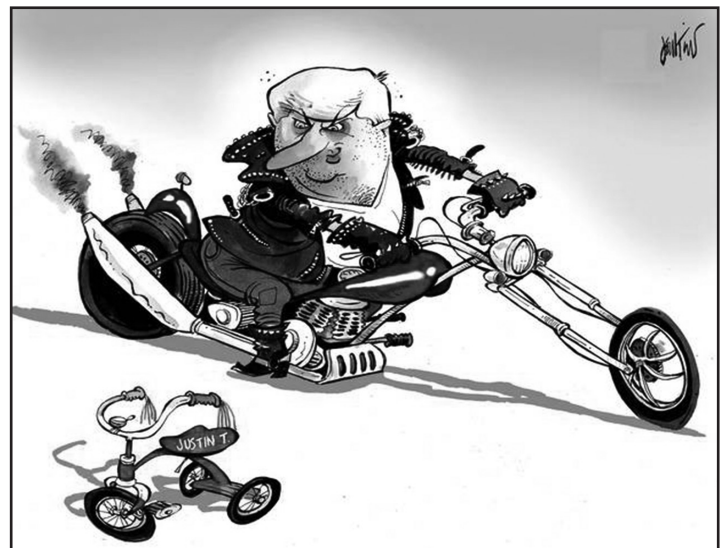
in your area is essential, as well as any pro-life initiative according to your conscience.

In this regard, REAL Women of Canada must also do its part to assist this all-important struggle. If, by the way, you can think of a project that REAL Women of Canada can undertake on the abortion issue, please pass it along to us for consideration.

THE FUTURE OF THE ABORTION ISSUE

It may well be that those of our generation will not see any tangible changes in the abortion issue. So be it. Our job is to lay the groundwork for the next generation by lowering the comfort level around us on the present situation. We all must do our part, in conscience, to agitate and cause dissension on the issue.

Former Liberal Prime Minister, Chretien, smugly assured his caucus and the media that the abortion issue is settled in Canada. Our job is to prove him wrong. †



Some Liberals want Justin Trudeau to be the leader of their party to be decided April 2013. This cartoon appeared in The Globe and Mail on July 30, 2012.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE FAMILY WHO'S ON HOME BASE?



[A]lthough, both mothers and fathers are operating the home base these days, it's not in equal numbers

In many ways it is a confusing world we live in today.

A few generations ago, at least before Betty Friedan wrote her book in 1963, *The Feminine Mystique*, society may not necessarily have been better—but, it certainly was more ordered.^f

At that time men saw their role as the protector and

provider for their families. But today this is no longer easy to do, because of the uncertainty of our economy.

In the economic downturn in 2009, the unemployment rate for men was 9.4%; it was 7% for women.

The reason for this difference is due to the fact that the employees hardest hit by employment losses were in the male—dominated occupations, such as manufacturing, construction and natural resources. In contrast, more women work in the service industries, such as health care and educational services etc., where employment continues to grow.

MORE EMPLOYED WOMEN ARE MOTHERS

In 2009, 72.9% of women with children under 16 years, living at home, were in paid employment. This figure is misleading, however, as the number of women in paid employment includes those who are self-employed (11.9%), those who work in their family businesses and those who work only part time and sometimes only a few hours per week. These employment options allow them more flexible hours to care for their families.

Also, it's interesting that even though more women are in paid employment, they continue to work in the so-called traditional "pink ghetto" fields of teaching, nursing and other health related occupations, office and administrative positions, and in the sales and service industries. These occupations are also more likely to provide flexible hours to assist women in balancing their family responsibilities with their role in the paid workforce.

Significantly, although 59% of Canadian university undergraduates are women, who have been provided with equal opportunity, most still choose to remain in the traditional female occupations mentioned above. Even when women enter into formerly male-dominated fields, such as medicine, female physicians tend to choose the area of family practice, with its more flexible hours, than, for example, the higher paying position of surgeon, with its long hours, commencing early in the day, before children will have left for school.

Further, at least a third of female law graduates leave the profession because of stressful, long days in large law firms, requiring that they produce competitive "billable" hours with male lawyers. The latter is difficult to achieve when one has a young family. As an alternative, some women lawyers take regular nine to five employment in corporations or government, while others leave the occupation entirely. Provincial law societies, the Canadian Bar Association and Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin have all spoken out about this terrible "systemic exodus" of women lawyers from what they perceive is an inflexible male-dominated profession. But arguably such is not the case, as it seems to be more a matter of women making choices to suit their needs and the needs of their families.

What all this indicates is that women are sensible about their paid employment. It has to be arranged in such a manner as to accommodate their lives as both an employee and parent. In short, women's decisions, in regard to paid employment, are based on common sense, not discrimination, as is so loudly argued by radical feminists.

THE FATHER'S ROLE

According to Statistics Canada, in 2009, 18% of Canadian women are now the primary breadwinners in their family—up from 14% in 1997. In this same period, the proportion of women matching or exceeding their husbands' earnings climbed to 42% from 37%.

With more women assuming the role of predominant financial provider for their families—where does this leave the men?

It appears that more men are stay-at-home fathers: their numbers have risen by 50% in the past twenty years.

In 2009, there were approximately 53,765 stay-at-home fathers in Canada, compared to 20,610 in 1976. And while the number of stay-at-home mothers in mother/father families has decreased dramatically—from 1.5 million in 1976 to 436,995 in 2009—the number of stay-at-home fathers has almost tripled since the mid 70s. In 1976 stay-at-home fathers represented only 1% of all stay-at-home parents, while, in 2009, 12% of the stay-at-home parents in Canadian mother/father families were men.

PUTTING THE NUMBERS INTO PERSPECTIVE

In spite of the increased number of stay-at-home fathers, it's important to note that they represent a very small proportion—2%—of all fathers. In contrast, 16% of all mothers reported that they were at home by choice in 2010.

It's also important to bear in mind that these data are based on a rather strict definition of a stay-at-home parent: the parent at home must be not looking for work or going to school and must have no reported income. Therefore, the actual number of men who identify themselves as stay-at-home-fathers is quite likely much higher than the data indicate, because many of today's stay-at-home parents earn some income. Research conducted at Carleton University shows that most stay-at-home fathers have not fully relinquished their ties to the workforce, to the extent that many women did in the 1950s and 1960s. Roughly half of the stay-at-home fathers are actually working to some extent—either part-time or flexibly, at home.

This increase in stay-at-home fathers can be partially attributed to evolving attitudes about gender roles in parenting. On the other hand, two economic factors may account for some of the increases. One is the impact of economic fluctuations on the employment prospects of some fathers. The number of stay-at-home fathers actually dropped by over 4,000 between 2009 and 2010, possibly due to improved employment prospects, as the economy recovered from the financial crisis of 2009. Another factor, which may explain some of the increases, is that women are more likely to outearn their male partners than in the past, as noted above.

FATHERS' USE OF PARENTAL LEAVE

The number of Canadian fathers taking paid parental leave after a birth or adoption of a child has skyrocketed in the past decade. In 2001 only 3% of eligible men applied for parental leave benefits. In 2010, 30% percent of eligible fathers filed for parental leave benefits, a ten-fold increase in just a few years. (Statistics Canada, 2011)

Even men who don't qualify for paid paternal leave are more likely to spend time at home after a birth or adoption than in the past. Data from the General Social Survey of 2006, show that 55% of all Canadian fathers take some sort of leave from work (including unpaid leave and vacation time) around the time their children are born or adopted, up from 38% in 2001.

One more indication of fathers' increasing involvement on the home front is their use of short-term leave for personal or family reasons. Canadian fathers of preschoolers missed an average of 6.3 workdays for personal or family reasons in 2007, up from 1.8 days in 1997.

The growing number of stay-at-home fathers and the fathers' increased use of parental and family leave provide further evidence of the changing role of Canadian men in the provision of child care. While mothers are still more likely than fathers to be at home caring for children, fathers have increased their involvement significantly, suggesting

that paternal care of children has become an increasingly important child care resource for Canadian families.

WHO IS ON HOME BASE?

It should be noted, however, that despite the greater involvement of fathers, it is still the employed mother who has the most difficult position in that she is expected to adjust her life to shoulder the brunt of domestic responsibilities and spend, on average, more hours per week on housework and child care. It is also usually the mother, too, who actually organizes family life, i.e. makes sure all the bases are covered: milk in the fridge and children taken to hockey practice on time, etc.

That is, although, both mothers and fathers are operating the home base these days, it's not in equal numbers. Maybe this is because women want it this way, i.e., to be "in charge" of the home, with the husband as helper. Perhaps too, it is men who like it that way as well. †

THE PROBLEM WITH AIDS IS NOT A MEDICAL ONE

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Those infected with AIDS no longer face imminent death because of the development of antiretroviral drugs, which allow them to live almost normal lives.

However, there has been absolutely no attempt to change the underlying behaviour that puts individuals in this position of harm. Reducing the number of sex partners, and the delay of sexual activity, as has occurred in Uganda by way of government policies and abstinence promotion, are, unfortunately, of no interest to AIDS activists. The use of condoms is the only behaviour change they acknowledge and accept.

With regard to the AIDS issue, a new development is that this disease is now being used to manipulate sexual rights by left-wing activists at the UN. They argue that prostitution, illicit drug use and men having sex with men should be legalized in order to reduce the risk of AIDS.

The argument to support this recommendation is that vulnerable people will not come in for counseling and treatment if they are stigmatized for certain sexual activities. However, confidentiality laws and policies that allow these individuals to come forward for help, without being penalized, would be all that is necessary to solve the problem. Such a simple solution is ignored, however, in order to propagandize and promote the further degradation of society by sanctioning these activities.

This attempt to mainstream these wrongful activities includes:

- At the World Conference on AIDS, held in Vienna in 2010, Canadian activists from Vancouver used the conference to promote the harm reduction approach to drugs. As a result, that AIDS conference agreed to support only the treatment of symptoms of drug abuse by way of needle exchanges, drug injection sites etc., while allowing addicts to continue their use of drugs. Treating the addict, to stop the addiction, was never a consideration.

- At the 2012 AIDS conference, held in Washington DC, George Soros, the Hungarian born US citizen and billionaire, through his organization, "Open Society Foundation," argued for the decriminalization of prostitution and human trafficking, claiming that this would be the best way to combat AIDS. Soros' organization believes that making prostitution illegal denies prostitutes the "human rights available to others".

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) issued a report, in August 2012, entitled "United Nations and the Law: Rights, Risks and Health". This report, by no coincidence, was partly underwritten by George Soros. Not surprisingly, the report both calls for the legalization of prostitution and drug use and criticizes "conservative interpretations of religion" about sexual morality. The report also calls for changes in immigration policies to accept AIDS infected immigrants who will have access to government healthcare systems.

AIDS will continue to be with us, as long as it remains a political football for left-wing activists and the UN to kick around in order to promote and continue the AIDS industry and to have AIDS serve as a tool to change our moral laws. †

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR SUPPORTS HOMOSEXUAL POLITICS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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The Canadian ambassador to the Czech Republic, Valerie Gail Raymond, signed a document on the occasion of a homosexual festival in Prague, held in August, 2012, expressing her solidarity with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities (LGBT), alleging their activities were in accordance with rights set out in the UN Declaration of Human Rights. This Declaration, however, provides that men and women may create a family, defined as “the natural and fundamental group unit of society”, but it does not refer to homosexual rights in any way.

The Prague statement endorsed by Canada goes on to declare that “ensuring LGBT rights is an important aspect of fulfilling our broader international rights commitments”. Yet, there is no UN treaty supporting homosexual rights.

PRESIDENT OF CZECH REPUBLIC ANGERED

Previously, in 2011, the Canadian ambassador also supported the Pride Festival and this resulted in the President of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Klaus, lashing out at our Canadian ambassador and the twelve other western ambassadors who also signed that document, accusing them of interfering in his country's internal affairs. He described their endorsement as an “unprecedented step”. Mr. Klaus further stated that he could not imagine any Czech ambassador daring to use a petition to influence a political discussion in any democratic country.

Ironically, no homosexual in the Czech Republic has been denied rights. In 2006, the Czech Parliament approved a law allowing same-sex partners to live in an officially registered partnership and have the right to inheritance and health care similar to those enjoyed by heterosexual couples. The law, however, does not allow same-sex couples to marry or adopt children. Consequently, the Canadian ambassador endorsed political action to allow the latter to be permitted by law.

It should be pointed out that particular homosexual demands such as these have been a source of contention and disaffection in Canada, and, socially and morally, have not been entirely accepted. Why, then, is our ambassador promoting this agenda in another country?

NOT THE FIRST TIME CANADA SUPPORTED HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS ABROAD

This is not the first time that Canada has pushed the

homosexual agenda in a foreign country.

In June 2010, the Canadian ambassador in Budapest, Hungary endorsed the homosexual agenda in that country.

At that time REALWomen wrote to both Prime Minister Harper and the then Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lawrence Cannon, objecting to this action by a Canadian representative in a foreign country interfering in a contentious political issue. REAL Women was subsequently advised in a letter from Mr. Cannon, dated September 27, 2010, that “*It is common for embassies to express support for the actions of legitimate non-governmental organizations.*” This is not true. It seems to apply only in regard to the homosexual, non-government organizations in foreign countries.

WHAT IS BEHIND THE PUSH BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS ABROAD?

The policy of endorsing homosexual activists in foreign countries is based on a policy formulated under the former Liberal government and unchanged by the current Conservative government, obviously aided and abetted by the liberal bureaucracy still intact. This is the case, despite the fact that this issue remains highly contentious in Canada.

US AMBASSADOR IN CZECH REPUBLIC ALSO ENDORSES HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA

In 2012, the US ambassador to the Czech Republic, appointed by President Barack Obama, also endorsed the document supporting homosexual rights and activities in the Czech Republic Homosexual Festival.

This action by the US ambassador resulted in a letter, initiated by the World Congress of Families (WCF) and signed by pro-life and pro-family leaders around the world, vigorously protesting this action.

The WCF letter made clear that no UN treaty nor the UN Declaration of Human Rights provides protection for the homosexual demands. The letter also stated:

- Regarding ‘gay rights,’ those caught up in this lifestyle have the same rights as other citizens. This does not include the ‘right’ to force others to validate a lifestyle they find objectionable, for religious or other reasons. It also does not include the right of men to marry men and women to marry women.
- The foregoing pseudo-rights do not advance human freedom and dignity but debase them.
- We cannot imagine a worse form of cultural imperialism than Washington trying to force approval of the ‘gay’ agenda on societies with traditional values.
- Finally, we commend Michael Semin, chairman of Akce Dost (Action ENOUGH), and other Czech pro-life

and pro-family leaders for their stalwart defense of the natural family.

REAL Women of Canada was included as one of the signatories of the 120 organizations around the world.

Please write to Prime Minister Harper, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, John Baird, your Member of Parliament and the Canadian ambassador in the Czech Republic, strenuously objecting to the use of the office of ambassador to promote homosexual rights abroad.

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ADOLESCENT MARIJUANA USE PERMANENTLY LOWERS INTELLIGENCE

There is a gloomy dark side to marijuana use that supporters of decriminalization try to ignore—namely, its effects on youth.

It is well known that using marijuana causes adolescents to drastically underperform when compared to non-using peers. The chemical effect of marijuana takes away ambition and provides an escape from challenges and responsibilities.

The actual reason why adolescents are so deeply affected by marijuana, however, was discovered only recently.

A study was published in the journal, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (August 27, 2012), of over 1000 people from Dunedin, New Zealand, who had been followed through their lives since being born in 1972 or 1973 until age 38. The scope and length of this study gives these findings added weight.

The study found that adolescents who, before 18 years of age, regularly smoke marijuana and continue for

years afterwards, showed an average decline in Intelligence Quotient (IQ) of eight points.

This is a significant drop, as one's IQ is a strong determinant of access to a university education, income, access to a good job, permanence on the job, even a tendency to develop heart disease, Alzheimer's disease and experience an early death. Consequently, those individuals who lose eight IQ points in their teens and twenties become disadvantaged, relative to their peers, in the most important aspects of their lives.

The reason for this severe loss in IQ caused by smoking marijuana in adolescence is that the brain, at that time, is still being organized and remodeled to become more efficient and, therefore, is more vulnerable to damage from drugs.

Unfortunately, quitting or reducing marijuana use does not appear to fully restore intellectual functioning among adolescents who have been persistent marijuana users. †

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