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## WELCOME TAX RELIEF FOR CANADIAN FAMILIES



**This recently announced ‘Family Tax Cut’ is a tribute and financial support to all hard working, loving parents...**

On October 30, 2014, the Conservative government announced tax breaks for about four million families, averaging an after tax benefit of about \$1,140 per family. This is great news for families struggling to raise their children in these hard economic times. It is also an acknowledgement of the importance of the family and its children who are the very foundation of Canadian society and its future.

This announcement is in addition to the previous announcement that the maximum amount of expenses allowed under the Children’s Fitness Tax Credit will be increased from \$500 to \$1,000, making it a refundable guarantee so that even those who don’t pay income tax, will benefit. Families with children playing hockey, for example, which has become an expensive sport, (even with second-hand equipment), will find this a help to keep their child in the sport. Others, with children playing soccer or taking dancing or skating lessons etc., will also benefit. It’s always a serious decision for parents to undertake the expenses for their children’s sports activities—so important for their children’s health and development, both physically and socially.

Other policies include that of income-splitting, which means that a spouse is able to transfer income for tax purposes up to \$50,000 to the lower-income spouse with children eighteen years and younger, in order to collect a non-refundable tax credit of up to \$2,000 per year. This break means that it is the middle and lower income families, not the higher income families, who will benefit from this “Family Tax Cut”. Other families that will not benefit from this policy, such as single parents, or those who do not pay any income tax at all, are already looked after by other benefits under the Income Tax Act. For example: The eligible dependant credit (previously called the equivalent-to-spouse credit) permits a single parent

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› This cartoon first appeared in the Richmond Hill Liberal, on December 22, 2011.

*Wishing you and your loved ones  
a Blessed Christmas Season  
and a Joyous New Year  
**Merry Christmas***



*From the Board and Staff of  
**REAL Women of Canada***

taxpayer to claim a child as a “spouse” for tax purposes.

Income splitting is not a new policy as it has been made available previously for seniors’ pensions, and to self-employed spouses and farmers. Also, forms of income-splitting are available for families, under the Goods and Services Tax Credits, and Spousal RRSPs. Income splitting for families with growing children is just keeping pace with this trend.

Family income-splitting is a legitimate form of tax sharing, and is a welcome remedy for the disparity in taxes paid by sole and dual family income earners with the same income. This blatant discrimination has now at last been remedied. It’s not a special tax break for one-income families, but rather, puts them on the same footing as the two-income family.

The NDP introduced, a week previously, another family tax scheme, a national day care programme, which would create, at a cost of \$5 billion, only 376,000 spaces for four years olds, even though the preschool population is in excess of two million. The NDP scheme also has a drawback in that it introduces an unfair preference for those parents who place their children in the NDP’s choice of child care, a licensed, regulated day care centre. The Conservative plan removes this unfair preference for parents’ choice in child care.

Feminists bitterly criticize the notion of income-splitting,

claiming it gives women an “incentive” to stay at home – a terrible tragedy in their books. The truth is, income-splitting just doesn’t penalize them for doing so.

Liberal leader Justin Trudeau regards income-splitting with disdain, announcing that he will reverse income-splitting if he becomes Prime Minister.

REAL Women has long advocated for an increase in the Universal Child Care Benefit. This new policy has increased the benefit to \$160 a month from \$100 a month for children 6 and under. Also, beginning in January, these taxable payments will go to families with children age 6 through 17 at \$60 a month. REAL Women is grateful for the acknowledgement that parents with children over 6 years of age also have significant expenses raising their school aged children.

For parents with children in day care, an increase to the Child Care Expense Deduction was announced, as of 2015, with an increase to \$8,000 from \$7,000 per child age 7 and under. For children age 7 to 16, it will rise to \$5,000 from \$4,000.

This recently announced “Family Tax Cut” is a tribute and financial support for all hard working, loving parents who want the best for their children, but are finding it a financial struggle to provide for all their children’s needs. These tax changes are a genuine help to them. †

## THE INDOMITABILITY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

The times in which we are living are challenging. Abortion, assisted suicide, legalized drugs, human rights trumping religious rights, no-fault divorce, prostitution, pornography, same-sex marriage are all issues that most would like to do without. The legality of these issues have all been imposed upon us by governments, activist judges and the media with no input from the public. It is just as though the public has no mind of its own to reach its own conclusions.

Instead, the public is required to submissively and obediently accept edicts on moral issues from these elites, without complaint or dissent. The powerful elites who impose these decisions, however, have failed to understand one important characteristic about mankind, which is the power of the human spirit. No matter how grim the political situation, underneath there is constantly bubbling a caldron of concern in many individuals, notwithstanding the media’s attempt to ignore it.

Today we are witnessing this human spirit in many areas of the globe. This human spirit supports the experience and knowledge developed over the centuries on matters of morality which have served as the glue that holds society together. For example no matter how the judges spout on about the equality and dignity of same-sex couples to marry, and no matter how the media paints pictures of loving same-sex couples, the harsh reality remains in the hearts and minds of most of the public, even though some remain silent about it, that same-sex unions are sterile unions with “marriage” providing merely a cloak to cover a disordered union. Dressed up in their wedding finery, same-sex couples are sad

caricatures of a marriage. One is filled with pity and compassion for these troubled individuals who desire so much to have their unnatural relationships accepted and respected. This can never be, as their relationships amount only to a private agreement masquerading under legal sanction, since it provides no benefit to society. On the other hand, it’s in a heterosexual union, which engenders children, that the future of society lies.

We can witness the human spirit arising in many countries, for example:

- The socialist French president, François Hollande, who passed a same-sex marriage law in May 2013 and intends to pass other anti-family policies, such as surrogacy and gender identity has met enormous resistance from the French public. This is astonishing in secular France. An organization, called “La Manif Pour Tous” (Demonstration For All), has held seven massive demonstrations on the Paris streets and elsewhere. It is comprised of families rising up against President Hollande and his cabinet. Protesters wear sweatshirts with a distinctive logo: a childlike drawing of a father, mother and a boy and a girl. The logo has become a rallying sign all over France. The demonstrators hope to overturn the same-sex marriage legislation after the 2017 election. Meanwhile, former president Nicholas Sarkozy blames Mr. Hollande for this national divide over the government’s decision to legalise same-sex marriage. He stated that the question of same-sex marriage should be put to a referendum as it is an issue that concerns the moral fabric of society.

- In Italy, large demonstrations have taken place because the Italian Parliament has proposed a law prohibiting “homophobia”. This law has not gone over well with the Italian public, who believe the law is a re-emergence of fascism, ordering people how to think. Groups of citizens who call themselves the “Sentinels” (Sentinelle in Piedi) stand quietly each week with their signs in major Italian cities, Turin, Rome, Bologna, Genoa, Rovereto, Aosta, etc.. This defiance has enraged homosexual activists, communists and anarchists who have been violent and have hurled verbal abuse at the Sentinel demonstrations. The Sentinels are a non-partisan, non-denominational organization. They claim it is not a movement but a “citizen’s resistance method”. The issue is freedom of expression and the right of children to be raised in a family with a “mum and a dad”. The Sentinels “watch over society” and “denounce every occasion in which [attempts are made] to destroy mankind and civilization”.

- In the United Kingdom, Conservative Prime Minister, David Cameron, under pressure from his more liberal coalition partner, Nicholas Clegg, representing Liberal Democrats, brought in same-sex marriage in 2013. Further, Mr. Cameron has introduced legislation to allow new medical procedures that will allow same-sex couples to have children artificially (creating three parent families).

This has led to a revolt in the Conservative Party with supporters leaving riding associations in droves, with fewer than 100,000 members left in the party. The result of this was evident in the starkest terms in a by-election held in October 2014, when a former Conservative MP won a seat for the United Kingdom Independent Party (UKIP), displaying a huge swing by voters. He won by over 12,000 votes or 60% of the votes. In a second by-election held that same day, the Labour Party, whose leader, Ed Miliband, has solidly supported homosexual rights, including same-sex marriage, held on to its seat by only 619 votes, in a traditional Labour riding. Other Conservative MPs are considering switching over to the UKIP. A general election is to be held in the UK in May 2015, and the centuries old left/right political divide in the UK appears to have broken down: a large swath of people feeling disconnected and unrepresented by the political elites making these changes.

- Prior to the 2011 national election in Spain, one million protesters took to the Madrid streets, demanding that the abortion law, brought in under the previous Socialist Government, allowing abortions up to 16 weeks, be repealed. Mariano Rajoy, leader of the People’s Party, won the election and promised to restrict abortions to only cases of rape or serious health risks.

However, in September 2014, Prime Minister Rajoy scrapped his proposed abortion legislation, claiming there was no consensus for it. The Minister of Justice, who drafted the legislation, resigned in protest.

Back to the streets for pro-life family supporters in October! They claimed “election fraud”. Only 48 hours previously these same individuals had demonstrated in support of a new abortion law protecting the unborn. Spain is now in turmoil over the issue of abortion.

- On October 8, 2014 the US Supreme Court caused enormous controversy when it decided not to hear the appeals from several states in which judges had ordered the overturning of legislation that had defined marriage as a union of a man and a woman. By refusing to hear these appeals, the Supreme Court judges allowed all the lower courts’ decisions to stand, thereby bringing the number of states that provide same-sex marriage to over 30. In only six states was same-sex marriage chosen by the voters through the democratic process - all the others have occurred by judicial activism. These judges have brazenly reshaped the legal and cultural landscape on marriage in accordance with their own perspective. This is occurring even though a September 2014 PEW poll indicates that support for same-sex “marriage” has fallen by eight points since 2010, from 49% to 41%. Another poll, held in October, conducted by FOX News, also found slipping support for same-sex marriage with more Americans (47%) opposing same-sex marriage than supporting it (41%).

In refusing to hear these appeals, the Supreme Court may have been trying to protect itself from being targeted for playing politics. However, by refusing to hear these cases, the Supreme Court has done the very thing it may have been trying to avoid –creating a political maelstrom.

Twice before in US history, the US Supreme Court has made a devastating blunder. In 1857, the court declared, in the Dred Scott case, that blacks were not human beings, but were merely the property of their owners. This led, three years later, to the horrible slaughter of the US Civil War.

In 1973, the Supreme Court, in Roe vs Wade, handed down a decision in support of abortion on demand. This created a tremendous pro-life backlash: a knowledgeable assertive public turned the tables on the issue, and undermined the credibility of the US Supreme Court.

How will the US population react to the court elevating political correctness above the rule of law on same-sex marriage by sweeping away the views of the public in legislation and referendums? Not well. It will take time, but a huge backlash will eventually develop. Already we can hear the distant rumble of a tidal wave which may eventually sweep the nation and the courts. We don’t know how, when or in which direction this tidal wave will sweep away judicial tyranny, but it will come. Oklahoma Governor, Mary Fallin, calls for civil disobedience and Senator Ted Cruz of Texas is demanding a constitutional amendment to protect marriage.

One thing we all know: despite all the tools at the disposal of the government, courts, media and homosexual activists, they will eventually lose because they cannot extinguish the indomitability of the human spirit. †

# REAL WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT



**REAL Women has been busy dealing with a number of bills affecting the family and traditional values.**

Since the current Parliamentary Session opened on September 15, 2014, REAL Women has been busy dealing with a number of bills affecting the family and traditional values. These bills deal with the issues of the transgendered, prostitution and drug injection sites.

## **TRANSGENDER BILL C-279**

This Bill seeks to give protection for the transgendered under the *Canadian Human Rights Act* and the hate section of the *Criminal Code*.

The sponsor of the bill in the House of Commons was homosexual, NDP MP, Randall Garrison, (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke). The bill narrowly passed because of the support of seventeen Conservative MP's. The sponsor of the Bill in the Senate was Senator Grant Mitchell (Edmonton) who is a Liberal or non-Liberal Senator— whichever—according to Justin Trudeau.

Both sponsors insisted that the Bill would not result in any difficulties for women and children. REAL Women sent a letter last June to every senator. We listed six events, whereby males given access to women's bathrooms or change rooms under legislation similar to Bill C-279, had alarming consequences for women and children. For example, a convicted sexual predator in Toronto, falsely claiming to be a transgendered woman, dressed in women's clothing, was permitted to stay in two women's shelters in Toronto. He sexually attacked two vulnerable women in these shelters. He was convicted of sexual assault in February, 2013.

As stated by Conservative Senator Donald Plett, "my 5-year old granddaughter does not want to be in a bathroom with a biological male ... whose rights do we trump by giving someone else rights?"

REAL Women appeared as a witness before the Senate committee on Legal and Constitutional affairs on Thursday, October 9, 2014. At this hearing, we were able to dispel some of the outright lies put forward by Mr. Garrison and Senator Mitchell, who are trying to pass this Bill off as a simple matter of preventing discrimination, when, in fact, the bill has serious, unpleasant ramifications for all society. Bill C-279 is political correctness gone mad.

## **PROSTITUTION BILL C-36**

This Bill targets clients and pimps by charging them with offences, but casts individuals who sell sexual services as victims. According to Justice Minister Peter McKay, most of those in the sex trade have been forced in by systemic

issues, such as poverty, racism and abuse, and deserve protection from the law.

The biased, mainstream media never lost an opportunity to criticise this Bill, claiming that it increases the risk of harm to prostitutes. The media want decriminalization so that prostitutes can operate freely on the streets, in brothels, and massage parlours, and by way of escort services. That way, it is argued, prostitutes will then be able to put in place their own protective measures. As if.

Only a handful of prostitutes support this approach, since the vast majority of prostitutes, who have been raped, physically harmed, and terrorized, know better.

One of those opposed to Bill C-36 was Terri-Jean Bedford, a dominatrix who, together with two other prostitutes brought the legal challenge of the prostitution law in 2010. Ms. Bedford came before the Senate Committee in July, accompanied by her whip, which she cracked a few times on the table for emphasis, and presumably to remind the Senators of the importance of her career. Ms. Bedford memorably told the Senate Committee that men should not receive sex for free, but should have to pay for it, just like all other services. When she refused to stop talking, well over her time allotment, the chairman, Senator Bob Runciman, was forced to have security escort her out. Before departing, however, Ms. Bedford declared that if the politicians did not amend the Bill to her satisfaction, she would publicly "out" all those politicians who had been serviced by prostitutes. Even prostitutes think her approach is problematic, since it would likely lead to charges of extortion and defamation: it would be difficult to prove the purchase of such a service.

Although REAL Women would have preferred that all prostitution be prohibited, we, nonetheless, supported this bill as a big improvement over the previous prostitution law.

## **AN ACT REGULATING DRUG INJECTION SITES (BILL C-2)**

REAL Women was an intervener at the Supreme Court of Canada when the legality of drug injection sites was argued there. Our organization was the only one of the 15 interveners which did not have either a financial, personal or professional interest in the outcome of the case. Our concern was entirely based on the addicted individual and the implications for his/her family and society.

We closely followed the over 18 hours' debate on Bill C-2 in the House of Commons. The debate was dominated by the NDP—who are enthusiastic supporters of drug injection sites. The party argues that Bill C-2 will be an impediment to the establishment of future drug injection sites in Canada because of the conditions it is placing on the establishment of such facilities.

Bill C-2 was drafted only because the Supreme Court of Canada, in September, 2011, stated that the government

was required to establish such sites. The court reached this conclusion based on controversial studies carried out by the same individuals who lobbied for the Vancouver site. They had a conflict of interest in carrying out these studies, which had the political objective of ensuring that the facility continued to operate.

The organization which operated the Vancouver site was Portland Hotel Society Community Services (PHS), whose books were audited in November 2013. The audit revealed that the directors and executives of PHS had used much of the approximately \$21 million per year it received from the federal and provincial governments, for their own personal use. They used the grants for wining, dining, travelling, staying at luxury hotels, flower arrangements, hair salons, spas and limousines, all placed on the business credit card of PHS.

Bill C-2 is aimed at stopping such abuses and requires 26 conditions to be met before a licence may be considered for the establishment of a drug injection facility.

On October 29, 2014, REAL Women appeared before the Public Safety and National Security Committee on this bill. In our statement, we stated that well off individuals, such as doctors, lawyers, airline pilots, etc., can afford to obtain treatment for their addiction. It is the addicts without money or support who are shuffled off to the Vancouver facility, where they inject themselves continuously with street drugs, which only deepens their addiction. This results, eventually, in the addicts' further degradation and, often, a terrifying death. Clearly, the problem of drug use is not solved by enabling drug addicts to use more drugs. A compassionate society should not kill addicts by furthering their addiction, but, rather, should reach out to them by way of treatment.

The Vancouver Drug Injection Site has given rise to abuse and exploitation, and has done little to serve the best interests of addicts or society. Therefore, Bill C-2, which places some modifications on the operation of such drug injection sites, is well justified and highly responsible legislation. †

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## WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT FOR THE NATURAL FAMILY

The western media are constantly hammering away trying to pretend that there is no universal definition of the family. This is not correct. There is, in fact, such a definition included in several UN human rights treaties:

### UN Declaration of Human Rights

- 16(1) *Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution;*
- 16(2) *Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses; and*
- 16(3) *The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.*

### International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

*Art.23(1).The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.*

### International Covenant On Economic, Social And Cultural Rights

*Art.10(1)The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize that: The widest possible protection and assistance should be*

*accorded to the family, which is the natural and fundamental group unit of society, particularly for its establishment and while it is responsible for the care and education of dependent children. Marriage must be entered into with the free consent of the intending spouses.*

There are 110 nations that believe so strongly in this definition of the natural family that they have included the definition of the natural family in their national constitutions.

The European Court of Human Rights, the supreme human rights court in Europe, with jurisdictions over 47 European nations, concluded in August, 2014 that the nations of Europe are not required to recognize same-sex marriage since the right to marriage only extends to one man, one woman. That is, a European nation may recognize same-sex marriage if it wants to. However, it is not required to do so. 37 out of 47 European nations have retained the definition of the family as expressed in the UN Treaties.

The World Congress of Families (WCF) summed up the importance of the natural family in March 2014 when it stated in its World Family Declaration:

*The family is also the fountain and cradle of new life, the natural refuge for children, and the first and foremost school to teach the values necessary for the well-being of children and society. The family truly is our link to the past and bridge to the future. †*

# STOP SEX-SELECTION ABORTIONS

**We can help raise this awareness in Parliament by signing the enclosed petition to the House of Commons.**



Conservative MP Mark Warawa (Langley, B.C.) introduced Motion M-408 in the House of Commons, in March, 2013, in regard to prohibiting sex-selection abortions.

However, his Motion was not brought forward, because it was held to be "non-votable", by the House of Commons Sub-committee on Private Members' Business which is under the Procedure and House Affairs Committee.

Mr. Warawa does not want this issue to die. Instead, he wants Parliament to regularly hear about sex selection abortion, and the resulting gendercide which is a serious issue that must be addressed. Petitions make this possible by continuously raising the issue in The House of Commons.

We can help raise this awareness in Parliament by signing the enclosed petition to the House of Commons. Please feel free to copy the blank petition and circulate it among your friends and family. Originally signed petitions can be mailed without postage to the address on the bottom of the petition, (Mr. Warawa's address) or, alternatively, you can send it to your local MP and ask him or her to read it in Parliament. ‡

## 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUE

Time flies by and REAL Women with it! We are so busy that we hardly register the passing of time. However, we do know that all our work, despite the efforts of our volunteers, does cost money.

We rely heavily on our members' annual fees to keep us going with on-going expenses such as rent, telephone, printing, office supplies, etc., and no matter how hard we try to cut back, these expenses always face us each month.

Please, if you haven't already done so, send in your 2015 membership dues of \$30 to:

REAL Women of Canada  
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Ottawa ON K1G 3J1

Or, if you wish, a secure online donation may be made via PayPal on our website at [www.realwomenofcanada.ca](http://www.realwomenofcanada.ca)

Many thanks for your wonderful on-going support for REAL Women and for our work on behalf of the traditional family. ‡

## MAKING A GIFT UNDER YOUR WILL TO REAL WOMEN OF CANADA

Making a gift under your Will to REAL Women of Canada is a lasting gift, not just to REAL Women itself, but also to Canada as a whole.

Canada needs strong families, especially now, when the fabric of society is being torn apart by materialism, selfish individualism, and disrespect for human life.

REAL Women's efforts on behalf of the traditional family have never wavered. Through turmoil and adversity, we have put forward our voice on behalf of the family in a clear and uncompromising manner. We can only continue this vital work for many generations to come with your help.

When preparing your Will, please consider assisting REAL Women by making a bequest to our organization so that we can continue with our crucial work. ‡

## MESSAGE BOARD

- A heartfelt thank you goes out to our supporters who have responded so generously to our fund-raising appeal letter. If we have not yet heard from you, we hope that you will find the time and the resources to help us out soon. If you have misplaced the donation slip that was in the appeal letter, you may use the entry form that is in this REALity. If you did not receive an appeal letter but are able to contribute, all donations are greatly appreciated, including from businesses and non-members. Due to time, money and manpower limitations, acknowledgements are sent out for donations of \$100 or more.
- Action Item: Please circulate the enclosed petition against sex-selection abortions in Canada where there are absolutely no restrictions on abortions. ‡

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Send online at [www.realwomenofcanada.ca](http://www.realwomenofcanada.ca) or by mail. Thank you.

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

**Whereas:**

1. A CBC documentary revealed that ultrasounds are being used in Canada to tell the sex of an unborn child so that expectant parents can choose to terminate the pregnancy if the unborn child is a girl;
2. An Environics poll found that 92% of Canadians believe sex-selective pregnancy termination "should be illegal";
3. The Society of Gynaecologists of Canada and the Canadian Association of Radiologists strongly oppose the non-medical use of fetal ultrasounds;
4. There are over 200 million girls missing worldwide. This gendercide has created a global gender imbalance crisis resulting in violence and the human trafficking of girls;
5. The Three Deadliest Words in the World are: It's a Girl.

**Therefore, we the undersigned, call upon all Members of Parliament to condemn discrimination against girls occurring through sex-selective pregnancy termination.**

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**Please mail to: Mark Warawa, MP, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6 (no postage required)**