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SUPREME COURT OF CANADA DECIDES CANADA'S NATIONAL DRUG POLICY RE: VANCOUVER DRUG INJECTION SITE

The Supreme Court of Canada in its decision handed down on the legality of the Vancouver drug injection site, has arrogantly decided that it is more capable of determining Canada's national drug policy than the elected government.

It has ordered the Minister of Health to continue the operation of this controversial drug injection site, even though, under the *Controlled Drug and Substances Act* (CDSA), this is supposed to be a matter for the Minister's discretion.

In its judgment, the court talked on both sides of its mouth by claiming it is not interfering with the exercise of ministerial discretion, but then went on to state that the Minister must grant the exemption not only for the Vancouver site, but also generally for all other applicants for drug injection sites in the country, on the grounds that to do otherwise would deprive [addicts] of their "life and security of person" under Section 7 of the *Charter*.

The practical effect of this decision is that the court has exempted the Vancouver drug injection site from the criminal provisions on illicit drug use and has only graciously allowed the federal government to "regulate" these sites, thus fundamentally changing our national drug policy by widening the use of illegal drugs.

The court has made the decision despite the fact that Canada has been criticized numerous times by the UN's International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), for establishing this site, the first in North America, as it contravenes UN drug treaties ratified by Canada. Apparently, the Supreme Court is of the view that the UN drug treaties ratified by Canada are not binding on us.

The happiest people in Canada as a result of this decision, will be the drug traffickers whose business will boom by way of the addicts obtaining the drugs from them to bring onto the site to inject themselves.

Conversely, the unhappiest individuals will be the police who will have to deal with the inevitable increase in crime due to the criminal activity caused by addicts who require a minimum of \$35,000 annually to feed their addiction. The drug injection site is one of the reasons that Vancouver has one of the highest crime rates in North America.

The Supreme Court gave as its reasons to exempt the drug injection site from the provisions of the CDSA the fact that it supposedly "saves the lives and health" of drug addicts.

This is highly questionable since this conclusion is based on the flawed research provided by a group of advocates and promoters of the Vancouver drug injection site who have a conflict of interest in this research, since they were also the lobbyist and advocates for the establishment of the drug injection site over a decade ago.

For example, the week that the case was argued before the Supreme Court, these researchers released a strategically timed study, published in the *British Medical Journal Lancet*, on April 18, 2011, in which they stated that the drug injection site had reduced deaths from drug overdose by 35%. Yet, both the B.C. Vital Statistics Agency Annual Reports and the Coroner's data for B.C. and Vancouver have disclosed that deaths by drug overdose have increased each year since the injection site was opened.

Drug addicts are human beings. They deserve better than being shuffled off to a drug injection site, which only deepens their addiction and hastens their inevitable and terrifying deaths.

This decision by the Supreme Court on the Vancouver drug injection site stands as a monument to the determination by the Supreme Court to control Canada's national agenda, not Parliament, presumably on the basis that it believes it knows what is best for the Canadian public.

This decision directly attacks the democratic process and is a flaunting of the power and influence of the courts using the vague words of the *Charter* to promote their own ideological perspective. †

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MATERNAL HEALTH CARE: THE GOOD AND BAD NEWS

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GOOD NEWS

The good news on maternal health care is that Mr. Harper, as he promised at the G8 meeting in June 2010 in Muskoka, Ontario, announced that Canada has donated \$82 million in funding for maternal and health care projects to be used in 28 developing countries in both Africa and Asia. This money is part of the \$1.1 billion over five years Canada committed to pay at the Muskoka meeting.

Canada had opened a call for proposals to Canadian organizations with at least three years' experience in managing and developing maternal and health care initiatives. Sixty applications from across Canada were received. From these, the government selected the 28 organizations to carry out the work. None of the selected organizations will be engaged in abortion, because, true to his word, Mr. Harper refused to include abortion in the government's maternal health care funding. Instead, the federal government has directly funded only those projects that are positive, life affirming undertakings to improve the health and well being of mothers and children.

THE BAD NEWS

Just three days after the positive news on maternal health care was announced, the federal government dropped the bomb that it was making a grant in the amount of \$6 million over a three-year period, to the controversial organization International Planned Parenthood (IPPF) also as a part of the same Muskoka initiative. This money is to be used for work related to sex education and contraception in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Mali, Sudan and Tanzania. To justify its funding to the world's largest abortion provider, the federal government restricted these funds to be used only in the countries where abortion is illegal or highly restricted.

However, it is well known that restricting Canadian funds from the abortion activities of IPPF, only frees up its other funds to carry out the odious practice and promotion of abortion. Also, it is well known that IPPF's main mission is to push abortion in countries where it is currently illegal. IPPF states on its website "safe abortion is one of the priority concerns of our work". Unfortunately, funding IPPF to operate in these developing countries for contraceptive purposes, also enables it to push its abortion agenda there by allying itself with other pro-abortion agencies operating in these countries. That is, it provides a foothold for IPPF in these countries to advocate for and promote abortion.

Giving Canadian tax dollars to such a despicable organization as IPPF, provides it with undeserved credibility

and respectability. This is the organization that was distributing pamphlets at the UN Commission on the Status of Women promoting libertine sexuality (both heterosexual and homosexual) and abortion to teenagers. Why are Canadian tax dollars contributing to such degrading material?

Conservative MPs Object to Grant

To their great credit, some Conservative MPs, Brad Trost (Saskatoon-Humbolt), Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon-Wanuskewin) and Leon Benoit (Vegreville-Wainwright), have spoken out against their own government for making this grant to IPPF. Their objections are a rare moment of public dissent within Prime Minister Harper's tightly controlled caucus.

By speaking out, these MPs know that Mr. Harper will never recognize them or reward them by an appointment as Parliamentary Secretary or to the Cabinet. In effect, these MPs have sacrificed their political careers on the grounds of grave principle. They are a rare example of political courage. They have decided that the lives of innocent unborn children are of far more importance than their political careers.

Please write to MPs Trost, Vellacott and Benoit and let them know how deeply their courage and integrity is appreciated. Their addresses are as follows:

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Mr. Harper and his Minister of International Cooperation, Bev Oda, who made the announcement of the grant to IPPF, must be advised that the funding of IPPF is a critical error for the government which is thoroughly rejected by the Canadian public—especially its conservative base.

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JACK LAYTON'S FUNERAL



[Stephen] Lewis, who enjoys the spotlight, not surprisingly relished the opportunity to expound at the funeral in his usual bombastic, pompous style.

Although acknowledging that he really didn't know Jack Layton socially, Stephen Lewis, former Ontario NDP leader, didn't allow this fact to prevent him from grabbing the chance to speak at Mr. Layton's high profile funeral, which was more an NDP rally than anything else.

Mr. Lewis, who enjoys the spotlight, not surprisingly relished the opportunity to expound at the funeral in his usual bombastic, pompous style. His speech, as expected, was, as aptly stated by William Shakespeare, "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing". That is, full of fine words and expressions but with little substance. After all the relentless hype and pageantry about Mr. Layton's death, it turns out that he didn't part the Red Sea after all, despite Mr. Lewis's attempt to raise him to canonization status.

Mr. Lewis also spoke of the letter supposedly written by Mr. Layton on his deathbed which Mr. Lewis with his typical overstatement, described as a "clarion call for social democracy".

Anyone who has been with family or friends when they were dying, knows that the writing of a letter just hours from death is not very probable. The letter was obviously written by his close associates in attendance with Mr. Layton just prior to his death: his wife Olivia Chow, his former Chief of Staff Anne McGrath and the president of the NDP National Council Brian Topp. The purpose of the letter clearly was to promote the NDP and to encourage sympathy and support

for the party following the loss of its leader.

The funeral took place at the Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto. The officiating minister at the funeral was homosexual Rev. Brent Hawkes of the Metropolitan Community Church who is "married" to another homosexual. The singer at the funeral was Lorraine Segato, rock star of the band Parachute Club, who is the "wife" of Lewis's lesbian daughter, Ilana Landsberg-Lewis.

According to the homosexual newspaper *Xtra* (August 22, 2011), Mr. Layton had a "tireless commitment to queer issues". He spoke out in favour of more gay candidates and his "cajoling and pressuring" led to the election of NDP homosexual critic Randall Garrison (Juan de Fuca), Philip Toone (Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Dany Morin (Chicoutimi-Le Fjord) in the 2011 election.

The NDP Family Style

Mr. Lewis is chairman of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which took in over \$10 million in donations in 2010. The foundation's specialty is to support HIV and AIDS projects by dumping planetloads of condoms on developing countries.

The foundation's executive director is Mr. Lewis' daughter, Ilana Landsberg-Lewis, the lesbian mother of two (in a previous lesbian relationship). The office manager and volunteer coordinator of the foundation is Mr. Layton's daughter, Sarah, who was featured prominently during her father's funeral, as was his son, Michael Layton, who was recently elected to the Toronto City Council. Ms Layton is expecting a second child with her "partner".

Living off the public, while enjoying a libertine lifestyle is not surprising for socialists.

It would please Karl Marx and his collaborator, Frederick Engels, who in 1888 wrote the book "The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State" in which they denigrated the traditional monogamous family. Good grief. †

THE EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERS ABORTION

[W]omen who abort their child after 19 weeks gestation... are eligible to receive 17 weeks maternity leave, the same as a mother who gives birth to her child.

Over the years, the government has paid out money for any number of questionable reasons and causes. None more so than the shocking fact that federal employment insurance covers benefits to women who abort their child after 19 weeks gestation. These women are eligible to receive 17 weeks maternity leave, the same as a mother who gives birth to her child.

What manner of madness is this? Paid maternity leave is supposed to be granted to women to allow them time to recover from the birth, and to bond with their child. Why then, is the employment insurance plan paying out money to women who deliberately kill their child and, as a consequence, obviously have no need to bond with their now dead child?

Is it possible that this so-called "maternity" benefit, which it clearly is not, is a subtle acknowledgement by the government that abortions do indeed cause medical, psychological and emotional trauma for women - a fact that is ferociously denied by feminists? Or, in the alternative, is this payment to women who kill their child a subtle way of indicating that abortion is normal and socially acceptable to Canadians and, therefore, should be recognized as such and fully acknowledged by way

of paid leave to carry out the deadly procedure?

Abortion is not morally or socially acceptable. It is a blight on humanity and a disgrace and horror to any civilization that allows it.

The payment of maternity leave under the employment insurance plan to women who deliberately abort their child must be immediately stopped.

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AIDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE WITH US

AIDS may have been changed from a terminal illness to a chronic disease, but the disease remains far from benign.

Billions of dollars have been poured into efforts to stop the spread of AIDS. Anti-retroviral therapies, educational programs and condoms layered around the world by the planetload—all to no avail.

AIDS, discovered over thirty years ago, marches on spreading its horrors.

The only good news is that the use of anti-retroviral drugs has reduced the AIDS death rate. In Canada, the annual deaths from AIDS have fallen to about 500 a year from a high of almost 1,800.

While survivors are living longer, they also have to deal with a combination of related health challenges caused by: the ravages inflicted on their immune systems by the virus over many years; the damage done by long-term use of powerful drugs; and the effect of other infections that come along for the ride, such as hepatitis, herpes and HPV, not to mention the normal process of aging, which exacerbates the disease.

In addition, despite the advent of drug cocktails that have prolonged the lives of people with AIDS, one in four patients still suffer from significant neurological disorders. A study, published in the journal, *Neurology*, in September 2010, identified 53 different brain-related conditions suffered by patients with AIDS, including severe nerve pain, seizures, dementia and stroke.

In short, AIDS may have been changed from a terminal illness to a chronic disease, but the disease remains far from benign.

Cases of HIV and AIDS in Canada Today

The number of new cases of AIDS in Canada has risen to the 1982 levels, when the epidemic began ravaging the homosexual community.

According to Statistics Canada, at the end of 2009, there were an estimated 65,000 people in Canada living with positive HIV test reports—up from 57,000 in 2005. It is estimated that between 2,300 and 4,300 new HIV infections occur in Canada each year.

Homosexual and bi-sexual men who have sex with other men (MSM) continue to comprise the greatest proportion (44%) of new HIV infections in 2009. The cumulative total of MSM with AIDS in 2009 was 13,376, comprising 70% of men with AIDS.

The number of women in Canada with AIDS, as of December 2009, was 1,898, compared to 19,383 men who had AIDS. Women accounted for 7% of AIDS cases reported for the period 1979-1994, but in 2007, the proportion of new cases was 20%.

Why Are More Women Contracting AIDS?

According to a 2009 report from the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, close to 50% of all newly acquired HIV infections across the globe occur in women of reproductive age. This is due to heavily funded population control programs, which impose powerful steroid-based contraceptive drugs on millions of Third-world women. These drugs alter women's immunity, their cervical-vaginal responses, and the protective vaginal flora, all of which make infection by HIV more likely. Hence, the increase in HIV infections in women.

Also, hormonal based contraceptives have an equally debilitating effect in that they lead to a deadly progression of HIV. Oral contraceptives and Depo-Provera (injection based contraceptive) are among the world's most popular and prevalent contraceptives. The UNFPA and USAID (the US Foreign Funding Agency) unload boatloads of hormonal contraceptives on developing nations. Countries using these oral contraceptives such as Thailand and sub-Saharan Africa, which latter has endured decades of contraception-focused population control programs by way of hormonal contraceptives, have a high incidence of HIV among women. In contrast, Japan and Catholic Philippines have a long-standing popular resistance to contraception and both have one of the lowest HIV rates in the world among women.

Homosexual Behaviour

The reason for the continued increase in AIDS among homosexuals is due to the persistence of homosexual promiscuity, which is a part of their so-called "culture". This

behavior ties in with the concept of sexual liberation and license which so permeates western culture. Fidelity and chastity are simply not on the table for most homosexuals.

Promiscuous homosexual behavior is the direct cause of AIDS, and this fact is totally ignored by AIDS activists and the pharmaceutical companies, who are all part of the powerful world-wide billion dollar AIDS industry.

Condom use, the mantra of homosexual education programs, actually contributes to higher levels of infection. This is because sexual participants believe that condoms make sex “safe” and protect them against infection. This

misunderstanding results in many people taking greater risks. That is, condoms provide a false and deadly sense of security about promiscuous sex, which results in more cases of this deadly syndrome.

Neither the terrible suffering and death caused by AIDS, nor the huge medical costs, as high as a life time cost of \$750,000, paid for by the taxpayer for keeping AIDS patients alive, have been a deterrent to promiscuous homosexual behaviour.

Because of the denial of this truth, AIDS will continue to be with us. †

MP LIBBY DAVIES LENDS A HAND



Ms Davies has been touted as a possible leader of her party after the death of Jack Layton, on the basis that she supposedly understands and promotes Mr. Layton’s “vision of social justice”.

NDP MP Libby Davies (Vancouver East) is a lesbian member of Parliament and one of her party’s most experienced members. There are only four NDP members left from 1997 when Ms Davies was first elected. She served as NDP house leader from 2003 until this year, when she was appointed one of her party’s deputy leaders, (Thomas Mulcair, Outremont, Quebec, is the other deputy leader.) Before Ms Davies entered federal politics, she was a city councillor in Vancouver.

Ms Davies had been touted as a possible leader of her party after the death of Jack Layton, on the basis that she supposedly understands and promotes Mr. Layton’s “vision of social justice”. The truth is that Ms Davies is distinctly different from most MPs in that she has promoted a number of eccentric, not to say alarming, policies which are not acceptable to mainstream Canadians, or even to members of her own party for that matter.

For example:

- In June 2011, Ms Davies tabled a Private Member’s Bill that provides that old age pension benefits be paid to all immigrants, minus any residency requirement. Currently, a ten-year residency is required before one may receive an old age pension benefit. Under Ms Davies’ plan, new immigrants who have not contributed to the program at all, would be eligible to receive the benefits, in addition to having access to the Guaranteed Income Supplement. This would cost the Canadian taxpayer an estimated further \$300 to \$700 million annually. This “brilliant” idea by Ms Davies was introduced in the last Parliament by former Liberal MP Ruby Dhalla, seconded by Liberal MP and now interim party leader, Bob Rae. The bill at that time caused

an uproar—more so than most private members’ bills have done. Fortunately, that bill died when the 2011 election was called.

Consequently, in view of its controversial contents, it was not surprising that, just one day after the news report on Ms Davies’ proposed pension bill, the NDP pension critic, MP Wayne Marston, (Hamilton East, Stoney Creek), moved to sweep the controversial bill away, claiming it was introduced “in error”. So there it is: a bill unloved and, apparently, unwanted, except by Ms Davies.

- In June 2010, Libby Davies raised questions as to Israel’s right to exist and called Israel’s existence “an occupation of Palestine”. Party leader Layton quickly stated in the House of Commons the next day that this was not his party’s policy to deny Israel’s right to exist. MP Thomas Mulcair, the other NDP deputy leader, emphatically stated that the idea of Israel as an apartheid state was not the policy of his party. He further stated, “No member of our caucus, whatever other title they have, is allowed to invent their own policy.” So there, Ms Davies.

- In June 2010, Ms Davies introduced a bill to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and Criminal Code to prohibit “discrimination against a person based on their social condition”. This, apparently, means preventing discrimination against anyone experiencing social or economic disadvantage, such as inadequate housing, homelessness, source of income, occupation, level of education, poverty, or any similar circumstance.

If this bill were passed into law, it would cause very radical changes. For example, if poverty, drug addiction or homelessness are considered disabilities, Canadians experiencing them would be protected from these “disadvantages” and entitled to compensation for them. The amendments, however, would do nothing to actually change any of these “conditions”: they would just allow people to continue this existence as a protected right and be paid compensation for the

deprivation caused by them.

• In 2003, Ms Davies brought a motion before the House of Commons to review the prostitution laws in Canada so as to remove all restrictions against prostitution. She obtained, from the agreeable ruling Liberal party, a Parliamentary Sub-Committee to study the prostitution issue on her terms. Fortunately, the committee could not reach any consensus on the prostitution law, due to the presence of two effective Conservative MPs. Therefore, since there was no recommendation, no legislation could be brought forward as had been intended. This led to left-wing activists resorting to the tried and true method of changing laws by launching a legal challenge before the liberal judges on the Ontario Courts to achieve this end. The lower court in Ontario obligingly did

just that and overturned all the prostitution laws in September 2010. Currently, the Ontario Court of Appeal has reserved judgment on the appeal. The fix is in, however, for judicial activism to arbitrarily change the prostitution laws in Canada. Libby Davies, apparently, wasn't necessary this time to achieve this.

It seems that there is no lack of ideas for MP Davies to bring forward. However, the NDP has enough problems without having her as the leader of their party. Fortunately for the party, Ms Davies announced in September that she would not, after all, run for the leadership. She stated her inability to speak French as one reason for her decision. Instead, she stated that with her experience she would assist interim leader Nycole Turmel during the next few months. Lucky Ms Turmel. †

NEW TRANSGENDERED BILL INTRODUCED

[New] transgendered bill...attempts to protect the transgendered, transvestites, cross dressers etc., in both the federal *Human Rights Act* and the hate crime provisions in the *Criminal Code*.

The opposition parties in the House of Commons haven't wasted any time introducing a transgendered bill which attempts to protect the transgendered, transvestites, cross dressers etc., in both the federal *Human Rights Act* and the hate crime provisions in the *Criminal Code*.

On September 21, just two days after Parliament opened for the fall session, Liberal MP Hedy Fry (who represents one of the ridings most densely populated by homosexuals in Canada—Vancouver East), and NDP homosexual issues critic Randall Garrison ([Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca](#)) introduced the bill. According to the homosexual newspaper Xtra (September 22, 2011), Mr. Garrison commented:

“We'll see who's ready to go,” he says. “We've already activated all of our networks across the country, and I'm making my contacts across the aisle, and we'll be ready to go fairly soon, I hope. Since this has already passed the House of Commons once, that may mean we're ready sooner than some of the other private member's bills, and in that case, we might move up, but it'll certainly be within the next six months.”

Neither Ms Fry or Mr. Garrison were prepared to predict whether this bill will meet more resistance than the previous transgendered bill introduced in the last Parliament, but which died when the 2011 election was called.

According to [Xtra](#), however, they both hope that the bill will be “fast-tracked” as was the previous transgendered bill.

In the last Parliament, six Conservative MPs voted for the transgendered bill including two cabinet ministers John Baird, now Minister of Foreign Affairs (and an “out” homosexual) and James Moore (Port Moody, Westwood, Port Coquitlam, Anmore, Belcarra) who is now the Heritage Minister.

The Conservative party has a majority of seats (166) as opposed to the opposition NDP and Liberals with a total together of 137 seats. The opposition Liberals and NDPs will be out in force to support this bill, so it is crucial that the Conservatives come out in united force to defeat it.

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WHO IS RUNNING THE COUNTRY? THE COURTS OR THE GOVERNMENT?



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The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada on the Vancouver drug injection site, known as Insite, has established troubling precedents by which the court has maximized its power, and conversely, diminished the power of Parliament.

In effect, the Supreme Court of Canada in the Insite case, has thrown down the gauntlet, and announced that it, rather than the government, will in future direct the nation's affairs.

The fall-out, by way of the precedents established in this decision, will affect future government policies and legislation, including the federal government's recently introduced crime bill with its provisions for mandatory sentences, and other critical issues such as prostitution, assisted suicide and polygamy, which are now before the provincial courts.

In short, the Court will weigh legislation and policies, based not necessarily on law, but rather on the judges' own perspective according to their qualitative judgement on liberty (criminal law), life and death (assisted suicide), health and quality of life (social conditions) of Canadians.

These troubling precedents include the following:

- The federal *Controlled Drug and Substances Act* (CDSA) provides that the operation of the drug injection site is a matter of ministerial discretion. The Supreme Court, however, substituted its own opinion for that of the Minister, despite the fact it acknowledged in paragraph 105, that:

"[t]he issue of illegal drug use and addiction is a complex one which attracts a variety of social, political, scientific and moral reactions. There is room for disagreement between reasonable people concerning how addiction should be treated. It is for the relevant governments, not the Court, to make criminal and health policy."

- In its decision, the Supreme Court broadly applied the principle of "proportionality", by which the court determines whether legislation or policies are "proportionate" to the harm they purport to prohibit, e.g., creating more harm than that eliminated, costing more than benefits achieved, or causing more problems than those solved etc.

The Supreme Court, when determining proportionability in this case, failed to apply any

restraint or deference to Parliament, which had passed the CDSA only after extensive and careful debate and deliberation.

- The Supreme Court broadly extended the interpretation of "rights" as understood across liberal legal systems, to provide drug addicts with free access to a drug injection site with medical personnel in attendance, in order to allow addicts to continue their addiction by injecting themselves with illegally obtained drugs. "Rights", however, do not generally require the government to provide resources for social conditions such as drug addiction. Rights have historically been restricted to requiring a government not to interfere with an individual's behaviour or resources.

This decision, therefore, has set a precedent for future court decisions to provide *Charter* protection for other social conditions, e.g. homelessness, poverty, unemployment, etc., thereby tying the hands of future governments to make decisions on these matters.

The Insite decision also, incidentally, is directly in line with the private member's bill, introduced in 2010 by NDP MP Libby Davies (Vancouver East) to amend the *Human Rights Act* and hate provision in the *Criminal Code* to provide protection on the basis of social conditions such as poverty, homelessness, unemployment and other social and economic disadvantages.

- The Supreme Court, by this decision, has decided Canada no longer must comply with the UN drug treaties that it had previously ratified. Canada has been criticized numerous times by the UN's International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) for establishing the drug injection site, the first in North America.

In addition, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by Canada in 1991, provides in Article 33, that children must be protected from illegal drug use. "Children" is defined in the Convention as those under 19 years of age. Yet, the Vancouver drug injection site permits 16-year-olds access to its facilities.

Why is the Supreme Court Increasing its Reach?

The Supreme Court of Canada has widened its authority simply because it can. Who is to stop it? As the final court in the country, there is no way its decisions can be appealed. It is accountable to no one.

A Political Solution

There is, however, a political way to curb the court's power, and this is the Notwithstanding Clause (S. 33) of the *Charter*.

The latter is the simplest solution to curb judicial activism. The federal or provincial legislatures may, under this provision, pass legislation overriding the Supreme Court's decisions. After a few instances of having its decisions overturned, the Supreme Court of Canada may, hopefully, cease to be quite so aggressive in overturning the will of Parliament.

Certainly S. 33 is a valid and operational provision of the *Charter*. Governments have been reluctant to apply it because they fear that it may delegitimize the courts and also the denial of "rights" newly granted by the court could result in a political backlash for that government.

It is a fact that when the *Charter* was debated in 1981/1982, the provincial premiers were reluctant to adopt the *Charter*, fearing quite correctly as it turns out, that it would lead to the all-powerful Supreme Court making legislative decisions.

Because of this concern, the Notwithstanding Clause (S. 33) was added to the *Charter* to calm these fears. S. 33 is a valid provision in the *Charter*. In retrospect, it was a wise decision to include it.

The Conservative Government's Response to the Supreme Court's Strengthening its Powers

On September 30, 2011, when the *Insite* decision was first announced, Prime Minister Harper stated that he would comply with the decision. Now that the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice have had the time to read the judgement and reflect on the problems that will arise due to the diminishing of the role of Parliament in our democracy, hopefully they may take a different approach to the decision.

Summary

In a democracy, the elected Parliament representing the public should determine national policies rather than the appointed, unaccountable judges on the Supreme Court who appear either incapable or unwilling to show restraint and deference to Parliament. Their power can be curbed by government by applying the Notwithstanding Clause (S. 33) of the *Charter*.

The application of the Notwithstanding Clause in the *Insite* case, may serve as a "shot across the bow" to the court, and be helpful in preventing judicial activism in regard to the looming issues of prostitution, assisted suicide, etc.

Please write to the following demanding that direct action be taken to curb the power of the courts in Canada by way of the Notwithstanding Clause of the *Charter*.

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WHY DOESN'T CANADA ABANDON THE UN?



It is reasonable to ask why does Canada remain in the UN, with its rampant corruption, thugs, assassins, and tyrants, and its officials relentlessly promoting unacceptable policies?

There is a great push by the UN to integrate abortion rights at every turn such as at conferences and treaty negotiations and in policy determinations. This is the case, even if the majority of the 193 nations that comprise the UN, object to abortion. To date, however, no UN treaty includes a right to abortion.

The objections to abortion expressed by UN members are ignored by the UN bureaucrats who are operating its agencies. They give International Planned Parenthood (IPPF) a starring role in carrying out its work, which results in the anti-life tentacles of IPPF infiltrating every UN policy and undertaking.

In 2010, IPPF had the unprecedented experience of facing a \$16 million decrease in income. This was due to the economic downturn and an increasing reluctance by countries to continue funding the organization, which receives 71% of its total income directly from governments.

Not to worry, however, the UN agencies have come galloping to the rescue of IPPF: it's a favourite organization, holding a privileged position.

In 2010, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) gave a donation of \$1.6 million to IPPF. The new feminist women's agency, known as UN Women, contributed over \$330,000 to IPPF's bank account. UN AIDS gave IPPF \$1.1 million. The World Bank and World Health Organization (WHO) gave over \$400,000 to IPPF in 2010.

Canada generously funded the feminist UN Women in the amount of \$10 million in 2010. See <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/contributions.nsf/Eng/44C5FCE7A64D354C852578A10062A436>

Canada also gave \$10 million to the UN Women for women's rights in Southeast Asia <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/contributions.nsf/Eng/E27095041C277551852578A10062A43A>.

In 2009-2010, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) donated \$24.25 million to UNFPA and \$5.4 million to UN AIDS.

As a result, Canadian taxpayers are generously funding IPPF indirectly, through the grants given by UN Women and other UN agencies, as well as directly by way of the \$6 million granted to IPPF in 2011 announced by CIDA in September.

UN Women, it should be noted, has, as two of its priorities, legal abortion and lesbian rights. This was evidenced in its first major publication, "Progress of the World's Women: In Pursuit of Justice", released in July, 2011, which stated:

...Criminal prohibition of abortion in all circumstances violates women's fundamental rights... "lesbian, transgender, and bisexual women" must have the protection of the law and "access to services".

Will anything be done about the UN and its anti-life policies? Highly unlikely. Nothing ever changes within this corrupt and leaky ship, which is leading the world to nowhere but disaster.

Canada a Generous Financial Supporter of the UN.

Despite the UN's aggressive anti-life/family push, Canada is a remarkably generous supporter of the UN. We are, at present, its seventh largest contributor in the world. We paid \$305.3 million to the UN World Food program and \$634 million to all its other many agencies in 2009/10. In addition, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) contributed \$939.2 million in 2009/10 to the UN.

Unquestionably, some of this money goes into the well-documented bureaucratic waste of this corrupt organization.

Why Does Canada Remain in the UN?

It is reasonable to ask why does Canada remain in the UN, with its rampant corruption, thugs, assassins, and tyrants, and its officials relentlessly promoting unacceptable policies?

The answer is complicated. For several reasons, Canada has not abandoned the UN.

One reason is that the UN provides collective security and protection for national sovereignty, e.g., no one can walk into Canada or any other country and take it over without repercussions, guaranteed by the UN Charter. Moreover, membership in the UN provides legitimacy, in that our country is part of the world "team" and not an isolated outsider.

There are also humane considerations for supporting the UN such as aid for the current famine in Africa, natural disasters and assistance for health and education measures in the developing world, all provided by the UN – albeit with bungling, corruption and inefficiency – but better than none at all!

When the UN "crosses the line", there are certain times, however, when Canada does demonstrate that its principles

are more important than mere dialogue. This recently occurred when Canada decided it would not be a part of the UN Conference on Disarmament, chaired by the tyrannical North Korea.

Canada has also boycotted UN programs. In 2001 and again in 2009, it stayed out of the UN Conference on racism in Durban, South Africa, when it became apparent that its sole objective was to condemn Israel. Canada also walked out on Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's speech at the UN General Assembly. This boycott served to draw attention to the human rights violations occurring on a regular basis in Iran.

Reform Necessary

This does not mean that Canada should mindlessly accept the bungling, ineptitude, corruption and general dysfunction of the UN.

Reform unfortunately will not come from within the UN, itself, or from the current Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. His predecessor, Kofi Annan, was also a problem, either unwilling or unable to correct the corruption at the UN.

One Country, One Vote System

Canada should organize a group of democratic countries, such as Australia, South Korea, Brazil, India, etc. to demand changes. Such changes should include the replacement of the current one-country, one-vote in the UN General Assembly, with a multiple voting system, perhaps linked to population, democracy or human rights criteria. It is absurd that countries such as Libya, Cuba, Syria, Zimbabwe, etc. carry the same weight as democratic countries in the General Assembly and on the crazy-mad Human Rights Council sitting in Geneva.

The problem of one-country, one-vote is that the General Assembly determines the core funding of most UN agencies. Each country, therefore, has an equal share in adopting the UN budget. This has created a kind of entitlement mentality within the UN system and its agencies, with no oversight or accountability for the latter's activities. That is, UN agencies expect that their ever-growing budgets will be funded automatically without regard to their agency's performance, effectiveness, transparency and accountability. This is because the smaller countries out vote the sixteen larger western countries such as the U.S., Japan or Canada, Australia, etc., who pay 85% of the UN's bills. In comparison, permanent members of the Security Council, China and Russia, pay only 2.7% and 0.7% respectively.

Voluntary Contributions

It is important, therefore, that the UN move to voluntary contributions. Some UN agencies already have only voluntary contributions. These include the The World Food Program, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the UN Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS. These voluntarily funded programs have typically been more responsive to

major contributors, more effective in their work, and more transparent than those funded by assessed contributions. That is, their leadership has recognized that, lacking an entitlement to assessed contributions, they have to demonstrate their utility on a continuing basis, or donors will take their scarce resources to other agencies and programs.

Moving to voluntary funding would therefore end the UN practice of charging member states for UN activities. Instead, member states would themselves decide how much to provide to the UN and importantly, which specific task and activities that their contributions would support.

US Withholds its Assessment

In the meantime, the U.S. has provided an avenue of protest against UN abuses by withholding its assessments from time to time to certain agencies and the withdrawal entirely from some agencies. This first occurred in 1984, under President Reagan, who at that time withdrew the US from UNESCO (United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization) because of gross mismanagement. The United Kingdom and Singapore also withdrew from UNESCO at that time, which led to quickly changed policies because of the ensuing trauma.

In October this year, the US refused to make a \$60 million payment to UNESCO because it had admitted Palestine as a member of that agency prior to an Israel/Palestine peace deal being reached. The US regards such a special peace agreement as a prior requirement before any recognition be given to Palestine. Also, customarily only UN member states have been permitted to join the UNESCO. Washington provides 22% of UNESCO's budget.

Again in October 2011, the Republican dominated Foreign Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives reduced the US contribution to the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) by \$54 million that President Obama had requested. UN Population Fund supports China's one-child family policies

and coercive abortions to which objections were raised.

Canada therefore should follow this example by refusing to fund the notorious, feminist UN Women, which is rapidly becoming the most influential agency at the UN. It should also refrain from funding the notorious UN Population Fund, to which Canada contributed an average of \$29.4 million annually over the last five years or a total of \$147.2 million over the five past years.

Further, Canada should cease to cast its vote in support of the feminist, pro-abortion, homosexual, anti-family policies continuously promoted at the UN.

Please write to Prime Minister Harper and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, John Baird, requesting that Canadian delegates at the UN reflect the policies of their government. Further, that the Conservative government withhold funding from the UN Women's agency, and other UN agencies, such as the UN Population Fund. Canada should also demand that contributors to the UN cease to be assessed by the General Assembly but instead, financial support be based strictly on voluntary contributions. The addresses are as follows:

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WORLD CONGRESS OF FAMILIES IN MADRID MAY 25–MAY 27, 2012

The World Congress of Families is flourishing. More and more nations are requesting that its meetings take place in their country. The reason for this is that the Congress, of which REAL Women is a partner, has been shown to have a positive and long-lasting impact on the governments and populations in countries where it has been held.

Recently, Spain has been especially enthusiastic about holding the Congress as it has been reeling under a socialist government for several years, which has imposed abortion on demand, same-sex marriage and an atrocious sex education program in its schools in this mainly Catholic society.

Many Spanish conservatives view the election of socialist Prime Minister Mr. Zapatero as illegitimate, coming only three days after the March 11, 2004 train bombings in Madrid, Spain's worst terrorist attack. As a result, his term of office

has experienced many anti-government protests, exposing a deep chasm of distrust within the country.

A national election is to be held in Spain by March 2012: it has been strongly predicted that the despised Socialist government under Prime Minister Zapatero will be thrown out of office at that time.

In its place, the opposition party known as the Popular party, under its leader Mariano Rajoy, is expected to assume power. The latter party is generally in favour of life and family, in keeping with the views of most of the population. For example, an anti-abortion demonstration in Madrid, in October in 2010, attracted over one million participants. Mr. Rajoy has already committed his party to restoring the abortion law passed in his previous government.

A World Congress planning meeting for the Madrid

conference was held in that city on October 14–15, 2011.

At this meeting the committee agreed on the theme for Madrid 2012, “Family: Marriage, Children and the Future of Society”. The Congress site chosen is the Palacio De Congresos De Madrid.

Approved topics include: **The Case for Marriage, Strengthening the Family** (including fatherhood and motherhood), **The Culture of Life Versus the Culture of Death** (including abortion and euthanasia), **Demographic Winter, Sexual Revolution and the Family** (divorce, co-habitation and pornography), **Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Education** (parents’ rights), **Engaging the Culture**, (including the impact of news and entertainment media on the family), **The Homosexual Lobby** and **International Family Law and Policy** (UN, EU, and international institutions).

Such is the demand for the Congress that sites for future Congresses have already been chosen. (Congress VII & VIII)

They are to take place as follows:

- Sydney, Australia: May 15–18, 2013
- Moscow, Russia: 2014

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin of Russia supports the Congress possibly to take place in the Kremlin, where, if its walls could talk, after Russia’s long years of communism, they would be totally astounded by pro-life/family conversations heard at the Congress. It is not for moral considerations however, that Mr. Putin has endorsed the Congress but rather, from a deep concern for the tragedy of the breakdown of Russian society caused by family collapse, alcoholism and abortion, all rampant in that country, which is now burying the dead in greater numbers than babies are being born. Russia must come to grips with the fallout of these problems, or face disintegration and a continued loss of influence in the international community.

Plan to come to wonderful Madrid for The World Congress of Families VI. You’ll be glad you did! †

A CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTION: INTERESTING BOOKS TO READ

I. Michael is “Right”: A Christian Responds to Canada’s Liberal-Left, 190 pages, \$19.95.

This series of short essays delves deeply and clearly into issues and characters of left and right as the author casts a light on many political and social facets of a changed and changing Canadian society. Michael Wagner provides the intelligent, well researched, hopeful, Christian perspective, which has been denied the majority of Canadians who rely on the usual media sources for information. Some chapter headings: Human Rights and the Bible; Are human rights wrong?; Getting rid of mommy: Daycare and the War against the Family; Will the Left Kill itself?

See: www.marnickpress.com/books01.html

2. Our Home and Native Land... Lost, Book One: Fallen Relationships, 218 pages, \$14.95.

On the same web page, one can read a book synopsis and order: www.marnickpress.com/books01.html

In easy flowing and conversational style, author Susan Hearn gives a Biblical perspective on the last sixty years of Canadian social history. Using an evangelical perspective, the book provides basic references from the Bible to interpret the changes in Canadian society which have led to contemporary struggles experienced by the family. Fully aware of the many attacks on motherhood and the family, she points the way from false liberation to the higher purpose of rebuilding family foundations. †

CHIEF JUSTICE BEVERLEY MCLACHLIN BELIEVES SHE IS SPECIAL

Judges, like everybody else in Canada, should be required to disclose the amount of and reason for their expenses which are paid by taxpayers.

Madam Justice Beverley McLachlin earns an annual salary of \$361,300. The other judges on the court are paid \$334,500 annually. The Chief Justice has a chauffeur driven car and always is accompanied by RCMP security. According to reports, she thoroughly enjoys these perks. Apparently, however, she believes that she is special in other ways as well. She believes she does not have to disclose any information about her travel—destinations, dates, purposes and costs. She was asked this question by the *Lawyers Weekly* at the annual Canadian Bar Association meeting in Halifax in August 2011. The Chief Justice replied that it was “a little difficult” to respond to the question, and then failed to provide any information on these questions.

A Supreme Court official also refused to answer the questions, stating only that the total of all domestic and foreign travel by federal judges amounted to \$765,888.00 in 2010. The court official also acknowledged that judges are paid “incidental expenses” each year to cover travel, conferences, etc., and these were estimated to be \$186,000.00 for the year 2011. No breakdown is provided as to which judge was paid, or for what purpose.

Why are judges exempt from providing a list of their expenses for their activities, especially if the latter are part of their judicial responsibilities? Why are they given this special privilege?

Judges, like everybody else in Canada, should be required to disclose the amount of and reason for their expenses which are paid by taxpayers. Why do they consider themselves above such matters? †

THE LINK BETWEEN ABORTION AND MARRIAGE

Ask any pro-abortion individual how the abortion rate can be cut down, and you will invariably be told, just make contraception more available.

This response is way off the mark. Contraception information is available everywhere and easily obtainable, but the abortion rate continues to climb – so what is the deal?

Is there another answer to the question of how to curb this abortion rate? There is. The answer to curbing abortion is apparently, of all things,—marriage.

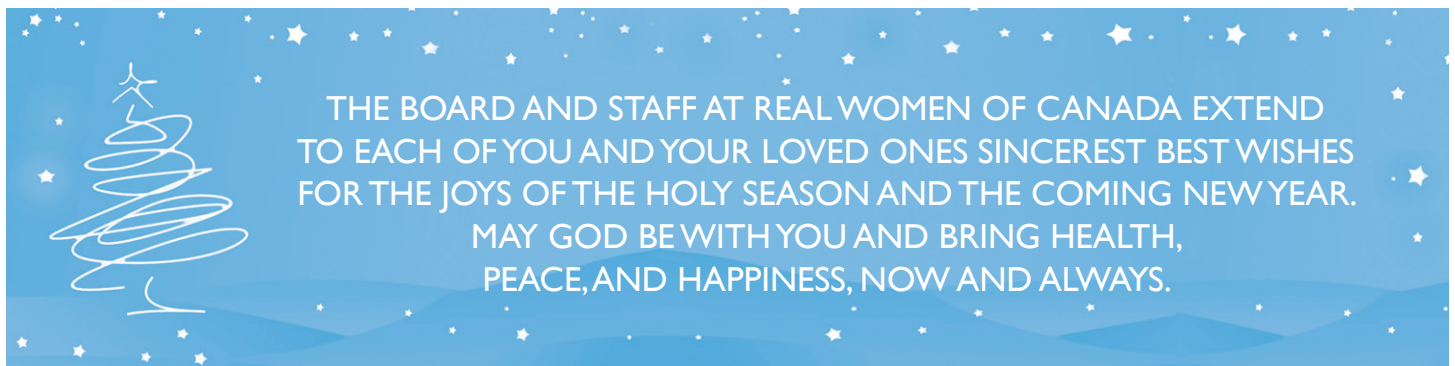
A study entitled “Unintended Pregnancy in the United States: Incidence and Disparities, 2006”, (Lawrence B. Finer, Mia R. Zolna, Guttmacher Institution, New York, July 2011) is an eye opener. According to this study, the abortion rate (per thousand) for unintended pregnancies by relationship status is as follows:

- Cohabiting: 59%
- Formerly married & cohabitating: 29%
- Never married and no cohabiting: 28%
- Married: 8%

What a striking difference!

If cohabiting relationships are supposed to be the same as marriage—supposedly just a piece of paper being the difference between them - the wide discrepancy in abortion rates for unintended pregnancies in these relationships certainly undermines this argument, and also cries out for an explanation.

Obviously, commitment and the permanency of marriage with a reliable partner provide the necessary security for which to give birth to a child—factors frequently absent from many common-law relationships. †



MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2012 NOW DUE

It's that time of year again when membership fees are due for the coming year 2012. For your convenience we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope.

It would be deeply appreciated if you would renew your membership as soon as possible for the coming year. It is you who keep REAL Women going! Without your support, we would not be able to continue with our work on behalf of the traditional family. We need your help during these difficult financial times, especially since we have changed to sending our Reality newsletter electronically to some of our members, which has reduced the financial support we are receiving.

We promise to continue to serve you and your family faithfully now and always. †

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