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GOVERNMENT FUNDING STILL PROPPING UP LEFT-WING ORGANIZATIONS

Even though the Conservative government has been in power since January 2006, (albeit during much of it, as a minority government), it still hasn't been able to come to grips with the fact that it is continuing to generously fund feminists and left-wing organizations. In return, these organizations spend much of their time and effort undermining the same Conservative government.

1. THE STATUS OF WOMEN (SOW)

REAL Women reviewed Canada's Public Accounts and we were shocked to learn that from 1999 to 2009, even though the Conservatives were in power for part of this time, the Status of Women's annual budget has soared from \$19M to \$32 million. In 2011 the Status of Women's appropriation was reduced to \$30M, but of this sum, \$19.5M was still used by its Womens' Program funding division to provide grants to hundreds of feminist womens' groups—never pro life/family ones.

Some of the recent grants made by the SOW are as follows:

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) received a \$1 million a year grant for "Sisters in Spirit" between 2006-2010 to research and raise awareness of violence against aboriginal women.

In addition, in October 2010, Status of Women awarded \$10 million over a two year period to improve community safety and to better respond to missing and murdered aboriginal women. This was in addition to another grant of \$500,000 to NWAC for collaborative programs to further aboriginal justice.

Altogether, NWAC received \$5 million from various government departments in 2010, and \$3.6 million in 2011.

NWAC wants to "eradicate social, cultural, economic and spiritual inequalities encountered by aboriginal women and girls in Canada". There is no question that the number of missing and murdered aboriginal women is alarming. They seem to disappear without a trace. The official number of missing or dead aboriginal women is 600, but according to the Montreal based website, "Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women", the number could be as high as 3,000 women. No one knows for sure.

The generous funding by the government to deal with this problem includes the costs of improving community safety and to ensure that the justice system and law enforcement

agencies respond to this situation.

The problem with NWAC, however, is that it is a part of a relatively new, feminist, 75-member umbrella group, Feminist Alliance For International Action (FAFIA, formed in 2000), which morphed from the former feminist umbrella group, the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC).

FAFIA specializes in reporting to the UN on the supposed inequalities experienced by women in Canada under the Conservative government. FAFIA's complaints to the UN are used by the feminist dominated UN Committees to issue public criticism of Canada. A nice arrangement.

FAFIA received \$2,319,078 from the Status of Women between 2000-2011.

In late 2011, the UN announced that the 23 member radical feminist monitoring Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) will shortly undertake an inquiry into the missing aboriginal women in Canada. A foreign affairs official has stated, "Canada will of course work with the UN Committee..."

Other Recent SOW Grants

- In 2011, The West Coast LEAF (Women's Legal Education and Action Fund), the legal arm of the feminist movement, was granted \$300,000 from the Status of Women for a 3-year period. The purpose of the grant is supposedly to improve access to legal aid for low income single mothers, aboriginal, immigrant and other vulnerable women in British Columbia, in matters dealing with family law. Guess which lawyers will benefit from this grant?
- In 2011, the feminist organization, Equal Voice, whose objective is to have more women elected to Parliament, received a grant

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of \$371,900. IDEA, its international counterpart, has received \$6million from CIDA since 2001. Its annual grant is now \$1million

- In 2011, the feminist Jeffrey Group organization which promotes gender diversity at the Board level of Corporations and businesses received \$184,455.
- In 2011, the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW) received \$200,000. (CRIAW is a radical feminist group which conducts supposed research on behalf of “women”, but in effect, researches to push the feminist ideology only).

It is significant that SOW funds projects that duplicate provincial responsibilities in matters of education, health care, and social services. For example, its funding includes projects that:

- build healthy relationships among youth;
- empower young girls and women to assume leadership roles, in their schools and communities;
- develop innovative mentorship models and supports to increase women’s involvement as leaders and decision-makers in community-based organizations;
- increase awareness of gender-based discrimination.

2. SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL (SSHRC), A DIVISION OF INDUSTRY CANADA

The Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funds “research excellence” in Canada. It has an annual budget of \$650 million. It is administered by federal bureaucrats and several representatives from universities.

Over the years, this division of Industry Canada has funded research on 1,494 feminist research projects in the area of gender issues, and 1,792 on “women’s” issues.

In 2011, the feminist organization CRIAW received \$1 million from SSHRC.

This is in addition to the \$200,000 etc, it received in 2011 from SOW.

The purpose of this million-dollar CRIAW project, called FemNorth Net, is to learn over a 5-year period “from women’s experiences of community transformations as a result of economic restructuring”. It is to be carried out using “CRIAW’s Intersectional feminist frameworks.”

It is understood that CRIAW is supposed to explore the impact economic development is having on women, and how communities are being transformed socially, economically, and culturally and to determine whether the growth is sustainable or equitable to communities, families and women.

In addition, in 2011, SSHRC awarded the left-wing think tank, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, \$400,000. This centre specializes in criticizing Conservative government budgets. Its senior economist, Armine Yalnizyan, chaired the Employment and Economy Committee of the former feminist group NAC. She co-authored a gender analysis report with Nancy Peckford, then president of FAFIA. Nancy Peckford previously worked with the Canadian Labour Congress’ Women’s and Human Rights Department and now is executive director of the SOW funded Equal Voice.

Professional feminists are interchangeable in all their various front organizations—all funded by the taxpayer, but significantly without actual members.

3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

This government department, under Minister Diane Finley (Haldimand-Norfolk), provides 99% of the funding for the Child Care Human Resources Sector Council (CCHRSC). The latter promotes day care and builds infrastructure for a universal day care industry. CCHRSC’s Board of Directors is dominated by representatives from unions and day care advocacy groups. When it was established in 2004, under a Liberal government, it received \$490,000. This has tripled to \$1.45 million for the year 2010, under the Conservatives. To date, it has received \$5.6 million in funding according to its financial reports. CCHRSC’s member board is made up of 17 women and one man.

4. LABOUR UNIONS

Labour Unions in Canada are extremely affluent due to the fact that Canada, unlike most countries, requires that workers pay compulsory union dues—whether or not they belong to the union.

The unions then use these funds at their own discretion, and are not accountable for their use.

According to its web site, the Canadian Labour Congress believes it is “*well positioned to positively influence women’s representation in the workforce, while simultaneously promoting decent work for women and gender equality... the Canadian Labour Congress [believes]... the maternal and child health initiative must include comprehensive sexual health and reproductive health rights, including universal access to contraception, family planning services, options counselling, and access to safe, legal abortion,...*”

Since 1995, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) has received \$35.6 million from CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency). CIDA is responsible for 80% of Canada’s foreign funding. These CIDA grants to CLC were supposedly for development assistance and cooperation, promoting multiculturalism, millennium activities celebrating Canada’s achievements and diversity, education programs and literacy. In 2011, CLC received \$1.7 million under “partnership programming” with the government.

Why is CIDA giving these huge grants to the CLC to carry out these activities, which are prompted and acted upon only by a left-wing perspective? They are far removed from the main purpose of the unions, i.e., collective bargaining and improving working conditions.

CONCLUSION

All the above left-wing organizations wallow happily in taxpayers’ money promoting their own agenda with ideologies that have been rejected by voters in favour of more conservative Canadian values. Unfortunately, however, their ideology is still propped up by taxpayer dollars by the Conservative government.

Please notify the following that you object to this counterproductive and wasteful funding to left-wing organizations, especially during financially difficult times.

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COLLISION COURSE ON HOMOSEXUALITY IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

A collision is soon to occur in the province of Ontario over the imposition of homosexuality indoctrination in all schools, regardless of the views of Christian, Muslim, Jewish, other religious parents. The fall-out from this pending battle will resonate all across Canada as the premiers in the other provinces and territories are intensely watching this knock down, drag out fight.

LIBERAL PREMIER DALTON MCGUINTY

In December 2011, Dalton McGuinty, the Premier of Ontario ordered, by Bill 13, that all Ontario schools, whether public, Catholic, Christian, Jewish, or Muslim, set up programs to allow gay/straight alliance clubs, and to normalize and affirm homosexuality. The program also provides homosexual activists (with their propaganda) to have access to Ontario schools. This is to occur under the pretext that this program will prevent the bullying of homosexual students. This fools no one. Fierce opposition to this policy has come from the Catholic School Trustees Association, which has thrown down the gauntlet, flatly refusing the government policy, stating that only Catholic teaching on homosexuality will be permitted in Catholic schools. The Catholic School Trustees are supported in this by the Evangelical Christian Fellowship and Shaarei Shomayim, a group of 750 orthodox Jewish families, under Rabbi Strauchler, who represents the rabbinical organization Vaad Harabonim.

Catholic schools in Ontario have, under the Constitution Act of 1867 and also the Constitution Act of 1982 (The Charter of Rights), the right to uphold only Catholic teachings in their schools. This constitutional protection has been upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada on two separate occasions.

Ironically, Premier McGuinty is a Catholic, one of ten children, and is a graduate of the Ontario Separate School System, as are all of his four children. His wife teaches in the same Catholic School System. What gives? A possible explanation for this apparent hypocrisy is that Mr. McGuinty's

father, also named Dalton, had previously been a member of the Ontario Provincial Parliament. He was a remarkable man of strength, character and integrity – staunchly pro-life and pro-family. However, in spite of his obvious competency, he was never appointed to Cabinet in the then orange-tinged anti-Catholic Ontario, where his Catholic beliefs were still suspect. The son, Dalton, and another son, David, (a Liberal member of Parliament, Ottawa South) learned this lesson well. They have obviously decided to “ride with the herd” in order to achieve political success. Hence, Mr. McGuinty is pushing forward with the homosexual agenda.

OPPOSITION MEMBER PRESENTS ANTI-BULLYING BILL

MPP Elizabeth Witmer, the Ontario Conservative critic for Health and Long-Term Care, has dealt with the issue of bullying in a more sound manner. She tabled Bill 14



This cartoon appeared in *The Globe & Mail* on February 20, 2012.

on bullying, in which all forms of bullying are objected to, without giving priority to any specific kind of bullying. The intent of the Bill is to provide measures to prevent bullying (without introducing extraneous issues), by requiring the Minister of Education to develop a model general bullying prevention plan.

BACKERS OF DALTON MCGUINTY'S HOMOSEXUAL PROGRAM (OECTA)

(a) Ontario English Speaking Catholic Teachers Association

The most vicious attack on the position of the Catholic Trustees opposition to the homosexual school policy was, unbelievably, from the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA), which is controlled by Catholic dissenters. Last year it funded the homosexual activist group, EGALE and it has invited bizarre sexual deviants and Catholic haters to address its annual meetings. This union, of course, supports Mr. McGuinty's homosexual program in Catholic schools.

When one member of this union questioned the union's obsession with salaries and pension rights to the exclusion of concerns about retaining Catholic values in the schools, she was told by a union official that, ... "Should you continue to email me with your one-sided, right-winged views of Catholic Education ... then I will be forced to lodge a formal complaint ..." Some Catholic Teachers Union.

Since all workers in Ontario are compelled to pay union dues, whether they wish to belong to the union or not, Catholic teachers are forced to pay approximately \$1,000.00 per year in union dues to the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association. Further, last year, they were required to pay an additional \$60.00 for an election war chest, with the objective of re-electing Mr. McGuinty in the 2011 provincial election. Mr. McGuinty was, in fact, re-elected with a minority government (by one seat), thanks in large part to the supportive TV advertisements viewed during the election, paid for by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association.

(b) Ontario Public Service Unions

The public service unions in Ontario also used their compulsory union dues in the 2011 provincial election to fund another multi million dollar election smear campaign to support Mr. McGuinty, under the banner of "Working Families". The name is a misnomer indeed. The banner would have been more accurate, if it had stated "self-interested union leaders of Ontario".

This union support unquestionably led to the re-election of Mr. McGuinty.

WHY DO UNIONS BACK MCGUINTY?

The simple answer is that he caves in to their demands every time. The Ontario Public sector employees' salaries account for one half of all government spending, about \$55 billion annually. The unions under McGuinty have been awarded increases outpacing inflation, which is one of the causes of the provincial debt of \$241 billion, with interest payments annually of \$10 billion.

The feckless Premier, Mr. McGuinty, is an easy prey for the unions and other special interest groups, such as homosexuals, since he desperately needs their electoral support. He dares not stand up to them, regardless of the provincial deficit of \$16 billion. The unions are well aware of this.

Consequently, Mr. McGuinty is using this anti-bullying policy for his own purposes to shore up his credentials with the unions and their special "friends", i.e. homosexual activists.

Who will win this fight of conflicting values? It's either Mr. McGuinty and his supportive unions or Christian, Jewish, and Muslim and any other religious observant parents. We must make every effort to ensure that the parents win this epic battle.

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PUBLIC NUILITY IS A CRIME

In 2002, the Toronto Police Force laid charges against several nude men marching in the Toronto Gay Parade.

The charges were laid under S.174 of the Criminal Code, which states that everyone who is “nude in a public place” is guilty of an offence, “if the nudity offends public decency or order”. Adults marching on Toronto streets in the gay parade, with their genitals and buttocks bared, unquestionably, offends public decency.

The Crown Prosecutor, however, had other ideas. He refused to proceed with the charges against the nude men, contemptuously ignoring the law by presenting the absurd argument that the accused were not naked because they were wearing shoes. In effect, the provision of the Criminal Code was selectively applied because of the group’s identity, i.e. that of homosexuals. That is, a political decision was made to exempt a **politically correct** group from the application of the law.

Gross and repugnant as it is, since then, nude men have marched in the Gay Pride Parade, safe from prosecution. This is the case, even though their presence in the parade is offensive to many people and interferes with the ordinary and peaceful use of the streets when the march is in progress. These nude men are also viewed by minors of various ages during the course of the parade.

Predictably, this double standard applied by the Crown Prosecutor – one law for homosexuals and another for all others - has now become unraveled.

In January 2012, Ontario provincial court judge, Jon-Jo Douglas, in Bracebridge, Ontario (about 180 km north of Toronto), held that an accused nudist, Brian Coldin, was guilty under S. 174 (public nudity) of the Criminal Code, in that he was in a state of undress, which interfered with other people’s use and enjoyment of a public place. Mr. Coldin had driven through two local drive-through coffee shops in the nude, his genitals clearly visible to the shocked servers. Mr. Coldin also walked in the nude along the area’s busy main highway.

When making his nude appearances, it is significant that, each time, Mr. Coldin was wearing shoes (sandals).

This court decision points out the superficiality of the 2002 Toronto’s Crown Prosecutor’s decision on nudity in the gay parade. It was no joke. His decision on the issue was highly inappropriate in that he was protecting the actions of the nude marchers in the gay parade, instead of objectively and fairly applying the law. It was apparent that he was of the view that it’s not the law that matters, but only whomever he wishes to exempt from the law.

This double standard can no longer continue because of the January court decision on public nudity. Based on this legal precedent, Toronto Police Chief William Blair must be advised that charges be pressed by the police against the nude marchers in the 2012 Gay Pride Parade.

In order to proceed with public nudity charges, however, the Criminal Code requires that the provincial Attorney General give his consent. The current minority Liberal government in Ontario has shown itself to be a fawning servant to homosexual demands – i.e., paying out \$400,000 in tax dollars (in a debt ridden province) for Toronto’s 2011 Gay Pride Parade and the shocking homosexual propaganda ordered to be provided in Ontario schools under the pretence of anti-bullying. (See article in this issue “Collision Course on Homosexuality in Ontario Schools”).

HOMOSEXUALS AWARE OF COURT DECISION

Homosexual activists are very aware of this court decision of January 2012 and the danger it may cause to their agenda. They were quick, therefore, to claim that the decision exempts gay parades from its application (Xtra January 19, 2012). This is not so. Judge John-Jo Douglas stated in his ruling (paragraph 63) that “there can be little doubt that in our culture, near or full public nudity, then or now, has not been an accepted norm”.

In addition, at paragraph 114 of the Court Decision, the Judge stated:

... the confrontation of the Defendant with the public through his partial nudity significantly interferes with their autonomy and liberty. By being nude, in their presence, without their consent, the Defendant has interfered with their privacy interests – their right to live without that sort of confrontation....

Further in paragraph 126, Judge Douglas stated:

...the harm to the participants did not rise to the level of diagnosable psychological harm. However, these same and varied people were clearly harmed to the degree that the social order or milieus in which they carried on their lives was interrupted sufficiently to put a stop to how they were then and there carrying on their day to day business.... In my view, our Queen’s Peace was clearly breached when the actions of the Defendants created such concern among and interference with these individuals”

In paragraph 145 Judge Douglas made the following significant statement:

...this, then, is not any sort of incidental or accidental disclosure of a person mindful and respectful of the reactions of those he may confront, but one calculated to shock. That calculation is sufficient to support a finding of guilt in respect of partial nudity that offended against public order.

Similarly, the nudity in the Gay Pride Parade is calculated to shock and interfere with the use and enjoyment of a public place, i.e. the downtown streets of Toronto. There may be places where nudity is accepted by some, such as a nudist beach or a licensed private swingers’ club or a strip bar, but certainly not on a busy Toronto street! In short, despite the media and homosexual claim that nudity in the Gay Pride Parade is acceptable –it is not. We must let this be known to

the Chief of Police and the Ontario Attorney General.

It is important that letters come from across Canada to indicate the importance of the strict application of the law. If nudity is permitted during the Gay Pride Parade in Toronto, it will soon be spread to other gay parades across Canada.

Please write to Toronto Chief of Police William Blair, to insist that charges be laid against nude marchers in the 2012 Gay Pride Parade. His address is as follows:

Chief of Police, William Blair
Toronto Police Services
40 College Street,
Toronto, Ont M5G 2J3
Fax: 416-808-8002

Please write to the Ontario Attorney General, John Gerretsen, demanding that the law (S.174 of the Criminal Code) be applied to **ALL** citizens equally and impartially and that favouritism to homosexual activists, walking nude in the parade, must cease, by his giving consent to legal proceedings against these homosexual activists.

The Minister's address is as follows:

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REAL WOMEN OF CANADA INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL PROGRAM

For the twenty-nine years that REAL Women of Canada has existed, we have been constantly disparaged by the consensus media and feminists, sometimes to the point of abuse by those opposing our values.

We have always ignored them, and just continued on with our work to support and protect the traditional family of mother, father and children.

Therefore, we were wonderfully surprised and honoured to be notified in February that REAL Women of Canada was one of the organizations invited to be a

partner organization to nominate individuals to receive the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. The medal is awarded to "deserving Canadians" by a panel of judges under the auspices of Governor General David Johnston.

REAL Women of Canada is a non-government partner under the Social and Volunteer category.

We are deeply grateful for this invitation. It is nice to know that we have been honoured in this way for our contribution to Canadian Society. †

PETITION FOR LIFE

A group of pro-life Canadians are promoting a petition in order to defend the life of the unborn child and to encourage more Members of Parliament and Senators to speak out in defence of life. The goal is to present a petition of 100,000 names to Canadian politicians at the time of the March for Life to be held in Ottawa on May 10, 2012.

A few Members of Parliament have spoken out on the abortion issue in support of a public debate and have proposed a Private Member's Bill in Parliament. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has repeatedly stated that "my government will not open the debate on abortion".

It is critical for all pro-life Canadians to promote this petition. Please help. The Petition for Life is online only at: www.petitionforlife.ca.

For more information contact: info@petitionforlife.ca

For those who do not have access to this online petition, MP Stephen Woodworth, Member of Parliament, Kitchener Centre, has tabled a Motion (M-312) and drafted a petition, which calls for a Committee to be created with a mandate to review Subsection 223(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada, which states that a child becomes a human being only at the moment of complete birth.

His petition reads as follows:

Whereas Canada's 400 year-old definition of a human being says a child does not become a human being until the moment of complete birth, contrary to twenty-first century medical evidence;

And whereas Parliament has a solemn duty to reject any law that says some human beings are not human;

Therefore, we call upon the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to confirm that every human being is recognized by Canadian law as human by amending Section 223 of our Criminal Code in such a way as to reflect twenty-first century medical evidence.

A hard copy of this petition can be obtained from:

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WHO IS THE OPPOSITION TO THE CONSERVATIVES?



It is a truism that nature abhors a vacuum, and into the vacuum caused by a lack of opposition in Parliament, the media and the Courts have rushed in.

Few would disagree that opposition to the Conservatives in Parliament is minimal at the present time.

THE NDP

The official opposition, the NDP, is locked in a leadership race to be decided on March 24, 2012. As a result, the NDP MP strength in the House of Commons has been diluted by the absence of many of its strongest members running as candidates.



Nycole Turmel

This has left Nycole Turmel (Hull-Aylmer), hand picked by former leader, Jack Layton, as interim leader, without significant support in the House of Commons. Ms. Turmel, a former union organizer with ties to the separatist parties, was elected to Parliament for the first time in the May 2011 election.

Consequently, she has little Parliamentary experience. She has difficulty expressing herself and being understood in English. Further, she has had to deal with the formidable task of juggling the competing interests of a nationwide NDP caucus with the MPs elected from Quebec, who frequently represent different interests and perspectives. This conflict of interest has led to a substantial slipping of NDP support in Quebec, from 39% in June 2011 to 27% in January 2012. The crossing over in January of one of the MPs, Lise St-Denis, (Saint-Maurice-Champlain) to the Liberal party is evidence that the NDP's fortunes in Quebec are rapidly declining.

THE LIBERALS



Bob Rae

The Liberals hold only 35 seats in the House of Commons. The party also has deep financial troubles. Its interim leader, Bob Rae, is a professional politician who has never had a job outside of politics. As a result of his experience, he has mastered well the art of the "sound bite". However, he carries serious baggage, in that he was a disastrous NDP Premier in Ontario from 1990-1995. He is 64 years old, which means he will be 67 years of age by the time the 2015 federal election takes place. A fresh face for the party he definitely is not.

Curiously, Mr. Rae seems to be a one-man band today for the Liberal party, beating the drums and tooting the flute,

with few other prominent Liberals in sight, and without any plausible heirs to the Liberal leadership. High profile Liberals seem to have disappeared, either too discouraged or too tired to join Mr. Rae in re-building the party, or perhaps, marginalized by such a dominant leader.

Mr. Rae promised that he would not seek the permanent leadership of the party, to be decided in June, 2013. It is likely, however, that he will soon resign as interim leader and seek the permanent leadership.

Essentially, Mr. Rae has never left the NDP party, as he still operates from a distinctly NDP mindset. This leaves the Conservatives in control of the political center and right of the political spectrum, with the NDP and Liberals struggling to share the left wing. Unfortunately for the Liberals, they have not generated any new ideas or exciting policies, but are pushing their tired and ineffective policies on the economy, job creation, etc. from the past. This is evidenced by The Policy Convention, held in Ottawa in January 2012. It did elect however, as party president, 42 year old Mike Crawley, over old time MP warrior Sheila Copps.

The Liberal convention adopted a policy supporting the decriminalization of marijuana. Such a policy is not new to the Liberals, since they passed a similar resolution 34 years ago, in 1978. Bob Rae apparently does not support legalization of marijuana, and, as he still holds veto power in his capacity as interim leader, this policy may not be acted upon.

The Women's Commission of the Liberal Party brought forward a resolution at the January convention "Reaffirming Women's Right to Reproductive Health Services". It was passed in 15 minutes, with 92 % of the 592 delegates present, out of a total of 3,200 registered delegates. All the feminist warriors of the past showed up for that vote. In short, instead of bringing forward new ideas, the Liberal Party seems to be reliving its past, which includes higher taxes, bigger government, and higher spending, with a distinct left-wing position on social policies.

CORRECTION

In the article [MPs Not Required to Disclose Receipts and Invoices](#), in the January/February 2012, REALity under the heading MPs' Hospitality Expenses (pages 5 & 6), it was stated that MPs are not required to provide receipts or invoices for reimbursement for hospitality expenses. It has been brought to our attention, however, that MPs do provide receipts for reimbursement for their hospitality expenses, but these expenses are not itemized in the public accounts—only the total amount spent on hospitality is listed. We apologize for this error.

THE MEDIA AND THE COURTS BECOME THE OPPOSITION TO THE CONSERVATIVES

It is a truism that nature abhors a vacuum, and into the vacuum caused by a lack of opposition in Parliament, the media and the Courts have rushed in.

a) **The Media**

According to the consensus media, everything Mr. Harper does is just plain wrong. Whatever the issue—foreign affairs, crime, disbanding the Canadian Wheat Board, removal of direct tax payer funding of political parties, aboriginal affairs, the disbanding of the firearm registry, deficit reduction—the media believe that the Conservatives have got it all wrong.

The media clearly want the former Liberal approach to continue. They resent being forced to cope with strikingly different Conservative policies, which do not follow the Liberal government's blueprint of a socially engineered Canada: a multicultural, bilingual, 'just' society, dominated by special interest groups, such as feminists, homosexual activists, left-wing think-tanks and other elitist government funded organizations.

The consensus media are increasingly aided in their attacks on the Conservative party by former top public servants, employed at one time under the Liberals, and who bring an "insider's" intelligence to the debates. They are kept up to speed on developments by current civil servants, by way of the internet, blogging and tweeting. These former public servants are only too pleased to use their expertise to pick apart Conservative policies.

The media complain that Mr. Harper is tyrannical, (as though PMs Trudeau, Chretien and Martin acted any differently) and that his policies are divisive, causing dissension within Canada. The media would like Canadians to go along, meekly accepting policies handed down by our "betters", ie. left-wing elitists.

Strange to relate, the public, so far, seems indifferent to these media attacks on Mr. Harper and his government. In fact, Canadians generally, according to polls published in MacLean's (December 19, 2011), support Mr. Harper's policies, which are overwhelmingly popular.

The public's yawn at the attacks on Mr. Harper is probably due to technological developments, such as the Internet, You Tube, Facebook, Sun News, etc., which have led the public to refuse to take to heart the media's assessments of the Conservatives. The public also has developed a growing distaste for politics in general. This could change, but, for now, the media seem to have lost their power to influence the public in regard to the political situation. This may not be the case in regard to the media's influence in forming public opinion on social issues, where they still seem to be successfully manipulating public opinion.

b) **The Courts**

The Canadian courts have never been shy about using the Charter of Rights as a battering ram to assault the Conservatives. These mainly Liberal appointed judges (and now, even some recently Conservative appointed judges) seem to regard it as their civic duty to keep the Conservatives in line by forcing them to change their ways.

For example:

- A very liberal, activist judge on the Federal Court, Mr. Justice Douglas Campbell, has a history of re-trying refugee cases brought before him, instead of merely determining whether the decision by Immigration officials complied with the Charter and regulations. That is, he chooses to second guess the government officials in his decisions.

- The prostitution law has been studied and restudied many times over the years by Parliamentary committees, which have not reached any consensus as to how the law should be amended, if at all.

Nonetheless, a single judge sitting on the Ontario Superior Court, Madame Justice Susan Himel, in September 2008, using only selected evidence, ordered the prostitution law struck down to allow prostitutes to work out of brothels, which are illegal at the present time under the Criminal Code—as though organized crime which controls all brothels would allow them to operate independently). This decision was appealed to the Ontario Court of Appeal, the most liberal court in the country. Its decision is expected shortly, and, most assuredly, the court will agree with the decision of Madame Justice Himel, to overturn the prostitution law.

- A legal challenge to overturn the Criminal Code provisions prohibiting euthanasia and assisted suicide was argued before Madame Justice Lynn Smith, of the B.C. Supreme Court in November 2011. Judge Smith is the former president of the legal arm of the feminist movement, LEAF (Women's Legal Education and Action Fund) and the former dean of the UBC Law School. According to the UBC's Law School Newsletter (December 2011), an open house was held by the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies at the law school and Judge Lynn Smith was photographed front and center at this event. On appointment to the Bench, judges are expected to put ideology and their previous political activities behind them, so as to maintain their objectivity. Judge Smith, however, does not seem to believe herself bound by the usual rules of behaviour for judges.

It is also understood that Judge Smith arranged to have the assisted suicide file placed on her docket, not just for ideological reasons but also because, it is assumed, she wishes to make legal history by overturning the law prohibiting assisted suicide. Thus, even though Parliament has many times rejected euthanasia legislation (most recently, in a 228 to 59 vote in 2010), it is expected that Judge Smith will indeed overturn the current law.

Fortunately, there is a way to stop the arrogant

overthrowing of our laws by self-important judges. It is the Notwithstanding Clause (S.33) of the Charter of Rights. The time is now ripe for the government to make judges stop legislating from the Bench, by applying the Notwithstanding Clause.

Please write to the following, requesting that the government implement the Notwithstanding Clause in the Charter of Rights, in regard to the many questionable decisions currently being handed down by Canadian judges.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister Stephen Harper

House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Fax: 613-941-6900 E-Mail: pm@pm.gc.ca

The Honourable Rob Nicholson

Minister of Justice

105 East Block

House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Fax: 613-992-7910 E-Mail: rob.nicholson@parl.gc.ca

Your MP

House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 ♯

LOBBY OF MPS

REAL Women of Canada is organizing a lobby to be held on **Tuesday May 8th, 2012**. The lobby provides an ideal opportunity for us to discuss directly with MPs our concerns about family and pro-life matters.

Immediately following the day spent lobbying, we are planning a reception and information session from **5:00 to 7:00 pm** in the Aboriginal Room 160-S, Centre Block, Parliament Hill to which MPs and Senators have been invited.

Guest speaker at this event will be Brian Lilley, well-known host and commentator from Sun News.

Our program is an exciting and invaluable way to promote the cause of the traditional family in Canada.

We invite you to attend the reception and information session. If you can, please contact our National Office for further information, including required security checks for access to the Parliament Buildings. ♯

GLBT TRY TO SILENCE REAL WOMEN

Gay activists have often been intolerant of anyone with a different view, wanting to silence those whose opinions differ from their own. Some care little for freedom of discussion and expression, and respect for basic human rights, such as tolerance for religious views. Homosexual activists want to stamp out any opposition to their lifestyle. This was obvious during the same-sex marriage debate and now we are experiencing it again when REAL Women of Canada was chosen as one of the 168 non-governmental partner organizations to nominate 33 recipients for the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals, of which 60,000 are being awarded. See <http://gg.ca/document.aspx?id=14019>

A petition was set up on an American Internet site, which lists thousands of petitions, asking that REAL Women be removed from the medal selection “committee” because we are allegedly homophobic and transphobic. This soon became material for articles in the homosexual magazine, XTRA!, (March 7, 2012) and the Globe and Mail, (March 10, 2012). Once again, hate mail using very foul language, which cannot be printed, was received at our National Office. The petition was started by someone from Kingston, Ontario, who lists his “top cause” as gay rights.

We have never interfered with GLBT activists when they express their views in a civilized manner, even though we disagree with their agenda. To be fair, not all people who disagree with us are repressive. On the petition web site, some railed against “Harper and his goons”, bigots and haters, others were more sober. One comment stated: “I am gay and I received a Diamond Jubilee Medal. I am not overly concerned... there are many in our community being

honored for their contributions to Canadian society as well”.

Also, Warren Kinsella, a strategist and political adviser to former Liberal Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, placed REAL Women in his sights, on his website. He attacked us with his typically over the top comments. Under Mr. Kinsella’s watch, the Liberals basked in such disreputable activities as ADSCAM, crushing dissent in the APEC Summit, Shawinigate and many grant boondoggles, to mention only a few of the questionable activities that occurred. We are not concerned about Mr. Kinsella’s opinion.

WIKIPEDIA MISINFORMATION

There have been many efforts to interfere with REAL Women of Canada’s views in defense of marriage, parental rights and family rights. One of our members tried to correct the errors about REAL Women on Wikipedia, but within three hours her corrections were removed and she was told not to add personal opinion to the page. When phrases were lifted directly off the REAL Women web site and added to our Wikipedia entry, the same “editor”, who identifies as GLBT and feminist, warned that we could be banned from Wikipedia for breaking copyright rules, even though the entry already contained some material lifted from our web site. REAL Women information is not copyrighted and anyone can reprint it. One option to offset Wikipedia misinformation is for members to go to the site and rate the page as to reliability, which would at least warn readers that the entry contains misleading information and is unreliable. In fact, most of the information is gleaned from radical feminist analysis of REAL Women, by authors who are opposed to our perspective. ♯

SUPREME COURT REFUSES EXEMPTION FROM RELIGIOUS CLASSES

In 2008, the Quebec Department of Education imposed a religious course called Ethics and Religious Culture Program (ECR) on all Quebec schools, including private and homeschools. The course was introduced without consultations with parents.

Although the provincial legislature permits exemptions from school curricula, the Ministry of Education refused nearly 2000 Quebec parents from exempting their children from this controversial ECR program.

The program is controversial because it teaches religion from a secular point of view and that all faith perspectives are equal (and, therefore, equally inconsequential). Some parents were also offended that the course treats Bible stories as legends, and teaches Christianity as a cultural matter, rather than as a belief system by which one orders one's life. In short, the course is not about learning religions, but rather about all religions being accepted without discernment.

Parents in Drummondville, Quebec initiated a legal challenge to ECR on the grounds that the program is not neutral, and that their children were being exposed to a form of religious relativism which both interfered with the parents' ability to pass their faith on to their children and resulted in confusion in their children.

It was hoped that this legal challenge, known as *S.L. v. Commission Scolaire des Chenes and Attorney General of Quebec*, would definitively settle the religious rights of parents re the education system.

The importance of this issue was evidenced by the fact that there were seven Christian organizations intervening to support the parents in this challenge. Surprisingly, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, which also intervened,

argued that the burden of proof (i.e. that the ECR did not interfere with the parents' freedom of religion) should be on the government, not the parents.

However, the Supreme Court of Canada thought otherwise, and shifted the onus from the government to the parents, insisting it is they who must justify their claim to the right to be the child's primary educators, especially on religious matters. This shift of onus by the Court was both unfair and illiberal.

The resolution of the thorny question of parental rights in education, however, floundered on the Supreme Court's conclusion that the program is neutral, and that exposing children to a comprehensive presentation of various religions, without forcing the children to join them, "does not in itself constitute indoctrination of students so as to infringe the parents' freedom of religion"—nor does this program "prevent parents from passing their faith onto their children."

The court also concluded that the parents' personal disagreement with the program was not sufficient to establish a violation of their religious rights under the Charter.

It is significant that the legal challenge of the controversial program commenced immediately following its implementation in Quebec schools, so its application, at that time, remained still vague and sketchy.

As a result, Mr. Justice LeBel stated that the limited record before the court did not preclude a future legal challenge of the program, if more information about the impact of the program discloses that it infringes on the parents' religious rights.

In the meantime, the ECR program remains in effect in Quebec, and its impact on the religious faith of the children and the parents' religious rights remains to be determined—hopefully not harming too many children in the process. †

COME TO MADRID WORLD CONGRESS OF FAMILIES VI MAY 25–27, 2012

The World Congress of Families VI is an exciting event not to be missed. It is a gathering of the most important pro-family scholars, leaders and activists from the world over. This year, we have the good fortune to have it held in beautiful Madrid, Spain.

The Congress will be held at the:

Palacio De Congresos de Madrid

Paseo de la Castellana, 99

Madrid, Spain

Website: www.worldcongress.org

The World Congress of Families:

1. celebrates the natural family through periodic gatherings;
2. shares sound scientific research; and
3. encourages public policies that protect and preserve the natural family as the fundamental unit of civil society.

The WCF promotes the natural family as the union of a man and woman through marriage for the purposes of sharing love, procreation and raising of children, providing them with moral education, building a vital home economy, offering security and uniting the generations.

Members of REAL Women of Canada (which is a partner of the World Congress of Families) are offered a 10% discount in the registration fee and those with large families, are being offered a 50% discount on the registration fee.

Only the **WCF'S PARTNERS** can be offered the **10% discount**. It's important to note that those who wish a discount, must enquire for it by email to WcfMadrid2012@congresomundial.es or registration@congresomundial.es †

SPAIN TO REVERSE ABORTION LAW

The new abortion law will specifically provide that women do not have an “absolute primacy” over their unborn children,

Spain is a mainly Catholic nation, which has been reeling in recent years, under the heel of a socialist government, elected in 2004, under extraordinary circumstances.

On March 11, 2004, a train bombing in Madrid, Spain—which was a terrorist attack—shook the nation, with 173 deaths and over 600 wounded. The government, at that time, under the generally pro-family Popular Party, led by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, mistakenly declared that the terrorist attack was caused by Spain’s perennial troublemakers, Basque separatists. In fact, the terrorists were Islamic Jihad terrorists. The Spaniards were incensed, believing that Prime Minister Rajoy had deliberately misled them by blaming the Basque protestors. In retaliation, they voted, just three days after the terrorist attack, to elect the Socialists, under their leader, José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero.

The socialist government was a disaster for Spain. Without any consensus, the government brought in same-sex marriage, a horrendous sex education program in schools,

and abortion on demand for the first fourteen (14) weeks of pregnancy, with minors 16 years of age, permitted to have abortions without their parents’ consent.

These political decisions caused furious dissent within Spain, opening up chasms of distrust between the public and the government. Massive pro-life demonstrations filled the streets, not only in its capital Madrid, but also throughout the country.

These clashes inevitably led to the defeat of the socialist Prime Minister Zapatero in November 2011, and the re-election of the Popular Party under its leader, Mariano Rajoy.

In January 2012, the Minister of Justice, Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon, announced that the new government planned to change the abortion law. The new abortion law will specifically provide that women do not have an “absolute primacy” over their unborn children, whose well being was called “a good that is juridically protected”. The government also stated that “support and help” would be provided to women who felt pressured to have abortions due to personal circumstances.

What this change indicates is that a government can and will reverse abortion laws under public pressure. Perhaps Canada should take notice of this. †

ASK A HOMOSEXUAL HOW AIDS SPREADS

One doesn’t have to believe REAL Women of Canada when we stated (many times over) that homosexual, promiscuous sex leads to the spread of AIDS. We have also argued that AIDS will always be with us, as long as this behavior continues.

Instead, one can rely on the statement made by a homosexual in Ottawa, in his letter published in the homosexual newspaper, Xtra (January 19, 2012). The letter states:

yes, Hep [atitis] C and HIV are rampant in Ottawa and you can bet there are way more than 68,000 cases in Canada. Most don’t know or never seek treatment. The guys I know who are positive went all-out on party drugs and reckless abandon. I tell anyone that I can: the best looking, fit and party guys are by far the most likely to get or have HIV. They have many more offers, partners, orgies, parties. Yes, we all crave bareback stuff naturally: we need the intimacy.... I know the temptation and can only hope guys avoid the most dangerous stuff. †

NOTICE

Northern Ontario Chapter of REAL Women of Canada Annual General Meeting

Monday, April 30, 2012, 1 pm

To be held at:

North Bay Public Library, 271 Worthington St. E, North Bay.

Spring Luncheon:

Saturday, June 9, 2012, 11:30-2:30 pm

Best Western, 700 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay

Guest Speaker:

Brian Lilley - Commentator and Host, Sun News

For more information: pauline.guzik@sympatico.ca

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting of the Members of REAL Women of Canada (hereinafter called the "Corporation") will be held on **Monday, May 7, 2012**, at the Cartier Place Suite Hotel, 180 Cooper Street, Ottawa, Ontario at the hour of 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive the financial statements of the Corporation for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, together with the reports of the directors and auditors thereon;
2. To elect a Board of Directors;
 - a) Advance nominations shall be in writing and shall be submitted by not less than two members in good standing, with the written consent of the nominee, and received by the **Nominations Committee** at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting (April 23, 2012). According to our constitution, no nomination can be accepted after that date. A brief resume of the candidate's biography must be submitted along with the nomination. Nominators must vouch that the candidate is a member in good standing, and upholds the philosophy, aims and objectives of REAL Women of Canada, as set out in the membership application form. Please forward nominations to: **Nominations Chairperson, Diane Watts, REAL Women of Canada, Box 8813, Station "T", Ottawa, ON K1G 3J1. Fax: (613) 236-7203 or email realwcna@on.aibn.com.**
 - b) Only those who subscribe to our objectives and have been voting members of the Corporation for at least 60 days prior to this meeting shall have the right to vote and/or run for office.
 - c) New members and renewals will be accepted on the date of the meeting, but new members must attend as observers, not as voting members. Those members whose memberships have lapsed may renew and will be allowed to vote.The General Meeting is open to members, representatives from member organizations and to co-operating organizations.
3. To hear and vote on resolutions from voting members;
 - a) **Resolutions** must be submitted in writing, according to the constitution, 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting (April 23, 2012), and approved by the Resolutions Committee. Please send such resolutions to: **REAL Women of Canada, Resolutions Committee, Box 8813, Station "T", Ottawa, ON K1G 3J1. Fax: (613) 236-7203 or email to realwcna@on.aibn.com.**
4. To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Cecilia Forsyth
Cecilia Forsyth
National President

DATED at Aberdeen SK, 23rd of February 2012. †

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