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## THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS FAITH

For centuries, the charitable object of “the advancement of religion” has been regarded as valuable and much needed in a civilized world. That is why governments have provided religious institutions with tax-exempt status in order to encourage the spread of religion and its many services provided to the community since this benefits all of society.

However, in the past fifty years, religion has been undermined and denigrated because it has proven to be an obstacle to progressive or left-wing policies. Moral issues, such as abortion, same-sex marriage, transgenderism and euthanasia, for example, have all been met with opposition from religious faiths, whether Christian, Muslim, Sikh or Orthodox Jews. As a result, to implement “progressive” policies, the policy-makers downgrade the importance of religious faith in society. They dismiss it as outdated and unnecessary, and demand either that it be eliminated entirely, or that it, at least, modify its beliefs to adapt them to modern society. The denigration of religion is currently widespread at the United Nations (UN), in the mainstream media, the judiciary and by left-wing governments.

### POSSIBLE LIBERAL STRATEGY

It seems that a possible explanation for the refusal of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to back down on the discriminatory Summer Jobs Program may be due to the fact that this policy may be a deliberate attempt to downgrade the influence of religious faith in Canada. As such, it may be an integral part of a long range policy by the Liberal government to ultimately remove the tax exempt status of churches and its organizations. If such is the case, it is believed it will likely take place in three stages.

#### Stage One:

The policy to require faith-based groups to sign an attestation that they support abortion and transgenderism in order to receive a grant under the Canada Summer Jobs Program may be designed as a dry-run to determine whether the government can erode religious influence without being politically damaged for doing so.

#### Stage Two:

A change may be initiated in the eligibility under the Income Tax Act for faith based organizations so as to reduce the number of tax-exempt faith-based groups.

There are currently 860,191 registered charities, 330,144 of which are religious based, or 38.4%. The Liberal government sees the tax-exempt status for these faith-based groups as a loss of millions of dollars in tax money, which it wants for its own use. By narrowing the eligibility of groups entitled to receive tax-exempt status, the Liberal government will gain a financial windfall.

#### Stage Three:

The Income Tax Act may be amended to remove the tax-exempt status directly from churches, not just their organizations.

### BACKGROUND TO THIS STRATEGY

#### Stage One

In December 2017, the Liberal government introduced a policy that all groups seeking funding under the Canada Summer Jobs Program must sign an attestation that the groups support abortion and transgenderism. This was obviously unacceptable to faith-based groups whose works provide our communities with soup kitchens, children’s camps, English Language lessons for immigrants, day care, etc. As a result of this policy, 1,561 charities were rejected for a grant in 2018 when they applied under the Summer Jobs Program. They were rejected because they refused to check the attestation box since this would compel them to violate their consciences. In 2017, only 126 applications were rejected under this program.

The opposition Conservative Party put forward a motion, voted on, on March 19, 2018, to amend this objectionable policy. The Conservative motion was as follows:

That, in the opinion of the House, organizations that engage in non-political non-activist work, such as feeding the homeless,

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helping refugees, and giving kids an opportunity to go to camp, should be able to access Canada Summer Jobs funding regardless of their private convictions and regardless of whether or not they choose to sign the application attestation.

The vote was 207 against the motion and 93 in support of the motion.

Although the wording of the motion was less than ideal, as it eliminated pro-life groups, the motion nonetheless has given the Liberals the message that it is not going to be that easy for them to pursue removal of tax-exempt status without a fight.

## SUMMARY OF VOTE

(See MPs Votes: <https://openparliament.ca/votes/42-1/459/>)

Liberal MP John McKay (Scarborough—Guildwood, ON) did not vote on the motion, but was in the House of Commons that day. MP Scott Simms (Coast of Bays—Central—Notre Dame, NL) was the only Liberal member who voted for the motion. MP David Christopherson (Hamilton Centre, ON) was the only NDP member who voted for the motion. Green Party Member, Elizabeth May, voted for the motion. Three Bloc MPs voted in favour of the motion. No Conservative member voted against the motion.

Some pollsters claim that the controversy for the Summer Job Program, may not make a difference to the Liberals' chances in the October, 2019 federal election. However, according to the Hill Times (February 19th, 2018), some Liberal back benchers do not share this view, and are concerned that the Summer Jobs Program will affect their chances of re-election. They believe that the Liberal red-wave that swept across the country in 2015, which won the Liberals a majority government with 184 seats, is not going to happen in the 2019 election.

This uncertainty about the effect of the Summer Jobs Program, however, has not apparently stopped the Liberal government from proceeding to Stage Two in its strategy.

## MESSAGE BOARD

- New members campaign: Membership packages, at no charge, are available to members who wish to extend a personal invitation to a friend or relative to join REAL Women of Canada. Please let our Ottawa office know how many packages you would like. They contain a letter of invitation, written on REAL Women letterhead and signed by our National President, a membership form, a return envelope addressed to REAL Women, a REAL Women pamphlet and a business envelope. Adding your own personal note of endorsement when sending out a package, is strongly suggested.
- Fundraiser: For a minimum donation of \$100, upon request, our donors will receive a complimentary copy of the book "Pierre Elliott Trudeau's Great Betrayal", co-authored by Gwen Landolt, National VP of REAL Women, and Patrick Redmond. To take advantage of this time-limited offer, please write the promotion code PET2017 on your donation, include your address and mail to our Ottawa office.

## Stage Two

On January 30th, 2018, The Senate Special Committee on the Charitable Sector was established to review the charitable status of faith-based groups under the Income Tax Act.

The motion in the Senate to establish this Committee, was made by Liberal Senator Terry M. Mercer who will also chair the Committee. Senator Mercer was the former Director of Fundraising for the Liberal Party of Canada.

The Committee consists of four Liberal and Independent Senators, and three Conservative Senators.

Two of the issues to be studied by the Committee are of particular concern:

1. How do we modernize the [charitable] sector?
2. Do Canadians trust charities and are charities acting ethically?

This Committee is required to submit its final report on the issue by the end of December, 2018. This date will be just ten months before the next federal election, which is to be held in October, 2019. As a result of the relative proximity to the federal election with the report's release, the Liberal dominated Committee will not likely recommend the direct removal of the tax-exempt status from churches at that time because of the possibility this might create a backlash at a politically sensitive time. Therefore, it is likely that the Committee will recommend, instead, a policy to reduce the number of faith-based groups granted tax-exempt status by narrowing the criteria for the eligibility of such groups.

## Stage Three

If the Liberal government attains a majority government after the next federal election, to be held in 2019, it will then be in a position to promptly remove the tax-exempt status directly from the churches. It would do this based on the assumption that religious faiths will have been pushed behind the closed doors of churches, temples, synagogues and mosques and will have, as a result, a diminished role in public debate. The Liberals may believe that any backlash to this policy will have been forgotten by the time the next federal election will take place in 2023. That is, the Liberals expect that the relevance of religion in the public square will have been largely eliminated by then.

If the Trudeau government should eventually remove the tax-exempt status of churches and their organizations, it will gain billions of dollars in taxes. This would be the powerful incentive for Trudeau's debt-ridden government to undertake such an unacceptable strategy.

Consequently, this long-term Liberal strategy may be the reason Trudeau has resolutely refused to back down from the Canada Summer Jobs Program. It is too integral and valuable a part of his strategy to change the taxation exemptions of religious institutions in Canada.

The Trudeau government during the course of its mandate has made some bizarre decisions. It is important, therefore, to be alert to the possibility that it may decide to remove the tax-exempt status of the churches.

Undoubtedly, the Trudeau government will vigorously deny it has any intention of doing so. We will see. †

# CANADA'S LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET PUTS WOMEN INTO A FEMINIST STRAITJACKET

Canada's Liberal Government's 2018 budget is a gender identity, political document. It is putting into practice the notion expressed in feminist Betty Friedan's 1963 book, *The Feminine Mystique*: that all women regard the home as a concentration camp from which they must be freed to find true happiness in the paid work force.

The budget which includes 358 references to gender, is designed to get women into the workforce. For example, although most individuals support fathers' involvement with their children, the budget's provision to provide new fathers with a 5 week "use it or lose it" parental leave is designed so that new mothers can more easily enter the work force after child birth.

The budget treats women as single issue constituents, based on the feminist ideology that women would be just as likely as men to be work-centred once opportunities were opened to them, and that sex discrimination alone has held women back from the top jobs in any society.

This is nonsense. Women are not a homogeneous group. They make different choices in their lives. Many women have jobs rather than careers, and find the balance between paid work and family challenging.

Some women are home-centred, and prefer not to be in the paid work force, but other women, including most childless women, are work-centred. The majority of women, however, adapt their lives to fit their family situation. These women want to work, but are not totally committed to a career. Rather, they feel obliged to contribute to household finances because of housing costs and the riskiness of relying on a single breadwinner, given job insecurity. That is, paid work is often regarded as an unfortunate financial necessity or insurance policy. Not all families can afford two paid nannies to care for their children as does Trudeau.

Instead of reducing family taxes and increasing child benefits to provide some genuine flexibility in women's lives, Trudeau prefers to assign to women the role to which he thinks they belong; in the work force.

Unfortunately, equality in the work place cannot compete with the inequity of nature which curiously allows only women to become pregnant, and never men. Women also have the curious inclination to want to nurture and care for their children. This is why mothers are much more attached to part-time work than are fathers, who, although they dearly love their children, much prefer to support them with paid employment.

Trudeau's budget is an attempt to change the nature of men and women by providing incentives for women to enter the paid work force. This, not incidentally, increases the taxes paid, which will give Trudeau more money to fling around to fund his pet projects. Judging from his past three budgets, the extra money will not be used to reduce the deficit or the national debt even though Canadian taxpayers are now paying more interest on the national debt than on our military.

The budget ignores the fact that the Canadian economy is facing serious and pressing challenges. Trudeau's failure

to broker trade deals is going to result in women, along with men, losing their jobs. Productivity growth has been weak and will get worse. Substantial tax reforms in the US make Canada's industries less competitive, and there is nothing in the budget to improve investment possibilities in Canada. Nor is there any attempt to encourage transporting our goods to market, such as getting our oil to tide water.

Although the budget does designate \$70 million to women-led technology firms, and \$65.9 million over 5 years to assist women to enter the trades, the budget also includes a \$100 million financial commitment over five years to the Status of Women to support more initiatives to build the capacity of equality-seeking organizations (feminist organizations) to reduce gender inequality in Canada and to promote a "fairer and more productive society".

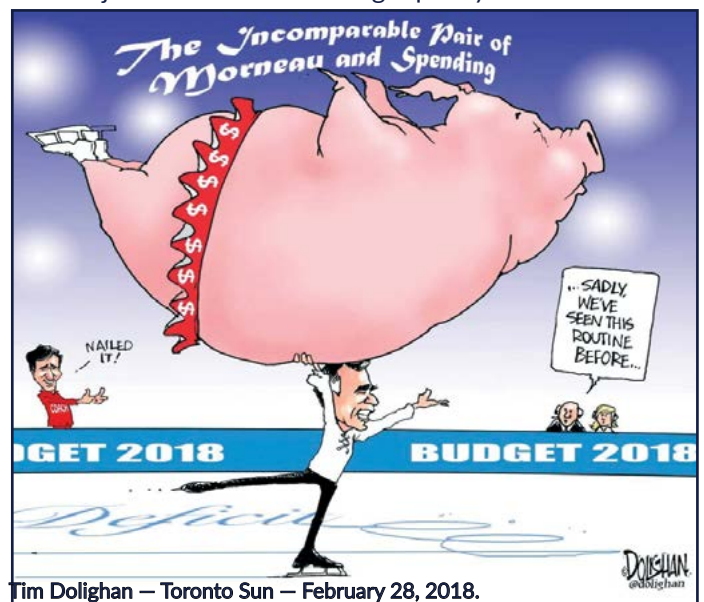
This translates into more money being dumped on feminist groups to push their priorities over the choices of other women.

The feminist Status of Women, not the Department of Finance, appears to have written Trudeau's 2018 budget.

## FINANCE MINISTER MORNEAU MEETS PERSONALLY WITH LGBTQ2 ON THE BUDGET

Although Finance Minister Morneau requested that Canadians submit their ideas online to the government for the 2018 budget, he managed to meet personally for a roundtable discussion at Toronto's LGBTQ2 Centre with members of that community. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how gender-diverse groups can obtain equality in the budget. According to Mr. Morneau, "meaningful discussions around gender, like the one I held today [at the homosexual centre] help us understand the challenges we face and the opportunities as we advance the goal of equality for all Canadians".

Mr. Morneau would have been more honest by stating that the advancement of feminists and the LGBTQ2 agenda is his major interest in advancing equality for Canadians. †



# COMMONWEALTH REJECTS HOMOSEXUALITY

Homosexual activists attempted unsuccessfully to place homosexual rights on the agenda at the Commonwealth Summit to be held in London, England in April 2018.

Homosexuality is rejected by 36 of the 53 countries forming the Commonwealth. The latter operates by consensus, and many developing countries in the Commonwealth regard advocacy for homosexuality as an intrusion by developed nations into the internal affairs of their countries, since homosexual rights are contrary to their culture and faith.

Canada's PM Justin Trudeau and the UK Prime Minister Theresa May, however, are working together at the Commonwealth, to make homosexual rights a priority issue at these meetings. However, the clash over the issue which will inevitably occur if homosexual rights were raised at the April Summit, would likely mar the last Commonwealth meeting at which the

91 year old Queen will likely attend. The Queen is devoted to the Commonwealth, and the organizers of the forthcoming Summit did not want the Queen to witness the disarray at a meeting should this issue be placed on the agenda.

The next Commonwealth Summit is to be held in Malaysia in 2020. That country soundly rejects homosexuality and it is highly unlikely that the issue will be on the agenda then.

These obstacles have not stopped the homosexual advocates from attending the April Summit, however. They plan to attend every forum, and will be lobbying countries there to accept their agenda.

It is unlikely that there will be any changes in the position on homosexual rights either at the April Summit or any future Summit, because developing nations are refusing to be pushed around by the Western nations in the Commonwealth association. †

## WHAT DO WOMEN REALLY WANT?

After the World Congress of Families, held in Madrid, Spain, in 2012, an international organization of women was formed, called "Women of the World" (WOW).

The organization consists of 40 worldwide partners, located in 23 different countries. REAL Women of Canada is a partner in WOW. These partners believe that balance must be restored in today's world regarding women's role in society. Women now have equality with men in education and in the workplace, but women are more than mere workers in the paid workforce. Most are also mothers, who are the heart and nurturing force of the family and society. This role contributes magnificently to society, but is frequently ignored.

The social significance of maternity, motherhood, and the role of parents in the family and in the upbringing of children must be acknowledged.

Mothers provide the empathy, tenderness, and resilience that a thriving society demands. By giving life and nurturing their children, mothers, in cooperation with fathers, become the strength and the sustaining force of humanity. Mothers and fathers each play vital roles in all societies.

Some countries, because of cultural and economic factors, provide opportunities for women to remain at home as full-time mothers. For example:

Among mothers with children under three, the proportion of homemakers varies from 92.5 percent in the Czech Republic, to 7.7 percent in Sweden. Eastern European countries tend to have more homemakers—in Slovakia, Lithuania, Estonia and Hungary the proportion is above 70 percent—but it is also relatively high in Germany (73.5%), Austria (66%) and Switzerland (58%), as well as in Finland (61%) and Iceland (66%).

In many Western countries, such as Canada, it is assumed that the majority of mothers of even the youngest children will be employed. Governments subsidize maternity leave and childcare, and promote tax policies designed to

encourage mothers to quickly return to paid employment after childbirth, as evidenced in Trudeau's 2018 budget which was directed to increasing women in the paid workforce.

### WHAT DO WOMEN REALLY WANT?

A study published by Czech sociologist Dana Hamplova answers whether women are happy to return quickly after childbirth to paid employment. The study tips the maternal happiness scales significantly towards homemakers, as compared with those in the paid workforce.

All 12 different measures of happiness/satisfaction point in the same direction: according to Dr. Hamplova, mothers with younger children tend to be happier if they are not engaged in paid employment.

British researcher, Catherine Hakim, using data from a major research project, Listening to Women, commissioned by the British Cabinet Office's Women's Unit in the late 1990s, came up with a [classification of women's preferences](#) (pdf) with regard to market and family work. She found that roughly 20 percent of women were home-centred and preferred not to be employed; another 20 percent (including most childless women) were work-centred; and the 60 percent in between were adaptive—women who wanted to work but were not totally committed to a work career. Women in the last group were prepared to take any job that fitted in with their family and childcare commitments.

WOW wants mothers and their work to be visible and valued in politics, institutions and the media. In order to achieve recognition, WOW prepared a Declaration of Mothers which was presented at the March, 2018 UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York City. It will also be publicized worldwide through its partner network. The Declaration states as follows:

1. Mothers are the heart and nurturing force of the family and society. Mothers provide the empathy, tenderness, and resilience that a thriving society demands. By giving life, and nur-

turing their children, mothers, in cooperation with fathers, become the strength and the sustaining force of humanity. Mothers and fathers each play vital roles in all societies.

2. Society needs stable families in order to produce secure and happy children. Children who are raised by dedicated mothers in a stable familial environment benefit all of society.
3. Motherhood is one of the most important, rewarding, and exciting occupations a woman can engage in, yet motherhood is vastly underestimated, belittled, and even disregarded in today's world. Society often discriminates against motherhood by ignoring and rejecting its intrinsic value and irreplaceable

influence in creating and sustaining prosperous societies.

4. Women in the labour market often experience discrimination for choosing motherhood. Mothers deserve equal opportunity, consideration, and respect in employment.
5. Motherhood greatly benefits women. Along with a chance to experience multiple leadership, communication, and life skills, it affords an essential feeling of completeness that women need. A woman's identity is enhanced when she becomes a mother.

It is a complex world in which we live. However, one thing never changes: the value that mothers bring to society. ♣

## TRUDEAU'S ADVENTURES IN INDIA

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his family travelled to India in March, 2018. During their visit they wore what they thought were "ethnic" costumes while visiting the tourist sites. Residents of India do not wear such outfits, except, occasionally, at formal weddings. Even Bollywood stars don't wear them.

Trudeau appeared in costume day after day, sometimes changing his elaborate costumes three times a day. A columnist in the Globe and Mail described Trudeau's costumes as having been designed by a tailor in the last stages of delirium tremens.

The Indian Prime Minister, Modi, is not friendly with the Trudeau government because he believes it is too sympa-

thetic to the Sikh Independence Movement. It did not help that Trudeau had previously boasted that he had more Sikhs in his cabinet than Prime Minister Modi.

The final insult to Trudeau's Indian host was that a Sikh convicted of terrorism had been invited as a guest to a reception at the Canadian Embassy. Trudeau claimed that the Indian government was responsible for the invitation. The Indian government was outraged by this allegation.

With Trudeau's inclination to dress up for his foreign visits, cartoonists have been helpful (see below) in providing him with ideas of what to wear on foreign visits. ♣



Theo Moudakis, Toronto Star, February 27, 2018, Heavy thoughts by Prime Minister Trudeau.



Tim Dolighan, The Saturday Sun, March 17, 2018



< Brian Gable, The Globe And Mail - Editorial Cartoon March, 2018 A delegation from India, making an official visit to Ottawa.



Graeme > MacKay, The Hamilton Spectator - Wednesday March 11, 2015

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear REAL Women of Canada supporter:

Welcome to the April 2018 edition of REALity.

We are gearing up for our Annual General Meeting, Saturday, May 26, 2018, to be held at the Canada Christian College in Toronto. There is a reminder in this issue, with more details. We are hoping for an impressive crowd to hear our invited speaker, Conservative MP Brad Trost (Saskatoon-University). He is such a staunch pro-life, pro-family parliamentarian. He speaks regularly at the annual March for Life in Ottawa. The Meeting begins with the business portion, followed by Mr. Trost at 1pm. The business portion is for members of REAL Women, and co-operating organizations. New memberships are also accepted at the meeting. Fellowship will follow, so there will be an opportunity to speak with Mr. Trost one on one. We are also hoping that moving the meeting from a Friday evening, to Saturday day-time hours, will encourage more members to attend. We are providing a light lunch, so we need to have a good idea of numbers ahead of time, to ensure sufficient food. Please RSVP to our Ottawa office, as stated in the reminder notice.

Do you have any ideas for resolutions that REAL Women could present at our AGM? Check out our website for examples of our past resolutions. <http://www.realwomenofcanada.ca/resolutions/> If you are a voting member of REAL Women, you are invited to submit a resolution in writing to our Ottawa office by May 12. Our Resolutions Committee can provide some assistance with wording and formatting. The Committee must also approve the Resolution in advance, before it is added to the meeting agenda.

On March 22, 2018, REAL Women released an **ALERT** on the Conservative Party's motion concerning the Summer Student Grant application process. The ALERT contained the results of the vote, held in the House of Commons, March 19. The article in this issue, "The Liberal Government and Religious Faith", further explains the connection between the motion and the Liberal Government's plans to investigate and possibly revamp the charitable status of churches and other faith based organizations. If the Liberal government does not realize any serious political fallout to its Summer Student Grant limitations, it may be emboldened to extend limitations to other government handouts, especially ones to religious organizations.

Church bulletins are often a good source of advertising, as most have a sponsorship page. Please consider sponsoring an ad for REAL Women of Canada in your church bulletin if space allows and your pastor approves. Depending on the size of the ad and on the church, prices can range from \$50 to \$100 for a set time frame. Contact our Ottawa office if you would like to do this and we can e-mail you an ad. You would then submit this to your church along with the fee. Thank you for your generosity in this venture.

If you move or change your e-mail, please let our Ottawa office know, so that you do not miss any issues of REALity. We often receive print copies of REALity returned to us from Canada Post as "Undeliverable" or "Moved: No forwarding Address".

Thank you for being women and men doing your very best to build a better society.

With much gratitude for your financial and moral support,

*Pauline Guzik*

Pauline Guzik,  
National President

## REMINDER NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 26th, 2018 @ 10:30am to 2:30pm,

Light lunch provided. Please let us know if you are attending.  
RSVP by May 21: 613-236-4001, [info@realwomenofcanada.ca](mailto:info@realwomenofcanada.ca)

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FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER

**BRAD TROST, MP**

*"The Necessity for Morality in Politics Today"*

Conservative MP Saskatoon - University

Conservative Party of Canada Leadership Candidate, May 2017  
A strong pro-life, pro-family advocate

TTC: Bus 25 from Pape Station to Wynford Drive,  
or Bus 25 from Don Mills Station to Wynford Drive  
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From South: Don Valley Pkwy N, exit Eglinton Ave E,  
west on Eglinton to Gervais †

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