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PRO-ABORTIONISTS DEFEATED IN ARGENTINA

Latin America is mainly pro-life, with only Uruguay and Cuba fully decriminalizing abortion. International pro-abortionists, therefore, decided this situation in Latin America needed to change.

In order to set an example for other countries in Latin America, pro-abortionists there applied a strategy to pressure Argentina, one of the largest countries in Latin America, to legalize abortion to set the stage for other countries to follow suit.

As a result, Argentina became a tangled web of confusion, chaos and international pressure over the abortion issue. For example, UN monitoring committees of UN treaties (whose decisions are not enforceable) and the UN Human Rights Council insisted that Argentina must liberalize its abortion laws, arguing that there was an international law requirement to do so. This was a deliberate lie. International Planned Parenthood and Amnesty International spent millions of dollars pressuring Argentina to change its abortion law, and U.S. billionaire, George Soros, heavily funded proabortion Argentinian non-government organizations (NGOs) to lobby Argentinian parliamentarians. Pro-abortion demonstrations, led by bare breasted feminists, filled the streets of Buenos Aires demanding the abortion law be changed.

This pressure resulted in a bill to legalize abortion up to 14 weeks and to force Catholic hospitals to perform abortions. This was passed by Parliament's lower house, the Chamber of Deputies, on June 23, 2018, after a long fractious debate.

In order for the bill to become law, however, both Chambers of the Argentinian Parliament had to approve it. So, the battle for life, although lost in the lower house, was brought to the Upper Chamber of Senators, which consisted of 72 members. At the outset, it appeared nearly impossible to defeat the pro-abortion bill under all the international pressure. However, the pro-life movement in Argentina accomplished this. After a marathon debate of 15 hours, the bill was defeated by a vote of 38-31 in the upper Chamber of Parliament on August 9, 2018.

HOW PRO-LIFE ARGENTINA ACHIEVED ITS MAGNIFICENT SUCCESS

Against all odds, the pro-life movement in Argentina defeated the bill by arousing the sleeping giant of pro-life Argentinians, who had previously not been active in the crucial debate.

To start its work, pro-life supporters adopted a sky-blue

neckerchief symbolizing the right to life. This symbol recalled the sky blue of Argentina's flag. Consequently, love and respect for the unborn became synonymous with love for their country.

In contrast, pro-abortion activists wore green neckerchiefs—the colour of a dollar bill, which quickly became identified with the international financial pressure on Argentina to legalize abortion. This "colour blindness" by the pro-abortionists turned out to be a major strategic blunder on their part.

Pro-lifers also woke up to the fact that although some Senators were pro-life in principle, there were other Senators who were very attentive to pressure from voters, owing to the fact that they were acutely aware of the number of votes they needed to get re-elected. They were indifferent to scientific and moral arguments, but impressed by the vote count.

Initially, many pro-lifers thought that convincing law-makers that abortion was a moral evil and medically unnecessary was the path to victory. Using this strategy in the lower Chamber, over 400 lawyers, doctors, biologists and even journalists had testified in defence of the right to life before various parliamentary committees when the abortion bill was being considered in that lower Chamber. The law makers there, however, were unmoved by these arguments. It was apparent to pro-life strategists that many legislators would base their vote on political considerations only, and nothing else. So be it.

Pro-lifers then began to visit their Senators to tell them bluntly that if they voted for the abortion bill, they would not vote for them. This was especially useful since the next elections in Argentina were to take place in 2019. Many Senators

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began to pay attention to the concerns of these pro-lifers.

In addition, a mobilization by normal, everyday people took place in the streets of Argentina in the weeks leading up to the vote. The streets were no longer a place for left-wing activists, but were overwhelmed by pro-life demonstrations. A demonstration in March in over 200 cities nationwide brought out thousands. All together 3.6 million pro-life demonstrators filled the streets of Argentina. This dwarfed the estimated figure of 350,000 pro-abortion demonstrators. By the time of the actual vote, even the country's most important newspapers, Clarin and La Nación, recognized that the abortion bill would be defeated.

As a result, Argentina has provided Latin America and the world with an example of how people can stop the global pro-abortion movement, even with only a small amount of funding. The Argentinian landscape has been changed forever as a result of the defeat. Pro-life issues will no longer be minor issues in that country.

This victory sends a very clear message to the rest of Latin America. Pro-life movements in other Latin American countries have been closely following the situation in Argentina in solidarity with Argentine pro-lifers. And now, they know what pro-life people are able to accomplish when they set their minds to it, and astutely adapt their strategy to suit the situation. •

TODAY'S TEENAGERS ARE DIFFERENT

In the past decade, there has been a remarkable cultural shift affecting teenagers. This is both good and bad news.

The good news is that teenagers today prefer spending time with their family, drink much less alcohol, and are less likely to engage in sexual intercourse. These changes are consistent with studies on teenagers conducted in Ireland, New Zealand, the U.S., Australia and the U.K.

Statistics Canada began tracking teenage pregnancy rates in 1974 and aside from several upward blips, the rates have been declining longer-term. The rates fell 20.3% from 2001 to 2010. However, in four provinces (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Manitoba), the teenage pregnancy rate did increase after 2010. According to "experts", it is being caused by a tough socio-economic climate. They argue that teenage girls are more likely to get pregnant when they have fewer educational or employment opportunities to postpone child bearing. Young women who feel optimistic about their future with respect to access to education and career tend not to get pregnant.

New information on teen pregnancies has come from surprising sources, such as the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) which enthusiastically endorses sex education and easy access to contraception for teenagers. According to BPAS, teenage pregnancy rates have fallen in the U.K. by 50% since 2007. In 1969, the conception rate was 47 per 1,000 young women 15-17 years of age, but in 2016, it was 18.9 per 1,000 young women of that age. The BPAS survey found that the attitudes of teenagers had changed. More than 80% of those surveyed said performing well in exams and succeeding in their chosen career path was a top priority for them. Young people in the survey were also more likely to regard spending time with their family more important than time with their friends. BPAS argued that these changes were due to sex education programs and better access to contraceptives. Curiously, this conclusion has not been borne out by research conducted by Professor David Paton of Nottingham University Business School. To his astonishment, he found that because of austerity, which resulted in the reduction in funding for teenage pregnancy programs and sex education courses, these financial cuts actually reduced conceptions. That is, making bigger cuts to these programs led to larger decreases in birth and abortion rates among teenagers! Professor Paton suggested that this drop in conceptions was due to two factors: (i) an increase in the desire for education in order to attain better jobs, which tends to make early pregnancy less attractive, and (ii) the development of what Dr. Paton calls "generation sensible" which is teenagers turning away from risky activities, such as smoking, drugs, drinking and intercourse. These trends are possibly encouraged by the rise in the use of social media.

U.S. STUDY BY THE INSTITUTE OF BEHAVIOUR AND HEALTH

A U.S. study by the Institute of Behaviour and Health based in Maryland, was published in the Journal Pediatrics, in July 2018. It documents similar trends: an increasing percentage of American youth refrain from alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana and other drugs. According to this U.S. study, between 1976 and 2014, the percentage of high school seniors who did not use any substances, such as cigarettes, alcohol or drugs, increased fivefold to 26%. Distinct trend lines were noted for each drug: abstinence from alcohol use has increased steadily over the past 38 years; abstinence from cigarettes increased dramatically over the past 20 years; abstinence from marijuana increased sharply from 1978 to 1992 and then levelled off with some bumps; and abstinence from many other illicit drugs increased slightly but not consistently between 1976 and 2014. The use of any gateway drug (alcohol, tobacco or marijuana) increases the likelihood of using the other two, and non-use of any one, decreases the likelihood of using the others—abstinence from even one of the substances is good news.

THE BAD NEWS ABOUT TEENAGERS

There is a downside to cultural changes in teenagers today in that the increased access to computer screens and cell phones by female teenagers is linked to an increase in depression and suicidal thoughts. A study was conducted at San Diego State University, where researchers surveyed over 5,000 U.S. teens over the course of more than a decade. The survey found that the suicide rate for young women between 13 and 18 years increased by 65% between 2010 and 2015, and the number of girls with suicidal thoughts, such as feeling hopeless and thinking about self-harm, rose by 12%. The number of teenage girls reporting symptoms of depression rose by 58%. Significantly, those who spent time socializing, playing sports or exercising had fewer symptoms of depression.

Electronic Devices: The researchers found that 48% of teens who spent five or more hours per day on electronic devices reported at least one suicide-related outcome, compared to just 28% of those who spent less than an hour a day on devices.

Symptoms of depression were also found in teens who spent a lot of time on tablets, computers and smart phones.

Social Media: A full 86% of students reported that they visited social media sites daily, with only 7% of students saying they do not use social media at all. One in five said they spend five hours or more on social media daily—a percentage that was significantly higher in 2017 than in 2015 (16%) and 2013 (11%), the first year of monitoring. Male teenagers do not seem to be as affected by electronic devices as females. Girls were almost twice as likely to spend more hours a day on social media compared to boys. It is possible that girls are more prone than young men to experience these negative mental health effects due to social media apps like Instagram, snapchat and Facebook, where they feel pressured to look a certain way and keep up appearances with the others on their news feeds.

As a result of their study, the researchers recommended limiting screen time of teenagers to just one or two hours a day.

The changes in today's teenagers are decidedly mixed. Although teenagers today are more interested in school, and planning future employment and rejecting drugs, alcohol and

sexual activity, they are still not a happy lot. Apparently, this is due to their everyday use of electronics. This makes them agitated and tired. Therapy and medications do not work very well on them. Restricting electronics may not resolve everything, but it is often the missing link for depressed and troubled teenagers.

Parents are not off the hook either. A new study from the University of Michigan, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, indicates that the greater the amount of time parents spend on their phones and other devices (even T.V.), the less meaningful interactions they have with their children. When a child's time spent with his/her parent is interrupted by technology, the child feels frustrated and unimportant. This then causes the child to feel the need to act out in order to gain back the lost attention, most often in a negative way.

It is clear that spending too much time in the virtual world, as opposed to the real world, is having detrimental effects on the health and well-being of adults, teenagers, and children. Some other negative impacts of spending copious amounts of time on our devices are: decreased vision and eye health, mental health depression, poor cardiovascular health and increased risk of diabetes, neck, back, and other musculoskeletal problems due to poor posture, brain development and learning problems, attention deficit problems and sleep problems.

Despite all the positive attributes of technology, allowing it to consume one's life is bad for the mental, physical, and emotional health of the entire family. •

MOTHERHOOD AND THE FEMALE WAGE GAP

Feminists repeatedly point out that women face discrimination, evidenced by the wage gap between men and women. They complain that this indicates systemic and conspiratorial discrimination by the male patriarchy. Their argument is completely false.

Statistics Canada's document, Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report, 89-503-X, indicates that there is a "family gap", also called a "child penalty" or a "motherhood earning gap" between men and women. On average, motherhood accounts for most of the gender differences in wages during a woman's life cycle. In short, there is no gender wage gap but, rather, there is child bearing penalty.

On average, the earnings of women with children are 12% lower than those of women without children, and this earnings gap increases with the number of children: with one child the gap is 9%; with two children it is 12%; and, with three or more children, the gap is 20%. Childless women end up in the same financial position as men.

The female wage gap is a reflection of the lifestyle that women freely choose. Even in men, the wage gap is a reflection of lifestyle with married men earning 47.5% more than never-married single men. A gender gap develops because of the occupations women choose, and how they work during their life cycle. Many prefer part-time work, in order to ac-

commodate their family's needs. This results in lower wages, which contributes to the wage gap. Women also frequently value occupations in the lower paying service industries, such as the healthcare-giving profession. Further, although 59% of graduates in medicine are female, few choose higher paying medical specialties, such as orthopaedic surgery. Instead, they gravitate to family medicine, which does not require long and expensive additional training, and has more flexible working hours that can be easily adapted to accommodate family requirements. Another major factor in the purported gender wage gap is that women are attracted to jobs, such as social work, that permit interaction with small groups of people, inherently limiting their potential pay. Men, on the other hand, more often apply for jobs, such as planning or executive positions, which impact on a greater number of people and lead to greater financial remuneration.

The STEM professions (science, technology, engineering and math) are not as attractive to women, even though they pay higher salaries. In fact, there are no barriers for women in these fields; it's just that women prefer other fields of work.

A major factor in women's choices is that nature has made women, not men, the prime nurturers of children. This love drives women to make their children and families their priority in life, regardless of their professional or employment achievements. This is, indeed, fortunate for society, as well as for women, because there is no higher happiness and joy than giving birth and nurturing life, for those who wish to do so.

That is, to most women (although not all) children are at the very core of their being. They are not merely a side car attached to their lives, but are the central part of their lives. This is due to the fact that there are striking differences between men and women, not just in our obvious, physical differences. 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 in pregnancy and during breastfeeding. Recent imaging research shows that mothers' brains change during pregnancy and after birth in ways that seem to increase their "emotional attachment to their babies." This profound love that a mother feels toward her child is little understood by her until she becomes a mother.

Consequently, all the feminist rhetoric and coercion, supported by governments and the media, to inspire women to join the paid workforce to improve the gross national product (GNP), hasn't been as successful as expected. Women are too smart for that. They will work in the paid workforce, if necessary, for financial reasons, or to keep a hand in their professional training—but it isn't the be-all and end-all of their lives. Their family is.

Strong families make strong nations. It is the mother, at the heart of the family, working together with the father, which creates the family. Together they change the future of a nation by way of their stable, well-integrated and well-adjusted children. Their joint efforts must be respected, encouraged and supported even if it does result in wage gaps between men and women.

If women want to be equal to men in financial rewards, they can do so by not having children. Most women do not choose that path. •

SEXUAL LIBERTIES ARE NEVER FREE

The sexual revolution began in the 1960's with the birth control pill. Sex without the responsibility of a child was now possible. This supposedly freed women to seek higher education, to bring them independence and interesting careers with comfortable incomes. The sexual revolution, with the pill and abortion, have also brought the hook-up culture of casual sex, where men are no longer interested in the woman herself, but, rather, only in sexual gratification. Women also now experience increased risk of breast cancer and infertility caused by delayed childbirth, plus sexually transmitted infections in abundance.

SEXUAL INFECTIONS SKYROCKETING IN CANADA

Due to this sexual liberation, sexually transmitted infections are rising at an alarming rate across Canada according to public health experts.

The increase in sexual infections has been exacerbated by the growth of dating apps which lead to an increasing number of people engaging in sex with multiple partners, who are often not previously known to them. It is easier to find sex and easier to find anonymous sex than ever before by way of the internet. This makes it harder for public health officials to track down outbreaks, as the infected individual may not even know his or her sexual partner's name or address.

In 2015, the latest year for which national figures are available, there were almost 116,500 cases of chlamydia, the most commonly reported sexually transmitted disease, with females accounting for two-thirds of the infections. This is a 17% increase between the years 2010 and 2015.

Also, more people appear to be having condom-less sex, including those in the homosexual community. This is due to the fact that AIDS treatment is so effective that the infection has essentially become a chronic disease rather than a terminal illness.

All this has resulted in national statistics confirming a soaring number of bacterial sexually transmitted infections in Canada because of so-called "free" sex.

Gonorrhea is the second most commonly reported sexually transmitted disease in the country. About 19,845 cases were reported in 2015, a jump of 65% from 2010.

From 2010 to 2015, the rate of infectious syphilis in Canada increased by almost 86% to a total of 3,321 cases in 2015. Homosexuals are most at risk for this infection.

With all this so-called "free sex", are people happier? No. The so-called sexual liberation or free sex culture has led to medical and psychological problems previously unimagined. Loneliness and increased suicides, especially for those in middle age, are much more frequent today as a result. It has cheapened sexual relations between men and women and has freed men to opt out of family formation. Love, intimacy and faithfulness are lost in the free sex shuffle and, without these, we are a troubled nation minus roots and permanency. †

MESSAGE BOARD

- NEW!!!Crowdfunding Site: REAL Women of Canada has launched a Crowdfunding Campaign on the Wonder We platform. Check us out at https://www.wonderwe.com/REAL18 and share often on Social Media to get the word out! We hope that this will be a major fundraiser for us, to allow us to continue to publish our monthly REALity and to continue our important work of advocating for your pro-life, pro-family values, whether in the courts, in the media, or in the government.
- Action Item: Please participate in the on-line consultative process launched by the Ontario Provincial Government, regarding the repealing and revision of the former Ontario Premier Wynne's radical sex-ed curriculum. Check out our <u>ALERT</u>, released October 4, 2018, with information on how to submit your comments.
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 carry out our mission of advocating for traditional family values.
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 do not receive government funding. We are financially independent of any other organization and are self-managed by a very
 dedicated volunteer Board of Directors.

ABORTION POLLING: TRUDEAU AND THE CANADIAN PUBLIC

As we have learned from polls conducted during elections, we cannot always rely on them to provide us with an accurate assessment of the situation.

In short, polls cannot necessarily be trusted because much depends on the questions asked, their wording, the reliability of the pollster who funded the poll, the sample size, and the method used in conducting the poll, i.e., whether online, or by direct telephone calls. The latter creates problems in itself in that fewer homes have telephone landlines as many now rely on their cell phones only and those numbers are not always available to the pollsters.

To further confuse polling results, many individuals are not prepared to share their opinions with pollsters. As a result, a pollster's life, today, is not a very easy one.

As stated by west coast pro-abortionist, Joyce Arthur, "polls are neither scientific nor objective – not even the best ones. Their results might indicate general trends, but they should not be relied on as accurate data".

The one thing that is clear about the abortion issue, however, is that it remains a highly controversial issue and is not perceived as merely a medically neutral procedure as asserted by pro-abortionists. It is an issue with grave moral implications as well it should be.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tumbled by accident onto the fact that Canadian opinions on abortion are not predictable, when he made the fatal decision to require applicants to sign a pro-abortion attestation when they applied for funding under the federal Summer Jobs Program.

The uproar that followed was unprecedented. It has also led to many lawsuits against his government, most of which will be argued this fall.

In short, Trudeau fell into a hole of his own making, when he assumed Canadians agreed with his own belief that abortions should be unlimited on the basis that it is a woman's legal right to have one at her own discretion. Neither the Charter of Rights, nor domestic, nor international law provide a "right" to abortion. In Canada, there simply (unbelievably) is no law at all on abortion, either for or against it.

Trudeau is also continually pushing his abortion agenda on the international front, trying to make it an international right. He does so even when negotiating treaties dealing exclusively with trade issues. He further tries to have abortion prioritized at international meetings, such as the G7 and the Commonwealth meetings.

World leaders have reacted incredulously to Trudeau's odd behaviour, and his simple-minded understanding of issues such as his pressing for indigenous rights and gender analysis in trade treaties. As a result, understandably, world leaders have little respect for Trudeau. Indeed, more and more Canadians, who had previously decided in the 2015 election to give Trudeau's sunny ways a chance, now understand his limited grasp of issues. Trudeau has floundered on every file he has touched, to the detriment of our economy, as well as our social well-being. Unfortunately, he has little understanding of the multiple dimensions of the issues confronting him.

Like some other weak men, Trudeau is obstinate in that he refuses to back down when his policies fail. He wants to give the impression of "strength" and "decisiveness", which are not a part of his character.

What does this mean for Canada's future? Definitely, we will face even more troubling times, mounting debt, and international embarrassment with Trudeau as Prime Minister.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear REAL Women of Canada supporter:

Welcome to the October 2018 issue of REALity.

The staff and Board of Directors at REAL Women of Canada sincerely hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. In spite

of all the hardships and numerous challenges that pro-family and pro-life advocates face in today's society, we need to be thankful for all the positives that indicate the glass is half full, not half empty. These challenges can be seen as opportunities to strengthen our resolve to promote all that is best for our families and our nation.

Our new Crowdfunding site is now up and running. Please check us out at www.WonderWe.com/REAL18 and remember to share often on social media, including, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Our Crowdfunding campaign is urgently needed to continue funding the costs of publishing this monthly newsletter, REALity, and for funding all the advocacy work we do, on behalf of Canadian women who support traditional family and pro-life values. The new site includes a short promotional video summarizing what REAL Women does. We are using the Wonder We platform, which is pro-life-friendly and conservative values-friendly. Having a Crowdfunding site enables prospective world-wide donors who have not heard of us but want to support a pro-family women's organization with traditional values, to find us. (Hard to believe, I know, but there are many people, Canadians included, who have not heard of REAL Women of Canada.) If a donor Googles "prolife Crowdfunding", one of the first hits directs the donor to a favourable article with a link to the Wonder We site. Donors who already know of us can still donate in the usual way, via our website or by mailing us donations.

As you probably know, we are funded solely by our grassroots supporters. We do not receive government funding, nor do we receive funding from any "umbrella" organization. REAL Women of Canada is completely independent of any other group, financially as well as operationally. We try not to "beg" for donations too often. We know there are many worthwhile organizations which are all vying for your money. However, 2018 was a very demanding year for us financially. The Ontario Ministry of Labour ruled that non-profit organizations such as REAL Women, must comply with all requirements of the new Employment Standards Act and reclassify their staff as employees. This resulted in our payroll expenses increasing by 14%, with no increase in donations to account for this. We respectfully ask that if your finances at this time allow you to make an extra financial contribution, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made through our new Crowdfunding site, through our website, or by mail. Your generosity is so very much appreciated. We are grateful for any and all donations, large and small.

On October 4, 2018, we released an ALERT "Parental Consultations on Ontario Sex Education Curriculum". These consultations are for advising the current Ontario Conservative government to revise the curriculum introduced by the former Liberal government under Premier Kathleen Wynne. Although this relates to Ontario, other provinces are experiencing similar struggles with radical sex-ed curricula with age-inappropriate content, much of which is based on unscientific ideology. Those who support the radical sex-ed curriculum have been very vocal, being so extreme as to state that removing the present curriculum will result in many student deaths! It is important to participate in these on-line consultations and attend any town hall meetings on this topic in your community. The deadline for submissions is Dec 15, 2018.

Thank you for being women and men doing your very best to build a better society. Never give up hope.

Pauline Guzik
Pauline Guzik, National President

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