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PRO-LIFE/FAMILY REFORMS PERCOLATING IN EASTERN EUROPE

Something is stirring in Eastern Europe which is changing the outlook of several nations in regard to life and family issues.

Countries such as Hungary, Poland, Georgia and Lithuania had all been under the control of the Soviet Union until the 1990's. Despite the fall of the Berlin Wall, the political landscapes in their first free elections were dominated largely by the political elites of the communist party that had previously run their countries. With independence, these former communists simply re-named themselves as the Social Democratic Party. This renaming of the communists didn't change their anti-life/family policies.

Recently, however, many of these Eastern European countries, deeply cherishing their freedoms, are raising objections to the pressure being placed on them from bureaucrats of the European Union (EU), to incorporate the EU's anti-life/family policies into their national life, just as the Soviet Union had previously done.

In order to protect themselves from these EU anti-life/ family policies, the voters in these countries have thrown out of power their former political left-leaning political parties and have voted in new governments that are willing to resist anti-life/family pressures and uphold policies that are in the national, family and patriotic interest.

For example:

POLAND

called "Law and Justice Party", won an absolute majority. This caused the eclipse of the socialist parties in

In 2015, the Conservative political party in Poland

Poland which had sympathized with feminists and had discouraged pro-life initiatives. The current abortion law in Poland provides that abortion is legal when a doctor believes the baby has a severe and irreversible handicap, or an incurable and life-threatening disease. Further, when the woman's life and health are in danger, there are no legal limits as to when abortion can be performed.

The above law led to a citizen's initiative in the form of a petition of half a million signatures requesting legislation to ban all abortions.

However, a group of radical feminists, linked to the former government, and funded by American billionaire George Soros, began a wave of protests in major cities in Poland. As well, pressure was exerted on the Polish government by the EU to reject the abortion ban.

The feminists' extreme policies did not find sympathy with the majority of Polish women. The protesters' antireligion slogan "'No' to church interference in politics", was particularly offensive to them. The feminist demands drew only 2,500 signatures on their petition.

Some of the leaders of this feminist organization had worked for the former government, and it appears that their purpose was also to overturn the Law and Justice Party.

The Polish government has recently announced several bills aiming to help families with special needs children, and women with crisis pregnancies. The government has also expressed special concern about abortions that are being performed to eliminate babies with Down syndrome. Hopefully, the government will

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soon pass legislation banning all abortions, as requested by the Polish people.

HUNGARY

The Conservative government under Prime Minister Viktor Orban was elected in 2010. It publicly encourages women to give birth. The government helps arrange adoptions, gives aid to families, encourages religious education, and facilitates ethics courses in the public education system.

The constitution of Hungary enacted in 2011, states explicitly that human life will be protected from the moment of conception.

Also, in 2011 the government initiated a pro-life campaign placing posters at Hungary's bus stops with the image of a baby in the womb, saying, "I understand that you are not yet ready for me, but give me up to the adoption agency, LET ME LIVE!" The EU criticized Prime Minister Orban for supposedly using EU money to fund this campaign which it claimed was against "European values". It demanded that the funds be returned. The Hungarian government has ignored the EU.

As a result of his pro-life/family policies, the abortion rate in Hungary dropped by 23% between 2010 and 2015. In the first quarter of 2016, abortions fell again by over 4%.

LITHUANIA

On October 23, 2016 an election was held in Lithuania which gave an absolute victory to the Peasant-Green Union. Although this party had a more left-wing economic agenda, unlike other western Green parties, the Peasant-Green party in Lithuania is socially conservative especially on moral issues. Family life, patriotism and social justice are its key policies. The party opposes the previous government's attempt to pass the homosexual partnership law and promotion of abortion.

GEORGIA

An election was held in Georgia on October 31, 2016. This country was a former member of the Soviet Union and is a now, with this election, a beacon of democracy in the former Soviet region. The party elected in October with a super majority is called: "The Georgian Dream Party". This party promotes the family and is pro-life. and plans to bring forward policies supporting these objectives with the popular support of the people.

We do not always know what the future holds, but we do know that many central-Eastern European nations now have strong morally right-wing positions on social issues.

These countries can only look to the degeneracy and despondency of the people living in the West to know they are in the right place. •

THE INSANITY OF THE LIBERALS' DRUG POLICIES

"Why isn't money being poured into the only rational solution to drug addiction, which is drug treatment programs? ... Why is Canada so inadequate in dealing with drug addiction?"

Fentanyl is an opioid that is being prescribed in enormous amounts across Canada, supposedly to relieve pain caused for anything from dental to post-surgical discomfort.

In fact, Canada and the US have the undesirable status of having the highest per-capita volume of opioids dispensed in the world. Fentanyl, which is supposed to help people by relieving their pain, is, in fact, killing two people every day in Canada, by overdose. This is because when used only one or two times daily, these opioids triple the risk of death.

The Minister of Health, Jane Philpott, has responded to the opioid epidemic by imposing some restrictions on the prescribing of opioids, and the RCMP is planning to restrict six chemicals used to make illegal fentanyl.

However, Philpott is apparently not aware that when individuals dependent on prescription opioids are cut off from the drug, they are much more likely to transition to street drugs. This is what is happening daily.

In the US, in 2014, over 14,000 people died of fentanyl overdose. In B.C., drugs in 60% of overdose deaths and 86% of drugs brought into Vancouver's drug injection site were

found to be contaminated with fentanyl. Drug traffickers in Vancouver easily order this highly potent, low-cost drug online, mainly from China. It is then cut into street drug amounts. The contaminated drug is then purchased by addicts who bring this illicit drug onto the injection site. More than 433 people have died of illicit drug overdoses in BC this year - a 74% increase from the same period last year. The final, yearly death toll in BC is expected to be between 600 and 800 people.

This grave problem of deaths by fentanyl has been greatly increased by the use of another, even more fatal drug, called carfentanil. It is so deadly that a dose, only the size of a grain of sand, can be lethal. It is 100 times more powerful than fentanyl. It is used to kill elephants and as a tool of war and terrorism. Despite these dangers, Chinese vendors are selling the drug openly online. Already, in just a few months since this drug emerged, Canada has experienced several deaths from it.

Our ever cheery, ever complacent Minister of Health, Jane Philpott, is apparently devoid of common sense, and has acquiesced to the politically correct position on drug use in injection sites where these trafficked, contaminated drugs are being injected. She told the CBC that "drug injection sites have the possibility of saving countless lives".

Yet, the number of deaths by drug overdose has increased each year in the area surrounding a Vancouver drug injection facility called "Insite" since it was established in 2003.

Addicts lie around the street surrounding Insite publicly

injecting themselves. Public disorder is rampant with addicts openly urinating and defecating on the street, fighting each other over drug related matters. Violence and assaults occur daily, related to the drug trade. Addicts use the facility as an information exchange to find out where the best dealers are and to supplement their existing "fix".

Drug injection sites are financed by the federal and provincial governments. They make no pretence of treating the addict. They merely provide the facilities for the addict to freely shoot up under medical supervision. This legitimizes or normalizes illicit drug use and gives the addict a sense of entitlement to do so. Drug injection sites do nothing to curtail drug addiction. Whose side is Philpott on? Her role is to protect public health, not endanger it.

Currently the Liberal government is addressing drug addiction problems by insanely increasing the number of drug injection sites where addicts inject their contaminated drugs. Three sites each are scheduled for Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

Another policy to curtail the drug epidemic by the Liberal government is to treat opioid dependence with another opioid called methadone. The latter drug can suppress cravings, but it is also addictive. In Ontario alone, more than 50,000 people are on methadone maintenance treatment. There is deep concern that methadone is being misused

and overused. In some health regions, one in five people on methadone is under the age of 25 years. It is a life-long treatment that is associated with adverse effects, such as higher rates of depression and mortality. Despite this, some of the highest paid doctors are methadone providers. They make a lucrative living, not just from prescribing methadone, but also from the frequent urine tests that are required in methadone treatment. In Ontario, methadone treatment costs the taxpayer \$250 million per year.

Obviously, the opioid epidemic cannot be solved by the indiscriminate prescribing of another opioid. It is a treatment that only perpetuates the problem of addiction.

The carnage from drug addiction is families torn apart, financial ruin, careers destroyed, and an early, often terrifying death. This fall-out from drug addiction can continue for years and even decades for the suffering families of drug addicts.

Why isn't money being poured into the only rational solution to drug addiction, which is drug treatment programs? In Sweden, drug addicts are subject to mandatory treatment. As a result, Sweden has the lowest drug addiction rate in all of Europe.

Why is Canada so inadequate in dealing with drug addiction? It is creating increasing problems and health care costs for the taxpayer, not to mention suffering and death for the drug addicts. Being politically correct is very harmful to Canadians. •

HEALTH MINISTER PHILPOTT: A DANGEROUS WOMAN

Family physicians in Canada are a crucial part of our health care system. They diagnose, refer and prescribe on a daily basis. They serve to heal their patients, not just physically, but provide emotional support as well.

Family physicians often carry out their compassionate care with relatively small financial reward. But their presence is absolutely essential for the well-being of Canadians.

DR. PHILPOTT, A FAMILY PHYSICIAN

Minister of Health, Jane Philpott, is a family physician. She both practised and taught family medicine prior to her election to Parliament for the Ontario Markham-Stouffville riding. She was unexpectedly appointed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to be the Minister of Health.

However, as Minister of Health, Dr. Philpott is operating totally out of her league. To put it bluntly, she is not particularly astute, and is devoid of the essential requirement of Ministers of the Crown, which is to apply a critical analysis to issues. The Minister of Health determines health policies. However, Dr. Philpott accepts policies handed to her by the inexperienced, uninformed political colleagues in the Prime Minister's Office. Essentially, her role should be to protect the public's health, not endanger it, which she is doing regularly by pleasantly accepting the policies assigned to her by others. Because of her incompetence, she is one of the most dangerous women in Canada.

Although Dr. Philpott has held her position for just a year, one cringes at her statements and actions on some of the

critical issues which her ministry manages. These include:

1. Physician Assisted Suicide

Although claiming to protect the vulnerable, the physician assisted suicide legislation, passed in June 2016, is a disgrace. Just two compliant physicians are required to sign the death warrant, and just one individual is required to witness the patient's signature. There is no need to determine whether the signature was obtained voluntarily. The death bell will toll endlessly for helpless patients for years to come.

Physicians, nurses, pharmacists and others, who object to performing the terrible act of deliberately killing another, have little protection from participating in assisted suicide for religious or conscience reasons.

Palliative care for the sick and dying as an alternative to physician assisted dying is not high on Dr. Philpott's agenda.

2. The Legalization of Marijuana

The Department of Health website lists the frightening consequences of marijuana use. These include: fetal defects, impairment of concentration and the ability to think and make decisions, impairment of the nervous system, impairment of reaction time and co-ordination, and increasing anxiety and panic attacks, to name but a few of the many harmful effects of marijuana. Philpott is ignoring the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) which has sounded the alarm about

the harms of marijuana and has requested that the drug be prohibited at least for those under 21 years. Instead, Dr. Philpott happily announced at the UN meeting on drugs, held in New York City in April, 2016 (marijuana is one of the drugs prohibited by UN treaties, which Canada has ratified) that Canada will be legalizing the drug in 2017. When advised of the complications experienced in Colorado since marijuana was legalized there, such as increased traffic accidents, increase of adolescent use of marijuana, increased hospitalization and other medical costs because of marijuana use, Dr. Philpott dismissed these concerns, stating she didn't believe them! One would think that, as the Minister of Health, she would have the intellectual and moral competence to at least have these statistics reviewed. Instead, Dr. Philpott doesn't want the facts to interfere with her government's policy.

3. The Blood Transfusion Service

The safety of Canada's blood transfusion service should also be a major concern for a health minister. However, Dr. Philpott has bowed to pressure from the Prime Minister's Office and the LGBT Community to reduce the abstinence periods for blood donations from homosexuals to only one year, with the expectation

that donations will soon be determined "safe" based on behaviour rather than sexual orientation. Perhaps it has not yet occurred to Dr. Philpott that it is homosexual behaviour, i.e. men having sex with men that is contaminating the blood supply system with HIV/AIDS.

4. Drug Injection Sites

There has been an overwhelming increase in drug overdose deaths by the drug fentanyl, caused not just by prescription, but also from the contamination by fentanyl and other drugs bought by drug addicts from drug traffickers. These are then carried into the Vancouver drug injection site; 86% of the illicit drugs brought into the Vancouver drug injection site were contaminated with illicit fentanyl. However, Dr. Philpott has a different idea about this problem, stating on the CBC, that drug injection sites "can save countless lives". Instead of putting a stop to deaths by drug overdose, Dr. Philpott is facilitating them by increasing the number of drug injection sites across Canada. Treatment of drug addicts is apparently not on Dr. Philpott's agenda either.

It would save many lives if Dr. Philpott could be transferred to another, less important portfolio, where her incompetence would not be endangering the lives of Canadians. •

TRUDEAU'S FRAUDULENT PLAN TO APPOINT SUPREME COURT JUDGES

Supreme Court of Canada judges are the most powerful individuals in Canada. They are supposed to be legal experts whose function is to decide matters of law, but they have become instead, activists who, under the Charter of Rights, reject legislation passed by Parliament and make the law up to suit themselves. As a result, Supreme Court judges are determining public policy without any input from Canadian citizens by way of Parliament. For example, judges have struck down the abortion law, legalized drug injection sites, struck down the law on prostitution, legalized assisted suicide and other such atrocities only because they felt it was time for such changes - changes not based on law, but on their own personal perspectives. As a result, the Supreme Court has become the most dangerous part of our system of government.

Further trouble now looms for Canadians as Justin Trudeau announced in July that he will implement a new procedure for the appointment of Supreme Court Judges. He has set up a so-called "independent and non-partisan" Advisory Board which is to submit three to five recommendations for appointment to the Court. Nothing could be more fraudulent than his new appointment system. This system is guaranteed to exclude any social conservatives' appointment to the Court, and reduces judicial "merit" to be determined on the basis of gender, colour, creed, race, class, sexual orientation and bilingualism, not necessarily legal expertise.

TRUDEAU'S BIASED ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board is to consist of seven members to review applications and then submit the list of three to five names to the Prime Minister, who still retains the sole prerogative of making the appointments, regardless of whether the individuals have been recommended by the Board.

This Advisory Board is far from non-partisan or neutral. It's headed by the Prime Minister For-a-Day (or for two months to be exact), former Conservative Leader, Kim Campbell, who brought her party from a majority position in 1993 to holding only two seats in the House of Commons losing her own seat in the process. Ms. Campbell is a noted radical feminist, who actually does not have a conservative bone in her body, but obtained a Conservative nomination for her political advantage only, since at that time she would not have been elected in B.C. as a Liberal. The four other members of the Advisory Board include nominations by several legal organizations, all of which are noted for their liberal leanings. These legal organizations have already nominated a partisan Toronto lawyer, Susan Ursel, to represent them on the committee. Ms. Ursel, is an outspoken supporter of the lesbian/gay, bisexual, transgender, and two-spirited community (LGBTT) in Canada. The Minister of Justice will appoint the three remaining members of the Advisory Board – sure to be all staunch Liberals.

Only when the candidate has been selected by the Prime Minister will he then face a question and answer session by MPs and Senators. This session is to be moderated by an outside law professor. Since the session is after the fact there is little good it will do.

One thing is clear, Trudeau has stacked the deck against the appointment of any social conservative to the Supreme Court. His "diversity" on the bench will not be that of the ideological or intellectual variety, but ensures only the appointment of liberal judges.

Trudeau's concern for biological, sexual orientation etc. "diversity" precludes the possibility that the best and most qualified judicial candidates will be appointed to the court. Rather, the excellence or qualifications of the proposed jurists are no longer important, but instead, his/her gender, creed, class, race and sexual orientation etc. are. But, judges are supposed to assess the facts and apply the law, and are not supposed to reflect or represent special interest groups, their identity or their aspirations. Trudeau, with this Advisory Board, has created a new norm for Canadian judges.

CANDIDATES MUST BE BILINGUAL

What is further disconcerting about Trudeau's plan is the additional requirement that Supreme Court judges must now be functionally bilingual. This will be a stumbling block in making appointments since this greatly reduces the pool of available lawyers from which to choose a judge. The provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick will inevitably be the major source of such appointments. This bilingual requirement, incidentally, is based on the myth that Canada is a bilingual country. It may be touted as such, but the reality is the country is not bilingual. The Supreme Court of Canada has previously worked well with simultaneous translation facilities — what has changed? Nothing, but Trudeau's arrogance, and limited understanding of the issue.

According to Trudeau, therefore, the ideal candidate for an appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada would be a black or Asian female, lesbian, who, with any luck, would also be lame. She would, of course, have to have a law degree and be called to a provincial bar – but her proficiency in the law would apparently be a secondary consideration.

NO REQUIREMENT FOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

In establishing his new appointment system, Trudeau also made no mention of the tradition that Supreme Court judges include representation from each of Canada's regions. For example, an appointment to the court has been traditionally saved for an appointee from the Atlantic Provinces, the west receives two seats, and Ontario and Quebec three seats each. The failure to acknowledge this regional balance, which has been a staple of constitutional institutions in Canada since it was founded in 1867, is a concern. Top judges should come from across the country so as to bring a proper understanding of regional context to their judgments, since a key facet of the court is to rule on matters of national implication. The court cannot be a

national court, obviously, when it excludes judges from different regions of the country.

This failure to consider a required balance on the court had led to the Atlantic Provinces' Trial Lawyers Association launching a legal challenge in the Nova Scotia Supreme Court. It argued that Trudeau was attempting a unilateral and unconstitutional change to one of Canada's foundational institutions.

TRUDEAU'S APPOINTMENT AVOIDS THE LEGAL CHALLENGE

To avoid this legal challenge, Trudeau on October 17, 2016 appointed a judge from Newfoundland to head off the constitutional challenge.

Trudeau's appointment was Mr. Justice Malcolm Rowe from the Newfoundland Court of Appeal. The latter is a judicial activist who believes judges should not be bound by the law, but should create new laws to make a "definitive" statement on the law. He stated the role of the Supreme Court was to craft laws "rather than to simply interpret them". Judge Rowe is also strongly leftist in his perspective. Prior to his appointment to the Bench, he was an assistant to former Newfoundland Liberal Premier Brian Tobin, with whom he helped abolish denominational schools in Newfoundland in the mid-1990's, provided rights for homosexual and lesbians, and extended full health funding to the Morgentaler abortion clinic. Heaven help us! "Objectivity" clearly will not be a part of Judge Rowe's judicial performance on the Supreme Court. We can, as a result, have no confidence in the Supreme Court of Canada as he now joins the other activist judges already on the court.

Trudeau has selected "bilingualism" and "identity" as the critical issues for appointing judges to the Supreme Court - not legal merit. This is bizarre, and is a function of the fog swirling around in Trudeau's head. The new appointment system is superficial, ill-thought out, and lacking in substance and practicality. It is a fraudulent system, proposed to give the appearance of objectivity and fairness, but in effect, will not provide a shred of any of this. •

MESSAGE BOARD

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- Action Item: Write to your MP to oppose the opening of more Drug-Injection Sites. Use any of the information in this issue's article: "The Insanity of the Liberals' Drug Policies". If you live in Toronto, Ottawa, or Montreal, write to your mayor as well, as these cities are scheduled for the next Drug Injection Sites.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the December 2016 issue of REALity.

On behalf of our National Board of Directors and our dedicated administration support staff, I extend to you and your families all the blessings of this joyous Christmas season. Amongst the excitement and activities, may we all remember the "Reason for the Season".

It has been a real challenge this past year to stay on top of all the current and new social and political issues related to the well-being of the traditional family. It seems like almost on a daily basis there is

something happening in the courts, government, or education, that requires us to take a stand in support of the family, the most important unit in society. Our priority issues include religious freedom, marriage, human sexuality, pre-born protection and euthanasia, to name a few. We hope that REALity, our many Press Releases, our Alerts, website, Tweets and Facebook posts are keeping you "in the loop" of what is going on in our country.

So far in November, we have published four Press Releases. These are sent out to you by Constant Contact e-mail. Even if you are receiving REALity by regular mail, you can still receive our Press Releases if you send us an e-mail address.

Over 2000 signatures on our on-going petition for religious freedom in Canada have been submitted to MP Michael Cooper who will soon present them to the House of Commons during Parliamentary Session. Additional signatures will be presented at a later date. Keep collecting signatures and send them to our Ottawa office. A petition may be presented to the House on more than one occasion, which raises the profile of the issue.

Thank you for being women and men building a better society.

Pauline Guzik
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MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2017 NOW DUE

Membership fees are due for the year 2017. 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 drug injection sites, 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 2017, it will be deeply appreciated.

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



'Oh great, now we can't talk about religion, politics, OR the weather."

Global Warming by Clay Bennett from The Christian Science Monitor, November 18, 2012.

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