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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, BUT NEVER AGAINST MEN

In the 1970's feminists swung into action demanding that women be protected from patriarchal power, i.e. men. Feminists were successful in having the government, by way of the Status of Women, provide \$10 million for a feminist panel to travel across the country to root out the evils of male violence against women. The panel openly admitted, in its 1993 report called "Changing the Landscape — Ending Violence, Achieving Equality", that they perceived the problem through "feminist lenses" only. The panel also stated on page 4 of its report, "[We] flatly reject any analyses that place any degree of responsibility for violence on the women themselves no matter their actions, appearance, demeanor or behavior."

The report included 497 recommendations, which included the establishment of women's shelters across the country. As a result, a "Violence Against Women" industry was born and generously funded, as always, by the unknowing taxpayers. Many of the services provided by these shelters do not even deal with violence: they provide all manner of services to women, including counselling for mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction, housing and courses to encourage self-esteem, etc.

NO WIDESPREAD CRISIS

If one is influenced by media headlines, government funded consciousness rising, and women's groups' hysteria, one might think there exists a widespread crisis in Canadian families. We do not wish to minimize the horrendous experience of genuine violence, but available statistics do not support the perception that domestic violence is epidemic. A significant fact about domestic violence, contrary to feminist ideology, is that marriage is not the source of women's troubles with violence. In fact, the safest place for men, women and children is in the traditional family. According to Statistics Canada, most violence experienced by women residing in shelters was at the hands of common-law partners (i.e. 42%), whereas the rate for legally married spouses was 25%, that of former partners at 6–8%, with 19% from dating partners, caregivers or non-spousal family members.

According to the 2011 Statistical Profile on Family Violence in Canada released by Statistics Canada on June 25, 2013, over a five-year period, women were four times more likely to be killed by their common-law partner than their

legally married spouse. Men, in turn, were ten times as likely to be killed by their common-law partner as their legally married spouse. However, according to this statistical profile, the most frequent type of family violence reported to police remained common assault which includes pushing, slapping, and punching without serious physical injury.

A Statistics Canada "snapshot of admissions" to shelters, on April 15, 2010 produced the following results: Although 71% reported abuse as their reason for seeking shelter this was not necessarily physical abuse. 66% reported emotional abuse, only 53% reported physical abuse, 40% were there because of threats, 39% for financial abuse, 30% for lack of affordable housing, 28% for harassment, 25% for sexual abuse, 24% for protecting children from psychological abuse, 23% for mental health issues and 19% for drugs and alcohol.

In April 2010, there were 593 shelters for abused women operating across Canada, an increase of 22 since 2008. 11,461 beds were available in 2010, an increase of 9% from 2006. Only 8% of shelters, according to information provided by the shelters, admitted males, who were mostly elderly or disabled — 3% only were admitted because of spousal violence. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2011001/article/11495-eng.htm>

In order to provide an explanation for the multiple services provided by these shelters, the term, "violence" has necessarily been redefined as "a power imbalance making

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the women feel inferior.” This broad definition is useful in obtaining ever increasing funds from the government.

Status of Women’s \$30 million annual budget includes \$20 million to fund women’s groups, with over \$12 million of this going to end violence against women, and now, girls. An analysis of 2012-2013 group funding shows that 42% of groups include a “violence against women” component. A 2005 independent evaluation stated “The [Status of Women] Program was unable to report in any systematic way to Parliament or to Canadians on the results it has achieved.” See REALity, March April 2010, Mismanagement at the Status of Women.

Violence rates are higher in the 15-24 age groups and in relationships of three years or less. In May 2013, Rona Ambrose, Minister for Status of Women, announced a \$300,000 grant to develop an on-line program to promote healthy relationships among teens. Status of Women has started giving grants to develop university campus safety.

MEN LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

According to Statistics Canada an estimated 7% of women and 6% of men in a current or previous spousal relationship encountered “spousal” violence during the five years up to and including 2004.

Family Violence in Canada: A statistical profile, The Daily, July 14, 2005. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/050714/dq050714a-eng.htm>

According to psychologist, Professor Donald Dutton, at the University of British Columbia, and sociologist, Professor Murray Strauss, at the University of New Hampshire, who both have carried out extensive research on domestic violence, there are approximately equal assault ratios between men and women, and men and women equally instigate assaults. Although, violence against women and men occurs equally, they are not reported equally: women are three times more likely to report than men. However, women are more likely to suffer serious physical injury from assault. Women are also more likely to use objects to harm their partner.

Unfortunately, there was only one Men’s Alternative Safe

House in Canada, which was located in Calgary, and operated by a former abused husband. The House served as a privately funded shelter for male victims of domestic violence. It closed in April 2012 because of a lack of funds. Earl Silverman, the owner and operator of this men’s shelter had long sought funding from provincial and federal governments to help run his shelter. He believed that that funding was refused because the space was being dedicated to helping male victims, their children and families, not women.

It is a tragedy that gender equality in Canada is a one way street. This unfair policy in funding shelters led Mr. Silverman to commit suicide in April 2013.

CONCLUSION:

No amount of intimidation or violence by men or women, verbal, physical or sexual, is acceptable among civilized people. But when sensational headlines appear, it is important to remember the following:

- The publicized “violence” numbers do not differentiate between incidents of verbal threats and physical assaults.
- Violence against women and men occur, equally, but is not reported equally: women are three times more likely to report than men.
- Women are more likely to suffer serious physical injury from the assault. They are also more likely to use objects to harm their partners.
- Reported violence does not necessarily lead to conviction due to the prevalence of false allegations, especially in custody and spousal support court battles and jealousy conflicts.

The women’s violence industry provides tax funded employment for thousands of Canadians and it is in its best interest to sensationalize and distort the reality of violence. “Violence against women” has been a handy tool in the hands of radical feminists who use it to denigrate the traditional family and men, i.e. “the patriarchy.” Unfortunately, this does nothing to decrease violence and the most vulnerable and the taxpayer continue to pay the price. †

FORMER MADAM SPEAKS AT REAL WOMEN LUNCHEON

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Every spring, the Northern Ontario Chapter of REAL Women holds a luncheon in North Bay, Ontario to which we invite interesting speakers. This year’s speaker was especially riveting. She was Tania Fiolleau of Vancouver, former Madam of four brothels, and ex-prostitute, author of an autobiography, “Souled Out”, and national TV Talk Show host of “Tania’s Truth Talk” on Joy TV10.

Honoured guests at our luncheon included the Mayor of North Bay, Al McDonald, Vic Fedeli, Conservative MPP for Nipissing, and Jay Aspin, Conservative MP for Nipissing-Temiskaming.

Because we paid to fly Tania in from Vancouver, we had to raise money to cover this and other costs of the luncheon. To do so, we decided to have a booth at the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival held in April, which draws people from all over Northern Ontario. We had a wonderfully successful sale at our booth of homemade butter tarts. This brought in over \$800 (we hope never to make another butter tart for the rest of our lives!). We also had a raffle table at the luncheon and distributed a pamphlet, which included paid advertising by local businesses, as well as information about the speaker and REAL Women of Canada. Tania was billeted in a REAL Women member’s home in

order to save three nights' hotel accommodation.

In her talk, Tania told us that she believes the road to prostitution often begins with a dysfunctional family life, a life of low self-esteem, lack of love, and with abusive relationships. She is a strong advocate of the traditional family and of women staying home to raise their children if at all possible.

Tania's own childhood was filled with parental abuse, placements in and out of foster homes, a brutal rape at the age of 11 years, and an abusive marriage, which left her with physical disabilities due to her husband's extreme brutality. Her life then became an example of how desperate people do desperate things: she became a prostitute and later a madam in order to earn money to pay for an expensive child custody battle after she divorced her abusive husband. Tania recounted how, by the saving grace of God, she eventually left the sex-industry which she now refers to as a human flesh business, a trade of souls into a bottomless pit of paid rape. According to Tania, the incidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in prostitutes is higher than in the military for soldiers who have fought in a theatre of war. Tania revealed the alarming statistics for human trafficking in North America.

If brothels and soliciting are legalized in Canada, as was recently argued before the Supreme Court of Canada in the Bedford vs. the Attorney General of Canada case (in which REAL Women of Canada was an intervenor), this would make the government a pimp, collecting \$4,500 license fees and taxes from brothels on their now legitimate income. Tania advocates that Canada should adopt the Nordic model, which has been very effective in reducing the incidence of prostitution in Sweden. In this model, the law would go after pimps and johns, not prostitutes.

Tania also spoke about her international ministry, "Save the Women", which she founded. This ministry helps women exit the sex industry, an exit that is complicated by substance abuse, and financial, psychological and social disadvantages. "Save the Women" is a registered charity, which uses its donated resources to provide assessments, referrals, medical, social and housing assistance to women. All the proceeds from the sale of Tania's book, from her national talk show, and from her speaking honorariums go towards this charity. Everyone, including Tania, who works for the charity, does so as a volunteer. Tania sees her mission in life as not only to rescue women from the sex-trade, but to win their souls for Christ. She says that she would not change a thing from her troubled past because she would not be able to do the rescue work she does today if she had not endured such terrible experiences. She believes that God has given a purpose to her past suffering, by allowing good to come out of it. Her life now belongs to God, for Him to use for His Kingdom. Tania also issued a public apology to all the women who worked for her in the brothels. She also asked forgiveness of the audience for the way she treated her "girls" in her former life.

Tania had excellent media coverage for her talk. She was interviewed by CTV, COGECO TV news and the Christian Radio Station, as well as the local North Bay newspaper, The Nugget, which published a front-page story on Tania. She was also interviewed by a local TV talk show host and this interview will be aired in September, 2013.

We would highly recommend Tania as a speaker. She is a fascinating person with a riveting story to tell.

Her website is: www.savethewomen.ca †

THE TRUTH ABOUT JUDGES

Judges' arrogance and self-aggrandizement is a troubling problem.

United States Supreme Court Judge, Antonin Scalia, is known for his straightforward talk. He calls a spade a spade and then some. He says what he believes with courage, integrity and utter honesty. Recently, he addressed the North Carolina Bar, and said what we all know is true about judges, but what we are reluctant to openly state.

Mr. Justice Scalia said that matters of morality should be decided by the public, not by unelected judges, who have set themselves up as the "moral arbiters" of the day. According to Judge Scalia, moral issues, such as gay marriage have no "scientifically demonstrable right answer" and thus have no business being decided by the court. Instead, society should determine as a whole, what they deem moral and acceptable and make laws that reflect these views. He added, "I am questioning the propriety, the sanity of having a value-laden decision such as same-sex marriage, made for the entire society by unelected judges."

He further commented that democracy is "not about nine superannuated judges who have been there too long, imposing their demands on society".

Certainly, Judge Scalia's comments reflect the situation in Canada, where a handful of unelected judges have set the standards of Canadian morality at a very low standard indeed.

Abortion, homosexual rights, same-sex marriage, prostitution, assisted suicide, illicit drug use, (drug injection sites), have all been legalized at the hands of judges. There is no "right" answer to these troubling issues — but the judges have no apparent difficulty reaching conclusions that invariably establish a liberal, "progressive" response — eschewing traditional values.

Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin explained in a speech she gave in Wellington, New Zealand in 2006, that judges have the "right" to make these decisions even in the face of enacted law or hostile public opinion. She based her conclusion on the argument that judges have a "judicial conscience" founded on the judge's sworn commitment to uphold the rule of law. This is nonsense, of course. Far too many judges relish

the opportunity to mould the law in accordance with their internal, mental landscape. They are not shy about admitting it. For example, when Justice Rosalie Abella was sitting on the Ontario Court of Appeal in 1996, she brazenly awarded survivor benefits to same-sex couples, contrary to the clear wording of the *Income Tax Act*. As an explanation for her innovative interpretation of the *Income Tax Act*, she stated "... elected governments may wait for changing attitudes in order to preserve public confidence and credibility. Both public confidence and institutional credibility argue in favour of courts being free to make independent judgments notwithstanding those same attitudes". Such incredible arrogance. Her opinion stands only because of her political appointment to the bench. She has neither special knowledge nor insight into the issues, but doesn't allow this fact to deter her self aggrandizement.

Madame Justice Claire L'Heureux Dubé of the Supreme

Court of Canada made no secret of her support for the entire homosexual agenda, according to two public speeches she gave in 1999. Further, at a party celebration of the Ontario Court of Appeal decision to support same-sex marriage, which was attended by the homosexual litigants in that case as well as the judges who made that decision... she stated "courts have been at the forefront of this [homosexual] evolution not to say revolution. It's fascinating that the courts played a unique role... the Ontario Court of Appeal handed out, I am told, as I have not read it yet, one of the most perfect decisions on an issue which was difficult. It took a lot of courage ... Canadian law owes them a great deal." Just because these judges are biased and arrogant in making their pronouncements, it doesn't make them any more "right" than others.

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FORMER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES STRIKE INDEPENDENT PATHS ON FAMILY MATTERS

It seems that one of the dominant characteristics of former Communist countries is their determination to build strong family life. They do so by striking quite a different path from that chosen by western nations.

This characteristic may be due to the fact that individuals from former Communist countries were ruthlessly ground down by the boots of autocratic Communist leaders, who controlled every facet of their lives, including family life.

Communist leaders regarded the family as an enemy of the state. This is because families pass down faith, culture and traditions, which lead to individuals who are more likely to resist the tyranny of the state. Hence, children were removed from their mothers as early as possible and placed in state controlled nurseries and child care.

Education was geared to instructing children to obey the all-pervasive state. Individuality and independent thought were detested and ruthlessly stamped out.

Perhaps there is another reason that former Communist countries are following an independent path from western countries on family matters. These countries have observed the dysfunction and chaos of western societies, which have abandoned faith and traditional values and assumed, instead, a secular, materialistic society. In the west, fulfillment of the individual, sexually, physically and emotionally takes precedence over all else, including the family. It leaves in its wake, destroyed and broken lives.

Consequently, no amount of intimidation and pressure from the West, especially from the various components of the European Union, have coerced these countries to bend to western values. Specific countries that have resisted this western pressure include Poland, Hungary, Estonia, Romania, Lithuania and Russia. For example:

• **Poland**

Poland included protection for the unborn child in its constitution after it became an independent country in 1989. The Human Rights Council and the European Court of Human Rights in 2004–2008, ordered Poland to provide effective mechanisms to provide women with access to abortion. The western pro-abortion NGO, Amnesty International, has also pressured Poland in this regard. Poland has ignored this pressure

• **Hungary**

A new constitution drafted by Hungary which embraced tradition and Christian values, included the provision that marriage be a union between a man and a woman only. The Council of Europe, the European Parliament and European Commission and the Council of the European Union were enraged by these provisions and are currently pressuring Hungary to change its position.

To offset this pressure, REAL Women was one of 66 NGOs worldwide, which signed a Declaration supporting marriage of a man and a woman in the Hungarian Constitution. REAL Women also sent individual letters on July 10, 2013, to the members of the European Parliament, reminding them that the Hungarian Constitution is based on the fundamental norms of democracy, the rule of law and the sovereign rights of the Hungarian people.

• **Estonia**

A petition rejecting same-sex marriage, signed by 38,000 Estonians (2.8% of the total population of Estonia, which is 1.34 million, the largest signature gathering operation in Estonian history), was presented to the Parliament.

• **Romania**

Representatives of all five political parties have re-

jected any legislation which diminishes the family by re-defining marriage.

The women's organization of the Romanian Conservative Party adopted a resolution opposing same-sex marriage and same-sex adoption in light of the country's significant reduction in population.

In their view, "The family has as its primary aim, our continuity and we will continue to support its development".

- **Lithuania**

In June, 2013, the Lithuanian National Parliament voted 46 to 19 in favour of a bill to limit abortion to circumstances of rape, incest and danger to the life of the mother. The former Communist-era abortion law allowed unrestricted abortion up to 12 weeks gestation. This had caused 10,000 abortions to be performed annually in a population of 3.5 million people.

- **Russia**

In July, 2013, Russian President, Vladimir Putin, signed into law measures to prohibit homosexual propaganda targetting children, and to prohibit promoting the equivalence of tra-

ditional and non-traditional sexual relations, gay parades and same-sex marriages. Previously, Russia has passed legislation which limited abortions. Mr. Putin warned western countries to keep out of Russian affairs on these matters, as the BBC, the New York Times, Reuters and the American Press were all bitterly complaining about these new Russian laws.

Moscow has also signalled that it will ensure that homosexual couples from abroad do not adopt Russian orphans. Legislation to this effect is expected this autumn in the Russian Parliament.

The New York Times published an article on July 1, 2013, about US conservative groups, including the World Congress of Families, approving the changes in the Russian law. The article admitted that Russians are far less supportive of homosexual rights than are Americans. According to the Pew Research Centre report, released on June 4, 2013, only 16% of Russians believe homosexuality should be accepted by society. The article also mentioned that there is little support for gay rights in some Eastern European countries. †

AFRICAN COUNTRIES REJECT WESTERN VALUES

African countries are rejecting western values, especially on homosexuality.

On March 7, 2013, the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva took a full day to debate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navanethem Pillay, had submitted a report to the Council, which recommended that children's health included the right to comprehensive sexuality education and access to "confidential sexual and reproductive services, including abortion". The report also recommended that children using illicit drugs should have available to them "harm reduction" strategies, including free needle exchanges, drug injection sites, etc.

The report also spoke against the social and cultural values that require parental and/or spousal consent. It recommended that such consent should be excluded from any decision making by the child.

REAL Women sent a letter, dated March 4, 2013, to the individual members of the Human Rights Council stating our opposition to these recommendations, which, we stated, were destructive both to the children and to their families.

Fortunately, these recommendations were solidly rejected by large groups of states, such as the African Group, the Arab Group and the Organization of Islamic Conferences (OIC). The African group stated it "would like to stress that the occurrence of hazardous behaviours among children, such as sexual activity among minors and drug use, should not be a justification to normalize these practices and accept them. On the contrary, these behaviours must be unequivocally rejected and eradicated through means of parental guid-

ance and the promotion of abstinence..."

When US President Barrack Obama did a tour of African countries in June, 2013, he arrogantly urged African leaders, to extend "equal rights" to homosexuals. He had his ears severely pinned back for doing so by these African leaders. Senegal's President Macky Sall told Mr. Obama that his country didn't need his advice on this complex issue, which was a matter to be determined according to African culture and religion.

Mr. Obama continued his \$100 million tour of the African Continent and, while in Kenya, he was also severely rebuffed by officials there for his attempt to impose homosexuality on them. Deputy President of Kenya, William Ruto, told Mr. Obama that Kenya is committed to the nuclear family, as taught by the Scriptures. He went on to say that Kenya was a sovereign God-fearing nation. Finally, Mr. Ruto stated that the homosexual issue in Kenya was none of the business of the US as Mr. Obama's views go against his country's customs and traditions.

The reality is that 90% of Kenyans and 96% of Senegalese citizens believe homosexuality is immoral. Mr. Obama's attempt to impose his own values in support of homosexuality was criticized by Africans as a form of cultural imperialism. Bloggers and news commentators across Africa reacted angrily to Mr. Obama's remarks, insisting that homosexuality and gay rights are western imports and that Obama should not try to force America's wayward behaviour on Africa. Their rationale for this conclusion is that homosexuality comes from the west, and Africa needs to keep it out: "We may be poor and not developed but at least we have our customs and traditions".

This may account for Mr. Obama's declining popularity in Africa, which is now lower than when he entered office. †

HOMOSEXUALS FACE ANOTHER MEDICAL PERIL

Why are many homosexuals so driven to put themselves so severely at risk by their sexual practices?

As if the dangers of AIDS were not enough to concern men who have sex with other men, (MSM), there is now another medical peril among them. It is syphilis, which has become mostly a homosexual disease, and is spreading like the common cold among homosexuals. According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, the national syphilis rate grew 568 percent between 1998 and 2008. It's not just in Canada that the rate of syphilis has increased, but also, in the UK and from Berlin to Sydney, Australia.

In Ontario, the majority of men who have syphilis are HIV positive, and a body that has been compromised for decades by HIV medications, is severely affected by the additional burden of syphilis. Syphilis advances more rapidly to tertiary syphilis in the HIV positive.

There are a number of factors that have increased the incidence of syphilis among homosexuals. These include not using a condom and the widespread use

of the drug, crystal meth, among homosexuals. Even though that drug is deeply addictive, it is used by an increasing number of homosexuals. To many homosexuals, a weekend is not complete unless they get high, and sex is not sex without drugs. In addition, during the past 10 to 15 years, the internet has provided an increasing number of sites offering high risk opportunities. That is, picking up sex partners for homosexuals has moved from the bars to unknown partners obtained online, a strikingly dangerous practice.

Moreover, although penicillin can cure syphilis, the recipient becomes much more susceptible to being re-infected after treatment. That is, although treatment works, in the absence of changes in sexual behaviour, homosexuals are back into a situation where they are easily re-infected. This creates an endless series of medical risks.

Why are many homosexuals so driven to put themselves so severely at risk by their sexual practices? Why do they persist in refusing to change their sexual behaviour? Until these questions are answered, the tragedy and pain of the homosexual community not only continues, but endlessly increases. †

MESSAGE BOARD

* Membership fees

At the recent national Board meeting, the Directors approved a slight increase in membership fees. New fees are:

Individual & family fees - \$30 per year
Group fees - \$50 per year

Membership fees have been the same for many years, but operating costs go up each year. This slight increase in fees will help offset higher expenses.

* Summer is a good time to **visit your MP** to discuss concerns or say thanks.

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