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## THE WOKE COUNTER-CULTURE LEFTISTS ATTACK CHRISTIANITY IN CANADA

The demands made by woke progressives in our culture are insatiable. Their demands are intellectually shallow, based on emotion, not reason or analytical thought. Yet these woke individuals are demanding the public bow to their slogans and their immature, unfounded notions. Any refusal to comply with them is regarded as “backlash”, created by those who do not accept the cultural innovators’ desire to instantaneously restructure society. The woke crowd believes that any dissenters must be silenced, suffer the pain of loss of jobs and businesses, and must be banned from Big Tech media, which includes YouTube, Twitter, Google and Facebook. To the woke crowd, the conservative voice is deeply abhorrent and must be eliminated from public discourse for the good of society. As a result, the basic rights of freedom of speech, thought, and religion (Section 2 of the Charter) are ignored by the cancel culture, which believes that this censorship is justified in order to prevent the expression of what they label as “hateful” ideas. In Canada, this intolerance has become a defining characteristic of leftist unwillingness to accept a viewpoint that is not its own and an unwillingness to accept any solution other than total compliance to its ideological expectations. In short, the woke culture believes that censorship is justified in order to prevent the expression of so-called hateful opinion that contradicts its own.

Nowhere has this been more obvious than in regard to

individuals whose values and beliefs are based on the Christian faith. Such individuals are regarded as obstructionists to the growth of a conformist and self-righteous, woke society.

### CHRISTIANS IN CANADA

The Covid 19 pandemic has served as useful cover to attack the Christian religion. There is no other explanation as to why churches in Canada have been ordered to abide by unreasonable restrictions during the pandemic, while, at the same time, abortion clinics and liquor and cannabis stores are permitted to operate freely. Why should people be deprived of an essential comfort and hope in the time of national grief?

The closing down of the churches during the pandemic has served the government not just for health reasons, but has provided two unspoken advantages to the state. It prohibits religious worship, which demoralizes its members and prevents their interaction as a community worshipping God together. Religion, under the pandemic, is treated as insignificant and only of secondary importance. Secondly, shutting down the churches prevents the dissemination of faith-based values, such as life and family, and resistance to homosexuality and transgenderism, contrary to the secular position of the state.

Whenever individual pastors in Canada have risen up in defiance of the closing down of religious services, which the pastors believe the state has no right to do, they have been treated with undisguised hostility by the police, who have tried to humiliate and shame them. This is being done to force the pastors to surrender to the state and quietly withdraw from the public stage during this pandemic. The pastors have been angered by this control of their religious freedoms—

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controls determined by unelected and unaccountable public health officials. In total, there have been between 30 to 40 Christian churches across Canada which have been fined or charged for gathering to worship and, therefore, failing to comply with the government's regulations.

It is significant, for example, that two street pastors in Vancouver, David Lynn and Dorre Love, were the subjects of numerous complaints by homosexual activists claiming that the pastors were preaching "hate" against them on the streets. In their sermons, the two pastors used microphones and amplifiers to spread their message. The police were unable to act on the complaints, however, due to the fact the pastors were exercising their constitutional right to expression of opinions and views. Therefore, the left-wing Vancouver city council attempted to curtail the pastors' speech by amending the city's noise control by-law to prohibit the unauthorized use of a device that amplifies voice or musical instruments. It was acknowledged that the by-law would not prevent a person from expressing controversial views in public, but would allow the police to seize amplification equipment, which would deter this activity. In effect, it was the expression of faith-based values that were contrary to secular values on homosexuality and transgenderism that was the real offense, not public health concerns.

Similarly, a pastor in Prince Albert, Sask, Vern Temple, and a street pastor in Calgary, Alberta, Derek Reimer, have been charged by police for violating pandemic regulations. The pastors, however, were both ministering to the needy by providing them with meals and the gospel on the city streets. When the pastors' sizable fines were brought before the court, the fines were thrown out. It is notable that, according to documents obtained under the access to information act, the mayor and public health officer in Prince

Albert had pressured the police to hand out the tickets.

The lesson, apparently, is that Christians who fail to comply with secular opinion may be treated harshly in Canada if they do not accept, without question or debate, the secular values of the state as determined by the woke progressives.

### **DISAGREEMENTS IN A DEMOCRACY**

The proponents of both sides of any issue, even controversial ones, such as homosexuality, abortion, and transgenderism, should be permitted to express their opinion provided the views of others are treated with respect. No one side should try to silence the opposite view by claiming that it is "hate" speech. Reasoned debate has always been an integral part of a civilized society.

Further, in a civilized society, when two sets of values are put forward, no one side should experience discrimination by being forbidden to express its perspective, whether based on faith or any other principle. No one should be obligated to accept someone else's ideology or opinion if it is contrary to their own values and opinions. Rather, everyone must be at liberty to hear ideas out, to draw their own conclusions, and to agree or disagree with the views of others. No one should have the right to tell us what we must think or say, especially if we believe such views are false. To accept such censorship is to accept the tactics of totalitarianism and dictatorship.

Those who espouse secular values are not required to change their views and, similarly, those whose views are based on religious faith, should not be required to change their values or to be denied the public expression of them. This is the norm in a democracy.

It seems Canada has fallen into a sea of politically correct, woke culture, leaving our roots of democracy behind. It is time we begin to row back to shore. †

## **ALARMING DECREASE IN MALE FERTILITY**

REAL Women has expressed many times its concerns about Canada's falling birth rate and the discouraging consequences it will bring to our nation's future.

REAL Women has pointed out the problem, which seems to stem from a change in the culture, whereby work has become the priority over marriage and family. In short, individuals seem to be increasingly assessing work as the source of value and meaning in their lives. This occurs especially in wealthy countries where many individuals now see their identity in terms of the work place rather than within their family. This creates a vicious circle because if work becomes a replacement for family an identity crisis can occur if one loses a job or upon retirement. The crisis then worsens if one has no family for support at such transformative and sensitive times.

Solving such a cultural problem takes time, and this may not occur quickly enough to solve our low birth rate.

### **THE ENVIRONMENT**

There are two other, strong possibilities contributing to the low birth rate. The global fertility rate in males dropped 59% between 1973 and 2011. Science, therefore, is correctly shifting its focus toward men, as more couples are suffering from the infertility caused by dropping sperm counts. Infant boys are also developing more genital abnormalities and testosterone levels are decreasing each year.

A 2006 study showed that 65 year old men in 2002 had testosterone levels 15% lower than 65 year old men in 1987. A 2020 study, published in the Urology Times Journal, Volume 48, No. 7, reported a similar drop in young adults and adolescents.

One factor may be the presence in our water system of estrogen hormones resulting from the use of the oral contraceptive pill and other drugs. In 2008, the U.S. Geological Survey tested water in the U.S. to find that

85 man-made chemicals, including medications, were commonly slipping through municipal treatment systems and ending up in the tap water. Such chemicals and medications are extremely diluted, but it is known that even extremely diluted concentrations of drug residues harm fish, frogs, and other aquatic species, and have been shown in labs to also impair human cell function. Tests have shown, especially, that estrogen in the water can wreak reproductive havoc in some fish, which spawn infertile offspring sporting a mixture of male and female parts.

Removing traces of birth control compounds and other drugs out of our water systems has proven elusive for municipal filtration plants. However, in 2020, German researchers finally succeeded in removing more than 99% of steroid hormones from water using an improved activated carbon water filtration system. This breakthrough was made by researchers at the Karlsruhe Institute of technology. (See

Water Research 2020. Access the abstract via <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.watres.2020.116249>)

A second source of the male fertility problem may be the prevalence of a class of endocrine disrupters known as phthalates which mimic the body's hormones. Phthalates are synthetic chemicals used to make plastic more flexible and harder to break. The chemical is everywhere, not just in plastics, but in shampoos, cosmetics, furniture flame retardants, pesticides, fast food packaging, paper plates, stain resistant household products, etc. All have been linked to lower semen quality, testicular volume, and genital abnormalities in males.

It seems clear that endocrine disrupters used in our everyday life must be researched and removed in order to pin down the alarming decrease in male fertility. Infertility is not only detrimental to our nation, but is also causing much personal suffering for infertile couples. †

## THE UNSAVOURY TRUTH ABOUT SURROGACY

The media are full of tender stories about how loving, infertile couples have found joy in attaining a child by surrogacy. However, the media never mention in this commentary the distress this social experiment is causing to the surrogate mothers, who are being exploited for this service in disadvantaged countries, as well as the harm caused to children born by these arrangements. Nor does the media mention that surrogacy is a multi-million-dollar business for those involved in the human trafficking networks that are behind many surrogacy operations around the world.

This procedure started with the development of complex new reproductive technologies, combined with the attitude that couples have a "right" to a child, even though it is based on unregulated medical clinics using unregulated technologies. This procedure has led to the exploitation of vulnerable, destitute, rural women serving well-to-do, infertile couples and same-sex couples in "reproduction for hire" schemes. Tragically, women and children are moved from one country to another to circumvent any restrictive laws. Organized crime is involved in some countries since this activity is so lucrative and, in many countries, is out of reach of police, as such procedures are legal.

### INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

According to WoMoGeS (Women's Movements and Gestational Surrogacy), when scandals involving surrogacy tourism, including the abandonment of children, led India and Thailand to increase restrictions, the transnational, commercial surrogacy industry quickly moved to Nepal, Cambodia, Mexico, Colombia, and Nigeria to carry out its horrible undertaking. Further expansion to Ukraine, Republic of Georgia, Kenya, and Ghana have also ensued as more

countries are now outlawing surrogacy.

In Nigeria, more than 20 "baby factories" were shut down in 2008. Recruiters had converted orphanages and hospitals in order to house women and girls from poor villages for commercial surrogacy. Women in these "baby farms" are repeatedly impregnated. The same "talent scout recruitment" methods used in prostitution are employed to recruit surrogate mothers. According to the anti-trafficking organization, Steadfast, the criminal element already involved in human trafficking for prostitution has found it an easy step to operate the more lucrative human reproduction market. Sometimes women are kidnapped into the surrogacy trafficking circuit. Babies are sold to infertile foreign and wealthy Nigerian couples, as well as on the black market.

In Mexico, the surrogacy market grew in areas where poor female migrants and indigenous women could be easily recruited. For example, as reported by WoMoGeS, in the State of Tabasco, foreign gay men make up 60-80% of total clients. The high incidence of abandoned children, medical complications, fraud, and suspicion of organized human-trafficking, have resulted in the government legislating restrictions, which limit clients to Mexican citizens only and married or heterosexual common-law couples.

The surrogacy procedure can cost up to \$100,000 if performed in the U.S., whereas prospective parents can save up to 70% if they avail themselves of the service in developing countries. Generally, prices are lower where women are least able to meet the needs of their families because of poor socio-economic and cultural environments.

### HEALTH RISKS FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

The high risks inherent in these artificial reproductive

procedures are now well known. They include stressful pharmacological treatments to induce ovulation; multi-embryo implantation followed by the selective abortion of “excess” embryos; demonstrated higher risks of miscarriages for surrogate mothers, gestational diabetes, pre-eclampsia, low birth weight babies; higher percentages of Caesarian deliveries to meet contract timetables; and unavailable access to post-natal care in developing countries.

Children can also suffer from the sudden removal of all emotional attachments formed in the womb, resulting in lower capacity to adjust; abandonment due to disease; and legal complications due to questions around parental citizenship status. Recent COVID travel restrictions have left babies stranded and parents unable to complete contractual exchanges.

### **THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE**

In 1989, REAL Women opposed surrogate motherhood when radical feminists lobbied for a commission to study artificial reproduction. In 1993, Canada’s \$28 million dollar Royal Commission on New Medical Technologies recommended the prohibition of commercial surrogacy. In 2004, the *Assisted Human Reproduction Act* specifically prohibited the sale of eggs, sperm, and commercial surrogacy because it was regarded as selling human beings. However, it left the door open to voluntary surrogacy.

In 2018, Liberal MP Anthony Housefather, backed by advocates from Sacred Surrogacy Canada and the artificial reproduction industry, tabled a private member’s Bill C-404 to amend the *Reproduction Act* to permit the sale of sperm and eggs, and to permit legal commercial surrogacy. Fortunately, the bill did not succeed.

Canada, nevertheless, is still an international surrogacy destination, in line with our government’s socialist leanings, which provides “free” taxpayer funded surrogacy, via our high-quality health care system. Therefore, this provides very popular and inexpensive assistance for foreign couples, singles, and same-sex couples. Almost half of the children born to Canadian surrogate mothers in British Columbia are for parents who live outside Canada. Our medicare system covers pre-natal and post-natal complications which can cost up to \$100,000. REAL Women recommended that surrogacy for foreign couples be prohibited. (See REALity, July/August and November/December 2018 for details).

### **SURROGACY CONTRARY TO FOUNDATIONAL UN CONVENTIONS**

Official approaches to commercial surrogacy range from demands for total abolition to regulation, to surrogacy as a human right. Surrogacy is sometimes presented by the extreme branches of feminism as female empowerment, boosting women’s autonomy and reproductive choice. Surrogacy is even promoted by some as maternal altruism, sacred surrogacy, and divine pregnancy, ignoring the terrible harms it causes to many surrogate mothers and children.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,

Article 7, states that the child has “as far as possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents”. Surrogacy marketing thoroughly disregards this fundamental right and turns infants into a commercial product for financial gain.

Some countries are officially rejecting surrogacy: e.g., in 2015, the European Parliament banned the practice of surrogacy as “exploitation of the female body and reproductive organs”.

In 2016, the 47-member Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), for the third time, rejected legalized surrogacy throughout Europe.

A divided UNESCO Bio-Ethics Committee reported that surrogacy involves risks for women in developing countries, exploits surrogate mothers, is not in the best interest of the child, and is a danger to the central position of the family as an institution. However, some on the committee just wanted more regulations on the procedure.

The UNFPA (UN Population Fund) hesitates to condemn surrogacy because it promotes medical reproductive technologies as part of its core sexual health and rights principle. Global Affairs Canada generously funds UNFPA every year, amounting to \$1.03 billion since 1994. Annual Canadian taxpayer funding for UNFPA has escalated from \$38 million in fiscal year 2012, to \$51 million in 2015, and reached \$139 million taxpayer dollars in 2020 under Justin Trudeau’s feminist government. Family Watch International has exposed the UNFPA partnership with Planned Parenthood to advance abortion, early sexualization of children through comprehensive sex education, and promiscuity rights for youth. UNFPA is infamous for having supported Communist China’s draconian one-child policy which caused U.S. President Trump to withdraw financial support, although President Biden has now restored it.

### **ENDING EXPLOITATION OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN**

There is a growing call to ban surrogacy worldwide. Active in opposing surrogacy trafficking are: Steadfast, working in the southern hemisphere; Women’s Movements and Gestational Surrogacy (WoMoGeS) at LUMSA (Libera Universita Maria SS Assunta) in Rome; Stop Surrogacy Now, U.S.A.; and C-FAM (Center for Family and Human Rights), New York. Over 250 organizations from 18 countries recently petitioned the UN General Assembly to ban surrogacy.

An encouraging collaborative report by Daniela Bandelli of WoMoGeS, Emmanuel Di Leo of Steadfast, and Stefano Gennarini of C-FAM, stated as follows:

*Coalitions of feminist groups, pro-life and pro-family organizations, medical experts, bioethicists and even gay men and lesbian women who disagree with official pro-surrogacy positions of large LGBT advocacy organizations, increasingly describe surrogacy as a form of reproductive exploitation, a modern form of slavery, a form of violence against women, and a commodification of women’s and children’s bodies and the sale of children.*

We couldn’t agree more. †

# NEWS UPDATES

The curious behaviour of some prominent individuals is amazing. It's hard to believe the irrationality of some of their decisions. For example:

## 1. FORMER FINANCE MINISTER BILL MORNEAU

Mr. Morneau stepped down as Liberal finance minister and MP because of serious ethical questions, including his close involvement with the WE Charity fiasco. At the time of his resignation, Mr. Morneau told the public that he was planning to seek election as Secretary General to the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The purpose of this organization is to set standards worldwide for economic, social, and environmental challenges.

Mr. Morneau was in competition with nine other candidates, but bailed out of the campaign on January 26, 2021, admitting he did not have enough support from other member countries to continue into the next round of voting.

According to financial documentation obtained by Blacklock's Reporter, an Ottawa-based online news outlet, despite the fact that Mr. Morneau is personally a multimillionaire, the federal government spent \$10,899.70 of the taxpayer's money assisting Mr. Morneau's campaign for the position. In addition, 19 foreign affairs officials were assigned to assist Mr. Morneau in varying degrees as part of their regular job.

This financial support given to Mr. Morneau was solely for his personal advantage and benefit, not that of the Canadian public.

## 2. NEW FAMILY FORMATIONS

A book has been written by Susan Golombok, Director of the University of Cambridge Centre for Family Research, examining and promoting a new family structure that involves two strangers making plans to conceive children (naturally or artificially) and taking joint responsibility for raising them—but without marriage or living together. A reality TV show on the BBC Channel 4 network in the United Kingdom, entitled "Strangers Making Babies", included this new arrangement in its first episode. According to the U.K.'s Daily Mail, in the past few years, there has been a huge rise in the number of internet sites and forums claiming to match potential co-parents. The Daily Mail states that "an estimated 70,000 people in the U.K. are signed up to such sites, seeking platonic parenting partners". According to Channel 4's in vitro fertilization expert, Dr. Marie Wren, "society has changed so much ... people seem to struggle to meet someone to have a child with ... co-parenting, for some, is a far better option [than surrogacy]".

This new family arrangement treats children as secondary consumer goods, rather than the result of a loving relationship, marriage being the most secure. Dr. Golombok, however, says that, although social science still has

very little data on platonic co-parenting, "it is possible ... that taking away romantic baggage could make for a more stable environment".

## 3. KILLING CHILDREN

On October 13, 2020, the Dutch government proposed the active termination of life for children aged 1-12 who are terminally ill. A backlash to this proposal has arisen, called Protect Children's Lives, which is making a plea against this proposal. This network has called on authorities to invest in better palliative care, emphasizing the vulnerability of children. Informed consent without external influence is very unlikely with children, given their dependence on adult caregivers and limited ability in medical decision making. The network also states that it is unacceptable to terminate the life of a child who is impressionable, cannot defend itself, and is incapable of expressing its will.

## MESSAGE BOARD

- **Annual General Meeting:** This has been rescheduled to either Saturday, October 16 or October 23, 2021, depending on the availability of our guest speaker, which is yet to be confirmed. Please mark these dates on your calendar and we will confirm the date as soon as possible. The meeting is open to all members of REAL Women, who are in good standing, meaning that their annual membership fee is up to date.
- **Bill C-10: The Internet Censorship Bill:** Bill C-10, which passed Third Reading in the House of Commons was under review at the Senate when the Senate adjourned for the summer. Therefore the fate of this dangerous Bill, which is an assault on freedom of expression, is uncertain. If a federal election is called before Parliament resumes, this Bill will die on the order paper and the new parliament will have to start from the beginning. If the Conservatives win, they have stated that they will not bring forth this controversial Bill again.
- **Donate through WonderWe:** If you would like to donate to REAL Women of Canada, but do not want to use your credit card on our Website which uses Pay Pal, you can donate through [WonderWe](https://wonderwe.com/real18) (wonderwe.com/real18), a crowdfunding platform which uses Stripe to manage donations. You can also set up a recurring donation, such as monthly, using WonderWe. You can also [DONATE](https://realwomenofcanada.ca/donate/) (realwomenofcanada.ca/donate/) directly to REAL Women using e-transfers.
- **Thank you so much:** Although we thank our donors in writing, for donations \$100 or higher, we sincerely thank all of you for your on-going donations, regardless of the amount. We are truly so grateful and humbled by your faithful support over the years. ♡

**4. FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON AND CURRENT U.S. VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT EVENT**

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton and current Vice President Kamala Harris co-hosted an event on women's empowerment in March 2021. Clinton and Harris have no credentials for promoting the empowerment of women and girls.

Charges of sexual harassment and assault have plagued Mr. Clinton throughout his career. He had a sexual relationship with a White House intern almost 30 years his junior, which led to his lying under oath, when he denied the relationship. For this perjury, he was disbarred from the practice of law and was impeached in the U.S. House of Representatives, but not in the Senate.

Kamala Harris has lost all credibility on the sexual harassment issue due to her partisan behaviour in ignoring charges of misconduct by Democrats, such as current U.S. President Biden and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, while blindly accepting similar charges against Republicans. During the 2018 Senate hearing of U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, Harris proclaimed that she believed all women who accused men — especially Kavanaugh — of sexual assault. That is, all accused Republican men only.

The hypocrisy of these two individuals is stunning.

**5. CANADA'S EUTHANASIA BILL RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT ON MARCH 17, 2021**

Canada's euthanasia bill, which has expanded "medical assistance in dying" (MAID), a euphemism allowing doctors to kill their patients, was passed in March 2021.

This law provides "medical" assistance in dying for those who have mental illness, which may include those incapable because of their illness to give consent, and for those experiencing "intolerable suffering". Incredibly, this is the only euthanasia legislation in the world that permits death as a choice without requiring that all other options must first be explored. In effect, the law permits a physician to use the killing of patients as "reasonable" and just another method of treating the patient. There is no choice for the patient, however, when there are no good alternatives available, such as palliative and hospice care, the lack of which is a grievous problem in Canada today.

This law also presumes that living with a disability or with a chronic illness amounts to a life that is less worthy. This law encourages death as the solution for those who are regarded as being "inferior" because they cannot adequately function in society. This legislation is hauntingly familiar to the policy under Hitler, which provided that it is justifiable to kill someone whose life is considered unworthy to be lived. †

**MAKING A GIFT UNDER YOUR WILL TO REAL WOMEN OF CANADA**

Making a gift under your Will to REAL Women of Canada is a lasting gift, not just to REAL Women itself, but also to Canada as a whole. Canada needs strong families, especially now, when the fabric of society is being torn apart by materialism, selfish individualism, and disrespect for human life.

REAL Women's efforts on behalf of the traditional family have never wavered. Through turmoil and adversity, we have put forward our voice on behalf of the family in a clear and uncompromising manner. We can only continue this vital work for many generations to come with your help.

When preparing your Will, please consider assisting REAL Women by making a bequest to our organization so that we can continue with our crucial work. †



Cartoon: David Parkins, *The Globe and Mail*, December 3, 2020

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