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TEAMWORK AT THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

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REAL Women of Canada is a non-partisan organization. However, we encourage individual members to be active in the political party of their choice, especially if a federal party is open to family friendly policies.

Since 2000 I have been the lead organizer for REAL Women members who attend the Conservative Party bi-annual national policy conventions. At the recent convention held at the end of October in Calgary, we were successful in having two important resolutions pass.

Proposed policy resolutions for the 2013 convention were divided into three workshop categories: 1) Canada's Social Fabric, 2) Role of Government, Taxation & Crime, and 3) Economic Development. A fourth workshop was designated for the proposed Constitution resolutions. All four workshops run at the same time, so it was virtually impossible for a delegate to attend more than one session.

My main focus was the social conservative resolutions in the Social Fabric workshop. As usual, I prepared a handout identifying six resolutions to support and one resolution to oppose. The handout is distributed under the name, Conservatives for REAL Conservative Values, to include a broad base of supporters. At this convention, REAL Women delegates worked with Mike Schouten from WeNeedALaw.ca, John Hof from United for Life British Columbia, some Members of Parliament, and other individuals.

Each of the three policy sessions would send the top ten resolutions to the plenary session. This meant a resolution had not only to pass, but it had to pass with a high percentage of the favourable votes to move forward to plenary. One of the 'support' resolutions was defeated at the workshop, but it was the least important, and the resolution we opposed was, also, defeated at the workshop level.

The five social conservative resolutions that went to plenary passed and become party policy. It should be mentioned that party policy is not binding on the Prime Minister, but a policy is a statement of principle strongly supported by party members, who reflect grassroots Canadians. Having a specific statement in the policy document gives us opportunity to further address and promote that policy.

The resolutions, of concern to us, which passed at the convention included:

I. Policy on Sexual Exploitation in Canada

- i) The Conservative Party rejects the concept of legalizing the purchase of sex.
- ii) The Conservative Party declares that human beings are not objects to be enslaved, bought or sold; and
- iii) The Conservative Party of Canada shall develop a Canada specific plan to target the purchasers of sex and human trafficking markets through criminalizing the purchase of sex as well as any third party attempting to profit from the purchase of sex.

*Wishing you and your loved ones
a Blessed Christmas Season
and a Joyous New Year
Merry Christmas
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2. Policy on Faith Based Organizations

The Conservative Party supports the right of faith based organizations to refuse the use of their facilities to individuals or groups holding views which are contrary to the beliefs or standards of the faith based organization without fear of sanctions or harassment and that discrimination based on the beliefs of a faith based organization be excluded from the definition of disallowed discrimination under Human Rights.

3. Policy on Pensions

The Conservative Party of Canada will include in its policy statement a commitment to bring public sector pensions in line with Canadian norms by switching to a defined contribution pension model, which includes employer contributions comparable to the private sector.

4. Policy on Euthanasia

The Conservative Party will not support any legislation to legalize euthanasia or assisted suicide.

This resolution was from my Saskatoon Humboldt Electoral District Association (EDA) so I spoke to it, and David Anderson, Saskatchewan MP, was the Parliamentarian who spoke in favour of it. As mover of this resolution, I was able to give a rebuttal after the two speakers who spoke against it.

One man opposed the resolution because he wanted to have a choice how to end his life when the time came so 'he could die with dignity'. My reply reminded him that he had the choice to end his own life whenever he chose, so that it was not necessary to change the law to force a doctor to kill him.

The other opposing speaker was a woman from a hospital setting, she objected to elderly or terminal patients taking up 'bed space'. She suggested if a person had been given six months to live, then their time should be up, and thus, free up 'bed space'. I replied using a statement from the Quebec Physicians Alliance for the Total Refusal of Euthanasia, which stated: Killing is not care. "As doctors we affirm that euthanasia is an

injustice. Not only toward the sick, their families, caregivers and society, but also for the authorities who will be placed in conflict of interest with patients when inflicting death becomes a means to save effort, time and money."

5. Policy on Equality of Women

The Conservative Party condemns discrimination against girls through gender selection.

This resolution on sex selection was from Langley, BC, EDA, and their MP, Mark Warwara spoke in favour of it. It was especially gratifying that this policy passed. In March of this year, a Parliamentary Committee refused to allow a House of Commons vote on Mr. Warwara's private member's Motion 408 -:"That the House condemn discrimination against females occurring through sex-selective pregnancy termination." Now, it is party policy and we can and will promote it.

The main purpose of attending at a party convention is to support or oppose particular policy, but there are other added benefits. It offers a great opportunity to speak to many Members of Parliament and to meet like-minded people to expand our network of pro-life, pro-family supporters. This convention was particularly satisfying since the two key resolutions addressing sex selection and euthanasia passed.

This success does not mean our work is finished. We must continue to be active within the local ridings of the Conservative Party (or the party of your choice) until Canada becomes a nation that respects the rights to life of all human beings and recognizes and supports the traditional values of family and marriage. REAL Women's motto is: "Women building a better society" and that is what we intend to do.

Thank you to all the REAL Women supporters, who helped at the convention - distributing handouts, speaking to delegates, speaking to resolutions, and sacrificing your personal time and finances to attend the convention to vote on policy. I should, also, particularly thank and acknowledge the assistance of Hildegard Krieg, Bonnie Grootenboer, Joanne and Marya Carroll, and Peter Bradley. Our team-work paid-off! †

WOE UNTO OUR CHILDREN

"[T]he women most likely to have children without being married, are those who have the least ability to support children on their own."

Western societies exhibit an incredibly selfish, narcissistic and materialistic world view. Those who are truly suffering in these countries are the many children who are being used by adults as tools or objects to satisfy their own desires, but with limited concern for children's innate dignity and value.

Perhaps the most striking example of this errant behaviour is the large number of children now being born

to unwed mothers. These statistics are staggering and are evidence of the breakdown of society.

The correlation between poverty and out-of-wedlock births is stunning. According to the U.S. Heritage Foundation, in 2009 in the U.S., 37.1% of single parent, female headed families live beneath the poverty level, whereas only 6.8% of married couples do so. In 2008 in Canada, 21% of single, female headed families live below the poverty level (the latest figures available), in comparison to 6% of married couples.

Fatherlessness is not limited to income alone. Children raised by married parents have substantially better life outcomes, compared to children raised in single-parent homes. When compared to children in intact, married

homes, children raised by single parents are more likely to: have emotional and behavioral problems; be physically abused; smoke, drink, and use drugs; be aggressive; engage in violent, delinquent, and criminal behavior; have poor school performance; be expelled from school; and drop out of high school. Many of these negative outcomes are associated with the higher poverty rates of single mothers. In many cases, the improvements in child well-being that are associated with marriage persist even after adjusting for the differences in family income. This confirms that the father brings more to his home than just a paycheck.¹

We all know, however, that there are heroic single mothers who are raising wonderful children who excel, even if they have to toil at two or three part-time jobs, trying to keep the children clothed and fed. This is a difficult feat — especially today, with the information available on the internet, Facebook, Twitter and the ever-present smart phones, to distract the children, while the single parent works away from home. We applaud these women and honour them. However, there are legions of children of single mothers who do not succeed. This is deeply harmful to society and leads to societal chaos.²

THE U.S.

According to U.S. statistics, 41% of all children born in the U.S. in 2012 were born to unmarried women. This figure is even more alarming when it is broken down according to demographics:

- 53% of all Hispanic children born in 2012 were to single mothers;
- 72% of black children in 2012 were born to single mothers.

Patrick Moynihan, a U.S. Democratic Senator from New York, wrote a report in 1965 entitled “*The Negro Family: The Case for National Action*”. At the time of his report, 23.6% of black children were born to unwed mothers. This percentage has now risen by over 300%, and there is little likelihood that this trend is about to end. It may rise even further, unless something is done to change this trajectory.

THE U.K.

According to the U.K. Office for National Statistics, the number of children born of unmarried couples has doubled since 1996 to two million. By contrast, the number of married couples raising children fell by 12%, since 1996, to 4.6 million.

CANADA

Canada’s birth rate for single mothers, in 2012, was a relatively modest 27% (compared to the U.S. statistics), even though the number of cohabiting, unwed couples has

skyrocketed to 19% of all couples (Statistics Canada 2011).

OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

- In homogenous, mostly white Iceland, 66% of children are born to unmarried mothers;
- In Sweden, 55% of children are born to unwed mothers; and
- In Mexico, 55% of children are also born to unwed mothers.

In Japan, however, the phenomenon of unmarried mothers is rare, as it is barely at 2%. This is because Japan has experienced catastrophically low birthrates. According to Japan Family Planning Association, “45% of all Japanese women between 16 and 24 were not interested in, or despised sexual contact, and more than a quarter of males felt the same way”. That will do it! Why this attitude? It has been suggested that the lack of religious authority, upholding marriage and family, has stripped marriage of one of its God-ordained purposes, and has turned it into just another pleasurable human activity, but one with emotional entanglement. Marriage is regarded as a bad investment of time and energy by young, ambitious Japanese who seek their pleasures elsewhere, without entanglements.

GOVERNMENT POLICIES TO DECREASE BIRTHS TO UNWED MOTHERS

Births outside marriage occur predominantly among less educated women, but far less frequently to university educated women. As a result, the women most likely to have children without being married, are those who have the least ability to support children on their own.

Although millions of tax dollars are properly spent on the education of low income youth and welfare for single mothers, little to nothing is done to discourage unwed births, and nothing is done to encourage and strengthen healthy marriages. In fact, the welfare system ignores or disdains the institution of marriage, and, actually, financially penalizes low-income couples who do marry. Policies must be developed to build a positive attitude to marriage. Governments should provide factual information to at-risk youth about the value of marriage. Governments should also connect low-income couples with community resources to learn skills needed to develop healthy marriages before bringing children into the world. Finally, the welfare system must be reformed to encourage, rather than discourage, marriage by way of financial incentives.

It’s all too easy to shrug off and turn away from this problem of a tremendous acceleration in the number of unwed mothers. We can pretend this ongoing problem doesn’t exist. However, we will eventually have to face its consequences, which is a further break-down in society, as though we are not experiencing enough trouble already! †

1 *The Heritage Foundation Background* No. 2465, September 5, 2012, “Marriage: America’s Greatest Weapon Against Child Poverty”

2 Ibid

INSANITY OF A WORLD GAY PRIDE PARADE IN TORONTO — 2014

It is bad enough that a gay parade is held in Toronto each year with all its lewdness, vulgarity and depravity, but now Toronto (and all of Canada) is to be exposed to a World Pride Parade in 2014. It is the first time that a World Pride Parade has taken place in North America, for which “privilege” we beat out Stockholm. Stockholm residents are fortunate to have escaped this ugly, tasteless spectacle.

The parade organizers have already spouted their usual lies surrounding the number of people who will be attending. They have previously claimed that 1.2 million people attended their annual parade in Toronto. This number, however, is pure fantasy. They have added to this fantasy by now claiming that the World Gay Pride Parade will attract 2 million people! This is akin to the claim that the “Wizard of Oz” is a true story about what actually happened to Dorothy in Kansas.

Of course, the organizers believe that all the taxpayers in Canada, federally, provincially and municipally, should support their personal extravaganza of drugs, alcohol, partying and promiscuous sex. Already, the Liberal government of Ontario, led by lesbian Kathleen Wynne, has committed the Ontario taxpayers to support this parade in the amount of \$320,000. This is the same Liberal government that has cost the Ontario taxpayers \$1.1 billion by cancelling two unpopular gas fired plants just before the 2011 provincial election in order to win votes in the ridings where the gas plants were located. Obviously, all is permissible with the Ontario Liberal government when it comes to either buying votes during elections or supporting homosexual undertakings.

The World Gay Pride Parade organizers have recently approached the Toronto City Council for funding. The left-wing councillors, needless to say, are “dazzled” by the World Gay Pride’s projected economic benefits for Toronto. The Toronto City Councillors give the annual Toronto Gay Pride Parade a grant of \$140,000 and the organizers of the World Gay Pride Parade want this sum, at a minimum, doubled. They plan to use these funds to cover the costs of the opening ceremonies, to drape banners along streets, and decorate subway stations to generally, turn the City of Toronto into a gala celebration of homosexuality.

There is no word yet, as to how much these organizers expect the federal government to chip in for this orgy. However, the federal government stopped funding the Toronto Gay Pride Parade in 2009; so hopefully, it will stick to its guns and not fund the World Gay Pride Parade in 2014.

If these gay parades are so critical for homosexuals, why can’t they stand on their own two feet and pay the costs themselves, instead of expecting the taxpayers to prop them up? The theme of this World Gay Pride is to “Rise

Up”. Why don’t the organizers do just that — rise up to pay their own costs, but also “wise” up to the fact that they are causing deep offense to decent, hardworking Canadian taxpayers and their families by demanding funding for their obscene parade. Please write to the following, to object to the funding of the 2014 World Gay Pride Parade in Toronto:

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Kathleen Wynne, Premier

Legislative Building
Queen’s Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Mayor Robert Ford

Office of the Mayor
Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2 †

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Membership fees are due for the year 2014. For your convenience we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope. Please note that the annual single/family membership fee has been raised to \$30.00.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would renew your membership as soon as possible. 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 natural family.

Over the years, we have established a strong presence in the media, the government and the courts which must not be lost. For example, we have intervened in many court cases over the years on issues affecting the family such as, abortion, prostitution, the definition of family, same sex marriages, and the drug injection site, etc. We also carry out analysis of current issues and raise strong objections to government policies that are detrimental to the family.

Your support has made REAL Women a strong voice in protecting the natural family. We need your continued help during these difficult financial times. Please renew your membership for 2014, it will be deeply appreciated.

In return, we promise to continue to serve you and your family faithfully now and always. †

GARDASIL (HPV) — THE DRUG THAT CAN HARM AND KILL



Western countries such as Canada, U.S., U.K. and Australia, have been pushing the controversial drug, Gardasil, manufactured by Merck Pharmaceuticals, on girls between the ages of 9 to 26 years of age. This is being done, just as though the drug were safe and effective. Its purpose is supposedly to protect against the HPV (human papillomavirus), which is a sexually transmitted disease that can lead to cervical cancer. However, the drug only protects against two of the 19 high-risk strains of HPV. Significantly, the two types for which it is supposedly effective, account for just 18% of high risk infections.

Gardasil has been tested on fewer than 1,200 girls under 16 years of age, prior to being released under a fast-tracked licence. Even Gardasil's manufacturer admits, by way of its information insert, that "Gardasil has not been evaluated for carcinogenicity or impairment of fertility".

Never mind the long range possibility of harm caused by Gardasil, there are plenty of current problems with its use that indicate that it is harmful in the short term, including the fact that it has been linked to deaths.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has revealed that its compensation program has awarded \$6 million to 49 victims of Gardasil use in the U.S. 200 claims have been made in the U.S. even though barely half have been adjudicated to date.

It is shocking that in the one year period, between September 1, 2010 and September 15, 2011, 26 deaths in the U.S. have been reported from the use of Gardasil. Other problems include: seizures, paralysis, blindness, pancreatitis, speech problems, short term memory loss, and Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a disorder in which the immune system attacks the nervous system, causing muscles to become immobilized and when severe, the person is paralyzed, with breathing, blood pressure and heart rate problems). Lesser side effects, alleged from the use of Gardasil, include: walking disturbances, body tics and seizures and loss of consciousness (leading to head and face injuries upon collapse).

However, a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, published in the June, 2013 issue of *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, alleged that the Gardasil vaccine has cut HPV infections by 56 per cent (from 11.5% to 5.1%) among teenage girls (14 to 19 years), since its introduction in 2006. But the result does not distinguish between HPV strains that cause warts and those that cause cancer. Neither does it distinguish between girls engaged or not engaged in HPV transmitting behaviour. The *Annals of Medicine* states that, "At present there are no significant data showing that either Gardasil or Cervarix (GlaxoSmithKline) can

prevent any type of cervical cancer since the testing period employed was too short to evaluate long-term benefits of HPV vaccination."

There is obviously a contradiction in the medical journals as to the effect of this drug.

Perhaps it is more reliable, as a result, to look at what's happening in other countries from the use of this drug. For example, the Japanese government has pulled its support for this controversial drug and ordered that it not be administered until safety concerns have been investigated. Japan has reported almost 2,000 adverse events from Gardasil, including 358 cases that were evaluated as serious.

Medical authorities in India have expressed similar concerns. The Indian government has suspended the use of Gardasil in two states following reports of deaths of four girls and other severe complications to adolescent girls. A group of women activists in India have petitioned the Indian government to stop completely the distribution of the drug. In August, 2013, the British Medical Journal published evidence of a 16 year old Australian girl made sterile by the vaccine.

In the meantime, Gardasil is continuously being pushed in Canada, even by parents who think the drug should be administered to their sons as well as daughters. P.E.I. already pays for boys to get this drug, and Alberta is also committed to providing the vaccine to boys. In the name of equality should boys be put at risk as well? Also, Merck is not satisfied that approximately 70% of adolescent girls, between 2011 and 2012 in Canada, are receiving the drug. Merck is hoping that a 90% target will be reached within five years. To further increase its use in Canada, Merck has now targeted Catholic school districts in Alberta and Ontario so as to increase the sale of the drug, even though the use of the drug is against Catholic teachings. That is, Catholic faith values encourage abstinence and monogamy, rather than adolescent sexual activity backed up by a questionable drug to reduce the adverse effects of such sexual promiscuity. (Only sexually active individuals can acquire the Human Papillomavirus).

Gardasil is sold in 109 countries and this has generated \$1.4 billion for Merck. It is little wonder Merck is pushing this lucrative drug on school boards. †



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THE ANTHEM GIRLS ARE AT IT AGAIN

“[F]eminists argue that there is growing discontent among women forced to sing ‘all thy sons command’.”

A handful of old-time feminists have risen up again against the supposedly treacherous words in the Canadian anthem “all thy sons command”. They claim these words betray women in that they discriminate against them. They are demanding that the anthem be revised to state instead “in all of us command” so as to be gender neutral.

This is the third time in the boxing ring for these women. They were down for the count twice before. They raised the issue in 2002 and again in 2010. Since then, they have apparently staggered to their feet in the hope that they will be lucky the third time around.

The feminists behind this third attempt to change the anthem include lesbian Senator Ruth, former Senator Vivienne Poy (who had tabled a bill to amend the anthem in the Senate in 2002), former Prime Minister Kim Campbell, novelist Margaret Atwood and Sally Goddard, mother of Nicola Goddard, the first female Canadian soldier to be killed in combat, in Afghanistan in 2006.

Back in March, 2010, when Senator Nancy Ruth prevailed upon Prime Minister Harper to commit the country in the throne speech to revisit the lyrics of the National anthem, she and her feminist friends were ecstatic. Not so, the Canadian public. MPs were inundated with angry phone calls and e-mails from their constituents, objecting to changing the national anthem. Within 48 hours, the Conservatives announced they would not consider changes in the national anthem.

Even after this touch of reality, these feminists, who obviously live in a fantasy world, believe that they need only expose again the alleged, horrendous wording of the anthem, and women will dutifully flock to their command,

and, as directed, join with them in their perceived battle for female equality.

Most women today, however, are far too intelligent and sensible to jump onto this foolish bandwagon. We have far more serious matters on our mind. The economy, job loss and job opportunities, taxation, the care of our seniors, the care of our children and grandchildren, and the crises caused by world terrorism, etc. concern us. We also have hockey and soccer games to attend, laundry, meal preparation, grocery shopping, etc. We don't have the empty hours apparently enjoyed by these affluent feminists to dwell on our supposed victimization, caused by the wording of the Canadian anthem.

Yet these feminists argue that there is growing discontent among women forced to sing “all thy sons command”. They obviously haven't been in touch with many women lately.

The word “sons” is used generically in the anthem to include all Canadians. If the feminists have a problem with the word “sons”, they need not drag the whole country into their personal problems and force taxpayers to underwrite the cost of satisfying their afflictions and torments.

Margaret Atwood insists, according to National Post columnist, John Ivison (October 1, 2013) that,

“I think a politician would have to be somewhat addled to refuse this entirely practical request”. “[I'm] supporting it because it will now include the half of Canadians who have thus far been excluded.”

It's a funny thing, though, that “half of Canadians” i.e. women, don't seem to agree with her. Neither does the NDP Leader of the Opposition, Thomas Mulcair, who stated that the anthem is “wonderful” and “extraordinary” and should not be changed. Amen to that.

Let us just hope these feminists settle down and find some other issue to calm their sensitive nerves. For instance, how about child abuse? †

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