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KILLING PEOPLE EFFICIENTLY

With both capital punishment and physician assisted suicide, the object is the same—to kill an individual efficiently. Canada abolished capital punishment in 1976.

In those jurisdictions in the United States where capital punishment is legal, medical societies prohibit physicians from participating in this process of death.

In contrast, in those jurisdictions where assisted suicide is legal, physicians are the key agents in the death procedure. The difference between the two types of executions is that capital punishment occurs without consent, whereas, with assisted suicide, consent is supposedly an essential part of the process.

Unfortunately, basing the validity of the induced death on consent is becoming more and more hazy. For example, in the Netherlands and Belgium, which legalized assisted suicide in 2002, a shocking number of assisted deaths are occurring without valid consent. This has especially been the case since these two countries allowed assisted suicide for the mentally ill and also in cases of an advanced consent. In regard to the latter, at the time of death, nobody knows whether the patient has actually consented to his death. There are alarming stories, such as a woman in the Netherlands who signed an advanced consent and who later acquired dementia. She physically resisted a legal injection by a doctor and had to be held down to complete the lethal injection, which she obviously opposed at that later date.

Research published in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM, March 19, 2015), on Belgian euthanasia practices, indicates that in the Flanders region of Belgium, assisted suicide takes place without consent in at least 1.7% of the deaths. This represents more than 1000 deaths. It is curious that although Belgian law prohibits capital punishment, according to the magazine, “Knack”, in an article dated January 2, 2019, by Jan Lippens, prisoners convicted of heinous crimes and unlikely to be released, were allowed assisted suicide by lethal injection. Using assisted suicide as a cover for the death penalty was never the intention of the law. Obviously, these prisoners had lost hope and a purpose in life. The same applies to those with depression and other mental illnesses. They need care and therapy, not death, whether prisoners or patients.

In the Netherlands, patients have been killed by assisted suicide even when there is no record of a prior request from the patient. In short, the legal requirement of consent

is unclear in these two countries. For example, a study in the Netherlands found that in 2015, 23% of the assisted deaths were not reported, and 431 assisted deaths were done without explicit consent.

In the province of Quebec, which has had physician assisted suicide since December 2015, 10% of these deaths were not administered according to the law, either because of incomplete paperwork, or because the law was ignored.

In regard to capital punishment, there is usually an expectation that executions be “humane”, and this includes the right of the prisoner to be unconscious at the time of death by lethal injection. In executions of prisoners by hanging or electric chair, death is definite. In some capital punishment cases by lethal injection, however, the prisoners have been awake but paralysed at the point of death, arguably making the execution a “cruel or inhumane” punishment, which could be in violation to the 8th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. However, the U.S. Supreme Court thinks otherwise. In November, 2018, the court handed down a decision in a case brought forward by a death row prisoner in Missouri who requested he be gassed to death in order to reduce pain rather than be given a lethal injection as was the state’s execution protocol. The court held that the 8th Amendment did not guarantee a prisoner a painless death stating, “that is a luxury not guaranteed to many people”.

There is an emerging consensus that anaesthetic agents used, whether in capital punishment or by physician assisted suicide, are not equivalent in their ability to induce unconsciousness, as each general anaesthetic acts on its own specific target, and also affects individuals differently. Also,

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some individuals are susceptible or resistant to different medical aids in dying. The literature concerning US capital punishment indicates that, although the same medical agents are used in physician assisted suicide, they fall well short of satisfying the requirement of achieving unconsciousness of

the prisoner at the point of death. The lesson from these unfortunate experiences of carrying out capital punishment is that unconsciousness in assisted dying by consent may not be attained by a patient who may, instead, experience trauma and distress during the procedure. †

LYING, CHEATING AND BULLYING AT THE UN

Although the UN has been beneficial in a few respects, such as curtailing epidemics, in natural disasters, and controlling the distribution of illicit drugs, it, unfortunately, has been decidedly unhelpful in other respects.

This is because the UN has become a tool for the pro-abortion and LGBT governments of many western nations, including Canada, which push a “progressive” left-wing agenda world-wide. The UN bureaucracy has been assisted in these efforts by powerful global lobby groups, which attend the UN sessions for the purpose of using the UN to extend their influence world-wide. To offset their efforts, pro-life/family groups also attend the UN meetings to counter these attacks.

WESTERN NATIONS CONTROL THE UN AGENDA

The UN depends on funding from its 193 members, but it is mainly the wealthy Western countries which are financially propping up the UN. Consequently, UN officials and the bureaucracy do the bidding of the anti-family/life governments of the West, trying to bury the views of countries having a more traditional perspective.

There is a constant tug-of-war at the UN between the opposing ideologies: the West versus Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

This struggle occurs on a regular basis in negotiations over the policies and language in UN documents. These documents are of critical importance as they direct the work of the UN and the allocation of UN funds. These documents also influence the development of laws in the UN’s Member States. Even though the documents are supposedly non-binding, they are presented to member countries, misleadingly, as reflecting UN policies that must be enforced. In short, they are used to intimidate member nations into changing their laws, based on the invalid presumption that they are required to do so by the UN.

RECENT UN CONFERENCES

In March 2019, two significant conferences took place, one in New York, the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and the other in Geneva, at the Human Rights Council.

Because left-wing governments have become frustrated by their failure to get their radical agenda accepted by the majority of UN members, they are now resorting to abusing the UN system in order to get their agenda passed. This was painfully apparent at these two UN conferences. Nothing in the past behaviour of the Western countries compares to

their outrageous behaviour at these two conferences

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

For weeks, many pro-life/family members repeatedly and strongly contested multiple provisions in the document which promoted abortion, gender/transgender confusion, comprehensive sexuality education, radical sexual rights and much more. Those facilitating the negotiations blatantly ignored calls for deletion of these controversial provisions, and pretended, instead, that they, themselves, represented the “consensus” approving the provisions.

The straw that broke the camel’s back at the conference was the rejection of the paragraph calling for the document to respect the national sovereignty and religious and cultural values of member nations. This was abruptly deleted from the document by the facilitator, with no discussion. The provisions on sovereignty were backed by the entire African voting bloc and many other Member States, such as those in the Middle East, who were furious that their views were being deliberately ignored.

The openly biased chair, who was from Ireland, announced arrogantly that the working document for the CSW, called “Agreed Conclusions”, had been “agreed to” by a “consensus”. This was decidedly inaccurate as there had been no consensus at all.

As a result of this offensive attempt by the Western, left-wing countries to control the perversion in the documents, changes will soon be coming to the UN, as many Member States have finally had enough of the many attempts by UN officials to ignore their voice. A well-deserved backlash is building, which will have far-reaching effects at the UN.

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL IN GENEVA

Another example of attempts to include left wing policies in UN documents occurred at the Human Rights Council in Geneva. On March 11, 2019, the South African Mission (South Africa is one of the few countries in Africa that supports the Western “progressive” agenda) presented a resolution to implement the preposterous and unscientific notion of transgenderism. This was done under the pretense of eliminating discrimination against women and girls in sports. The South African Mission did so by insisting that gender confused men and boys, who want to compete as women and girls, despite their physical advantages, be allowed to do so. The resolution had nothing to do with sports and everything to do with eras-

ing any differences between men and women. The resolution, however, disguised its real purpose by not referring directly to “transgendered” individuals, it referred, instead, to those women and girls who have differences in sexual development, i.e., some have penises and testes, but are, nonetheless, to be regarded as “women”. In other words, under the resolution, the very term “women and girls” included males.

Pro-family groups from around the world, including REAL Women of Canada, were immediately notified of this

South African Mission ruse, and our representatives at the UN, as well as many others, requested that the delegates oppose the resolution. REAL Women also sent a strongly worded email to the South African Mission, requesting it to withdraw its resolution. More than one third of the Human Rights Council members disassociated themselves from South Africa’s transgender resolution on Women in Sports so that the resolution failed. It was a close call, but the dedicated pro-family groups at the UN won the day. †

MARRIAGE AND PORNOGRAPHY

Viewers of pornography claim that it is a harmless pastime as there are no victims. This is incorrect. There are many harms caused by pornography and one of the major harms is its effect on marriage. Roughly 55% to 70% of men and 30% to 40% of women under the age of 40 report viewing pornography in a given year. Younger generations, particularly those who access the internet during adolescence, show the greatest increase in the use of pornography over the past few decades. Pornography is not a victimless activity since its use portends significant, detrimental, social effects on marriage, causing an even more troubled society. The considerable harm caused to marriage by pornography includes the following:

MARITAL DISSATISFACTION

Pornography undermines marital relations and distresses wives because husbands report loving their spouses less after long periods of looking at (and desiring) women depicted in pornography. Dr. Samuel Perry of the University of Oklahoma reported that frequency of viewing pornography was the second strongest predictor of poor marital quality in subsequent years.

HARMFUL IMPACT ON WIVES

In many cases, the wives of pornography users develop deep psychological wounds, commonly reporting feelings of betrayal, loss, mistrust, devastation, and anger in response to the discovery or disclosure of a partner’s pornographic, online sexual activity.

Wives can begin to feel unattractive or sexually inadequate and may become severely depressed when they realize their husbands view pornography. The distress level in wives goes beyond mere discomfort and may be so high as to require clinical treatment for trauma.

Viewers of pornography assign increased importance to sexual relations without emotional involvement, and, consequently, wives experience decreased intimacy with their husbands.

EMOTIONAL SEPARATION OF THE MARRIED PARTNERS

The emotional distance fostered by pornography and “cybersex” (interactive computer contact with another regarding pornographic sexual issues) can often be just as damaging to

the relationship as real-life infidelity. Both men and women tend to put online sexual activity in the same category as having an affair. The estrangement between spouses wrought by pornography can have tangible consequences as well. When the viewing of pornography rises to the level of addiction, 40% of “sex addicts” lose their spouses, 58% suffer considerable financial losses, and about a third lose their jobs.

In a study of the effects of “cybersex”, researchers found that more than half of those engaged in “cybersex” had lost interest in sexual intercourse, while one third of their partners had lost interest as well. In one fifth of the couples, both husband and wife or both partners had a significantly decreased interest in sexual intercourse. Stated differently, this study showed that only one third of couples maintained an interest in sexual relations with one another when one partner was engaged in “cybersex” (voyeurism).

Prolonged exposure to pornography also fosters dissatisfaction with, and even distaste for, a spouse’s affection. Cynical attitudes regarding love begin to emerge and “superior sexual pleasures are thought attainable without affection toward partners.” These consequences hold for both men and women who have had prolonged exposure to pornography, with the decline in sexual happiness being primarily due to the growing dissatisfaction with the spouse’s normal sexual behaviour.

Pornography users increasingly see the institution of marriage as sexually confining, have diminished belief in the importance of marital faithfulness, and have increasing doubts about the value of marriage as an essential social institution, and further doubts about its future viability. All this naturally diminishes the importance for them of having good family relations in their own families.

INCREASED INFIDELITY IN THE MARRIAGE

Dolf Zillmann of the University of Alabama, in one study of adolescents, shows that the steady use of pornography frequently leads to abandonment of fidelity to their girlfriends. Steven Stack of Wayne State University and colleagues later showed that pornography use increased the marital infidelity rate by more than 300%. Another study found a strong correlation between viewing internet por-

nography and sexually permissive behaviour. Stack's study found that internet pornography use is 3.7 times greater among those who procure sexual relations with a prostitute than among those who do not.

"Cybersex" pornography also leads to much higher levels of infidelity among women. Women who engaged in "cybersex" had about 40% more offline sexual partners than women who did not engage in cybersex.

SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

Inevitably, addiction to pornography is a contributor to separation and divorce. A longitudinal study, conducted by Dr. Samuel Perry and Dr. Cyrus Schleifer of the University of Oklahoma, found that the likelihood of divorce roughly doubles for

men and women who begin pornography use. According to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 68% of divorce cases involved one party meeting a new paramour over the internet, 56% involved "one party having an obsessive interest in pornographic websites," 47% involved "spending excessive time on the computer", and 33% involved spending excessive time in chat rooms (a commonly sexualized forum). Cybersex, which often takes place in these chat rooms, was a major factor in separation and divorce. In over 22% of the couples observed, the spouse was no longer living with the "cybersex" addict, and in many of the other cases, spouses were seriously considering leaving the marriage or relationship.

References for the studies referred to above are available on request. †

STORM CLOUDS GATHERING OVER RELIGION

Religion is important to society. It is a unifying force within communities and provides direction and guidelines for appropriate behaviour for its members. In addition, religious belief provides an anchor, defining the purpose and meaning of life for many.

These are other major benefits of religion for the whole community as well:

A January 2019 study by the Washington-based public polling and data social research organization, Pew Research Center, which operates in over two dozen countries, found that religious belief leads to more active civil engagement in society in that 58% of religiously active individuals belong to at least one other non-religious organization, and 69% always vote in national elections. This is compared to just 39% of those unaffiliated to a religion, who belonged to a non-religious (civic) organization, and only 48% voted in national elections.

In addition, belief in a religion has been shown to be accompanied by an altruistic attitude, or an unselfish regard for or devotion to the welfare of others. An Angus Reid poll, published in May, 2017, found that of individuals asked whether their priority in life was caring for others or their own personal fulfillment, 67% of the religiously committed favoured helping others, while 65% of non-believers chose the pursuit of their own happiness as their priority.

The generous financial contributions to communities by religious institutions is surprising. According to a Statistics Canada report, released in 2012, 93 % of religiously active Canadians had given money to one or more charitable or non-profit organizations, compared to 83% of non-religious or marginally non-religious individuals.

On March 5, 2019, Statistics Canada released a document entitled *Non-profit institutions and volunteering: Economic Contributions 2007 to 2017*. According to this study, which spans a wide range of non-profit institutions, including faith based groups, which make up 38.4% of such organizations, the contributions by charitable, non-profit organizations totaled

\$169.2 billion in 2017. Further, the religious based think tank, "Cardus", conducted a study in Toronto in 2010 and found that for every dollar in a religious congregation's budget, the community in which it was located received an estimated \$4.77 in benefits. This is estimated to amount to \$6.7 billion in Toronto, and, in a city such as Victoria, B.C., religious congregations provided more than \$304 million in benefits.

In summary, it would appear that people with strong religious convictions have stronger social and altruistic values that benefit everyone. These characteristics cause religiously affiliated individuals to give more of their time and money to others. This is the reason churches establish public benefits such as soup kitchens, food banks, child care centres, homes for seniors, summer camps for children, and provide spaces for communities to assist youth groups, individuals suffering from addictions and abuse, and shelters for the homeless. These charitable works, carried out by faith based organizations, have served society over many generations.

WHAT IS A CHARITY?

The current definition of the word "charity", surprisingly, is not found in Canadian legislation. Rather, the definition is based on an English statute passed in 1601 during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. This statute laid out the four broadly recognized categories of charitable activity: (1) religion, (2) relief of the poor, (3) education and, (4) purposes beneficial to the community (philanthropic activities, such as hospitals and schools). These categories have been further enlarged over the years by a briar patch of judges' rulings.

Because of their generous contributions, made for the betterment of society, these four charitable activities have been granted a tax exempt status in Canada under the *Income Tax Act* in order to encourage and continue their work.

Nothing over the years has changed the contributions made by charitable organizations. There is one exception, however, which is the charitable works surrounding those

provided by religion. In recent decades, religion has fallen into disfavor because the progressive elites controlling our national agenda regard religion as an obstacle to achieving liberal objectives. That is, many religious individuals, such as some Christians, Orthodox Jews, Sikhs, Hindus and Muslims are determined to remain faithful to the basic precepts of their faith on such contemporary issues as abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, same-sex marriages, the liberalization of drugs, and prostitution, etc. In other words, individuals with these faith based beliefs refuse to accept the changes demanded by the radical thinkers on the left.

PUSHING RELIGION FROM THE PUBLIC SQUARE

In order to overcome this faith based resistance, the progressives are attempting to push religion from the public square so that it will no longer be an integral part of the public dialogue. In order to accomplish this, they believe it is necessary to demean and discredit religious faith and its dedicated followers. Removing the tax exempt status of religious based organizations is part and parcel of this attempt to discredit and to deny recognition that religious faiths are a significant part of Canadian society. This situation has not been helped by the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, in June 2018, in the Trinity Western Christian Law School case. In that case, the court held that homosexual rights override the religious rights of the Christian university.

It is worrisome that the LGBT Community may, as a result, as their next strategic move, demand that the government strip charitable status from any church or institution that disagrees with its ideology. This recently occurred when a woman in a same sex relationship attended a Baptist Church in Oshawa, Ontario. The church removed her as a member on the grounds that she no longer shared the theological and doctrinal beliefs of the church. This decision placed the church in the crosshairs of LGBT activists who launched a letter writing campaign asking the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to remove the church's charitable status since it was using its resources to promote "hate and intolerance". This campaign is being promoted on the basis that if an institution receives benefits from the public purse, then it must not be permitted to promote such "hate and intolerance".

Another example of the attempt to discredit religion is that of hardline secular activists who, in March of this year in the United Kingdom, pushed for the elimination of the advancement of religion as a charitable purpose, arguing that "promoting religion is not inherently a public benefit, and can sometimes even cause harm to society."

Recently, the BC Humanist Association—a charitable organization—has campaigned to convince municipal councillors to pressure churches that currently enjoy broad property tax exemption, to prove their "value" to the community before obtaining such tax exemptions.

A similar attempt occurred several years ago at the City Council in Brampton, Ontario, where it was proposed that property taxes should be levied against churches. This proposal, however, was withdrawn.

We have also witnessed Justin Trudeau's attempt to alienate many church based organizations by refusing to fund them under the federal Summer Jobs Program, if they do not accept the Liberal Party's secular values on abortion and homosexuality. This caused such a backlash that Trudeau was forced to soften this demand in December 2018 by "amending" this controversial requirement. However, his proposed amendment was not meaningful, since it did not remove discrimination against religion. Trudeau will likely renew his restrictions on government funding for faith based groups should he win the October 2019 federal election.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

Another major concern re the place of religion in society as a charitable activity, is the Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector, established on January 30, 2018, to review the charitable status of such faith-based groups under the *Income Tax Act*.

The establishment of this committee was proposed by Liberal Senator Terry M. Mercer, who was subsequently appointed Chair of the Committee. Senator Mercer was the former Director of Fundraising for the Liberal Party of Canada.

This committee was initially required to report its findings by December 2018, but the deadline was extended to September 30, 2019. The delay has been a reprieve, since the Liberal government will not have an opportunity to bring forward any legislation, based on that committee's recommendations, before the federal election that will be held only a few weeks later. It is likely that, should Justin Trudeau be re-elected in October, all bets are off, and the tax exempt status of faith based organizations will become a major issue in Canada. †

MESSAGE BOARD

- **Action Item:** Sign and share the CitizenGO sponsored petition to protest the "Gay" loonie which the Canadian Mint is releasing this year. <https://www.citizenngo.org/en-ca/fm/167676-say-no-gay-loonie> Refuse the coin when it is offered to you and ask for four quarters instead.
- **Membership campaign:** Membership packages, at no charge, are available to members of REAL Women who wish to extend a personal invitation to a friend or relative to join REAL Women of Canada. This is an ideal way to increase membership. Please let our Ottawa office know how many packages you would like. They contain a letter of invitation, written on REAL Women letterhead and signed by our National President, a membership form, a return envelope addressed to REAL Women, a REAL Women pamphlet and a business envelope. Add your own personal note of endorsement when sending out a package.

STATISTICS ON MARIJUANA THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Statistics Canada released a report on April 10, 2019 which reveals that since marijuana was legalized for recreational use in October 2018, the cost of legal marijuana has skyrocketed and the cost of illegal marijuana has decreased. As a result, according to the Statistics Canada Report, 70% of the marijuana that is now being consumed is purchased illegally and only 30% is purchased from legal sources because illegal marijuana is 36% cheaper.

One of the main arguments that Trudeau used to support the decision to legalize marijuana was that this would keep it out of the hands of drug traffickers.

What did he know? As usual, not very much. †



This cartoon, by Chip Bok, was published: on January 12, 2018 in the Kingman Daily Miner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear supporter of REAL Women of Canada:

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We are pleased that Gwen Landolt's second book, "From Democracy to Judicial Dictatorship in Canada: the Untold Story of the Charter of Rights" is now available for sale. Gwen Landolt, LLB, co-founder of REAL Women of Canada and our national Vice-President, is one of its three authors. Her first book, which she co-authored with Patrick Redmond, "Pierre Elliott Trudeau's Great Betrayal", continues to be widely read. By all accounts, this new book on the history of the Charter of Rights will undoubtedly be controversial, and much in demand.

REAL Women of Canada wrote a letter to each of the MP's and Senators who spoke on Parliament Hill at the March for Life Rally in Ottawa on May 9. We thanked them for their courage and convictions in defense of life. We included a complimentary copy of Gwen's book on the Charter of Rights.

Thank you for being women and men trying to build a better society.

Regards,
Pauline Guzik
Pauline Guzik,
National President

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