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THE FAMILY UNDER SIEGE

Never in our lifetime has the family been as vulnerable as it is today. There is serious pressure behind the siege on the family.

For example, the pandemic lockdown is invading family life. Public health measures are destroying our economy and our life savings in order to fight the enemy, the coronavirus, even though the survival rate is 99.7%. Unfortunately, the lockdown has impacted wage groups differently. Those in the low-wage group, mostly employed in the service industry, are experiencing slow job creation, whereas those in the higher wage groups, many of whom have transitioned to remote work, are thriving because this has allowed them to maintain or even grow their operations.

The lockdown, however, has affected all families in their ability to visit family members, whether in long-term care facilities or in a house around the corner. We cannot travel to visit family abroad or even in the next province. This causes a gap in our family ties. The lockdown has also prevented families from attending religious services or engaging in ordinary social contacts, such as entertaining in the home, attending sports events, or enjoying restaurant meals. Instead, we are locked up in our homes.

PARENTAL AUTHORITY ENDED

Our public schools are indoctrinating our children by forcing values on them that frequently contradict those of the family. Parents' authority is being eroded, not only in the public schools, but also by legislation, which prevents parents from even private conversations with their children in regard to their child's sexual identity or orientation. Under the conversion therapy legislation (Bill C-6), a parent, pastor, or knowledgeable professional cannot even discuss with the child his/her decision to supposedly change to another sex. The LGBTQ community argues that its behaviour is normal and is determined or set at birth. This is factually incorrect and contradicts the thousands of individuals who have, through compassionate care and counselling, been helped out of their homosexual practices to enter into happy, satisfying, family-oriented relationships. The LGBTQ community's arguments are rife with contradictions. It claims that sexual orientation cannot be changed but that gender is fluid and can be changed. This contradiction is due to the fact that their arguments are made for convenience and are not based on fact.

Control of our children by the state breaks down family unity. Our pleasure-seeking culture is crushing society. We know, from the very centre of our being, that many of the current notions prevalent in our culture are not valid. The timeless values that define right and wrong, acquired through human experience, have been to the nation's advantage, and are being destroyed.

We must never let the intimidation by government or the ridicule of others stop us from believing and doing what we know is right. Our friends, neighbours, and even members of our own family, such as the younger generation, who are heavily influenced by our culture, but who, because of inexperience, have not yet acquired discernment, must not deter us. We must

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stand firm, and assert the truths which have developed via human experience and which have benefitted the common good.

THE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF FAMILY IMPERILED BY THE CANCEL CULTURE

In order for a family to thrive, it is important that it have economic security. It must have financial stability in order to provide the necessities of life, such as putting food on the table, clothing, mortgage payments/rent, etc.

This financial stability is being imperiled by the cancel culture that is growing more prevalent each day.

The object of the cancel culture is to silence those who do not agree with the progressive, woke culture. This disenfranchises the traditional family. Families should be able to speak freely about their culture, faith, and values. They should not be intimidated into silence on these important aspects of their lives. The cancel culture also creates collateral damage by destroying people's jobs. Consequently, any dissent to modern culture must be done with care and circumspection.

This is because employers, especially large companies, are terrified of employees who speak against current progressive views. Due process goes out the window and the employee no longer has a job. It is all about power and control by a few over many. In effect, the cancel culture is a highly effective tool that allows a self-appointed and often small mob to control the voice of many others. It wants to remove a person from every semblance of their life—personal and professional. British comedian Rowan Atkinson, better known as “Mr. Bean”, describes cancel culture as a “medieval mob roaming the streets looking for someone to burn”. The reason why the left uses the cancel culture is that it is afraid of dissent. Leftism is not intellectual, as it has little intellectual substance and is nothing more than

a combination of doctrine and emotion. The left fears dissent because it is afraid of being exposed as shallow and meaningless. Nevertheless, individuals have been publicly humiliated and, in many cases, have lost their employment under the cancel culture because they have spoken truths contrary to the leftist, progressive narrative. These include: writers (such as J.K. Rowling, author of Harry Potter, for her objections to transgenderism); journalists; broadcasters (even sports broadcasters such as Damian Goddard and Don Cherry); teachers; physicians; politicians (such as Andrew Scheer, whose views on same-sex marriage and abortion are informed by his Catholic faith, and Conservative MP Derek Sloan); and some public servants.

Cancel culture has been assisted by Big Tech corporations—Google, Amazon, Twitter, and Facebook—which brazenly remove conservative voices from their platforms. Court challenges to these aggressive, unethical actions by Big Tech have been launched. The bad news is that some courts will not respect freedom of speech and opinion and will support Big Tech's obliterating conservative voices, while ignoring the right to freedom of speech.

THE GOOD NEWS

The good news is that these difficult times will eventually draw to a close. They cannot last forever. A culture built on lies will decay internally from its many deceits, fraud, shaming, and tyranny. It will collapse on itself. How long will this take? We don't know.

However, as long as it takes, we have the weighty responsibility to never yield but to stand firm in our beliefs. We must not let apathy and indifference take hold of us. We must not surrender to the hammer blows currently being wielded against the integrity of our society. †

OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE BEING IMPERILED

Although Canadians and Americans share the North American continent and have many cultural similarities, we also have differences, both in history and personal characteristics. This has led to marked differences in our forms of government and our personal behaviour. Justin Trudeau has ignored these historical differences and is using the recent events in the United States during the 2020 presidential election as a cover to create startling changes in Canada.

HISTORICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S.

Americans broke away from Britain in the 1776 Revolutionary War. Untrained settlers, mostly farmers and tradesmen, fought bravely against the highly trained, disciplined British troops and won because they were fighting for the very soil on which they fought.

Canadians peacefully formed their nation in 1867 when

several provinces, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, joined together with British approval to negotiate an agreement called the British North America Act (BNA), which formed the foundation of our country. Other areas in Canada were gradually settled and became provinces and territories and joined Canada, until finally, in 1949, the British possessions of Newfoundland and Labrador finalized the boundaries of present-day Canada.

Throughout the years of Canada's existence, Canadians have remained mostly peaceful, even docile, in their behaviour, willingly administered by the governing elites, many of whom were, in the early years, appointed by Britain. There were a few skirmishes over the years, such as the 1837 Rebellion of Upper Canada, the Riel Rebellion in Saskatchewan in 1885 (North-West Rebellion), and more recently, in 1970. At that time, Quebec nationalists demanded independence from Canada, creating the so-called October Crisis,

which led to the murder of a Quebec Cabinet minister and the imprisonment, for 59 days, of a British official. Generally, however, Canadians have remained quietly agreeable, reasonable, and even deferential to authority, exceedingly brave in battle (during two World Wars), have paid their taxes and have, undisturbedly, gone about their business.

Americans, on the other hand, seem a more spirited lot. For historical reasons, they, unlike Canadians, are permitted to carry firearms. They are more likely to be demanding of their leaders and to speak their minds more directly, whereas it takes an awful lot to stir up Canadians!

These American characteristics came to a head in the 2016 presidential election of Donald Trump. This was the spark that led to continuing fiery protests and unconscionable deaths in several major cities during the summer of 2020. With the election of Mr. Biden as president in the November 2020 election, these protests in American cities ceased. However, questions about changes in voting procedures, i.e., mail-in voting, led to questions of fraud during the election. A large rally was held in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021, following which an intrusion was made into the Capitol building. There was evidence which indicated that the occupation of the Capitol building was pre-planned—by whom is still being investigated.

The left-wing Democratic Party in the U.S., however, has used this turmoil, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, to impose restrictions on civil rights, in particular, freedom of speech and opinion. The Big Tech organizations of Apple, Google, Amazon, and Facebook are now eliminating conservative voices from social media because they provocatively claim they are “inciting violence”.

PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU

Although Canadians, as described above, are different from Americans, and their protests have been limited and have not caused the turmoil that has recently occurred in the U.S, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is using the U.S.’s experience as an excuse to curtail civil rights in Canada. He argues that it is necessary to impose restrictions on our civil liberties, such as freedom of speech, in order to protect Canadians from “hate” (undefined).

TRUDEAU’S PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES

Trudeau’s proposed restrictions on Canadians include the following:

1. Controlling Social Media to Eliminate Supposed Hate and Terrorism

In January 2021, Trudeau announced plans to act against supposed hate on social media platforms. He stated that this is necessary in light of the U.S. Capitol riots in January. His plans to curtail social media were outlined on January 15, 2021, in the “mandate letter” forwarded by Trudeau to Public Safety Minister Bill Blair. According to

this mandate, Mr. Blair was ordered to “take action on combatting hate groups and online hate and harassment, ideologically motivated violent extremism, and terrorist organizations...to combat this growing threat”.

The mandate further stated “...Canadians are relying on journalists and journalism for accuracy and timely news, especially in the face of a concerning spread of misinformation.” This was a surprising statement. Journalists? Accuracy? What reasonable person believes that what journalists write and say is the actual truth? Journalists are the last people in Canada who should be relied upon to provide accurate reporting. Most journalists in the mainstream media are part and parcel of the left-wing coalition, customarily emphasizing only one side on controversial issues. The briefing note from Trudeau to Mr. Blair further claimed that social media platforms were being used to “threaten, intimidate, bully and harass people or are used to promote racist, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, misogynist, and homophobic views”. Threats and intimidation are always unacceptable, but Trudeau is not referring to this. He wants conservative dissent from his party’s progressive views to be removed from the public debate.

Differences of opinion are part of our pluralistic society and are not necessarily hate speech. Yet, for example, anything spoken or written dissenting from the homosexual/transgender ideology is considered by the left as “homophobic” and “hateful”. Because of concerns about hate speech, one rarely hears about “Islamic” terrorism, as that would, apparently, encourage Islamophobia.

Determining what constitutes hate is not easy and appears to depend, far too frequently, on the bias of the beholder. Even the courts have not been able to give adequate direction as to what constitutes “hate speech”.

In the *Whatcott case* (2013), the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal unanimously concluded that Mr. Whatcott’s material did not constitute “hate”. On the other hand, the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously concluded that such material was, indeed, hateful. Based on the same facts, the Supreme Court arrived at a different judicial interpretation of “hate”.

Trudeau is certain that he knows what hate means, which will inevitably be interpreted to mean any statements based on Judeo-Christian principles. Canadians have every reason to be alarmed about Trudeau’s plans to regulate social media.

Big Tech Requires Regulation

The above discussion does not mean that Big Tech does not require regulation. It does. It certainly can’t be trusted to police itself because it is busily removing conservative views from its platforms, including removing the former president of the United States, Donald Trump. These monolithic companies should not be able to de-

side what is and is not acceptable speech online and then be allowed to delete anything they don't like. The Liberal government's proposal to appoint an official regulator to determine hate speech on the Big Tech platforms is not satisfactory at all. This might sound like a good idea in theory, but in practice, is a problem, since hate speech is tough to define, especially on the Internet.

The question we face is how are the boundaries to be set between hate speech and public dialogue and dissent? How can these be defined so as to distinguish between these two concepts fairly and objectively? It is a sensitive distinction that should concern Canadians.

It gives little comfort that the regulator of social media is to be appointed by the Trudeau government. Canadians have already had multiple negative experiences with Trudeau's appointments.

2. Online Broadcast Companies Required to Promote Liberal, Left-Wing Content in Their Programming (Bill C-10)

In November 2020, Justin Trudeau's Liberal government introduced Bill C-10, which requires broadcasters to include content that supposedly reflects "Canadian expression and values". This legislation specifically requires that programming include content on "sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, etc."

Under this bill, the online broadcasting programming is to be regulated by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). The commissioners are all appointed by the Liberal government, and it is not difficult to guess the direction the CRTC will take in regulating online broadcasting. We can expect that the CRTC will limit speech online that does not follow the Liberal Party's ideology. In effect, Bill C-10 will increase control and penalties for speech and content that is not approved by the Liberal Party. Also, Bill C-10 is contrary to Section 2 of the Charter of Rights, which provides for freedom of speech, thought, and opinion—not that this matters to Trudeau.

Bill C-10 will force large online streaming services, such as Netflix and Disney+, to support greater "diversity and inclusion in the broadcasting sector", as though these broadcasters are not already indoctrinating viewers with their progressive and woke views.

3. Amendments to the *Canada Elections Act* (Bill C-19)

The *Canada Elections Act* is one of two Canadian statutes (the other is the *Income Tax Act*) that easily wins the prize for convoluted, confused, and contradictory.

It is an experience reading through the Act to determine what it is all supposed to mean. To suggest that the provisions in the Act are difficult to grasp is to be exceedingly kind.

One can only hope that the Chief Electoral Officer understands the Act. If he doesn't however, then it doesn't much matter because the government of Justin Trudeau, under Bill C-19 (tabled in the House of Commons December 20, 2020), gives the Chief Electoral Officer sweeping powers so that he can do pretty much what he wants.

The amendment that should make voters' eyes open wide is as follows:

During an election period, or within thirty days after it, if an emergency, unusual or unseen circumstance, or an error, makes it necessary, the Chief Electoral Officer may...adapt *any* provision of this Act. [emphasis ours]

The reason for this remarkable provision is stated in the explanatory summary of Bill C-19: "This enactment adds a new Part to the *Canada Elections Act* that provides for temporary rules to ensure the safe administration of an election in the context of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic."

The lack of control over mail-in voting during the U.S. presidential election led to much political turmoil and allegations of fraud. This will likely also occur in Canada in regard to the "special ballots", which is the Canadian equivalent to the U.S. mail-in ballot.

Bill C-19 is supposed to ensure the "health and safety of electors or election officers" by allowing the Chief Electoral Officer to do whatever he wants, which would include the special ballots.

Under the present Act, special ballots are provided as an option if the voter is away from his/her riding, whether inside or outside of Canada during an election, or if the voter cannot or does not want to vote at an advance poll or cast a ballot on election day.

This extension of power of the Chief Electoral Officer in an emergency is very alarming. Bill C-19 does not define what constitutes an "emergency", an "unusual unforeseen circumstance", or "error". It will not be the public which determines when this occurs. Further, no one knows how the Chief Electoral Officer will decide how to adapt the Act to fit the changed circumstances, etc. In other words, this provision is autocratic, high-handed, and a profoundly undemocratic provision in the *Canada Elections Act*.

SUMMARY

These planned policies feed into Justin Trudeau's insatiable desire for power and control over Canadians. How will Canadians react to these proposed changes? Will we be deferential and polite as always, or will we protest the changes which will fundamentally affect Canadians' lives? †

DEATH OF A PALLIATIVE CARE HOSPICE

A palliative care hospice run by the Delta Hospice Society in B.C., that has comforted over 1000 patients over the past ten years, has been shut down by the B.C. NDP government.

The hospice had a service agreement with the local Fraser Health Authority for a 35-year lease for the land on which the building is located. The hospice receives \$1.4 million annually in provincial funding, but had raised \$15 million from private donations for its operations.

The Fraser Health Authority broke the lease, claiming that the hospice had failed to comply with its terms. The hospice requested that the Fraser Health Authority explain how it had failed to comply with the service agreement. The agency refused to respond.

The hospice was advised that it must be closed by February 25, 2021 and that all its considerable assets, including those obtained by private donations, would be seized by the government. This government takeover was caused by the hospice declining to provide some of its beds for use for physician-assisted suicide. The hospice did so because it believed that its humane, compassionate care for those approaching death was not compatible with medical assistance in dying (MAID), which provides death by lethal injection. Moreover, there is a facility providing MAID located only 100 yards away from the hospice, to which during the past ten years, about three or four patients have been transferred at their own request.

The government's decision to terminate the work of the hospice was aided and abetted by the anti-life organization, Dying with Dignity, which engaged in a hostile takeover of the hospice by encouraging its supporters to become members so as to defeat the pro-life policies of the facility. These supporters of MAID even called upon the local Satanic Temple to assist them, encouraging its members to take out memberships in the Society. Dying with Dignity also posted vicious, destructive comments on social and mainstream

media, attacking the hospice board members.

The hospice tried to prevent this takeover by seeking court protection and asking pro-life individuals across the country to purchase memberships in the society in order to stave off the hostile takeover.

Both the B.C. Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, however, were not sympathetic to the position of the hospice, stating that if the hospice did not want a takeover, it should have included a definitive policy on palliative care in its bylaws. This was absurd since the MAID legislation only came into effect in 2016 and, at the time the hospice began its work, killing a patient by lethal injection was a criminal offence. There was no anticipation, therefore, that a contrary law would be passed.

The Courts' support of the takeover by hostile members led the government's Fraser Health Authority to close the hospice, even though the provision of MAID is an elective service only, and there is nothing in the legislation that requires it to be made available everywhere, at all times, to everyone.

It is noted that this struggle was not about the morality of MAID, but was about the right of dying patients to have a genuine choice as to how they want to live out the remaining days of their lives in an atmosphere free from any fears or pressures of MAID being administered.

One positive result of this tragic takeover of the hospice is that the valiant resistance by the hospice and pro-life members from across Canada has sent a signal to all other governments, that if they want to use the takeover of the hospice in B.C. as a precedent to provide more provisions for MAID, they know they will face strong resistance in doing so.

Today, British Columbia is the only province that has an anti-life, NDP government. Six provinces have Conservative governments and three provinces have Liberal governments. These latter provinces will not likely want to be mired in the struggle that occurred in B.C. over forcing MAID on a palliative care hospice. †

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 **REAL Women of Canada** has set this year's **Annual General Meeting** to take place on **Saturday, June 19, 2021**, at:

LIBERTY SUITES HOTEL

7191 Yonge Street, Suite 1201

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We very much hope that the lockdown will be lifted by then so we can enjoy an in-person meeting rather than the virtual meeting we were required to hold for our 2020 meeting. We are in the process of obtaining a speaker, on which we will give you further details later on.

Please keep the date open for the meeting. We would very much like to have our members there in person so that we will have an opportunity to meet and chat informally, as well as exchange ideas. †

DISHONOURABLE ACTIONS AGAINST MP DEREK SLOAN

Conservative leader Erin O'Toole has conducted his own political cancel culture tactic against social conservative MP Derek Sloan. Mr. Sloan's crime was not to notice among the 13,000 donations made to his leadership candidacy the \$131 from a Frederick P. Fromm, who turned out to be Paul Fromm who has acquired a reputation as a racist.

Significantly, the Conservative Party accepted a portion of this donation, accepted Fredrick P. Fromm's party membership application in the summer of 2020, sent Fromm a ballot, and processed that ballot in the leadership race.

Under these circumstances, it is unconscionable that Mr. O'Toole would consider removing Mr. Sloan from the caucus, as the Conservative Party acted on the donation in a way similar to Mr. Sloan.

It is apparent that Mr. O'Toole is using the donation from Mr. Fromm as a cover to remove Mr. Sloan, a social conservative, from the caucus. His action is a crude attempt at silencing a differing voice from the Tory Caucus and amounts to cultural/political censorship. This action by O'Toole is both hypocritical and dishonourable.

It is ironic that during his campaign for leadership, Mr. O'Toole campaigned against cancel culture.

O'Toole correctly stated that racism is a disease of the soul and has no place within the party. His action to-

ward Mr. Sloan had nothing to do with racism, but was solely political exploitation to silence a differing, more traditional view within the caucus.

Erin O'Toole owes his position as leader to social conservatives. Mr. O'Toole's action in attempting to expel Mr. Sloan from the party is indistinguishable from the actions of the Liberal Party, and Justin Trudeau, who is now praising Mr. O'Toole for his attempted purge. Both leaders are anxious to please the left-of-centre voters and the left-wing woke, liberal mainstream media. O'Toole has reduced the party to being Liberal-lite.

Thanks to O'Toole's short-sightedness and ego, the Conservatives have lost a viable and credible critic of Trudeau and his government at a time when it is needed most. This is not the leadership social conservatives expected, or were promised.

The upcoming 2021 Conservative policy convention presents an excellent opportunity for social conservatives to make their voices heard and to send a clear message to O'Toole that his bully tactics will not succeed.

For Canadian democracy to be healthy and sustainable, it is necessary to have a viable and credible right-of-centre party to counterbalance the monolithic media/Liberal/NDP/Bloc network. Such a party must be built upon respect for free speech, freedom to think and freedom to criticize. Silencing duly elected MP Derek Sloan is not the way to achieve this.

Erin O'Toole is failing to provide real leadership and instead is settling for what appears to be the enforcement of groupthink and strict adherence to the leader's view. Conservatives deserve better and so does Canada. †

MESSAGE BOARD

- **Annual General Meeting:** REAL Women of Canada: Saturday, June 19, 2021, 1pm, Liberty Suites Hotel, Thornhill, Ontario. Open to members in good standing.
- **REAL Women of Canada membership fees** for 2021 are due every January 1. \$30 for individuals/families. \$50 for groups. Please make sure your membership status is up to date. Thank you so much.
- **Membership:** If you are not a member of REAL Women of Canada, why don't you join us? You will be joining the only Canadian women's movement that provides an alternative voice to the radical feminist ideology movement which believes all Canadian women should think alike. REAL Women will be YOUR voice, standing up for pro-life values and for the values of the natural, traditional family. [JOIN NOW!](#) There is strength in numbers. Men are also welcome to join as associate (non-voting) members.
- **Please sign this [petition](#)** from Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, via CitizenGo platform, to our federal party leaders to say no to euthanasia for mental illness and incompetent people.
- **We need your help!** REAL Women relies solely on the generosity of our grassroots supporters for our revenues, via donations, membership fees and bequests. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated. No donation is too small or too big. Thank you so very much. †

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