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MOTHERHOOD IS UNIQUE

REAL Women believes that each woman is unique. She should choose her own path in life suitable for her and her family. The decision to marry or remain single, to have children or to remain childless are decisions for her to make. Neither a masters degree nor motherhood is for every woman.

There are many different ways to be a woman. But one of the defining attributes of a woman is her nurturing quality. Not all women are called to motherhood, but most are called to express their nurturing quality in many different ways. As part of the human family, women nurture through deep friendships, in their role as sister, aunt, cousin, etc. in their family circles, in their social life and in their contribution to their communities, by giving their own unique stamp to humanity.

Young women today, however, are taught that they must excel in school, get a degree, be a success in their career (and be beautiful as well!). That is, they are taught that the only path to fulfillment is in the workforce. It is not. This cultural pressure ignores the fact that many women don't want professional careers to find fulfillment.

It is never suggested to them that motherhood can also be a full-time career. The joys and satisfactions of being a mother are never publicly discussed. As a result, it is not until after a woman gives birth that she grasps the deep bonds that tie her with her child and her overwhelming desire to nurture and protect her child. It is an astonishing revelation for most women who have never been encouraged to think that motherhood can also lead to tremendous fulfillment.

Unfortunately, many women are deluged with messages about the necessity of being independent of men and children. Media accounts are always about supposedly happy, single women and the joys of being child-free by not being a wife and mother. The New York Times, on Mother's Day 2021, showcased women who openly rejected motherhood. A journalist in the same issue contributed an article on women who regretted having children. Female CEO's are the most frequent role models presented to young women.

In effect, the culture has failed women by grooming them to become cogs in the workplace, as though women are no different from men. Our biological, sexual and emotional differences are ignored. Equality for women should not mean that we have to fit into society on men's terms, but rather that we should do so on our own terms. Because of the heavy

pressures on women, it takes a strong woman today to defy the culture and put love and family at the centre of her life.

Our culture influences women with four flawed lies:

1. Marriage plus motherhood is too restrictive.
2. Women should never depend on a man.
3. Sex is just sex and children should not be the result.
4. Material success will define you and fulfill you.

Our culture both strenuously denies that time and biology impose limitations and insists that marriage and family should be delayed until after establishing a career. The truth is there is only a short window of opportunity to find a partner and to have children. It is acknowledged as a practical reality that family life does compete with the workplace. It cannot be otherwise as children need serious attention. Women must make this choice while they have the time and opportunity to do so.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE OF ALL

Mothers occupy the position of the greatest power in the world. The mother-child bond is priceless and affects the political, economic, and social structures of our country. This is because the person who gains the love and allegiance of children is in a position to influence them as no other. No matter what else a woman does in her life, her position as a mother is perhaps the most dynamic and most enduring of all. She develops her children's characters and their values by teaching them what she herself believes about sex, marriage, gender and family. In fact, motherhood is the most socially productive work in the world and the most rewarding, because molding the character of a human being carries on for generations, long after the mother has passed away.

Motherhood is not a detriment to fulfillment, but rather, is a major factor in enhancing it. †

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U.S. PRO-ABORTIONIST IN DISARRAY

When the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, to provide a constitutional right to abortion, the pro-abortionists were beyond ecstatic. They believed that they had permanently settled the abortion issue in their favour. They did not foresee that there was a flaw in this assumption, which was that the pro-life movement did not evaporate as expected, but would persist with great dedication, growing in strength and effectiveness over the following decades.

THE U.S. *ROE v. WADE* ABORTION DECISION

This decision by the U.S. Supreme Court had no basis in history as there was no precedent for the court's conclusion that a woman had a "right" to abortion based on a "right to privacy". The latter right had never been detected before in U.S. Supreme Court history and its presence came as a surprise. The majority decision was written by Justice Harry Blackmun, who later admitted that the controversial decision was based on the premise that abortion was necessary for reasons of population control. Supreme Court Judge, feminist Ruth Bader-Ginsburg (who was appointed to the court after *Roe v. Wade* in 1993) also confirmed that the decision was based on the need for population control, a trendy issue at that time. The *Roe v. Wade* decision was effective in this respect, as it has resulted in the elimination of 63 million lives in the U.S. *Roe v. Wade*, however, was a political, not a legal decision and has contributed to the undermining of the reputation and legitimacy of the Court. This had occurred previously when, in 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that African Americans were not persons in law, but were merely the property of the slave owner. That decision tainted the court, as has *Roe v. Wade*.

THE FATE OF *ROE v. WADE*

The U.S. Supreme Court may overturn *Roe v. Wade* in an abortion case to be argued in December 2021. If it does not overturn *Roe v. Wade* at this juncture, it is clear that *Roe v. Wade* is now on life support and is not expected to survive for much longer. This is due to the fact that the decision was built on a foundation of shifting sands, by way of a legal fiction for which there was no precedent.

ABORTION NOT A SETTLED ISSUE

Despite the Supreme Court's decision, abortion has never been a "settled" matter in the U.S. Simply put, the efforts of pro-abortionists, to characterize abortion as only a simple health procedure for women, has failed, as many Americans continue to regard the issue instead as a moral issue with wide implications. It has divided the American public. There is no comfortable middle ground on abortion. It is either right or wrong, and has led to division in the U.S. population as no other issue has done since the American Civil War, which occurred over 150 years ago over the issue of slavery.

Similarly, *Roe v. Wade* has created an ideological civil war

since it is regarded by millions of Americans as discrimination against vulnerable members of the human family. Although the U.S. public is polarized over many other issues as well, such as immigration, religious conflicts, LGBTQ issues, and the climate, the real dividing line remains abortion.

NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE

The National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), established in 1969, is the oldest pro-abortion group in the U.S. It had a revenue of about \$25 million in 2020. NARAL has acknowledged that *Roe v. Wade* has only a limited future and is preparing for this eventuality. It has done so by centralizing its organization to better fight the issue by limiting the powers and independence of its eleven state affiliates. The latter, heretofore, have always operated independently, carrying out their own fundraising and strategies at the state level. NARAL now believes that what is needed is better communication and coordination between the state and federal levels. The goal is to ensure that there is a "uniform message" that permeates the debate. Many of the affiliates, however, are furious and have, for the most part, refused to comply with the strategic plan of the national organization. Many workers have resigned from NARAL, which has left it floundering at this significant time.

NARAL's new strategy of centralizing power stems from the fact that it believes it is losing the online battle with pro-lifers. It has found that the public frequently uses pro-life language, and that internet users are likely to find pro-life content on Facebook and YouTube. This is confirmed by polls indicating that the majority of the U.S. population has shifted its position on abortion and is now more sympathetic to the pro-life arguments.

As a result, NARAL is planning to hire comedians to assist it with its online messaging and is encouraging Hollywood celebrities, by way of their fame and fortune, to support NARAL's position. Entertainers' testimonials are not compelling, however, since we know of their many broken relationships, frequent divorces, and their shuffling in and out of rehabilitation for drug and alcohol abuse. They may have fame, but happiness eludes them and they do not serve as positive role models.

The pro-abortionists are also striving to assert that "all women" support abortion and will not tolerate the loss of their access to this entitlement. They held a "March for Women" in Washington, as well as other cities, on October 2, 2021. The name of the march is a misnomer as no pro-life women were permitted to participate in the march. It wasn't a march to promote women's rights, but was solely about abortion.

The pro-abortionists further showed their anger at the possibility of overturning *Roe v. Wade* by picketing the home of Supreme Court Judge Brett Kavanaugh, putting his wife and children's lives at risk. This was a clear act of intimidation. Even the pro-abortion Washington Post objected to this strategy, declaring that it was over the line.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN *ROE v. WADE* IS STRUCK DOWN?

When the U.S. strikes down *Roe v. Wade*, individual states will have responsibility for the abortion issue. According to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, it is estimated that at least 26 states will ban abortions. On the other hand, some states, such as New York, Illinois and California, will likely go out of their way to provide abortion without limitations. In 2019, California codified *Roe v. Wade* and in the same year, New York state expanded the abortion law for all

nine months of pregnancy, for any reason until twenty-four weeks' gestation, and then with broad exceptions after that point. It is expected that, when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, these pro-abortion states will be the financial beneficiaries of extensive abortion tourism.

This means that, once *Roe v. Wade* is struck down, the pro-life movement will still have much work to do. Many battles lie ahead. However, one thing is certain, the pro-life movement will not go away. †

TRUDEAU'S MANIPULATION OF THE MEDIA

Trudeau has been paying out billions of taxpayer dollars to the media—both large and small organizations.

CBC/RADIO-CANADA

The biggest payout is to CBC/Radio-Canada, which receives over a billion dollars each year—70% of its budget. For fiscal year 2019-2020, CBC received \$1.2 billion.

Prime Ministers Mulroney, Chrétien and Harper cut CBC funding by a combined total of \$741 million, or 44% of its budget. When he came to power, Justin Trudeau reversed this trend and added \$150 million in new funding. His 2021 budget promised another \$400 million over four years.

The CBC believes that its role as a public broadcaster is to educate Canadians with left-wing, "progressive" programming. For example, several years ago, the CBC released a documentary called "Drag Kids", which attempted to sexualize children by portraying drag as a great activity for children to try. CBC's latest TV show is a series called, "Sort of", which is the first TV program to star a trans-feminist homosexual. Its purpose is to break down mainstream media barriers to this lifestyle.

When Justin Trudeau is interviewed on CBC, he is treated with reverence, almost as a demi-god, despite the fact that in reality, he is an immature, uninformed ideologue lacking a grasp of issues. He uses his position as Prime Minister only to further his own extremist ideology. The public is never consulted on any of his policies. Citizens' views are irrelevant to Trudeau.

Canadians are obviously aware of these extreme limitations of the CBC. Its nightly national news enjoys the presence of only 5% of Canadians, falling well behind CTV and Global News. These low ratings have led to a marked decline in advertising revenues for the CBC. Naturally, as a result, the CBC is demanding more funding from the Liberal government to fill the gap. According to CBC President, Catherine Tait, the CBC is a beacon of truth and trust against "fake news". The CBC lives in a fantasy world. It does not believe that it should cut its expenses, such as its seven Vice-Presidents and five Directors of Finance.

Since the CBC always provides the Liberal government's leftist spin on issues, there is little chance it will not receive more funding from Trudeau.

TRUDEAU'S PRE-ELECTION FUNDING OF THE MEDIA

To ensure that the media treat him with appropriate deference during recent elections and to encourage the media to refrain from reminding the public of his many gaffes, lack of judgement and ethical violations, Trudeau took the precaution of pouring out pre-election money to select media. As a result, the media did not objectively report the election news, since their economic survival depended on these timely hand-outs.

For example:

- a) **2019 pre-election bailout:** Trudeau announced a \$595 million media bailout package for five years (2019-2024). The Toronto Star was reportedly taking in \$115,000 a week in refundable labour tax credits as its share of this bailout.
- b) **2021 pre-election bailout:** Six weeks before Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the 2021 election, his government topped up funding for select Canadian media outlets with \$30 million from the newly minted, Recovery Fund (COVID-19). The recipients were not disclosed. Heritage Minister Guilbeault claimed the funding was to provide readers with "timely information they require from the government".

OTHER MEDIA HAND-OUTS

In 2020, Trudeau created a \$60 million COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund for over a thousand publications. Heritage Minister Guilbeault refused to divulge the names of recipients. However, a 29-page list was obtained through Access to Information by Rebel News and Canadaland and posted online. Some of the 1,364 media outlets listed also received substantial funding through COVID-19 wage subsidies.

The fund provided grants to an interesting array of publications.

Below are a few of the print publications, many of them "free", that were sent COVID-19 emergency relief, based on their circulation numbers. Many also received substantive annual funding from the Canada Periodical Fund (CPF).

The publications receiving this COVID-19 money are

astounding. They include Canadian Cowboy Country, Canadian Hot Rods, Canadian Pizza, Canadian Poultry, Canadian Running, Elle Magazine, Exploring China, Faith Today, Fashion, Foodism, Helicopters, Humanist Perspective, Manure Manager, Modern Cat, Modern Dog, Peace (Disarmament), Potatoes in Canada, Reader's Digest, Shameless, The Tye Online, The Walrus, Wedding Bells, Western Horse Review, Villager Publications (LGBTQ), Vintage Fire Truck and Zoomer (senior). Over 400 small town newspapers across Canada also received funding.

HERITAGE DEPARTMENT'S CPF

The Heritage Department's Canada Periodical Fund (CPF) funds about 500 media outlets with its annual \$70 million budget. It should be noted that Rabble media, founded by radical Marxist feminist Judy Rebick in 2001, has been a regular recipient of CPF, averaging \$41,000 a year. Its special COVID-19 top-up for 2020 was \$71,000.

Zoomer magazine, published by the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP), has been funded since 2009 and has received close to a million dollars a year from CPF since 2018. In addition, it received \$246,000 in COVID-19 relief. The President and CEO of CARP is Moses Znaimer, who is also a founding patron of the euthanasia organization, Dying with Dignity. In 2016, Mr. Znaimer fired the Executive Director of CARP because she wanted the magazine, Zoomer, to take a neutral position on euthanasia. She was replaced by Wanda Morris, the former CEO of Dying with Dignity, who led the campaign for legislative change on the right to die (see REALity March-April 2016, "Beware of CARP: a tool for Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia").

CHINESE INVESTMENT IN CANADIAN PUBLICATIONS

Chinese Ming Pao publishing conglomerate received \$3.7 million from the Canada Periodical Fund (CPF) for the fiscal year 2019-2020 according to Public Accounts Canada, plus COVID compensation. According to The Long Shadow of Chinese Censorship, by Sarah Cook, "a number of influential newspapers run as family businesses were bought by Chinese

tycoons with business interests in China and close ties to mainland officials", which, as a result can ill afford to offend the ruling regime. Ming Pao Newspapers has two Canadian Chinese language editions, one in Toronto and another in Vancouver. It also owns English language publications in Canada.

2020 CPF funding by Canadian Heritage included the following Ming Pao Newspapers (Canada) Limited:

Saturday Magazine	\$1,020,000
Healthy Living	\$878,000
Gourmet	\$918,000
Exploring China	\$346,000
Weekly Magazine	\$1,046,000

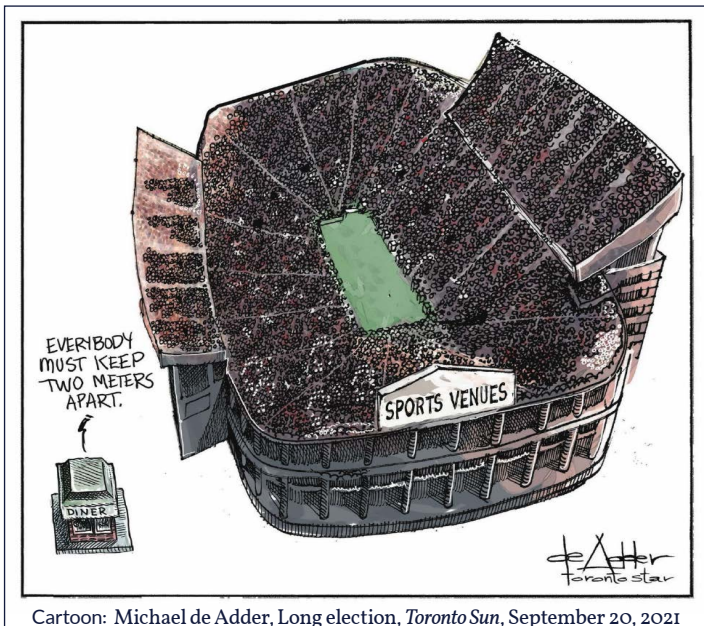
SUBSTANTIAL OTHER CANADIAN HERITAGE SUBSIDIES THROUGH THE CPF

Among the 500 regular Canada Periodical Fund recipients for the fiscal year 2019-2020 are:

Cottage Life	\$318,000
Post media Network	\$1.4 million
Reader's Digest	\$2.4 million
Ricardo Media	\$584,000
The Catholic Register	\$571,000
The Walrus Foundation	\$303,000
Toronto Life	\$506,000
TVA Publications	\$9.1 million

Payments under \$100,000 are not listed in Public Accounts. They totalled \$12 million, part of the \$71.3 million CPF budget.

The Liberal budget for 2021 committed \$1.9 billion for Arts, Culture, Heritage, and Sports. This has increased dependence on government, and has contributed to excessive federal deficits and record breaking debt. There should be a thorough review of such handouts. †



Cartoon: Michael de Adder, Long election, Toronto Sun, September 20, 2021



ANTI-FAMILY FAILURE AT THE UN

“All we do know is that this struggle will continue and that those on the pro-life, pro-family side will continue their competent work.”

For nearly twenty years, the UN has been a battleground between nations that are leftist or progressive and those that support conservative, traditional values.

The goal of this struggle: that the leftist Western countries, such as the European Union (EU) and the U.S. (under Democratic President Biden) are attempting to force all countries of the world, by way of the UN, to accept their values such as abortion, LGBT rights, and an extreme sexual education curriculum which normalizes homosexuality and transgenderism.

The EU position is supported by the United Kingdom and the so-called Mountain Group, which includes Australia, Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, and Switzerland, as well as the San Diego Group which speaks for some countries in Latin America, but not all.

The conservative countries include the African countries Brazil, and the Middle Eastern countries. They are appalled by the cultural colonialism being exerted on them by the West. These countries have consistently defeated the powerful Western countries in this contest of wills at the UN because the UN operates by consensus. As a result, the non-Western, traditional countries can overrule the demands of the West.

The powerful Western countries jointly fund close to 70% of the UN budget. Because of this significant factor, the entire UN bureaucracy, including its Secretary General Antonio Guterres, the UN administrators and their agencies, especially WHO (World Health Organization), UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and UN Women (which is the UN entity leading the way in advocating these controversial policies) have attempted to manipulate the UN in this regard over the years, even though they have no mandate to do so.

THE EUROPEAN UNION

Currently, the EU is struggling to keep its own organization together, as some of its eastern European members, such as Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, and Slovakia are resisting the EU's anti-family policies. The dominant country in the EU is Germany, which itself is also currently experiencing internal difficulties. Its influential leader, Angela Merkel, stepped down in September 2021 and negotiations to select a new chancellor are ongoing. It should be pointed out that the EU also has an inherent structural flaw in that it is not democratically run. It operates directly out of Brussels, where arrogant, unelected bureaucrats usually determine its policies that are then adopted by the European Commission, which administers the EU.

FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

The wealthy Western countries at the UN experienced intense frustration when U.S. President Donald Trump was in office. His no-nonsense, pro-family, pro-life policies encouraged countries with more traditional values to stand up to the West.

However, when U.S. President Biden was inaugurated in January 2021, among his first executive orders was to change Trump's foreign policy to include abortion, LGBT rights, and the controversial sex education program at the UN. He appointed Linda Thomas-Greenfield to the post of U.S. Ambassador to the UN. During her nomination, ignoring the world's many problems, Ms. Thomas-Greenfield explained her understanding of her role, which was to be the leader on the issue of “women's access to a full range of reproductive health services”, code at the UN for abortion. She described this as her “personal priority”.

UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 2021

The Biden administration's expectation that the obstacles to the three controversial policies concerning abortion, LGBT rights and the extreme sexual education curriculum would end, came crashing down at the UN Commission on the Status of Women CSW meeting in March 2021. The pushback by the conservative countries was strategic, firm, and highly exasperating for the Biden government, and led to its defeat. This lack of headway was a bitter disappointment for all the wealthy Western countries.

This defeat can be explained by the fact that, in October 2020, former President Trump formed what was called the Geneva Consensus Declaration. This declaration was signed by 33 countries. It affirmed, among other policies, the inherent dignity and worth of the human person and every human being's right to life; the family as a natural and fundamental unit of society and entitled to protection by society and the state; and that motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. Biden hastily withdrew the U.S. from the Geneva Declaration, but this obviously didn't do him much good. In October and November 2021, the Geneva Declaration was strengthened by the addition of Guatemala and surprisingly, Russia. President Putin called Western transgenderism “simply monstrous”, which he says “verges on crimes against humanity, under the banner of progress” (Moscow Times, October 22, 2021).

THE FUTURE AT THE UN

What lies ahead for the UN is, of course, unknown. All we do know is that this struggle will continue and that those on the pro-life, pro-family side will continue their competent work. These advocates consist of a network of worldwide NGOs who work tirelessly with the delegates from the now 34-country Geneva Declaration group to thwart the decadent policies of the wealthy, Western nations. †

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear supporter of REAL Women of Canada:

Welcome to the December 2021 issue of e-REALity and the November/December 2021 issue of our bimonthly hard copy edition.

On behalf of our National Board of Directors and our dedicated support staff, I extend to you and your families all the blessings of this joyous Christmas season. We hope that 2022 will be a year of much health and happiness for you. 2021 was full of challenges for us all but we can always look forward to a brighter future with great expectation.

We hope that you will enjoy the articles included in this month's issue of REALity. It includes an encouraging article on the uniqueness of motherhood, it being a major factor in enhancing a woman's fulfillment. We also discuss the disarray that is exhibited by the U.S. pro-abortion movement, with the pro-life movement a force to be reckoned with. Another story deals with the Canadian Federal Liberal government's subsidizing the media, which creates a conflict of interest. With the media beholding to handouts from the government, can they be relied on to provide unbiased reporting?

On November 17, we published an **ALERT** on the leadership of the federal Conservative Party of Canada by Erin O'Toole. The ALERT consisted of a petition initiated by Conservative Senator Denise Batters to remove O'Toole as Party leader. If you agree with this petition, please sign as soon as possible. You must have been a member of the Conservative Party for at least 21 days in order to sign.

We have added an **FAQ** (Frequently Asked Questions) page to our website if there are any questions that are not included and that you would like to see answered, please e-mail our **Ottawa office** with your suggestions. The link for the FAQ page can be found in the red navigation bar at the top of our home page.

Thank you for your support in encouraging us to promote the important values that sustain and protect society.

Warm regards,

Pauline Guzik

Pauline Guzik, National President ♣

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2022 NOW DUE

This is a reminder that your **2022 membership** in REAL Women of Canada **is now due**. The annual membership fee is \$30 and for a group is \$50. For your convenience, enclosed, in this issue of REALity, is a self-addressed envelope for your annual membership renewal.

It is your financial and moral support that enables REAL Women to continue its work for the family and to promote values that sustain and protect society.

Thank you so much for your faith in us. In return, we promise to remain faithful and diligent in supporting the family and traditional values. ♣

NEW COMMENT SECTION

REAL Women is adding a new "Commentary" section to its website to reply quickly to events that can be posted immediately before the particular issue is off the front pages and opinion columns.

If you would like to contribute to the commentary section on our website, please forward it to realwcto@realwomenofcanada.ca. Commentaries will be accepted only with the approval of REAL Women and subject to editing and length considerations. The Commentary article should not be more than 500 words in length.



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