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THE PUSH FOR LEGALIZATION OF ALL DRUGS

Efforts are being made throughout Canada to push for the legalization of all drugs for recreational use. This includes removing the restrictions on heroin, crystal methamphetamine, cocaine, etc.

Those demanding the removal of restrictions on all drugs include Joe Cressy, a member of the left-leaning Toronto City Council and Chairman of its Health Committee, and Toronto Medical Officer, Dr. Eileen de Villa. In addition, the BC Centre on Substance Abuse has, in the last two months, published what would appear to be a blueprint to legalize all drugs in Canada. In February, it recommended heroin compassion clubs, which would include on their boards, active drug users. The purpose of these clubs would be to provide pharmaceutical-grade heroin to members, without a prescription, at a price competitive with illicit sellers, or at a reduced price to members who can't afford this drug. In another article online, March 2019, five researchers from the centre suggested giving drug traffickers the technology to ensure that their customers are getting "safe" drugs, rather than fentanyl-laced drugs, as a possible solution to the scourge of drug opioid deaths. The authors of this recommendation speak darkly of the problems created by the "constraints of prohibition" on drugs. They recommended, instead, decriminalization zones where drug dealers can use drug checking technology, which would apply to all drugs sold by traffickers.

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HARM CAUSED BY DRUG LEGALIZATION

The push for legalization and normalisation of all drug use has caused alarm among researchers. For example, marijuana was legalized in Canada in October 2018. Prior to this legalization, Canadian youth had among the highest usage rates in the world, but these rates were trending downward.

Reported use among high school students in Alberta and Ontario, for example, reached its lowest levels in 2014–15 of weekly and occasional use, at 9% and 15%, respectively. However, recent research, carried out at the University Of Waterloo School Of Health and Health Systems, has found that the legalization of marijuana and the discussion leading up to it have had a detrimental impact on Canadian youth's use of marijuana. The study, using the data from more than 230,000 questionnaires from Canadian high school students in grades 9–12, found that almost 10% reported having used the drug at least once per week in 2017–18, with a further 18% saying they had used it at least once in the last year. Even during this very brief period of time, the use of marijuana has increased and the trend is clear.

That is, the study found that discussion in 2016-17, together with its legalization in 2018, changed youth's perception of the drug and increased its use.

This provides a hint of what lies ahead should we decriminalize all drugs. •

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DEATH BY ASSISTED SUICIDE CAN BE CRUEL AND INHUMANE

Advocates for physician assisted suicide paint a beautiful picture of dying by the procedure. They describe such deaths as "dignified" in that the patient chooses a time and place to die, usually with his loving family surrounding him, with soothing music and flowers in the background, and, of course, with no pain or distress at all. This scenario is a figment of the imagination. The reality of the situation can be far different.

A team of eight international researchers has contradicted this delightful picture in an article published in the February 20, 2019 issue of the medical journal, Anaesthesia.

These researchers carefully examined assisted dying and have found that, in many cases, it has been accompanied by pain and distress because of the difficulty in achieving unconsciousness by the patient at the planned point of death.

According to the researchers, there are usually two methods used to provide assisted death, whether voluntary for medical reasons or, involuntarily, for capital punishment purposes.

One method is to use an oral drug whereby the patient is supposed to lose consciousness within five minutes, although death takes considerably longer, with the person dying slowly from asphyxia. In two thirds of these cases, it usually took about ninety minutes for the person to die, but, in one third of the cases, death took up to thirty hours. Some deaths took as many as seven days, which is not a pleasant experience for the patient or the family. Other complications included difficulty in swallowing the prescribed dose (which occurs in 9% of cases); vomiting up the drug (10% of cases), which caused emergence from the coma (in 4% of cases).

Understandably, this failure to achieve unconsciousness leads to psychological consequences for the patient as well as

for the others in attendance. A second method used to cause death by assisted suicide is by way of intravenous injections. This method can also cause a prolonged time for death (up to 7 days), which occurs in 4% of cases. It can also fail to induce coma, so that the patient re-awakens and may even sit up while in the process of dying (in up to 1.3% of cases). Some countries have resorted to using hoods involving helium rebreathing where death is accompanied by noisy obstructed breathing, a method which has considerable shortcomings.

It is surprising that the failure to achieve unconsciousness in physician assisted suicide cases is approximately 190 times higher than when drugs are administered by anesthetists during surgery by which it is intended that patients re-awaken from their loss of consciousness after the surgery. The explanation for this wide difference in reaction to taking drugs to achieve unconsciousness, is not explained by the researchers.

Complications to assisted suicide indicate that it may not be as humane a procedure as advocates pretend it is. It certainly undermines the argument that assisted suicide is more humane than a natural death. Further, according to these researchers, there is no known optimum method of inducing unconsciousness, so death may not come as gently as intended, regardless of the method used.

It is troubling that the assisted suicide law in Canada covers up problems. Under Canadian law, in every case of assisted suicide, the doctor who approves the death, is also the same doctor who participates in that death, and then reports that death. This is a perfect way to cover up any problems that may arise in the procedure. •

IF NOT IMMIGRATION—WHAT THEN?

"The practical implications of the decline in population are frightening. Demography impacts on every single aspect of our lives.... Yet this issue is being ignored by most world leaders."

Western Nations and East Asia are strangling themselves to death and destroying their future, by their failure to deal with the tragic problem of a declining fertility rate.

Statistics on population decline in these nations are terrible. For example, in Cyprus and Taiwan women are having only one child. Poland and Japan have a birth rate of 1.3 children for women of childbearing age. Canada is not much better as its fertility rate, according to the 2011 Census, is an abysmal 1.54 children per woman. At the other end of the scale, countries with the highest birth rate in the world are all in Africa. Niger, leads the way, with 7.1 children per woman, while in

Mali, Chad and Somalia, women have 6 or more children.

The practical implications of the decline in population are frightening. Demography impacts on every single aspect of our lives, for example, on housing, social benefits, consumer purchases, traffic and maintaining schools and hospitals, to name a few.

Yet this issue is being ignored by most world leaders. They continue to live in a fantasy world, whereby they believe there will be sufficient tax payers to provide social benefits, infrastructure, and to maintain an affluent society by way of immigration. The reality is that this is very complicated. Something else may have to be done to stop this decline in population.

Several commentators have noted that many western political leaders do not have children. These include France's president, Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister Theresa May, Prime Minister Mark Rutte of Holland, Prime Minister Stefan Lofven of Sweden, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Xavier Bettel, First

Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, and president of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker. When political leaders do not have a familial connection to the future, they then can have little sense of kinship to the future.

This may be one of the reasons why there is such complacency by our leaders about the declining population. This complacency may also be due to the idea that immigration can always be relied on to supplement the ranks.

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION POLICY

Canada's immigration policy is one of the best in the world. Immigrants have flooded into Canada over many generations and generally have integrated well into our society. They, in fact, form the very backbone of our country.

Much of this success is due to the fact that our immigration policy is based on the point system. That is, immigrants applying to Canada are given points, for example, for speaking French or English, for education levels, skills and trades, or having a job waiting on their arrival. This all pays off as our immigrants generally seem to readily fit into our society and culture. This ability to adjust to Canada and to fit into our society has been the key to our successful immigration policy.

The point system in immigration is especially successful, when we consider what recently occurred, when 25,000 Syrian refugees came into Canada, under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government sponsorship program when the point system was not used.

Although the first few years in a new country are always very difficult for newcomers, it is especially difficult for refugees who frequently don't have language or job skills upon their arrival here. Canadians have been reeling from the unprecedented snow and cold this past winter, so one can only imagine how this weather has affected the 25,000 Syrian refugees who arrived here in February 2016. The Trudeau government has spent more than \$32 million transporting these refugees to Canada, even though refugees are usually required to pay their own travel costs. These refugees have also been provided with housing, healthcare and education by the federal government.

According to Statistics Canada, in its report released in February 2019, in 2015, 55% of Syrian refugees privately sponsored by churches had employment, while for government sponsored refugees, the employment rate was only 5%. Fewer than half of these government sponsored refugees speak English or French and only 51% of males and 47% of women have high school diplomas. This creates isolation and depression. For many of them, it causes a risk that they will remain on welfare for an extended period of time, struggling in a culture they do not understand, with a language they do not speak.

A similar situation occurred in Germany, when Chancellor Angela Merkel admitted one million Syrian refugees into Germany. This created huge problems in assimilating them into the culture. So much so, that Ms. Merkel has been forced to curtail her immigration policy because of political pressure that has led to her decision to step down as Chancellor in 2021.

The upshot of all this is that we cannot take in refugees

without careful consideration of the ramifications both to them and to society. Experience has shown that if immigrants or refugees do not integrate into society, there can be a heavy burden maintaining them financially. That is, although Canada is a wealthy Western country and has an obligation to help those individuals from other countries who are suffering and in need, we should also consider alternatives in addition to immigration.

ALTERNATIVES TO IMMIGRATION

Serious legal and social problems have arisen by way of generous immigration policies, not only in Germany, but also in the Netherlands and Sweden. Some European countries, such as Poland and Hungary, are attempting to find alternative solutions to immigration for their declining populations. For example, in his annual State of the Nation address, in January, 2019, Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban announced a package of policies to encourage couples to marry and have many children. A major new policy is that women with four or more children will be exempt from paying income tax for life. Special low- interest government loans are to be provided to women under 40 (those of childbearing age) to purchase a home. Subsidies are also being provided to help families pay off their mortgages. Other benefits include help with transportation and child care. For example, couples with three or more children will be eligible to purchase a family car (defined as a vehicle that seats 7 or more people). Twentyone thousand daycare spaces across the country are to be established, and child care payments will be paid directly to grandparents caring for their grandchildren.

France has also brought forward pro-family laws to provide special benefits to large families, including eliminating income tax payments for families with four or more children. France now has the highest fertility rate in the European Union, although it is still low at 1.92 children per woman. Poland is bringing in policies to improve its abysmal birth rate of 1.2 children per woman.

It is fascinating, however, that Israel has a fertility rate at 3.1 babies per woman, much higher than any member of the European Union and far higher than the second highest fertility rate in the West, which is Mexico, with 2.15 babies per woman.

Israel's fertility rate is exceptional, not only because it is so high, but also because this high number of births cuts across all educational classes and levels of religiosity. It also is increasing, even though the age that women usually first give birth is rising, and the education level of women is rising—factors usually linked with decreased births. The Jewish population of Israel is about 75% secular and traditional Jews, including 8% Ultra-orthodox Jews, who have an average family size of about seven children per family. Unlike other countries, highly educated women in Israel have just as many children as their less educated counter-parts.

What is more astonishing is that the reason behind Israel's high fertility rate remains a mystery. Maybe those many countries wishing to increase their own fertility rate should investigate Israel's secret! •

TRUDEAU FUNDS HOMOSEXUALS ABROAD

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Many Canadians are experiencing financial difficulties in today's insecure economy. Young people, especially, are having problems finding their financial feet, with unemployment or contractworkonly, and with high rentforaccommodation. That is, life is not easy for Canadians because of financial pressures.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Trudeau lives comfortably on his family trust, with free government accommodation, household help and a nanny paid for by the taxpayers. He earns an annual salary as Prime Minister of \$347,400. Money is not a concern for him. We only have to recollect his family trip to India, in February 2018, which cost the taxpayers \$1.6 million, including \$17,000 to bring a Vancouver based celebrity chef to prepare his family's meals, and the \$7000 for his and his family's frequent costume changes during the visit.

In the March 2019 spring school break, Trudeau took his family to Florida on the government Challenger jet, at a cost to the taxpayers of more than \$100,000. Then, during this holiday, Trudeau flew to Ottawa (a 3 hr flight) and back to Florida, in one day, at a cost of \$14,000 per hr in order to have his photo taken with Finance Minister Morneau and attend a brief meeting with him.

On March 19, 2019, Finance Minister Morneau handed down the budget, rolling out billions (it's an election year), amounting to \$20 billion, to add to this Liberal government's deficits, which are already at \$50 billion. Justin Trudeau is just like his father, Pierre Trudeau, with respect to money. Both have no money sense. In his 15 years as Prime Minister, Trudeau Sr. managed to have only one balanced budget. As a result, it took 20 years to dig Canada out from the financial crisis created by his extravagance. It appears that this will happen again under Trudeau Jr.

TRUDEAU JR. LAVISHES TAX MONEY ON HOMOSEXUALS ABROAD

Justin Trudeau continues to lavishly bestow our hard earned tax money on his favourite people — feminists and homosexuals. Both groups are swimming in Trudeau's largesse. It is grim enough that Trudeau has poured millions of tax dollars into the homosexual cause within Canada, but now he is expanding his generosity to provide Canadian tax dollars for homosexuals residing worldwide. This is in accordance with his promise, at the time he was elected in 2015, that he would make the promotion of LGBTQ a central pillar of Canadian foreign policy.

In pursuance of this policy, in February, 2019, the Trudeau government announced \$30 million in funding over five years,

followed by \$10 million per year to advance the human rights and socio-economic outcomes for LGBTQ people in developing countries. This money is to be used to support local and regional homosexual organizations and "equality" movements in the developing countries for the advancement of their policies.

In addition, in January, 2017, Canada, along with Chile, became co-chair of the Equal Rights Coalition, an intergovernmental coalition advancing LGBTQ rights. Canada is one of several Western countries that is supporting LGBTQ through embassies and missions abroad. As a result, Canadian embassies are now including, among their duties, the promotion of the homosexual cause, regardless of the religious beliefs and cultures of their host countries. •

MESSAGE BOARD

- Annual General Meeting: Please let us know by June 1, 2019, or earlier, if you will be attending our Annual General Meeting in Toronto, Saturday, June 8, 2019. We are serving a lunch and need to know numbers for the catering. The complete details of our 2019 AGM were in April's REALity. The meeting is open to REAL Women of Canada members in good-standing (2019 membership up-to-date). It is not being advertised to the general public. We are very pleased to have Tanya Granic Allen as our guest speaker.
- Action Item: Sign and share the CitizenGO sponsored petition to protest the "Gay" loonie which the Canadian Mint is releasing this year. https://www.citizengo.org/en-ca/fm/167676-say-no-gay-loonie Refuse the coin when it is offered to you and ask for four quarters instead. †

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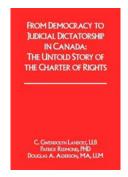
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BOOK REVIEW

FROM DEMOCRACY TO JUDICIAL DICTATORSHIP IN CANADA: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS

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This book is <u>available on Amazon.ca</u> at a cost of Cdn. \$26.77. Please note that with a minimum donation of \$100 to REAL Women of Canada, we will send you a complimentary copy of the book, if requested.

The authors of this book expose what no one else in this political correctness obsessed country has done before. They reveal the truth about the Charter of Rights and the tool it has become for judges to change Canadian society from a nation based on time-tested Judeo-Christian principles, to a radical left-wing nation. The Charter has made Canada per-

haps the most "progressive" nation in the world. This was done by a combination of lies, deceit and manipulation that went on behind the scenes during the Charter debate, and by the arrogation of power by appointed judges who have improperly assumed the responsibility of determining public policy. This all occurred without any input from the public, which was a helpless bystander in the power play by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and his acolytes to change Canada according to Trudeau's personal dictates. The result nearly 40 years later is that Canada faces a constitutional crisis that calls into question the legitimacy of Parliament, the courts and the Rule of Law.

PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU: THE IDEOLOGUE BEHIND THE CHARTER

The book recalls that Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was an ardent socialist/Marxist (his uncompleted doctoral thesis explored the interplay between Catholicism and Marxism) who claimed to be a "communist and a Catholic" (an oxymoron). He was identified by a prominent Catholic cleric in Quebec as a "Canadian Karl Marx".

Trudeau travelled extensively to communist countries in his youth and became an admirer and close friend of Cuba's communist leader, Fidel Castro. Trudeau also deeply admired China's communist regime under Mao Tse-tung. While in office, Trudeau provided a federal loan of \$100 million in 1976 to assist in the re-election of his friend and Marxist/socialist, Michael Manley, of Jamaica.

Trudeau became a member of the Liberal Party of Canada, by his own admission, solely for the purpose of using it as a way to change Canada's constitution to suit his own personal perspective. He had no respect for members of Parliament or for the public, but preferred that elitist appointed judges make fundamental decisions on the rights and privileges of Canadians. To achieve this goal, during the Charter debate Trudeau engaged in dishonest behaviour, deliberately misleading the public about the purpose of the Charter and the effect it would have on Canadian society.

The book relates the fact that the pro-life movement was one of the few organizations during the Charter debate that fully understood the implications of the Charter. This was not only in regard to the abortion issue, but also, it accurately predicted in 1980–1982, that the Charter would impact other fundamental social arrangements such as same sex marriages and homosexual adoptions, etc., which has indeed come to pass.

The book further discloses that the feminist movement, which has proclaimed that it had great success in shaping the Charter's formulation, did not do so, with two exceptions. They lost their focus during the Charter debate, failing to

understand the implications of some of the major provisions in the Charter, and concentrated instead on an insignificant provision in the Charter that they had insisted be included, but which has proven to be largely legally meaningless.

JUDICIAL ACTIVISM: THE BLOODLESS REVOLUTION

The authors show how the Supreme Court of Canada has subsequently interpreted, manipulated and abused the Charter to increase the court's power and influence, contrary to the clear intention of the drafters of the Charter and Canada's constitutional patrimony. Time and again, judges have thrown aside judicial restraint and abandoned legal merit and precedent as the basis of their "reasoning", and applied instead their own political ideology to reach their decisions.

From Democracy to Judicial Dictatorship exposes that in case after case, the court failed to apply legislation as passed by Parliament which represented the consent of the governed, and that these judicial elites veered away from their proper role of interpreting laws and instead have made laws, thereby making themselves the final authority for determining public policy. As a consequence, the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada are now the most powerful individuals in Canadian history.

As the authors note, even former Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin admitted that the Supreme Court was determining public policy when she stated:

"My job is simply to listen to what the parties have to say ... to think about what's best for Canadian society on this particular problem that's before us, and give it my best judgment after listening to also, my eight other colleagues..."

The authors question under what authority these judges are determining "what's best for Canadian society". That is the responsibility of Parliament. Judges are not qualified to make such decisions as they are not equipped to deal with the broad implications of such decisions. Unfortunately, however, they have the mistaken belief that somehow they

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DOES IT MAKE THE BROADENING POWER GAP BETWEEN THE DIMO AND THE LOWLY MP MINION'S LOOK TOO BIG?

Editorial Cartoon from The Globe and Mail on March 13, 2019 by Brian Gable.

are superior to the public and, therefore, justified in changing Canada's social, political and cultural values. The Supreme Court's judicial activism has reduced the public to an impotent bystander, irrelevant in the formation of laws.

The authors reiterate that it is Parliament, representing the people, that should decide what is in the best interests of the community. This is not the view of the current Chief Justice, Richard Wagner, however, who stated that he is "proud" that the Supreme Court of Canada is "the most progressive in the world". This indicates that Supreme Court decisions are not decided on legal merit and precedent, but rather on the judges' desire to change Canada into a "progressive" nation.

RECLAIMING RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT: CONSTITUTIONAL RENEWAL IS POSSIBLE

Finally, From Democracy to Judicial Dictatorship offers profound observations on the culture war at play today and recommends constitutional renewal based upon a reform of the judicial appointments process, reform of the problematic provincial law societies, and reform of the current inadequate legal education in order to provide some balance to correct our constitutional crisis.

The final two chapters of the book discuss how this can be achieved. The authors believe that these reforms are necessary and possible, so that the courts and Parliament uphold their respective roles based on principles of responsible government and electoral accountability, to ensure that Canada, once again, becomes strong and free, rooted in the consent of the public. These changes will not be easy, but the authors insist that judicial activism and the takeover of Canada by judges must be stopped. This book is a revelation for most of us who have been deliberately kept in the dark about a bloodless revolution which has undermined our country and seriously called into question the sustainability of a free and self-governing people. •

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