

## 8. COURT INTERVENTIONS

REAL Women has intervened in approximately 30 separate legal cases before all levels of courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, on issues dealing with the family, such as abortion, family benefits, spanking of children, same-sex marriage, definition of legal parent, drug injection sites and prostitution. Some of these cases include:

- a) *Borowski v. The Attorney General of Canada*, [1987] (abortion);
- b) *Tremblay v. Daigle*, [1989] (abortion and fathers' rights);
- c) *R. v. Sullivan*, [1991]  
(when does a child become a human being in law);
- d) *Attorney General of Canada v. Mossop*, [1993] (definition of family);
- e) *R v. Morgentaler*, [1993] (abortion);
- f) *Rosenberg v. Attorney General of Canada* [1998] (definition of spouse in the Income Tax Act);
- g) *M. v. H.*, [1999] (spousal benefits for homosexual partners);
- h) *Canadian Foundation for Children, Youth and the Law v. Attorney General of Canada*, [2000] (Parental right to correct their children [spanking]—three levels of court: Superior Court of Ontario, Ontario Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada);
- i) *Halpern v Attorney General of Canada*, [2001]  
(same-sex marriage—three levels of court);
- j) *A.A. and B.B. and C.C.*, [2005] (three-parent family case—two lesbians and sperm donor—three levels of court);
- k) *Attorney General of Canada v. PHS Community Services*, [2011]  
(drug injection sites)
- l) Reference re: Section 293 of the Criminal Code of Canada, 2011 BCSC 1588 (decision upheld the law prohibiting polygamy)
- m) *Attorney General of Canada v. Bedford* [2013], (prostitution)

## 9. PETITIONS

(a) In 2016 REAL Women of Canada distributed a petition across the country urging the protection of the rights of Christians in Canada. Signed petitions were presented to Parliament commencing in December, 2016 and thousands more names were presented to Parliament in 2017.

(b) REAL Women of Canada joined with its partner, The World Congress of Families (WCF) to distribute an international petition objecting to a grant made by Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, of \$650 million to fund abortions in Africa. The petition was distributed internationally by CitizenGo, a community of active citizens who work together, using online petitions and action alerts as a resource to defend and promote life, family, and liberty. Approximately 14,000 signatures were collected in just six weeks, received from 80 countries including 26 African countries.

## 10. FUNDING

REAL Women is solely supported by its membership dues and donations, including bequests. It has received several small project grants from the Women's Program, Secretary of State. REAL Women's requests for grants were made because the Women's Program of Status of Women has been funding feminist groups to serve as agents of change since 1973. Funding was requested to provide a level playing field for our work. The grants to REAL Women, although negligible, have, at least, served as an acknowledgement that there are valid voices for Canadian women other than those of the feminists.

It is REAL Women's view, however, that there should be no government funding of special interest groups.

REAL Women has weathered these turbulent 35 years, mainly because of the wonderful support of our members who share a deep commitment to our nation's families and the future of our country. It has not been easy, but nothing worthwhile ever is.

We have proved, as well, what can be done by determined, independent-minded women, who have a realistic vision of our nation's future.



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# WOMEN BUILDING A BETTER SOCIETY



## AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

There are over 100 organizations across Canada which are affiliated with REAL Women of Canada. REAL Women itself is an affiliate of the World Federation Against Drugs (WFAD), and is on the Board of Faith and Freedom Alliance (a Christian lawyers' organization).

## SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

In 1998, REAL Women of Canada was granted SPECIAL consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. This accreditation with the UN allows REAL Women of Canada to attend and participate in all UN meetings.

## WORLD CONGRESS OF FAMILIES

REAL Women of Canada is an official sponsor and partner of World Congress of Families

Our representatives have attended WCF conferences in Prague, Geneva, Mexico City, Warsaw, Amsterdam, Madrid, Moscow, Salt Lake City, Tbilisi and Budapest.

## MEN WELCOMED AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Although REAL Women is a national women's group, federally incorporated in 1983, we welcome men as associate members, since we are a pro-family organization and regard men as our friends, companions and supporters.

# WORK ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE LAST 35 YEARS

## 1. BRIEFS

REAL Women has prepared over 250 national briefs on diverse issues. A brief is an in depth written review with references, submitted to a parliamentary committee. Many briefs have also been prepared and presented to the provincial legislatures by the provincial chapters.

Recent briefs addressed, among other issues, euthanasia, marijuana legalization, drug injection sites, gender identity and expression, Court Challenges Program, age of consent, family taxation, prostitution and human trafficking.

## 2. UN MEETINGS

Over the years, REAL Women has attended many UN Meetings, held around the world, including New York, Cairo, Beijing, Lisbon, Rome, Istanbul, Geneva and Vienna.

Every year, REAL Women representatives participate in the session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City.

## 3. INFLUENCING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

REAL Women has maintained constant contact with MPs over the years on issues affecting the family. The issues include divorce, child care, pornography, abortion, equality rights, human rights, child support, homosexuality, government funding of feminist groups, parenting, same-sex marriage, age of consent, family taxation, hate crimes, immigration, child custody and access, prostitution, family pensions, International Criminal Court, Canadian citizenship, same-sex adoption, CBC, the use of illicit and harmful drugs, children's rights, and others.

## 4. PRESENTATIONS TO PARLIAMENTARY AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, AND ROYAL COMMISSIONS

REAL Women has been a witness before Parliamentary and Legislative Committees, making many appearances. REAL Women has also testified before the Royal Commission on Reproductive Technologies (1991) and the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform (1990).

Appearances were made before House of Commons and Senate Committees on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Justice and Human Rights, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Health, Heritage, Status of Women, and Banking Trade and Commerce.

## 5. PUBLICATIONS

REAL Women publishes a monthly e-newsletter online, and a national bi-monthly publication, REALity. It includes updates on current political developments affecting the family, as well as background and in-depth analysis of the Canadian political and social scene.

### RECENT PAMPHLETS:

- I. REAL Women of Canada—Women Building a Better Society
- II. 35 Years and Still Going Strong
- III. True Marriage is Between a Man and a Woman
- IV. Give Drug Addicts Hope Not Despair
- V. Leaving a Legacy for Canadian Families
- VI. Feminism in Canada
- VII. 2015 Federal Election
- VIII. The Judiciary in Canada
- IX. The Silencing of the Conservative Voice in Canada
- X. Curbing the Power of the Supreme Court of Canada
- XI. Paedophiles Luring Your Child on the Internet
- XII. Who Will Protect Our Children?
- XIII. Child Pornography Must Be Stopped
- XIV. Spanking — Discipline Your Child and Go To Jail?
- XV. The Importance of the Family

## 6. MEDIA

Careful monitoring of both print and visual media is carried out by REAL Women in order to provide some balance for Canadians on women and family issues. We continue to make TV appearances, grant interviews to radio, Internet and print media, and submit letters to the editor. This has been an important part of our work in order to provide Canadians with a much needed balanced perspective on the importance of the traditional family of mother, father and children. We also regularly submit press releases on issues as they arise.

## 7. PUBLIC SPEAKING

REAL Women has given hundreds of public talks to church, community service, and social groups, as well as to international conferences such as the World Congress of Families.