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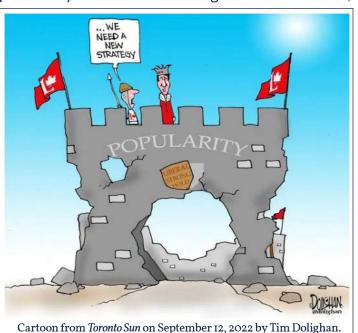
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FEMINISM, THE FAMILY, AND THE STATE

The foundation of a nation is built on the strength of its families. The family is important because it transmits to the next generation culture, religion, and values. It is also the best arrangement that society has developed to provide health, education, and welfare to its members. One of the founding fathers of the U.S., Thomas Jefferson, aptly stated, "it is in the love of one's family only that heartfelt happiness is known".

One would assume, therefore, that the state would be grateful to families, which contribute so much towards a stable society. This especially is the case in regard to the intact family, where both the biological parents live with their children. According to six decades of uncontradicted social studies, the intact family is the most favourable environment in which to raise children. A separated family, despite the heroic efforts of the single parent, is much more conducive to a child succumbing to substance abuse, criminal activity, and dropping out of school. A fatherless home is particularly worrisome. According to the 2021 Census,



1.3 million families in Canada are headed by a mother only. A father is much more than a positive role model, but also provides perspective, wisdom, guidance, and advice in addition to the mother's unconditional love, all of which are necessary to raise a healthy child.

The state, however, is threatened by the family and uses aggressive, progressive policies to deliberately undermine and chip away at it. The progressive elites who control our nation actively seek to displace parental authority and assume ownership of the children so as to make them creatures of the state.

This occurs not only in the education system, but also in the media, where intact families are given little space and scorned, with emphasis placed on alternative arrangements and lifestyles. The media also promote the substitute care of children provided by the \$10 a day childcare system as superior to or at least equal to a child raised in the home by a parent.

A BLISTERING ATTACK ON MOTHERHOOD

A blistering attack on motherhood, against the natural instincts of a mother to protect and care for children, was published in the Toronto Star on October 8, 2022. A similar article deriding motherhood was also published in the New York Times in October. These articles were written by lesbian partners who were promoting same-sex parenting, claiming that biology has nothing to do with parenting. One doesn't have to give birth to a child to be a loving parent, of course, but it does make it much easier to do so.

A MAJOR ERROR AMONG FEMINISTS

Although feminist policies are frequently based on false premises, perhaps their most serious error is believing that women's interest in motherhood is merely a social construct which must be set aside. Unfortunately the credibility of this argument is undermined by the fact that pregnancy and childbirth are not gender neutral activities. The inconvenient truth is that equality in the workplace cannot compete with the inequality of nature, which allows women only to become pregnant. Moreover, most women possess a strong inclination to nurture their child and are more torn about work-family issues than men. This is why mothers are much more attracted to part-time work than fathers.

FEMINIST REVOLUTION DERAILED BY MOTHERHOOD

A mother's natural instinct to care for and protect her child has long been an obstacle to the feminist revolution. As a result, feminists have found it necessary to "liberate" women from motherhood, by attempting to destroy the concept that it is a natural and normal phenomenon. They do so, despite research by psychoanalysts, psychiatrists, child development experts, and the very real experience of women themselves. Instead, feminists apply the Marxist concept that reduces everything to a power and class struggle and argue that the patriarchy has, for centuries, oppressed women by promoting motherhood in order to keep them in the home.

MEN AND WOMEN ARE EQUAL

Feminists believe (correctly) that women and men are equal, but they make the fundamental mistake of assuming that men and women are the same. They are not. There are striking differences between men and women, not just in our obvious, physical differences, but also in the fact that women have a greater inclination to nurture infants and children, which is rooted in the endocrine system and women's brain structure. Women's bodies have more receptors for the nurturing hormone, oxytocin, than do men, especially during pregnancy and breastfeeding. More recent imaging research shows that the mother's brain changes during pregnancy and after birth in ways that increase emotional attachment to their babies.

Because feminists believe that men and women are the same, they have erroneously based their policies on the pre-existing male-oriented career model. They should insist that society adapt to a female career model that requires changes in the workplace to accommodate women's needs.

Simply put, feminists apply the male vision of success, which is control and power, based on ambition and education. This has become an integral part of the feminist platform. It is misleading. It encourages young women to achieve university degrees in order to serve corporate efficiency and to have a career. Feminists argue this is the only way to achieve satisfaction. Motherhood, if desired, is to be postponed until the woman is well established in her career and is financially secure. This delay makes it much more difficult for many women to become pregnant, a situation which may haunt a woman later in life.

MOTHERHOOD DOES NOT LEAD TO PROFESSIONAL SUICIDE

Choosing a career and having a family should not be professional suicide. The workplace should be revolutionized to adapt to the needs of women. Flexible working hours and remote work-from-home options are essential. Another policy helpful to women is to provide them with a genuine choice by way of incomesplitting of a family income between the partners. This already occurs in regard to pensions and greatly reduces the income tax paid by a family living on a single income. A truly progressive policy to be implemented is the successful policy introduced by Finland, which provides parents with the choice to either place their children in a government-operated childcare facility, or, alternatively, remain in the home caring for the child themselves until the child begins school at seven years of age. Those caring for the children at home receive a government home care allowance. About half of Finnish parents choose the home care alternative. Significantly, Finland's policy of children starting school at age seven seems to be to their advantage as Finnish children consistently outperform other European children academically.

When women are told to define themselves by their accomplishments, just like men, they do so at an onerous social cost. In fact, something is fundamentally wrong with having to defer family on the altar of a career when, in fact, marriage and children establish a more substantial identity than that sought through professional advancement and personal pleasures without family.

There are many reasons to reject the cultural pressure to put off having children, but the heart of the matter is that our culture is mistaken in pressing this policy, since family matters deeply to most individuals and to society. •

NOBODY BELIEVIES THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA

The Canadian mainstream media has lost all credibility. This statement applies not only to the CBC, which has, (with the help of \$1.4 billion in annual taxpayer funding), become a standing joke among Canadians because of its slavish adherence to leftist propaganda drawn from its own fantasy world. The CBC's fantasy bubble is not shared by most Canadians as is evident when you look at its viewership numbers.

National newspapers and other broadcasting outlets have also become equally unreliable sources of information, offering mere narrative and opinion in place of hard facts and investigative reporting. A major factor contributing to this is that, since 2018, Prime Minister Trudeau and the Liberal Government have provided taxpayer support to these media outlets in the amount of \$595 million annually through a slush fund at Heritage Canada. This has influenced the media's coverage of Canadian events and politics. In fact, the media doesn't just "spin" a story, but now goes much further, by deliberately lying, distorting, or withholding information from the public in their analysis and news coverage. Examples will be discussed below.

This erosion of trust in the mainstream media has also occurred because the media have, for some time, abandoned objectivity in their reporting, and, instead, substitute the journalists' own opinions in their narratives. They do so, confidently believing that all reasonable persons will agree with them. The journalists' opinions, however, are driven in only one direction. That is, most journalists (there are a few exceptions) consider, as "reasonable", only progressive ideas and the Liberal Party narrative, and that "impartiality" means including an opinion only if it takes a progressive perspective. As a result, in presenting their "reasonable" articles, journalists openly promote only one side of an issue, believing the opposite side and ideas are illinformed, threatening, and racist. The Associated Press Stylebook, which is a manual for mainstream media, expressly states that it is a false balance to give a platform to those deviating from the accepted, contemporary narrative. The Stylebook suggests, straight up, that editorializing is acceptable in promoting left-wing ideological conformity on issues such as homosexuality, transgenderism, abortion, gender identity, etc. It is not surprising, therefore, that the media and their journalists are perceived by many Canadians as "useful idiots" for their one-sided reporting. They have lost the respect of the public.

NEW LOW FOR THE MEDIA

According to a report from Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, at the University of Oxford, released on June 15, 2022, trust in Canadian media sank to its lowest point in seven years, dropping 13% since 2016. Only 42% of Canadians said they trusted the media "most of the time". Only 29% of Canadians believe the media are free from political influence.

Further, a February 2022 study by Canadian marketing consultants, Edelman Canada, found that 61% of Canadians believe journalists and reporters purposely try to mislead the public.

FINDINGS ARE NO SURPRISE

It should come as no surprise to learn that public confidence in the media is in a tailspin. Canadians have seen for themselves the overwhelming media bias and manipulation. There are many examples of this behaviour. Below are a few of them:

Residential Schools

On May 27, 2021, a press release was issued by an indigenous band located near a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C. According to this press release, 211 children, who had been in residence at the school, experienced abuse – (physical and sexual), malnourishment, and general neglect. These "missing" children were reported to have been buried in a "mass grave" on the school grounds. It was a shocking story that reverberated around the world. These children, however, were never "missing". B.C. Archives has provided death certificates for the children, indicating they had died either of disease or by accident, and were buried on the reserves or in local cemeteries. Ground penetrating radar found disturbances located in the school grounds. In 1924, a septic tank with 200 linear feet of trenches with ground tiles were installed at the same depth as the supposed shallow graves, which would likely explain these disturbances.

The media have never released this information. Rather, the media continue to put forward, as "fact", the abuse of children who were buried in the cemeteries, to discredit the churches (especially the Roman Catholic Church), which operated these schools. The latter narrative protects Trudeau from having to acknowledge that the residential schools were established, funded, and supervised by the federal Department of Indian Affairs. Media Coverage also ignores the fact that Trudeau has failed to comply with most of the 94 recommendations made by the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Report.

• The Freedom Convoy

The Freedom Convoy, in February 2022, was an unprecedented event in Canada, indicating the public's growing concern about the loss of civil rights caused by the vaccination mandates, and denial of freedom of expression, mobility rights, and freedom of assembly. These latter rights were supposedly "fundamental freedoms" protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Prime Minister Trudeau described the Convoy as organized by a fringe group consisting of misogynists, white supremacists, and racists. (This was highly unlikely since the truckers included Sikhs and Indigenous individuals).

The mainstream media adopted Trudeau's invalid description of the Convoy and its participants, and further stated that the peaceful demonstrators were violent, disruptive, and a danger to the public. This was contrary to the facts.

• Trudeau's Drug Policies

The Trudeau government's response to the

alarming increase in addiction and drug overdose deaths has been, incredibly, to expand the availability of drugs. Increased availability leads to increased consumption. As a result, drug overdose deaths since 2016 have risen to 31,000. Trudeau's policies include increasing drug injection sites across the country to permit addicts to repeatedly inject their drugs, obtained from drug traffickers. This deepens their addiction. Trudeau is now also planning to distribute free drugs, without a prescription, to addicts, for consumption without supervision, in their homes. He has also decriminalized drugs in B.C. and is considering doing so elsewhere. His policies are leading nowhere but to certain death and suffering for addicts. The Canadian media, however, portray these policies as helpful, caring, and necessary for the care of addicts, covering up Trudeau's reckless failure to control addiction in Canada.

THE MEDIA COVER-UP

The Canadian mainstream media have failed to provide objective, balanced reporting on critical issues, and, instead, are shielding Trudeau's many failures from public scrutiny. Canadians are right to disbelieve the information published or viewed, since this distorted information is an insult. Canadians are also right to expect an end to taxpayer subsidies of media. If media are to survive, then like any other product in the marketplace, they must compete and produce content that people want to consume. To paraphrase *Field of Dreams*, "If you build a better media product, they will consume it." *



ABORTION LOSING SUPPORT OF GOVERMENTS

Abortion is a disagreeable procedure. This is so even for activists, who demand and support its easy availability. Abortion is even more gruesome when it is linked to eugenics, i.e. aborting "undesirables" in order to supposedly improve the human race.

Eugenics was the incentive behind the establish-

ment of the international giants of the abortion industry. such as International Planned Parenthood, established by racist Margaret Sanger, who sought to eliminate "negroes" and "the poor". In Britain, Marie Stopes established the powerful, worldwide Marie Stopes International, which

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works especially to perform abortions in Africa. The darling of the feminists, former U.S. Supreme Court Judge Ruth Bader Ginsberg was also securely on the eugenics bandwagon, when she stated that abortion will eliminate "the population we don't want too many of".

The abortion industry, however, has tried to hide its unsavory link to eugenics by hiding its agenda behind the politically-correct arguments of the feminist movement, which promotes abortion for the "empowerment of women": a "woman's right to her body and destiny" in order to achieve freedom to obtain employment outside the home and higher education, without responsibilities of the family. Abortion is portrayed totally by the industry as a benefit to women, never presuming there is a downside. The acquiring of the feminist mantle and support has allowed the abortion industry to become part of a broader movement, including climate change, which, apparently, is caused by too many people. At the same time, the industry continues with its objective of efficiently decreasing the world's population. Distancing itself from its connections to eugenics and population control doesn't change the objectives of the abortion industry.

A DEVELOPING OBSTACLE TO THE SPREADING OF ABORTION

In the last few years, a stumbling block to the abortion industry has developed. The stumbling block is, in a word, "depopulation". Nation after nation is reeling from falling birthrates, which is causing overwhelming economic and social problems. As a consequence of declining fertility, abortion has become an increasingly grave concern, since it results in the loss of many future workers. For example, China is now desperate to reverse the collapse of birthrates resulting from its intense population control program

> starting in 1980. This program world's highest abortion rates, losing 400 million people by abortion by 2016. In August China implemented 2022, "fertility friendly" policies, which included strongly "discouraging" abortion. Discouraging abortion

China is significant. It means that not much longer will China continue to tolerate abortions. Russia, Hungary, Poland, and Serbia are all now attempting to ward off demographic catastrophe by wide-ranging policies designed to encourage women to carry their babies to term. Procreation is a key policy in these countries. Poland has introduced a near total ban on abortion.

Eastern European countries, including Romania, Slovakia, Belarus, Bulgaria, and Moldavia are desperately encouraging births with a number of family policies. Abortion has become a discouraging word in these countries as well.

Western Europe and North America are still under the control of the elites, who insist on only progressive policies. These latter countries, however, at the same time, are also grappling with the problem of a rapidly declining birthrate, which they cannot ignore much longer. There are signs that control by the elites in these countries is slowly being eroded. A recent example is Italy, whose birthrate is the lowest in Europe. Italy recently elected a strong, prolife, right-wing conservative government and leader, who is expected soon to provide pro-family policies, including restrictions on abortion.

THE TIDAL WAVE IS RECEDING

The tidal wave of worldwide abortion is slowly beginning to recede. This development is not occurring due to moral concerns or respect for the dignity of human life. Rather, it is occurring because of necessity.

We are relieved, nonetheless, about this development, regardless of the reasons why it is happening.

COURTS OF POLITICS, NOT COURTS OF LAW

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The recent appointment of Michelle O'Bonsawin to the Supreme Court of Canada is disturbing. Justice O'Bonsawin's original application for a job in the federal judiciary included such statements as "... a judge must always interpret the Constitution as a living document, which must reflect the beliefs and aspirations of generations since its original coming into force" and "I believe that my strengths would allow me be an active, progressive and productive member of the judiciary."

Perhaps her most revealing, and contradictory assertion, was "The judge must judges' you no longer have a Court follow the stare decisis principle [legal precedent], which provides predictability and Politics.... It is time for Parliament (now rebranded as "euthaconsistency, while also working to move society forward progressively and in accordance with the law."

O'Bonsawin's progressive beliefs were confirmed in remarks she made during a question-and-answer session with parliamentarians in which it was reported that her role model was retired Chief Justice of Canada Beverley McLachlin, perhaps Canada's most progressive justice ever to have sat on the Supreme Court!

COURTS OF POLITICS

When you have "progressive judges", you no longer have a Court of Law, but rather a Court of Politics.

Canada and Canadians have long suffered the ill effects of a Court of Politics rather than a Court of Law, not only in Ottawa but in courtrooms across the country. Courts of Politics have repeatedly substituted their progressive ideas for the laws duly enacted by Parliament and/or Provincial Legislatures which they deem to have failed to live up to these elite's agenda—a progressive agenda that has neither the support, nor approval of, the vast majority of Canadians.

Long gone are the days of judicial prudence and deference to Parliament's authority to legislate. Instead, we have the Court of Politics only too glad to step in and correct legislation when Parliament/Legislatures get it "wrong" according to the judges' own personal ideology.

In short, the Courts of Politics no longer protect

rights, but invent them with the sole criteria of advancing the progressive agenda, which is anti-God, anti-family and anti-life.

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CULTURE OF DEATH

One of the most egregious decisions to come from the Supreme Court was its 2015 decision in Carter v. Canada (Attorney General) in which the Court overturned its 1993 ruling in Rodriguez v. British Columbia (Attorney General), which had de-

> nied a right to assisted suicide. The Carter decision led to the passage of Bill C-14 in 2016 which allowed for medically assisted suicide nasia" or MAiD "Medical Assistance in Dying") with the restriction that such procedure available be only to mentally competent

adults with "enduring and intolerable suffering" and in cases where death is reasonably foreseeable. It also mandated a 10-day reflection period when possible, and other safeguards.

The 2016 legislation, however, was found wanting in the 2019 Quebec case, Truchon v. Attorney General of Canada, in which a single judge of the Quebec Superior Court held that restricting euthanasia to those whose death is "reasonably foreseeable" violated the Charter's s.7 guarantee to "life, liberty, and security of the person" and s. 15's guarantee of "equal protection" under the law.

Trudeau's Justice Department did not appeal this decision and, instead, introduced Bill C-7 in 2020, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) which was subsequently passed in 2021. The 2021 amendments eliminated and/or relaxed safeguards provided in the initial legislation. Moreover, Bill C-7 also contained a provision requiring a review for MAiD to be accessed by persons who have a mental illness. This review was to be made to the Ministers of Justice and Health a vear later.

The stage has been set to expand the MAiD regime to those suffering from mental illness, disabilities, poverty, "mature minors", and, most recently, newborn babies with malformations and grave and severe syndromes. How long before the demands of "self-autonomy" require MAiD be made available to anyone who wants it, simply by asking for it? The MAiD regime has not made, and will not make, Canada a more compassionate society, but rather has facilitated a huge power shift to the medical profession, a profession which these days offers little or no evidence that it understands its first duty: Do No Harm.

SOCIAL ILLS MADE WORSE BY PROGRESSIVE JUDGES

There is a clear pattern here. The Court of Politics has not only made the institutionalization of the Culture of Death possible through MAiD, it has also aided and abetted that Culture of Death in the moral, social, and economic decay of Canadian society in other areas, such as abortion, access to drugs, progressive education, compromised religious freedom, prostitution, pornography, indecency, and the imposition of the controversial carbon tax. Indeed, it appears that on every "hot button" social issue, the majority of the judges of the Supreme Court, as well as those in other courts across the land, consistently rule in favour of the progressive agenda and against legislated norms rooted in Canadian tradition and Judeo-Christian values and morality.

TIME FOR REFORM

It doesn't have to be this way. Canada is still a country with parliamentary institutions that can rebalance the progressive agenda emanating from Supreme Court politics. Only Parliament can bring the necessary discipline to the courts, to return them to the law rather than politics. The vast majority of Canadians know that something is terribly wrong with this country and want to see a course correction away from the disastrous one that progressives have been steering us on for a generation.

JUDICIAL SELECTION PROCESS

The selection and appointment of federal judges is entirely within Parliament's jurisdiction. Period. The Judicial Selection process needs to be open and transparent and focused on having appointments confirmed by a free and recorded vote in the House of Commons, instead of by the Prime Minister and his paid advisors. The "application" for a lawyer to apply for a judicial appointment should be eliminated. Anyone who applies for the position is not worthy of the position.

USE THE CHARTER TO SAVE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

It is time Parliament reclaimed its right as the only legitimate law-making authority in Canada. Courts of Law are to <u>interpret</u> law, Parliament <u>makes</u> law. It is time for Parliament to readdress the damage done by the progressive judges who have burdened Canada. Parliament must use the Notwithstanding Clause (S. 33) of the Charter which allows it to overturn court rulings. •

MESSAGE BOARD

- Our 2022 Fall Fundraiser Campaign is on-going. We still have a ways to go before reaching our required goal of \$125,000 by January 1, 2023. Thank you so much to those generous supporters who have already contributed. Your donations will help us continue to be a voice for traditional family values, in Parliament, in the courts and in the media.
- In this issue's article on <u>Bill C-11</u>, we have put out an urgent appeal for letters to be written to the Senators, to reject this Bill. The Bill has already passed in the House of Commons, so it is very close to becoming law. If the Senate approves this internet censoring law, it will impact the content generated and uploaded by religious, political and charitable, non-profit organizations, such as REAL Women of Canada and prolife organizations.
- Write to your MP to ask that the Canada Health Act be amended to include palliative care as an insured health service, whether received in a hospital, hospice or home. Canadians have a legal right to Medical Assistance in Dying, paid for by the Canada Health Act, but there is no similar right to palliative care. Furthermore, the Senate is currently debating yet another amendment to the Euthanasia Law, Bill S-248, which would permit involuntary euthanasia by advanced directive when a person is not capable of consenting to be killed.

BILL C-11: THE ONLINE STREAMING ACT

Instead of leaving the prosecution of hate crimes to the justice system—crown prosecutors and judges in real courts—Justin Trudeau is determined to regulate the internet which he claims is necessary to protect Canadians from hate crimes and misinformation.

The question arising is what is meant by "hate" and "misinformation?" Is it information that is politically detrimental to Trudeau and his ideological agenda? In effect, will this proposed legislation be used to stamp out political dissent?

Bill C-11 gives the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) responsibility to monitor and regulate the content of the internet including streaming platforms such as Netflix, YouTube, TikTok, Amazon Prime, Apple Music, etc. It has responsibility to regulate:

- Hate speech (which includes personal comments made on the Internet)
- Canadian content
- Provisions of emphasis and inclusion of LGBTQ+ communities, Indigenous and other minority groups in programming

In effect, the CRTC under Bill C-11 will monitor and regulate much of the content posted on major social media. This will deeply impact the content generated and uploaded by religious, political and charitable, non-profit organizations. The bill also will allow the CRTC to intrude on the abilities and creativity of streaming platforms, thereby limiting the quantity and quality of their programming.



The CRTC already regulates over 2000 radio and television outlets. Its members are appointed at the discretion of the government.

It is a concern, therefore, that these appointed bureaucrats on the CRTC have been given such enormous power and influence over the internet. This bill is understandingly controversial. As a result, it has received much media and public comment objecting to it. C-11 has been revised and amended, resulting in the bill changing several times before it finally passed in the House of Commons on June 21st 2022. Since then the bill has been under review by the Senate Committee on Transport and Communications.

TRUDEAU CONFIDENT THAT THE BILL C-11 WILL BE PASSED

Trudeau is assured that this controversial legislation will eventually be passed because of the NDP leader Jagmeet Singh's agreement with the Liberals to support Liberal legislation until the 2025 federal election.

As a result, Canadians will continue to endure this assault on democracy, which is the fact we are being ruled by political parties that gained only minority support in the last election.

Please write to members of the Senate, requesting that this bill be rejected.

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