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FEMINISTS SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS UNDER THE LIBERALS

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Since the 1970’s, whenever a Liberal government has been in power, radical feminists have gained both financially and in influence. Feminists would never have been so powerful in Canada if it were not for the Liberals rolling the taxpayers’ money into their coffers. In fact, feminists have been more influential in Canada than in any other country because of the Liberals’ support which has led to sweeping changes to our society.

Under the Conservatives, radical feminists went through a dark time: in September, 2006 the Conservative government ceased to fund their advocacy work as well as their operational costs. It also refused to fund their “research” used to promote their cause, and refused to fund feminist lobbying of the government. The feminists cried out in agony, claiming that they had “lost their voice” because of this shameful decision by the Conservative government. The unions and universities came to their rescue, however, with some minimal funding to sustain them.

In contrast, REAL Women of Canada never “lost its voice” because we have always been independent, and have never relied on government funding. We just went merrily along, doing our work, never once considering that we were entitled to the taxpayers’ money.

The dark period for feminists under the Conservative government is now over, with the election of the Liberals again in October, 2015. Feminists are now back in the money. The Liberal government announced in October, 2016 that it will again fund feminists’ advocacy work as well as their operational expenses and research projects. The government also announced that it also intended to renew a commitment to gender impact analysis on policies, legislation, and programs. Gender analysis is meant to flag whether an initiative may have unintended consequences or impact on women, (what about men and children)? Gender analysis will be mandatory across all government departments and agencies. It is another marvellous opportunity to create work for public servants and feminists, at the taxpayers’ expense.

These policies are strikingly discriminatory and prejudicial

against all the many Canadian women who do not agree with the feminist ideology. Should not the views of all women be of interest to this government? Are not all women supposed to be recognized as equal and treated with dignity and respect? Apparently not in Justin Trudeau’s government in which only feminist women are to be granted special rights and advantages.

The Trudeau government does not appear to be aware of the fact that Canadian women do not all think alike. Their views differ according to their social, economic, religious and cultural backgrounds, the same as men. Just as no men’s group can claim that it represents the views of all males in Canada, similarly, feminist groups cannot claim that their ideological views represent the views of all Canadian women. To suggest this is to insult both the intelligence and integrity of women. Feminist views are just a single thread among the many threads that make up the fabric of women’s views.

It appears that the Trudeau government is caught in a time warp of the 1970’s and 1980’s in its belief that the only women of value are feminists. Women today, however, have moved on from the calcified feminist policies of the past, and have more pressing concerns such as the economy, jobs, balancing work with family, terrorism, etc. Trudeau’s feminist policies are not progressive but are regressive, invoking the past.

FEMINISTS HAVE PROBLEMS

Despite all the money and recognition given to the feminists under successive Liberal governments, they have continued to have major problems. This is due to the fact that the feminist movement largely consists of middle class or upper-middle class

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white educated women. Racial diversity is not their strength, as women from other countries and cultures are not comfortable with feminist extremism. In short, because feminists are largely white, well-educated, professional women, their values or core beliefs do not resonate with the majority of women whether new Canadians or otherwise, who do not share their concerns.

WOMEN IN TODAY'S WORLD

As stated above, most women today are coping with the problem of balancing their life between responsibilities in the work place and responsibilities at home. Many women are also struggling financially in a difficult economy with high unemployment. Also, women in substantial but less glamorous careers, such as those working in restaurants, home care workers and retail clerks, etc. are not part of the social circle in which the feminist activists operate. Consequently, feminism does not have grass-roots support from women. Instead, feminist leaders march at the head of a parade with few followers.

The Status of Women is currently funded by the taxpayer with \$31 million annually. However, Trudeau announced a 15% increase in his 2016 budget to \$35.8 million over 5 years. Money only to go to feminist groups. Nothing could be more discriminatory.

FEMINISM IN QUEBEC

The province of Quebec is having special difficulties with feminists as a curious development has unfolded in

that previously ultra feminist province. The new Quebec Minister for the Status of Women, Lise Theriault, shocked an array of feminist groups when she refused to identify as a feminist and even opposed quotas and "positive discrimination" to advance women. She approved closing Quebec Status of Women regional offices and reducing its budget. She stated, "The realities of the seventies and today's reality are not the same". She could not recall one Quebec feminist who inspired her to advance her career. She suggested other women should make their own way, like she did. An uproar ensued. Feminists called for her resignation. A University of Laval law professor, Louise Langevin, claimed that with Minister Theriault at the helm, "the enemy was within", that progress was threatened and that this was a "public danger." Obviously, opposing views are not acceptable to feminists.

Journalists called the attack against Minister Theriault inquisitorial and McCarthyist. In the end, however, the Minister softened her stance, to quell the explosive rhetoric, by admitting she was a feminist "in her own way". Premier Philippe Couillard first suggested that the debate, for him, was not useful, but later stated that it was, and that there were different kinds of feminists and he didn't want the affair to turn into an "inquisition" in Quebec. Silence on the issue has now ensued, but it's doubtful anyone will soon speak the truth about feminists in Quebec after their fit of pique.

Feminists not only do not speak for women, but they refuse to let other women speak. Some equality. †

FEMINIST ORGANIZATIONS FEEDING AT THE TROUGH



Elitist feminist organizations are on the move again, feeding from the government trough. These include:

1. **Feminist Alliance for International Action (FA-FIA)**—founded by radical professional feminists Shelagh Day and Sharon McIvor, received its first government grant under Jean Chretien in 1999, collecting over \$2 million since then. It pushed the myth that women earn 72 cents for every dollar men earn, promoted tracking rates of pay to narrow the "wage gap", and then demanded applying regulations to achieve equality. For obvious reasons, they ignore Stats Canada, which concluded that the wage gap is not due to discrimination, but due to different working patterns by women, as well as their job choices.
2. **Equal Voice (EV)**—founded in 2001, received funding from the Liberal government, which, unfortunately continued under the Conservative government. The Status of Women funding to Equal Voice was \$1,474,829 from 2006 to 2012.

Year	Grants and Contributions (SOW)
2006-2007	\$73,000 (September 2006)
2007-2008	\$60,625 (March 2008)
2008-2009	\$1,208,404 (January 2009)
2009-2010	
2010-2011	\$25,000 (February 2011)
2011-2012	\$107,800 (March 2012)
Total	\$1,474,829

Equal Voice is fixated on counting the number of women elected to public office, and considers any disparity in numbers as evidence that women are not equal. Nancy Peckford, Executive Director, now national spokesperson of the organization, formerly headed Feminist Alliance for International Action (FAFIA). Professional feminists have a practice of rotating themselves among their differing groups. That is, there are only, in fact, a handful of feminist leaders who merely swap executive positions among their various organizations—all of which are funded by the government. This is no problem for them as they do not differ in any way on the feminist dogma they're delighted to promote from any platform.

3. Liberal Women's Caucus (NWLC)—Anita Vanderbeld, Liberal MP is Chair of NWLC and of the new House of Commons Pay Equity Committee. She reminds women that Canada has fallen behind, to 48th place globally, in the number of women elected to public office. Ahead of us are Sudan, Iraq, Rwanda and Cuba. Do Canadian women really want equality with these countries?

The truth is women are as different as men and not all women want to be part of the political life. We're quite capable of choosing our own career and don't need these extremists to tell us what is good for us. Anita is the author of the Oxford Handbook of Transnational Feminist Movements. (She should stick with her feminist friends and leave the rest of us alone).

4. Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of

Women (CRIAW)—Founded in 1976 to provide research to the public about feminist issues, CRIAW deals solely with research, which it makes accessible to other feminist groups and individuals. CRIAW has received \$4.6 million from the federal government.

CRIAW doesn't take kindly to traditional families consisting of mother, father and children. It has conducted several research projects attacking this version of the family. It also funded a research paper attacking REAL Women of Canada, which it regarded as a challenge to them since our existence undermined their position as "the voice" of Canadian women. Its "research" on REAL Women was mostly opinion developed through a narrow, feminist lens, inconsiderate of the humanity of the unborn child and the dignity of motherhood and the natural family. They clearly had no idea who we were, and expected us to quickly disappear. That didn't happen.

On January 11, 2017 Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appointed Maryam Monsef, as the new head of the Status of Women. Ms. Monsef had a troubling time in her previous portfolio as Minister of Democratic Institutions when she stumbled again and again when dealing with proposed electoral reforms. She probably won't have as much difficulty at Status of Women since her job will consist mostly of signing cheques for feminist organizations.

Ms. Monsef will sit in the newly renovated office of her predecessor, Patty Hajdu, whose renovations cost the taxpayer a "trifling" one million dollars. Ms. Hajdu now moves over to become Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour. No doubt renovations will be ordered for her there. "Entitlement" seems to be the mainstay of this Trudeau government.

The feminists were enraged when the media referred to Monsef's new appointment as a demotion, claiming she is responsible for 50% of the population. Yet only a few women are feminists today. Government agencies like Status of Women Canada, are designed to bloat the workforce and give preference to career feminists. They are a waste of tax dollars and discriminate against non-feminist women. It should be abolished. †

NOT ALL HOMOSEXUALS SUPPORT THE GAY AGENDA

The media carefully script the news so that homosexuals appear to be a united front following the same agenda against "bigotry", "hatred" and "homophobia". This inane name-calling conveys that the activists demand that every individual support their agenda with no exceptions. However, unity of purpose is not an accurate depiction of homosexuals. Not all homosexuals think alike, and many decidedly reject the hype promoted in the media. (See REALity July/August 2013, [Legislators covering up LGBT identity chaos.](#)) There are many thoughtful homosexuals who reject the publicly promoted homosexual agenda.

EMOTIONS OVER FACTS

The media concentrated on emotions when Liberal Prime

Ministers Jean Chretien and Paul Martin spearheaded the re-definition of marriage. They ignored the gay media's anti marriage op-eds. Gareth Kirkby, Editor of the homosexual newspaper Xtra, stated in a 2007 editorial, that: "... some couples, a few lawyers and out of touch lobby groups decided that same-sex marriage was the only thing that really mattered ... very few of us really want to get married." Editorials in the then two major gay print publications, Xtra and Fab, now both defunct but merged on the web, opposed same-sex marriage. Homosexuals made presentations before parliamentary committees opposing the Liberal legislation legalizing same-sex marriage. The media covered this up because the facts didn't fit in with their destructive, "progressive" narrative, which was hostile to traditional marriage.

For example, Canadian scholar Paul Nathanson, McGill University, who identifies as a homosexual, opposed the re-definition of marriage in Canada because it clashed with universal norms for cultural survival. Same-sex marriages do not create children. He made a presentation before Parliament, but his evidence-based critique received only miniscule media coverage. It wasn't politically correct.

There were also homosexuals who offered kind words and financial support in a funding drive to help the US Christian couple who ran a bakery called "Sweetcakes". The latter were taken to court and fined \$135,000 for refusing to bake a wedding cake for a lesbian couple. This decision led many, including some homosexuals, to conclude this fine was highly unreasonable and unfair.

PRIDE MONTH NOT AS POPULAR AS DEPICTED

Every year, the mainstream media report on how much "fun" the Gay Pride parades are, and how they showcase "progressive" Canadian values of tolerance, acceptance and celebration. This coverage, however, carefully refrains from showing the gross parts of the parade: nudity, sex act simulations and vulgar disrespect for those holding different views. This is propaganda, not responsible journalism. Very few journalists report the view of homosexuals who, for a variety of reasons, vehemently oppose such exhibitionism.

One opponent of such pride parades, now pride month, is John McKellar, who identifies as gay. He too publicly opposed marriage re-definition during the debate on the issue, but, as usual, received little media coverage when he did so.

In a very strongly worded blog in May, 2016, Mr. McKellar described pride parades as:

vexatious and humiliating to civilized gays and lesbians ... too tawdry and lowbrow for anyone who possesses even a modicum of class or dignity ... a prance-a-thon ... with a party-till-you-puke atmosphere.

His article, at Hopenow2004, Fearless in Toronto, is entitled "Oscar Wilde Would Spurn Gay Pride": <https://hopenow2004.wordpress.com/author/hopenow2004/>. It describes gay parades as follows:

Since when do half-naked men dressed in pink tutus and combat boots acting like immature buffoons in the middle of the street constitute high culture? Or blaring bad music, cheesy impersonators, public hard drug consumption, public intoxication and public sex acts?

He claims that Pride antics are, in fact, harmful to those who identify as LGBT, making manifest the homosexual stereotype that they are foolish exhibitionists suffering from arrested development.

He states:

"I've been warning for years that Pride's obsession with vulgarity and libido reinforces every prejudice against gays and lesbians and CONTRIBUTES to homophobia rather than alleviating it."

He classifies the media establishment members who betray their profession by catering to "Rainbow narcissism and victimology" as "lackeys and drooling sycophants." He decries

the "incessant smear tactics and shrill caterwauling" by professional activists at the gay rights organizations Egale and Glaad.

OMINOUS INSIGHT INTO THE FUTURE OF HOMOSEXUALITY

John McKellar reminds us that "pride" is one of the Seven Deadly Sins, defined as "inordinate self-esteem", a vice, a "negative and destructive force" that has now been turned into an attribute. Although a violent backlash is unacceptable to those of us who oppose gay pride antics, it is worth noting what his acute perception has led him to conclude:

- Pride cometh before the fall—or in the case of gay and lesbian culture—the backlash.
- And rest assured, history shows that there will be a societal backlash.
- You can't be constantly hostile and disrespectful toward religion and not expect a backlash.
- You can't vilify rational criticism or stifle civilized debate and not expect a backlash.
- You can't make your so-called suffering the only suffering and not expect a backlash.
- You can't engage in amoral tactics of deceit, defamation, intimidation and extortion and not expect a backlash.
- You can't disingenuously spin same-sex marriage as a human rights issue, rather than a social value, or as a matter of equality, instead of parity, and not expect a backlash.
- You can't dismiss as homophobic genuine parental concern over the public school sexual curriculum and not expect a backlash.
- You can't attempt to make the whole world your closet and not expect a backlash.
- Centuries ago, Plato cautioned that democracy would crumble and pave the way to dictatorship, because a foolish majority would turn liberty into license. Today, the backlash clock is ticking... and ticking... and ticking.

It is obvious to anyone who ventures outside the boundaries of the tightly controlled world of mainstream media, homosexual activists and self-promoting politicians, that, not all gays think alike. Many think for themselves and have much to offer in the conversation about the issues.

JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S NAIVETY

Justin Trudeau does not seem able to comprehend the significance of his naïve advocacy of homosexuality, nor the complexity of it. He happily joined the sex, alcohol and drug ridden Gay Parades in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal in 2016. His Liberal government funded these gay pride parades this year, as follows:

Toronto	-	\$140,200.00
Halifax	-	\$ 29,200.00
Vancouver	-	\$ 79,100.00
Montreal	-	\$ 91,000.00

This doesn't reflect well on Trudeau's judgment or intelligence. †

PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION DESTROYED

Dr. Steve Turloukis, a Hamilton area dentist and a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, launched a legal challenge against his local school board, requesting a declaration that, as a parent, he has the final authority over the education of his children. He also asked for an order that the School Board provide him with information, in advance, as to specific curriculum areas which are in conflict with his religious beliefs, so that he would be able to withdraw his children from these classes. He argued that the school board should accommodate his religious views under the Charter of Rights and the Ontario Human Rights Code, both of which protect religious freedom.

In response, the Board argued that parental rights and obligations must be interpreted according to the department's policy and regulations, established under the *Ontario Education Act*.

The Ontario Liberal Government, under lesbian Premier, Kathleen Wynne, and the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) intervened in the case on behalf of the Hamilton Public School Board. They argued that allowing Dr. Turloukis' children to leave class would:

Be contrary to the values of inclusion and well-being, and could lead to feelings of exclusion or marginalization by students.

That is, they argued that the "well-being" of homosexual students or students from homosexual families should be given superior rights over children from Christian families.

On November 23, 2016, Mr. Justice Robert Reid handed down his decision, in which he stated that, although Dr. Turloukis had genuinely held religious beliefs, there is a "superior level of authority" that trumps his parental rights. Judge Reid concluded, in effect, that the authority of the state represented by the school board and government of Ontario superseded that of parents. That is, the state has control over everything the children learn and do at public schools.

Judge Reid based his decision on the fact that the fundamental freedom of conscience and religion under the Charter was subject to limitations to protect "public safety, order, health or morals, or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others." (para 27)

He quoted favorably from two Supreme Court of Canada judges

1) Madam Justice Marie Deschamps, who stated in the case *S.L. v. Commission scolaire des Chênes [2012]*, that:

... the suggestion that exposing children to a variety of religious facts in itself infringes their religious freedom or that of their parents amounts to a rejection of the multicultural reality of Canadian society and ignores the Québec government's obligations with regard to public education,

2) Madam Justice Beverley McLachlin in *Chamberlain v. Surrey School District No. 36 [2002]*, who stated:

Children encounter it every day in the public school system as members of a diverse student body ...

And they see their classmates engaging in behavior on the playground that their parents have told them not to engage

in. The cognitive dissonance that results from such encounters is simply a part of living in a diverse society. It is also a part of growing up. Through such experiences, children come to realize that not all of their values are shared by others.

Mr. Justice Reid concluded that, in the context of the public education system, it is preferable that the Board support the values of inclusion and equality over individual religious accommodation. Consequently, he held that the Hamilton School Board had appropriately balanced the competing Charter protections between freedom of religion and parental rights and the mandated Ministry of Education and Board policies.

He went on to state that if Dr. Turloukis is concerned about public education not meeting his family's needs, then he can send his children to private schools or home school. Yet, all parents pay taxes to fund public education and many parents do not have the means to send their children to private schools.

BACKGROUND TO PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION

In Canada, courts have consistently given considerable weight to parents' rights to rear their children in accordance with their beliefs.

However, the state, according to case law, does have a direct interest in intervening in parental rights if the child is at medical risk, such as in regard to inoculations or blood transfusions.

More controversial is the state's interest in inculcating children with prevailing politically correct social values, which are contrary to the religious views of parents.

Generally speaking, the interest of the state is permitted to outweigh the rights of the parents' religious beliefs only when the state's interest outweighs the parental right to rear their children as their religion dictates. This is a difficult question to determine.

In this case, Mr. Justice Reid determined that the presumption in favour of parental autonomy is overruled by provincial policies and legislation on equity and "tolerance".

This is troubling, since Canada ratified the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that:

(3) *Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.(emphasis ours)*

Further, the UN's International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights provides that the religious and moral education of children must be in conformity with the convictions of the parents.

This does not appear to have occurred in the Turloukis case.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Justice Reid left it up to the parties to determine how costs would be settled. This means that the two lawyers from the Wynne government, two from the School Board, and two from the ETFO, that is six government-funded lawyers, could submit their costs to Dr. Turloukis.

This terrible case has been appealed.

Donations to fund the appeal can be made online by going to the [Parental Rights in Education Defense Fund](#). If you do not have access to a computer, donations can be sent to The Parental Rights in Education Defense Fund, 770 Lawrence Avenue West, P.O. Box 58119, Toronto, Ontario, M6A 3C8. †

REMINDER! THE CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP RACE WILL BE HELD ON MAY 27, 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With this issue, there are tidbits of good news that we must acknowledge for what they are. The analysis of the feminist group funding history, clearly shows that REAL Women of Canada is strong because of our lack of government funding, which sounds contradictory. (In our weakness, we are strong.) We have never fed at the trough of government coffers and thus have never lost our voice. The radical feminist voice is crippled when it loses its "sugar daddy". Not REAL Women! What a witness to the strength of the pro-life, pro-family movement in Canada! What a testimony to a women's movement that began 33 years ago with a handful of women sitting around a kitchen table! It's almost unbelievable, almost a fairy tale, but you want to believe this one.

Another tidbit of good news in this issue is that not all homosexuals support the gay agenda. Are you surprised? It would appear that pride month and pride parades are not as popular as depicted. Now there's a real shock. There is still hope out there that political correctness, with the unordered society it has created, will disappear sooner than later.

The other good news, though not mentioned in this issue, is what is happening south of the border with the new president of the United States. In a short period of time, Mr. Trump has defunded Planned Parenthood, stopped the funding of abortions to foreign countries, appointed several pro-life top administrators and chastised mainstream media for not covering the Washington March for Life. Mr. Trudeau, are you paying attention? Canadian pro-lifers are watching Mr. Trump and hoping he will stay the course.

Thank you for your support of REAL Women of Canada.

Pauline Guzik
Pauline Guzik
National President

MESSAGE BOARD

- Have you been remembering to use your REAL Women Air Miles Collector Card? If you would like one, our Ottawa Office would be pleased to send you one. There is no cost to this affinity program and it will assist us to defray travelling expenses to important pro-life, pro-family conferences.
- We are still in need of donations to pay for the launching of our new [website](#) design this past year, to pay for our annual membership in the World Congress of Families, and to advertise REAL Women in pro-life, pro-family publications. The total cost of these endeavours is approximately \$6500. Your continued generosity would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!
- Suggestion for a New Year's resolution: To recruit at least two new members for REAL Women of Canada

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