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INDIGENOUS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Editor’s Note: *The purpose of REAL Women of Canada is to promote the family and the dignity of human life. We care about all families and all children regardless of their backgrounds, ethnic origin, religion, etc. They all matter deeply to us.*

We, therefore, are concerned about the information that circulated recently in the media about the Residential Schools. As a result, we looked into the matter. Below is the result of our analysis and conclusions on the situation. †

INDIGENOUS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

As a non-partisan, non-denominational national women’s organization which supports the family, the foundation of society, we were understandably deeply concerned about reports on the children who attended some 150 residential schools during approximately 100 years of their operation.

We believed it was important, however, to first determine the facts, analyse them objectively, and hopefully, reach conclusions without rancour.

We therefore reviewed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Report released in 2015, and the report by anthropologist Dr. Scott Hamilton, Lakehead University. Dr. Hamilton was retained by the TRC to address the question of deceased residential school children buried on school lands. Both these documents are in the public domain. Dr. Hamilton’s report is available at <https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/AAA-Hamilton-cemetery-Flnal.pdf> . These two documents provide a different perspective on residential schools than has been made available to date. The reports are summarized as follows:

ABORIGINAL MORTALITY RATES

According to Dr Hamilton’s report, communicable diseases were a primary cause of poor health and death for Aboriginal people during the 19th and 20th centuries. Tuberculosis was not the only epidemic during these years, there were others, such as the devastating Spanish flu of 1918. There were no inoculations available at the time, nor were there any anti-bacterial drugs such as penicillin or anti-viral and anti-inflammatory drugs. It is significant that by 1948, the death rate of indigenous children in the schools had substantially decreased due to medical developments.

THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Prior to 1883, Protestant and Catholic missionaries established churches and schools, and in some cases, hospitals to care for Aboriginals of all ages. Schools were intended to provide basic literacy to enable aboriginal children to function amidst non-Aboriginal social and religious values, and to provide vocational schools to develop skills required in a changing society.

In 1883 the Canadian Government under the Department of Indian Affairs took control of and established further larger institutions, creating the residential school system.

Dr. Hamilton states that Indian Affairs did not have a formal, written policy on the burial of children from residential schools until 1958, which was fully 75 years after the rapid expansion of their system. Although not written, the practice of the Department was to not pay funeral expenses for children who had died. This is consistent with the practice that occurred throughout the whole history of the residential school system, namely, for the government to keep their burial costs low, which thus did not make allowances to send deceased students back to their home communities. Consequently, the residential schools were required to cover the costs of burial. The most cost-effective way of doing this was to establish a cemetery on school grounds.

Such cemeteries were burial places not only for students, but also for teachers, their families, and religious personnel who had died while working at the schools. Over time, the wooden crosses marking the graves deteriorated, as did the fencing surrounding the cemeteries which became overgrown with vegetation.

There is no evidence of an intent to hide these graves. Further, accordingly to Dr. Hamilton, there is no indication

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that the children buried in these long-forgotten cemeteries died of abuse or neglect. The responsibility for maintenance was not accepted by Indian Affairs and this fell on the religious congregations operating these schools. The cemeteries were also used for burial of members of nearby municipalities, which also did not accept any maintenance responsibilities.

TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT FAILS TO ACT

The existence of these cemeteries has been known for years, as evidenced by the fact that the entire Volume 4 of the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report dealt with the question of the cemeteries on residential school grounds.

The TRC made six specific recommendations (Calls to Action) for federal government action in respect to the questions of missing children, unmarked graves, and residential school cemeteries (Calls to Action: 71–76). In fact, the TRC report concluded with a total of 94 Calls to Action, most of which have never been acted upon.

The Trudeau government ignored these recommendations, and instead now pretends to be surprised and shocked at the “discovery” of abandoned cemeteries notwithstanding the fact that Trudeau’s 2019 budget had allocated \$33.8 million to establish a residential school death registry.

BLAME THE CHURCH

Rather than accept responsibility for his government’s failures, Trudeau is now trying to shift blame onto the Roman Catholic Church stating “we expect the Church to step up and take responsibility for its role in this and be there to help in the grieving and the healing It’s something we are all still waiting for the Catholic Church to do”.

The Liberal government not only failed to carry out its responsibilities regarding the TRC recommendations, but also has refused to acknowledge that the federal Department of Indian Affairs had full responsibility for the residential schools, refused to pay for the costs of the burial of the children who died at the schools, refused to pay the costs of transporting the children to their families, or to maintain the cemeteries.

Although the various churches that administered the Residential Schools may have had their own failings, one should not lose sight of the fact that it was the federal government that created, funded, oversaw, and was responsible for the residential school system.

It is common humanity that we show respect for the dead, including maintaining cemeteries. This should not be political or divisive. What is unacceptable is Prime Minister Trudeau and his government’s complete failure to deal with and acknowledge the actual facts of this situation or to show respect for the dead as well as the living. †

CANADA’S WEAK POLITICIANS ENDANGER THE RIGHTS OF CANADIANS

“The current arrangement where party leaders and their supportive elites enjoy the power to exploit Canadians to their personal advantage and prestige is simply inconsistent with responsible government and the timeless Judeo-Christian values upon which Canada was founded.”

It is often observed that a country is known by the politicians its citizens elect. As such, Canadians must be a sorry lot. Ultimately, those elected are nothing more than a reflection of the society from which they are elected!

In the past, Canadians have elected some outstanding individuals characterized by integrity, decency, and a sincere commitment to their constituents and the parliamentary system. Today, most (but not all) of Canada’s MPs appear to be cut from a very different cloth—they are meek, unoriginal, mediocre beyond belief, remarkably incurious, and politically correct. They shuffle along, doing whatever they are told to do, deferential to their party leader, his/her unelected advisors, and the party machine, which have complete control

over the party, and therefore, legislative agenda. Unfortunately for Canadians, all five of the federal political parties currently represented in parliament (Liberals, NDP, Bloc Quebecois, Green Party, and the “liberal lite” Conservative Party), are basically left-wing/left-of-centre in perspective and legislative aspirations.

These leftist political parties are vigilantly monitored by the mainstream media, which is quick to pounce on any deviation from the woke cancel culture. Those in the media firmly believe that they know what is best for Canadians, and any alternate views must be promptly snuffed out. For example, on June 7, 2021 *Globe and Mail* columnist, John Ibbitson, criticized Conservative Party leader Erin O’Toole for not properly “controlling” his caucus because O’Toole allowed a free vote on the sex-selective abortion bill (C-233). He also allowed some caucus members to obstruct the passage through Parliament of the extremist conversion therapy bill (C-6), which Ibbitson claims is necessary to protect homosexuals. Ibbitson views both decisions as indication that O’Toole is not a good leader because he is failing to keep his caucus in line, in other words, no diversity of opinion should be allowed.

Canada has sadly become a country which is increasingly controlled by little more than a handful of elites, all sharing

a group-think mentality and a myopic left-wing perspective, and who do not tolerate any diversity.

There are two main inter-related reasons why Canadian politics in particular, and political discourse in general, have produced MPs who are, in reality, nothing more than mindless robots who do not think for themselves. This phenomenon is not peculiar to Canada as it is prevalent in various degrees, in most, if not all, Western liberal-democratic countries.

The first main reason is that the party leaders exert tremendous control over their caucus through control of the nomination process of the party's candidates, to say nothing of the power of appointment should the party win the election! Local party members, through their Riding Associations (Electoral District Association, EDA), no longer have the final say on the choice of a candidate. Instead, candidates must get the party leader to sign off on the Riding Association's choice. Similarly, the Riding Association's choice can be overridden by the party leader who has the ability to "parachute" into a riding his choice regardless of what the local party members want. Candidates thus become nothing more than programmed robots for the party leader and the party machine. The implications are profound. First, there is the disassociation of the candidates from the people they are supposed to represent. One of the hallmarks of representative democracy's legitimacy is that the candidate represents their constituents. Instead, the current system ensures that candidates represent the leadership to the constituents! Second, there is a huge disconnect between party policy, which is arrived at through open debate and adoption at the party's convention, and the leadership's agenda and platform which is often quite different. Candidates/MPs who have the temerity to support a convention's policies, often find themselves at odds with the party leader and his unelected advisors. If an MP publicly dissents from the party leader's position, he/she runs the very real risk of being expelled from the caucus. Effectively, if an MP wishes to remain in office, he/she must do as instructed by the party leader and his staff, no exceptions permitted.

The second reason why many MPs are nothing more than party hacks is social in nature, and concerns the media's role in covering, and promoting, political discourse. The mainstream media in Canada has control over the public narrative, permitting no space for any dissenting voices or the free discussion of ideas that deviate from the established narrative. The mostly left-leaning and/or woke media (both print and visual) determine what is the "news" that Canadians may hear. The media simply ignores any information that may undermine its own narrative and its accompanying agenda. Long gone are the days when objective reportage was the norm; instead, today the media is nothing more than a storyteller of dubious credibility which treats those with different perspectives with ridicule and contempt.

THE EFFECT OF THE CONTROLLED POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN CANADA

The total control over policy by the political leaders,

and the media's lack of objectivity, have had profound effects on the Canadian political system, as the following examples illustrate.

The first effect is that party policy can no longer be relied upon to be made in the best interests of society or for the public's benefit. Instead, today the driving force behind policy development, and its implementation, is winning the next election for the party. This point came into sharp focus on May 26, 2021 when all MPs, from every party in the House of Commons, supported a resolution introduced by the Bloc Quebecois, requesting unanimous support of Quebec's Bill 96. This bill unilaterally declares that Quebec is a separate nation and that French-only is the official language of Quebec, despite the federal *Languages Act* which provides that Canada is a bilingual, French and English, country. The reason for the effusive support of this provocative resolution from Quebec, by all federal political parties, was due to the fact that Quebec provides 75 seats in the House of Commons, which the political parties hope to win in the next election. There were two dissenting votes. One was from independent MP Jody Wilson-Raybould, the former Attorney General, who had nothing to lose by rejecting the Bloc Quebecois' resolution. The second dissenting vote was from independent MP Derek Sloan. This resolution from Quebec will ultimately lead to serious problems in Canada's national unity, the nature of federalism and the protection of minority language rights throughout Canada, not only Quebec. If Quebec can act unilaterally to benefit itself, why can't the other provinces do the same?

The second effect of the absolute power held by political leaders and the media's corruption in failing to hold leadership accountable through objective reporting, has been the shift away from policy towards personalities. The public, of course, may still cast a ballot during an election, but the voter is no longer voting for the candidate's values, character, integrity, and intellectual capacity, but is casting a ballot for a political leader who is usually operating far away from their lives, and who has no interest whatever in him, except for his vote. The "cult of the leader" has reduced Canadian electoral politics to nothing more than a popularity contest between party leaders.

The third crucial effect of the change in our political system is that legislation is now passed into law without the support of the Canadian public, whose opinions appear to be inconsequential to his/her MP.

EXAMPLES OF LEGISLATION LACKING PUBLIC SUPPORT

● Bill C-233: Sex Selective Abortion

On May 28, 2021, private member's Bill C-233, introduced by Conservative MP Cathay Wangantall (Yorkton—Melville), would have banned sex selective abortions. It was defeated by a margin of 247 to 82. However, a 2020 DART and Maru/Blue Voice Canada poll revealed that 83 percent of Canadians support a law against sex-selective abortion.

The MPs who voted for the bill were 80 Conservative MP's (which was two thirds of the 119-member caucus) and Independent MP Derek Sloan, who was kicked out of the Conservative caucus because of his social conservative views.

Conservative leader Erin O'Toole

Conservative Party leader Erin O'Toole, in spite of his pro-choice stance, did make a concession on Bill C-233, however, since he did not whip the conservative MPs vote, (that is, he did not order his MPs to vote against the bill), unlike all the other federal party leaders, the NDP, the Liberals, Bloc Quebecois, and the Green Party.

● Bill C-7 Euthanasia Law: Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

On March 25, 2021, the widest euthanasia bill anywhere in the world became law in Canada. It provides for death on demand. Euthanasia has become, in practice, just another medical treatment from which physicians may choose, without any requirement that other medical treatment first be provided to patients. The new law also provides that euthanasia may be performed for reasons of mental illness, regardless of the fact that such a patient may not be able to provide consent for his/her own death. In effect, the Canadian law on euthanasia normalizes death as being just another medical treatment of "choice."

● Bill C-6: Conversion Therapy

Bill C-6 prohibits any kind of counseling or conversation that doesn't affirm same-sex attraction or transgenderism. It allows an adolescent (usually between 12 and 18 years age), without parental knowledge or consent, to personally decide whether he/she should have hormone treatment and surgery to supposedly change sex. It is biologically impossible to actually change one's sex since the DNA and reproductive system remain exactly the same as they did at birth. The treatment offered to the adolescent is merely "pretend" or cosmetic and illusory: it does not actually change one's sex.

The bill also punishes parents, therapists, and pastors

with up to five years in prison for trying to assist a child to sort out his/her gender confusion which may affirm his/her birth sex. Further, all literature, books, pamphlets, videos, podcasts, or other material that express a contrary view to Bill C-6 are to be seized, censored and deleted.

The sole purpose of Bill C-6 is to pretend homosexual/transgender is "normal" in accordance with homosexual mythology. This is not supported by scientific evidence. Nonetheless, Canadians are supposed to pretend that this bill is reasonable, when it is absolutely contrary to common sense and science.

The above three bills are just some examples of what occurs when only a handful of individuals control and report on the political agenda without public debate and consultation.

CANADA'S FUTURE

Is there a future for a Canada that reflects values, such as the dignity of human life from conception to natural death or the importance of the nuclear family of mother, father, and children, as the basis of a sustainable and stable society? How can the power of government and the media be adequately limited and held accountable in a manner consistent with individual liberty and responsible government?

The debate around these and other questions is unlikely to occur, until the undeserved and unwarranted dictatorial powers have been stripped away from party leaders, and a truly free and objective press is the order of the day. The current arrangement where party leaders and their supportive elites enjoy the power to exploit Canadians to their personal advantage and prestige is simply inconsistent with responsible government and the timeless Judeo-Christian values upon which Canada was founded.

To change the current situation requires actions which must include the selection of candidates for public office, including party leaders, who have a profound understanding of, and appreciation for, authentic responsible government and public service, and who have the moral courage to withstand the criticism and manipulation of the media. Whether Canadian society can still produce such men and women remains an open question. †

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REAL Women of Canada's **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Saturday, October 23, 2021, 1pm to 4:30 pm**, at: **Liberty Suites Hotel** (7191 Yonge St, Suite 1201, Thornhill [Toronto], ON, L3T 0C4)

We hope that indoor restrictions will be lifted by then so we can enjoy a "regular" in-person meeting. We are in the process of confirming our speaker.

Please keep the date open. We look forward to a good turnout of our members so that we will have an opportunity to meet many of you in person and chat informally. Please see the next page for full details of the event. †

REAL WOMEN OF CANADA NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting of the Members of REAL Women of Canada (hereinafter called the "Corporation") will be held on,

Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 • 1:00 pm to 4:30pm • Liberty Suites Hotel
7191 Yonge St, Suite 1201 (North of Steeles Ave, East Side of Yonge St) Thornhill, ON L3T 0C4

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Travelling by Subway and Bus: If travelling by subway, get off at Finch Station, walk upstairs and head in the direction of the Tim Hortons. Exit through the gates, turn right and walk until you see a set of stairs on your right (beside the escalators). These stairs will take you to the YRT Bus Terminal (north east side of Bishop Ave.) and take Bus #2, 5, 77 or 99. Exit bus at Meadowview and Yonge, stay on the right and walk towards RBC Bank. Hotel entrance located on the right side. If travelling by TTC, take Bus #60A, B or C, exit bus on Steeles Ave. and walk north 3-4 blocks.

Guest Speaker to be determined. Light refreshments provided. Please let us know if you are attending.

RSVP by October 19th: Phone: 1-905-787-0348, or email info@realwomenofcanada.ca

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To receive the financial statements of the Corporation for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, together with the reports of the directors thereon; Members may obtain a copy of the Financial Statement available at REAL Women of Canada's Ottawa Office.
2. To elect a Board of Directors:
 - a) Advance nominations shall be in writing and shall be submitted by not less than two members in good standing, with the written consent of the nominee, and received by the **Nominations Committee** at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting (by October 9th, 2021). According to our constitution, no nomination can be accepted after that date. A brief resume of the candidate's biography must be submitted along with the nomination. Nominators must vouch that the candidate is a member in good standing, and upholds the philosophy, aims and objectives of REAL Women of Canada, as [set out in the website](#). Please forward nominations to:

Nominations Chairperson, Diane Watts, REAL Women of Canada Box 8813, Station "T," Ottawa, ON K1G 3J1
Fax: (613) 236-7203 or email: realwcna@rogers.com

- b) Only those who subscribe to our objectives and have been voting members of the Corporation for at least 60 days prior to this meeting shall have the right to vote and/or run for office.
- c) New and renewals will be accepted on the date of the meeting, but new members must attend as observers, not as voting members. Those members whose memberships have lapsed may renew and will be allowed to vote.

The General Meeting is open to members, representatives from member organizations and to co-operating organizations.

3. To hear and vote on resolutions from voting members. **Resolutions** must be submitted in writing, according to the constitution, 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting (by October 9, 2021), and approved by the Resolutions Committee. Please send such resolutions to:

REAL Women of Canada, Resolutions Committee, Box 8813, Station "T," Ottawa, ON K1G 3J1.
Fax: (613) 236-7203 or email: realwcna@rogers.com.

4. To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof. †

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: LOST IN THE CANADIAN WILDERNESS

Freedom of expression, is supposed to be protected under Section 2 of the Charter of Rights but it has been on a wild journey in recent years, picked over and turned upside down by special interest groups, the courts and especially, Justin Trudeau's Liberal Government. He is attempting to push through the controversial *Bill C-10, An Act to Amend the Broadcasting Act*, which will certainly stifle free speech.

Freedom of expression has always been a fundamental right in a democracy, and is enshrined in the UN Declaration of Human Rights (1948). It is supposed to protect individuals from the tyrannies of the state and the majority. The free expression of ideas, especially those that are unpopular, is of fundamental importance. However, this right is being tam-

pered with and, in some cases ignored in today's confused world of special interest groups and the Liberal Government.

WELL-FUNDED LGBTQ ADVOCACY GROUPS

LGBTQ advocacy groups are the foremost special interest groups pushing against freedom of expression.

For example, in May 2021, the Halifax Pride organization boycotted the Halifax Public Library over its refusal to withdraw a book on transgenderism from its shelf. This boycott is part of a disturbing pattern of LGBTQ organizations attempting to penalize library systems for their insistence on defending freedom of expression in regard to their reading material and provision of spaces for meetings and discussions.

In 2019, Meghan Murphy, a feminist writer, was invited to speak at an event hosted at the Toronto Public Library. A furious Pride Toronto organization published an open letter warning the library that there would “be consequences” if it allowed Ms. Murphy to speak on its premises. The library refused to back down, based on freedom of speech, to the credit of the Chief Librarian, Vickery Bowles.

Consequently, the speech took place despite a large demonstration at the library during Ms. Murphy’s appearance. Fortunately however, despite the angry protests, Ms. Murphy completed her speech.

The LGBTQ activists believe that they have the right to police what views are allowed to publicly exist and to which ideas people may have access. That is, instead of trying to persuade, by argument, others who are outside of their support base, the LGBTQ solution is to actively silence the voice of others.

JUSTIN TRUDEAU’S LIBERAL GOVERNMENT AND BILL C-10

The federal Liberal Government doesn’t seem to like free speech too much, since it is attempting to silence opposition whenever possible.

In November 2020, the Liberal Government introduced Bill C-10 which was to amend the 1991 Broadcasting Act to authorize the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to regulate online platforms, like Netflix, Disney Plus, and even the objectionable pornography site, Pornhub. C-10 was to protect Canadian content (CanCon) by empowering the CRTC to mandate preferential treatment in content, under the guise of protecting Canadian culture. Canadian content is, in actual fact, a thinly-disguised employment system for persons in the Canadian entertainment industry.

Bill C-10 has received considerable criticism because it means that the internet would come under the control of the CRTC, which would have the power to define its scope. Canadians would be able to communicate over the internet only with the permission of the state through decisions made by the nine Cabinet-appointed CRTC Commissioners.

Bill C-10 is clearly intended to allow speech control at the government’s discretion by monitoring an individual’s right to communicate freely on the internet. Social media, such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Twitter would be controlled by the CRTC, as well as all social media communications by ordinary citizens.

This is a clear attack on free speech. A later attempt by the government to cover up the significance of CRTC control over social media did not alleviate these concerns. The Conservative Party, alerted to the problem, raised objections and the debate went on and on. To shut down debate, the Liberal Government joined forces with the Bloc Quebecois Party (BQ) to pass a motion to end the debate to only a further five hours. At that time the bill was at the Committee stage, where clause by clause amendments were being reviewed. This was the first time in twenty years that a government imposed a time allocation on a Parliamentary Committee. When the five-hour debate time expired, the Committee continued to vote on dozens of amend-

ments that were not released to the public. The Speaker of the House of Commons, Anthony Rota, however, declared that these amendments were illegal since they were passed subsequent to the time allocation, and he voided the amendments.

Despite the many concerns regarding Bill C-10, the Liberals, NDP and BQ combined forces to pass C-10 in the House of Commons.

Fortunately, however, the Senate doesn’t appear to be a rubber-stamp for this highly controversial bill. It has refused to pass it without a careful review. The delight of reviewing this bill awaits the Senate when Parliament resumes sitting in September.

THE BLOC QUEBECOIS (BQ)

Why did the BQ become such a willing partner with the Liberals to get Bill C-10 passed? The reason is that the BQ Party, as usual, is only interested in Quebec and its art and entertainment industry, which was chomping at the bit to increase its potential via the CanCon content regulations. In short, the BQ was indifferent to the long-range consequences of this bill in relation to freedom of speech. Consequently, it was happy to move Bill C-10 along.

HATE SPEECH

Hate speech laws are the biggest threat to freedom of speech. The expression “hate speech” is vaguely worded and there is no universally understood definition or understanding of what constitutes such speech.

Hate speech is subjective, so much so that not even judges can agree on what it is. For example, in 2013 in the case of *Whatcott vs. Human Rights Commission of Saskatchewan*, the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal unanimously agreed that a pamphlet distributed by the defendant, Mr. William Whatcott, did not constitute hate speech. Yet, the Supreme Court of Canada, based on exactly the same facts, unanimously agreed that Mr. Whatcott’s pamphlets did, in fact, constitute hate speech. If the judges can’t decide on what constitutes hate speech, then how is the public supposed to be able to determine what it actually means?

Because there is no identifiable and agreed upon category of speech that can be definitively labeled as “hate speech”, this concept becomes a powerful tool in the hands of those, such as LGBTQ activists, who wish to censure unpopular opinion or silence political opposition by removing irritating voices that speak out against the orthodoxies of the day.

Fortunately, however, because of the subjective nature of hate speech in Canada, this offence has rarely been applied. Hate speech is a criminal offence in accordance with Section 319 of the *Criminal Code*, but there have only been a handful of decisions dealing with this issue.

Further, when the government criminalizes speech, it becomes a slippery slope which ends up as censorship of speech. What may be a good idea to protect individuals can easily descend into a chaotic situation, where political and ideological viewpoints are prohibited and censored.

For example, Scotland passed a law criminalizing speech, which they called “malicious communication”. Feminist Marion Millar was charged with a crime of malicious

communication when she criticised transgenderism. She had been a prominent critic of transgenderism, which she argued was a threat to feminist values. Because the criminal law was so rife with subjectivity, criminally charging her had the effect of actually silencing her, even though she was actually only making an opposing viewpoint.

Another example of the problem with hate speech occurred in May 2021 when the German government passed a new law making “hate motivated insult” a criminal offence. Nobody has a right not to be offended. That right doesn't exist in any declaration of law anywhere. All of us have been offended sometime in our lives by someone's comments; that's just life and it should not be a crime. The German government's attempt to include insults as a criminal offence will only lead to censorship and discrimination.

The essence of the problem is that the words 'hatred', 'contempt' and 'malicious' are ambiguous, emotionally charged terms capable of wide-ranging meanings, lacking a specific definition. These terms end up being interpreted in accordance with the personal and political views of the judiciary, in whose lap the question inevitably falls.

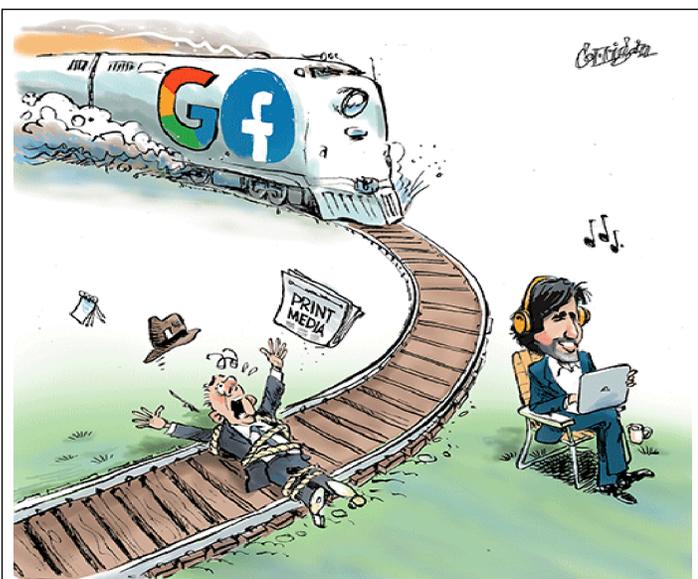
What we know is that the entire notion of “hate speech” has a chilling effect on freedom of speech and ideas. Once a group gets a taste of the ability to silence others, it creates an insatiable appetite to continue doing so.

TRUDEAU'S NEW PLANS

On June 23, four days before the House of Commons broke for summer recess, the Liberal Government introduced C-36 a new bill tackling hate speech. It plans to do so by amending the current hate law (Section 319 of the *Criminal Code*) and also by inserting a civil right to oppose hate in the federal *Human Rights Act*.

This bill is horrendous. If passed, there will be even more control of free speech in Canada.

REAL Women of Canada will be doing an analysis of this bill in a future issue of REALity. ♣



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear supporter of REAL Women of Canada:
Welcome to the August 2021 edition of e-REALity and the July/August edition for those of you who are receiving the print copy.

We are happy to announce that the date of our 2021 Annual General Meeting has been finalized. It will be held Saturday, October 23, 1pm to 4:30pm. Please refer to this issue for more details. Because we serve refreshments and there may be restrictions for indoor gatherings at that time, it is important that you RSVP by October 19th. We certainly hope that we do not have to turn anyone away if a member signs up too late.

Since our July e-REALity was published, we have sent an [Op-Ed on the Residential Schools issue](#) to the major media outlets in Canada. Most of what was in the Op-Ed is in the article “*Indigenous Residential Schools*” in this month's issue.

On July 21, we sent out an ALERT, “[The Delta Hospice Society is Not Defeated](#)”.

After the BC government evicted this hospice society from their own building for refusal to offer euthanasia, the society plans to rebuild their own private facility independent of any government overreach. To achieve this, the society requires more new members and requires existing members to renew in time for their upcoming electronic AGM. We hope that you received this ALERT and were able to renew or join the Delta Hospice Society. This brave organization needs our support. You do not have to live in BC in order to become a member and you can still join anytime.

We are ever so appreciative of the many wonderful ways that you are supporting our work.

Warm regards,
Pauline Guzik
Pauline Guzik,
National President ♣

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