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## CIDA TAKES A NOSEDIVE

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) was the inspiration of Prime Minister Trudeau. He set it up in 1968 without any legislative mandate, but by an Order in Council on behalf of his close friend, Maurice Strong, as its head. The purpose of CIDA was to distribute foreign aid at Mr. Strong's discretion. Maurice Strong, incidentally, is currently hiding out in China seeking to avoid charges for his involvement in the notorious UN Food-For-Oil Programme in Iraq.

Without any legislative controls, CIDA's work has been carried out according to the whims of its individual Ministers. For example, CIDA has proven to be a useful tool to export feminism and population control to Third World countries. CIDA had over 1,000 employees located in the Ottawa area, but only a handful of employees serving abroad. CIDA has happily approved projects for Third World countries, of which it knew little, without any monitoring of these projects. Some have been bizarre. For example, over the years, CIDA has funded:

- \$13 million in 2009 to provide water pumps and pipes in Malawi. The problem is that hundreds of these have stopped working just two years after they were installed, because villagers could not afford to maintain the pumps and pipes, and they also lacked training in how to keep them going.
- CIDA funded a bakery in Nigeria to produce bread made from wheat flour. The problem, however, is that Nigerians do not consume bread made from wheat flour, and it was too expensive for them to buy. The bakery quickly went bankrupt.
- CIDA funded an entrepreneur in Thailand to establish a garment factory to employ female seamstresses. The latter worked from dawn to dusk at barely sustainable wages, but the entrepreneur soon became a millionaire.
- CIDA poured \$15 million into a campaign against sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The campaign was ineffective because much of the money was spent on T-shirts and posters.
- CIDA awarded more than \$1 million for schools in Kenya, but this money was misappropriated by corrupt or inept officials in its education ministry. In Zambia, about \$880,000 in CIDA money was stolen by embezzlers in the Health Ministry.
- In Ethiopia, CIDA provided up to \$150 million in aid annually. The Ethiopian government, however, has been using

this money to reward its supporters and to crush dissent.

- Over the years, CIDA has generously funded, despite the protest of many Canadians, the pro-abortion population control agency, International Planned Parenthood Federation. CIDA awarded it \$6 million in 2012.
- CIDA has continued to fund the sinkhole of the United Nations, which means that Canada ranks 7th in the world in the financial support of that corrupt institution.

The only people in the Third World, who we can confidently say have profited from our dollars, were the dictators, who placed 10% to 20% of CIDA's funding in "safe-keeping" in personal Swiss and other secret bank accounts. Also, a whole industry of NGOs (non-government organizations) has grown up around CIDA. They all had a great run in supposedly providing "international assistance", which actually had very little tangible effect on the Third World population. Instead, these NGOs spent much of their time building up their own local empires, renting expensive offices in the Ottawa region, and increasing the number of their employees. They spent much of their time writing applications for further grants from CIDA, for the purpose of their self-preservation, while piously claiming that they were working towards eradicating poverty in the Third World. If only.

Successive Auditors General of Canada have complained about CIDA operating without legislative controls. However, nothing has been done to rein it in.

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Consequently, in the past 46 years of its existence, CIDA has spent US\$80 billion of the taxpayers' money with virtually nothing to show for it.

The fact is that there are now 800 million fewer people living in poverty today than there were in 1990. Some of the economies in the Third World are now growing at a faster rate than Canada's. The proportion of people who lack dependable access to good sources of drinking water has also been halved. There is no evidence, however, that this dramatic improvement in living standards is a result of international development assistance. Instead, these changes can be attributed mainly to trade liberalization, gains in productivity and technology and national income redistribution programs—and even to remittances from immigrants in the developed economies.

At last, however, CIDA has come to a well-deserved end. In the March 2013 budget, it was announced that CIDA would be merged into the Foreign Affairs Department, ceasing to be an independent agency—although its annual US\$3 billion budget will remain intact. That is, CIDA has been downgraded through incorporation into the department of Foreign Affairs and hopefully, its existing bureaucracy will be disbanded. Equally important, the responsibilities of foreign funding will be enshrined into legislation for the first time. This means that Canadian taxpayers' foreign aid will no longer be incoherently distributed at the whim of its unelected opportunists.

CIDA has been a problem child since its creation in 1968. This problem child will at last be made to follow some long overdue legislative discipline. †

## THE SLY MANIPULATION BEHIND THE TRANSGENDERED BILL

When homosexual, Randall Garrison, a NDP member of Parliament, tabled a bill in March, 2012 to give legal recognition to the transgendered, REAL Women immediately began an all-out effort to stop this bill.

REAL Women lobbied members of Parliament about the dangers of the bill on four separate occasions, providing them with detailed medical and legal information. Further, we requested that our individual members across the country lobby their MPs.

Yet, this bill mysteriously passed second reading on June 6, 2012 and was sent to the House of Commons Justice Committee for review.

We were shocked, to be initially denied the opportunity to present a brief to the Committee. We knocked on significant doors before we were granted permission. REAL Women was the only organization in Canada opposed to the bill that was permitted to appear. This was contrary to the established practice for Committee hearings and the democratic process, whereby a Committee hears all views. Also, a Conservative member of the Committee, Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay (Delta, Richmond East, British Columbia), then Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice, voted with the opposition at the Committee to move the bill forward.

During the House of Commons and Committee hearing debates, MP Randall Garrison outrageously lied, claiming that protection of transgendered, and the "Yogyakarta Principles", which he used in drafting his bill, had been endorsed by the UN. The Yogyakarta Principles, drafted in 2006 by a group of self-described "experts" to legitimize all sexual activity, have never been accepted by even a single member state of the UN. We exposed this fact at Committee.

Our presentation, as well as the excellent work by other pro-family groups, alerted the Conservative MPs that they

were being duped about the bill. The bill was not merely an amendment to extend human rights protection to a category of deserving individuals, as alleged by its supporters, but was a "Trojan Horse" that would extend legal protection because of its broad wording to a number of sexual deviants as well as the transgendered. This intention for the bill was confirmed by MP Garrison when he stated, "Once gender identity is in the human rights code, the courts and human rights commissions will interpret what that means", (Xtra, June 5, 2012). That is, the wording of the bill will likely be broadly interpreted to extend to other categories, such as pedophiles, by the courts and tribunals.

The Committee proceedings became chaotic, and the Committee did not give approval for the bill. It was returned to the House of Commons for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading without recommendations.

After a tumultuous debate in the House of Commons on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, the bill was narrowly passed by a 149-137 vote on March 20, 2013.

Strangely, the usually strident mainstream media have remained quiet about this bill. Equally strange, during the course of the extended debate on the bill, REAL Women's website was hacked six times.

Were all of these manipulations surrounding the bill a deliberate attempt to set-up the bill so that it would be quietly slipped through Parliament with little or no resistance? It would appear so.

The Conservative Party allowed a free vote on this bill. However, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice and most of the Cabinet (with four exceptions) voted against the bill. This indicated to us that it was not the Prime Minister's office that was manipulating this bill. Instead, it appears that the devious and unethical strategy used in advancing the bill was developed by gay friendly MPs from all three political

parties. In the end, the vote of the 18 Conservative MPs was the determining factor in passing the bill.

The 18 Conservatives, who voted for the bill, are as follows:

Chris Alexander—Ajax-Pickering—Ontario  
Hon. John Baird—Ottawa West—Nepean—Ontario  
Hon. Michael Chong—Wellington—Halton Hills—  
Ontario  
Hon. John Duncan—Vancouver Island North  
—British Columbia  
Hon. Jim Flaherty—Whitby-Oshawa—Ontario  
Shelly Glover—Saint Boniface—Manitoba  
Hon. Laurie Hawn—Edmonton Centre—Alberta  
Gerald Keddy—South Shore—St. Margaret’s  
—Nova Scotia  
Kellie Leitch—Simcoe-Grey—Ontario  
Cathy McLeod—Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo  
—British Columbia

Hon. James Moore—Port Moody—Westwood  
—Port Coquitlam—British Columbia  
Deepak Obhrai—Calgary East—Alberta  
Erin O’Toole—Durham—Ontario  
Hon. Lisa Raitt—Halton—Ontario  
Bruce Stanton—Simcoe North—Ontario  
Bernard Trotter—Etobicoke-Lakeshore—Ontario  
David Wilks—Kootenay—Columbia—British Columbia  
Terence Young—Oakville—Ontario

Obviously, these MPs are not social conservatives, but are marching to another drum out of tune with a conservative’s mentality.

The bill has now been sent to the Senate for a vote. REAL Women has begun to extensively lobby the 105 Senators.

Is there a homosexual cabal (a group of secret plotters) in the Senate? We’re about to find out. †

## SEX SELECTIVE ABORTION: POLITICAL COURAGE AND COWARDICE

When Statistics Canada revealed in 2006 that abortions for gender reasons were being performed in several areas of Canada, Canadians were shocked. **REAL Women of Canada** wrote every provincial and territorial Minister of Health requesting they address the matter. Under our current federal abortion law, there is no prohibition of abortion on the grounds that the child’s gender is not acceptable. See *Death by Gender Abortion*, REALity, January/February 2007.

A 2011 Environics poll found that 92% of respondents in their Canadian survey opposed sex-selective abortions. A 2012 Angus Reid poll found that 60% of Canadians and 66% of Canadian women were in favour of laws dealing with this procedure. Among visible minorities, an Abingdon Research poll found that 71% thought it was always wrong, yet 9% answered yes it happens in their community and 24% said it happens sometimes.

### ENTER MOTION 408

M-408 was tabled September 26, 2012 in the House of Commons by Conservative MP Mark Warawa (Langley). It was jointly seconded by Conservative Party of Canada MPs Stella Ambler (Mississauga South), Kelly Block (Saskatoon—Rosetown—Biggar), Nina Grewal (Fleetwood—Port Kells), Roxanne James (Scarborough Centre) and Joy Smith (Kildonan—St Paul).

The Motion states: *That the House condemn discrimination against females occurring through sex-selective pregnancy termination.*

### THE M-312 LESSON ON LIFE ISSUES

Conservative MP Stephen Woodworth’s (Kitchener

Centre) Motion 312, to set up a committee to study when life begins, was tabled in the House of Commons and deemed votable by the **Sub-Committee on Private Members’ Business (SMEM)** on March 8, 2012. Library of Parliament analyst, Michel Bédard, stated the bill met the criteria for votability.

However, the Sub-Committee engaged in heated debate, with the NDP averse to allowing the motion to go forward. Homosexual NDP MP Philip Toone (Gaspésie—Îles -de-la-Madeleine) said he was “shocked and appalled” that such a motion was presented, especially on **International Women’s Day**.

Hon. Stephane Dion (Liberal, St Laurent—Cartierville) retorted “I am sorry, Mr. Toone, I share your outrage, but in this case the motion asks for the creation of a committee to examine a problem. Nothing comes before the right Parliament has to debate issues. Parliament is a forum for debate, by definition. I fail to see on what constitutional basis we could prevent the House of Commons from debating issues, even things we don’t like.”

After a secret vote, M-312 was deemed votable. It had taken the committee 7 minutes to deal with M-312. The Chairman was Conservative MP Harold Albrecht (Kitchener—Conestoga), the fourth member being Conservative MP Scott Reid (Lanark—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington). Prime Minister Stephen Harper stated at the time “Every private member can table bills and motions in the House. Party leaders don’t have any control over that...” However, media rants about a secret agenda, and the shrill voices of opposition party critics about a

“woman’s right” about what to do with “her body” were quite effective. M-312 was defeated as the majority of parliamentarians did not want to study the issue, although more than half of Conservative MPs voted in favour. See REALity November December 2012, *M-312 A game changer*. Mr. Harper opined that it was “unfortunate” that M-312 was deemed votable.

### M-408 GOES BEFORE COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE VOTABILITY

Some Conservative members of the **Sub-Committee on Private Members Business** were replaced. The new committee had a different outlook when M-408 came before it on March 21, 2013. Library of Parliament analyst, Michel Bédard, repeatedly and emphatically affirmed that M-408 fully met the criteria for votability. Nevertheless the committee unanimously voted that M-408 was not votable. Stéphane Dion did not repeat his conviction that “Nothing comes before the right Parliament has to debate issues.” Members of the subcommittee present were Conservative MP Scott Armstrong (Cumberland — Colchester — Musquodoboit Valley), Liberal Hon. Stéphane Dion, The Chair Conservative MP Dave MacKenzie (Oxford), and NDP Philip Toone. 5 minutes of debate and M-408 was prevented from moving forward, on the same day the government released its 2013 budget when journalists would be otherwise occupied.

### MEDIA FRENZY

The media frenzy took flight as liberal pundits were only too happy to criticize a Conservative Prime Minister and the undemocratic practices just witnessed. They were no doubt correct, but only one journalist, William Watson, in *The real reason parties don't tolerate dissent*, April 3, 2013, Ottawa Citizen, put the blame where much of it belongs: “the media’s intolerance of dissent and some Canadians’ immaturity about debate.” He pointed the finger at Gotcha! Journalism, “particularly with respect to abortion and homosexuality.” He ended with “Party leaders are dictatorial? Of course they’re dictatorial. We made them that way.”

### APPEALS REJECTED

MP Mark Warawa proceeded to appeal the “non-votable” decision to the next level—the **Committee on**

**Procedure and House Affairs**. After Mr. Warawa gave a five minute presentation, not one of the 12 members of the committee had any questions to ask. The committee proceeded in camera to discuss its report. The Committee later announced it concurred with the previous SMEM decision that the motion was non-votable. The unprecedented next step was not taken: a secret vote of all MPs in the House of Commons on the votability of M-408.

### DEMOCRATIC PRIVILEGE AT STAKE

MP Warawa was to make a one minute member’s statement in the House of Commons but his name was removed from the list of speakers. He stated “I believe I have lost my privilege of equal right that I have in this House.” He has asked the Speaker, Andrew Scheer (CPC—Regina-Qu’Appelle) to rule that his privileges as an MP have been breached. Several members of Parliament have made statements in the House of Commons defending their democratic freedom of expression to represent the views of their constituents, a fundamental right in a democracy.

They were:

Leon Benoit (CPC—Vegreville—Wainwright)

Rod Bruinooge (CPC—Winnipeg South)

Hon. Michael Chong (CPC—Wellington—Halton Hills)

Nathan Cullen (NDP—Skeena—Bulkley Valley)

Russ Hiebert (CPC—South Surrey—White Rock—Cloverdale)

Pierre Lemieux (CPC—Glengarry—Prescott—Russell)

Elizabeth May (GP—Saanich—Gulf Islands)

Brent Rathgeber (CPC—Edmonton—St. Albert)

John Williamson (CPC—New Brunswick Southwest)

Stephen Woodworth (CPC—Kitchener Centre)

### APPALLING DECISION

It is appalling that this decision of the Committee, against all precedent and democratic practices, has prevented this bill from going forward. This means that the issue of abortion has been struck from Parliamentary debate indefinitely. Pro-life no longer has a voice in Parliament. How is this compatible with democracy? Why do we bother to elect MPs when they can no longer introduce bills on issues that they or their constituents believe are important? Why are our MPs required to toady to their leader’s values? This is totally unacceptable. Please write to the Prime Minister and let him know how deeply he has offended his conservative base by his decision to silence his MPs on the abortion issue.

Please write to:

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A2 †

## NOTICE

Annual General Meeting  
for Northern Ontario Chapter  
REAL Women of Canada  
Open to all chapter members  
**Friday, May 24, 2013, 6:30- 7:30 pm**

Annual Spring Luncheon  
**Saturday, June 22, 2013, 11:30-2:30 pm**

**Both events: North Bay, Ontario**  
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# THE 57<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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As reported in the March 2013 REALity, Saskatchewan Board member, Karen Lilly and I attended the first week of the 57<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York March 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The theme for 2013 was, “elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.” However, as usual, with UN conferences, the real push was to expand “sexual and reproductive rights and health services”, i.e. code words for abortion, for women and girls.

## REAL WOMEN OF CANADA CO-SPONSORS NGO EVENT

REAL Women co-sponsored a NGO presentation with the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute. The topic was “hope after conception”. Often, in the abortion debate, someone asks, “but what about cases of rape?” The personal stories of our two guest speakers were a powerful argument for rejecting abortion even when a child’s conception is the result of rape. Without a doubt, everyone at the talk will now view the “rape question” in a new light.

Liz Carl was drugged and raped at the age of seventeen. Being young and scared, she scheduled an abortion, but changed her mind and later gave birth to a son. She placed her son with an adoptive family so he would have a father, and she sees her son often. Liz said, many people ask, “don’t you see your rapist when you see your son?” With a smile, she replied, “I have never seen anything but the most beautiful baby in this whole world, and when I look at him I feel joy.”

Our other speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, says, “it hurts when people say that women pregnant by rape should get an abortion.” Conceived in a brutal rape, she was abused by her adoptive parents, and felt unwanted and unloved. At 19 she met her birth mother and learned she would have been aborted had it been legal. Rebecca explained, “I am alive today because Michigan had a “no exceptions” abortion law. Her story is at: [www.rebeccakiessling.com](http://www.rebeccakiessling.com).

Another extraordinary NGO presentation was a screening of “It’s a Girl”, a new documentary on gendercide and forced abortion. The film focuses on India and China where millions of babies are killed, abandoned or aborted simply because they are “girls”. Learn more about this documentary at: [www.itsagirlmovie.com](http://www.itsagirlmovie.com).

## THE ELUSIVE CANADIAN DELEGATION

Every year, it is a challenge to locate the Canadian UN delegation daily briefings for NGOs. The delegation does everything possible to evade REAL Women because it knows

that we will factually report its behaviour there. On the third day with the help of a Campaign Life Coalition colleague, we finally stumbled upon the briefing group. They were complaining that the negotiations were stalled due to Iran, Russia, Syria and the Holy See who were opposed to the abortion language. After the briefing, we introduced ourselves to the delegate spokesperson and expressed concern over the “sexual and reproductive health services” abortion language. Canada has always supported this terminology in past UN documents, so it was no surprise it did so again this time.

## DISCRIMINATION AGAINST REAL WOMEN AND OTHER PRO-FAMILY GROUPS

During the week, we learned that the Canadian Embassy hosted a reception for Canadian NGOs, but it seems no pro-life, pro-family groups such as REAL Women were invited. Also, Hon Rona Ambrose, Minister for Status of Women Canada met with some Canadian NGOs while she was at the CSW, but again, no pro-family NGOs.

## THE FINAL DOCUMENT

Last year the CSW failed to produce a final agreement because of “reproductive rights” language. Consequently, the pressure to reach a conclusion document in 2013 was intense. Abortion and gender identity were hot issues. On the morning of the last day of the meeting, the Commission had agreed to exclude “sexual and reproductive health services” from the final agreement.

However, things at the UN can and did change very quickly. About 5:30 pm that same last day, the head of the Commission issued a hostile chairman’s text. It contained nine references to “sexual and reproductive health”, with four as services and two as rights. The head of the feminist UN Women agency, Mrs. Michelle Bachelet had intervened to ensure that abortion would be in the agreed conclusions outcome document. Apparently, this will be her legacy as the first UN Women Agency President for she later announced she would retire from that position to return to Chile.

The ambassadors and delegates had only fifteen minutes to review the chairman’s text to approve it or end another conference with no document. Under intense pressure, several hold-out delegations affirmed the document; others, including the Holy See, placed reservations to the document. In the end, the agreed conclusions were approved by general consensus.

In spite of the backroom arm-twisting, there were some pro-family successes. All four references to sexual orientation and gender identity and the terms, intimate partner or intimate relationships were removed. The document condemns and calls for the prevention of prenatal

sex selection, forced hysterectomy, forced sterilization, forced abortion and forced use of contraceptives. It also recognizes the need for “direction and guidance from parents and legal guardians” in sexual education issues.

The good news is that the agreed conclusions are not

binding on member states and cannot be used to legally justify domestic changes to abortion laws in any nation. The battles over language and ideology at the UN are not over as they will be repeated in successive conferences. But, rest assured, pro-family NGOs will be there to defend life and family values. †

## STOPPING THE CHILD CARE DANCE

When the federal Liberal government was in power, it poured millions of dollars into organizations whose sole purpose was to promote a national child care program. This money came from the Women’s Program, Secretary of State. These organizations, especially the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada (CCAAC) and the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of British Columbia (CCABC), relentlessly ground out misleading statistics and other misinformation—never revealing the true facts about such a program, which several years ago was estimated would cost the tax payer \$15 billion annually.

In 2006, the Conservatives cut off the funding to these child care advocacy organizations. However, they were saved from complete oblivion due to the fact that representatives from these groups were appointed to a little known agency called the Child Care Human Resources Sector Council (CCHRSC), which receives 99% of its revenue from the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. For example, the Council received \$1.45 million in the fiscal year 2010, and \$683,480 in the fiscal year 2012 from this government department.

The purpose of the Council, established in 2004, under the Liberal government, was to promote child care and to build an infrastructure for a universal child care industry. As stated on its website, “Our projects produce research and develop strategies and tools to meet the needs of the child care workforce and achieve related goals”. The Council’s board is operated by representatives of unions and child care

advocacy groups. The board has thirteen members, twelve women and one man. (Apparently, gender equality is not necessary when feminist policies are being promoted.)

The Conservative government finally remembered the existence of this self-serving Council, and in 2012, notified it that its infrastructure funding from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada would be discontinued at the end of the 2013 fiscal year (March 31, 2013). It was further advised that the funds to continue its work of promoting child care would be reduced after March 31, 2013. As a result of the government’s decision, the CCHRSC Board of Directors decided to dissolve the organization. All that is left is a Trust overseen by unions and child care advocates to make their report and background information available to the public.

Notwithstanding their loss of recognition and financial support, the memory of these child care advocacy organizations still lingers on. In October, 2012, the United Nation’s feminist controlled Treaty Monitoring Committee on the Convention on the Rights of the Child slammed Canada’s lack of child care policies and infrastructure. In reaching its conclusion, the Treaty Committee consulted with the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada and the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of British Columbia in order “to verify the accuracy of the information on this issue”. How accurate was *that* report? †



› This cartoon appeared in *The Globe and Mail* on March 25, 2013.

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