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Recently we have been reflecting on the push to decriminalise euthanasia, not only in New Zealand but in Australia and in a number of other western countries.

Euthanasia is a topic that generates strong debate and arouses significant emotion. Euthanasia polarises like few other topics can. This is because for some it is seen as a kindness, a release from suffering at the end of life and that our laws relating to it are long overdue for change. For others the very concept of doctors killing their patients for whatever reason is an anathema which strikes at the very heart of the sanctity of human life and at what it means to be human.

But is it as simple as relieving suffering and is it really 'death with dignity'? We think not and we believe it is crucial that the New Zealand public are given the full facts concerning the likely impacts of any proposed change in legislation.

Advocates of euthanasia often criticise those who oppose it on the grounds that that opposition is based on 'outdated religious concepts' and that only religious people oppose changing our laws to allow it. This is of course not true. Yes as Christians we believe that only God has the right to choose to create or take life and that this is made perfectly clear by the fifth commandment. However there are also perfectly sound secular arguments as to why euthanasia is morally wrong and why it is dangerous step for any society to take. But before we discuss this let's take a look at what is happening in regards to the current debate.

Proponents of decriminalising our laws relating to Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide often play upon a perceived sense of injustice and of our fear relating to suffering at the end stages of life. In a way these people are really saying that death must not be allowed to dictate to us. We must dictate to it, or at least have it meet us on our own terms. Yet is not this desire to be in control of everything not symptomatic of many of the ills of our modern society?

Another technique used by proponents of euthanasia is to try to reframe the debate by the use of language. We do not often now hear the use of terms such as Euthanasia, or even Physician Assisted Suicide, but rather 'Death with Dignity' and 'Medically Assisted Dying'. Language is hugely important. Change the language and you can win the debate. However what is at stake here is about much more than winning or losing a debate. If successful with his Private Members 'End of life Choice Bill' (another euphemism), ACT's



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*“Woe to you if you do not defend life”
John Paul II*

Abortion Statistics 2014 – New Zealand Rejecting a Culture of Death



Right to Life is encouraged that the number of abortions in 2014 announced by Statistics NZ, reveals a further continuing reduction in the number of unborn children killed before birth. There were 13,137 abortions in 2014. This is the lowest number of abortions since 1994 [12,835]. Right to Life believes that there is an increasing awareness that abortion is the murder of the innocent and violence against women. There is also an increasing awareness that abortion damages women’s health with an increased risk of breast cancer, drug and alcohol abuse, suicide, grief, anger, regret and increased depression. Right to Life commends those brave and courageous women who when faced with an unplanned pregnancy chose life for their child. These are truly heroic women who deserve our admiration and support. Right to Life also commends the majority of the medical profession who faithful to the Declaration of Geneva have sworn to maintain the greatest respect for human life.

- The total number of abortions reported in 2014 was 13,137. This was 936 less than the 14,073 reported in 2013. The number reported for 2014 is the lowest since 1994 (12,835).
- Nearly one in five pregnancies end in the killing of the child in the womb. In 2014 the abortion ratio was 186 abortions per 1,000 known pregnancies compared with 192 in 2013.
- There is a notable decrease in the abortion rate for women aged 15-19 years –down from 2096 in 2013 to 1758 in 2014.
- There were 4,822 [37%] women having a repeat abortion in 2014, down 311 on the 5,133 figure for 2013. There were 3,128 women who had their second abortion, 1,134 women had their third abortion, 384 their fourth, 120 their fifth, 37 their sixth, 13 their seventh and 6 their eighth or more abortion. Why are we allowing this? Surely these women are using abortion as a form of contraception?
- In 2014, 192 unborn children were killed in their mother’s womb on the grounds that they had a serious disability. In 2012 the number was 203, all in violation of the rights of the disabled.
- It is not known how many abortions were authorised on the grounds that a woman sought consideration of an alleged rape.
- There were 81 abortions that were of 20 weeks or more duration compared with 73 in 2013. 23 were over 22 weeks and 5 were over 23 weeks, 10 were over 24 weeks and 10 were over 25 weeks.

The government continues to promote the killing of unborn children as a “core health service”, provided with unlimited funding and no waiting lists. Abortion is not a health service and it has no place in our public health system. Women who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy deserve compassion and practical assistance to bring their child to birth. The killing of the child is not the solution to this important social issue. No child is unwanted as there are many families that are unable to have children and who would love to adopt a child in an open adoption that allows the birth mother to have an on-going relationship with their child. Why does the government continue to refuse to promote adoption as the loving option?

Right to Life must again keep asking; why are many of our churches silent on this crucial justice issue?

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David Seymour will be the person who forever irrevocably changes the way New Zealand treats its vulnerable and elderly citizens.

We are going to say something here that some may see as controversial. Thousands of people are going to lose their lives to euthanasia without their consent or even knowledge if it is decriminalised. Of that we are certain. We say this because regardless of what safeguards are drafted in any legislation, once euthanasia is legislated for by society, there will be no stopping it. Once a right for one class of persons (the terminally ill), it, by definition will become a 'human right' and human rights by nature cannot be restricted to one 'class' of person. We have the perfect 'crystal ball' in the examples of The Netherlands and Belgium to see how rapidly voluntary euthanasia becomes involuntary. Those nations may have had the best intentions in the world to prevent abuse, but alas they are failing badly.

It is not our intention here to go into great detail about the many sound arguments that should convince us that decriminalising euthanasia is unethical and dangerous. For those who wish to examine those arguments they can do so by visiting any number of websites. We have provided a list of some useful resources at the end of this article.

However a brief summary of some of the arguments against euthanasia may be helpful.

Firstly decriminalising euthanasia would result in coercion. Elder abuse is already a growing problem in New Zealand. Secondly it would send the wrong message that suicide is the answer to a problem. We already have a significant problem with suicide and promoting it as a solution to suffering would be especially dangerous for our young. Thirdly those with power in medical institutions would use euthanasia as a way to save costs by withdrawing treatments. This would be particularly so given our rapidly ageing population and the rising costs of health care. We should at this point state that nobody opposing euthanasia is advocating for heroic treatment to prolong life unnecessarily and neither are we stating that persons at the end stage of life do not have the right to refuse treatment.

Fourthly it would harm the trust we place in our doctors and the medical profession in general. Our doctors are here to heal us- not to kill us. Fifthly it would result in the hindering of the availability, practice and funding of palliative care. Sixthly it would result in something that has been called 'mission creep'. The right to die would, not immediately, but soon enough become a duty to die. In Holland whereas there were initially few reports of psychiatric or dementia patients euthanized, the killing of these patients is sharply on the rise.

In considering all these issues the following analogy could be used. Israel is a nation surrounded by other nations that seek her destruction. Israel has in recent times won all the wars it has fought, but only needs to lose one for it to be destroyed. Likewise all over the world many western nations have fought and held up against many attacks on the sanctity of human life in the realm of the battle against euthanasia. New Zealand has already seen off two attacks; Michael Law's 1995 'Death with Dignity' bill and Peter Brown's 2003 'Death with Dignity' bill, (which was rejected by a much smaller margin). We only have to lose one battle in parliament for the entire battle to be lost. Once we cross that legal threshold, our ethical landscape will be irrevocably changed forever. There will be no going back.

The only way New Zealand is going to keep Euthanasia at bay is if people like you and us are to stand up and be counted. We must not be seduced by the powerful emotive arguments that are put forward about relieving suffering by those who seek to change our laws, but rather see the 'wolf in sheep's clothing' that lies careful hidden behind the calls for mercy. Good palliative care is the answer, not killing.

How can we make a difference? Right now one of the most effective things that we as individuals can do, is to write a submission to the Parliamentary Health Select Committee making our views opposing any change to the current legislation known. Asking to be heard in support of a submission will make it even more powerful, though that is certainly not necessary. Submissions that are made, using our own language and possibly experiences are the most effective. Submissions can be made either in writing or by email. The submission closing date is the 1st of February 2016. Effectively this means making the submission before Christmas as come the holidays it may be too late. It need not be a long submission. **It is important that the Health Committee receives a large number of submissions, please ensure that every member of your family makes a submission.** Details on how to make an effective submission can be found on the Right to Life New Zealand website. Simply google 'Right to Life NZ'. You will find links on our website's homepage to how to do this.

Resources for making a submission to the Parliamentary Health Select Committee

www.righttolife.org.nz

www.protect.org.nz

<http://www.nathaniel.org.nz>

*Assisting suicide is against the criminal law,
and with good reason. The prohibition is there to
protect vulnerable people'*

Baroness Butler-Sloss, Former Head of English Family Court
www.righttolife.org.nz

Why is Praying outside an Abortion Facility Considered Harassment?

The Abortion Supervisory Committee [ASC] has accused those who pray outside abortion facilities of harassment and has sought Police protection. Right to Life responds that, the allegations of harassment outside abortion facilities are a distraction from the real violence that is inflicted on women and their precious unborn inside the killing centres.

The ASC in its annual report to Parliament in 2012, 2013 and 2014, alleged harassment, of women seeking an abortion at abortion facilities. The Committee also alleged that doctors and staff were being harassed. The Committee stated in 2013 that "harassment of those seeking or providing abortion services remains a significant concern to the Committee, especially as disturbing reports of violence at overseas abortion clinics continue to surface." The Committee claims to be working proactively with the Police.



In 2012 Right to Life lodged an Official Information Act request with the Committee asking for information on this alleged harassment. The Committee refused to provide any information. A complaint was then laid with the Ombudsman. A further complaint was made following the 2013 report. The Committee, in response to a request from the Ombudsman provided Right to Life with a list on 11 July, of the incidents of the alleged harassment, including;

- "Small groups of people protesting silently with banners on a weekly basis [nationwide at facilities, reported to Committee on numerous occasions]."
- "The handing out of objects such as rosaries, white crosses, rubber fetuses to women entering clinics, including women not entering [nationwide, reported to Committee sporadically]."
- "Articles, letters and copies of images sent to certifying consultants and clinics through the mail [nationwide, reported to Committee sporadically]."

Abortion is part of a culture of death that demands its acceptance and adulation. It is an evil which will not compromise with those who dare to dissent. The demonic culture of death is incensed and enraged at the overwhelming power of prayer which confronts the violence inflicted on women and their unborn. The word harassment means to hassle, to plague and to persecute.

The pro-life movement refutes these allegations of harassment. The presence of people peacefully praying outside abortion facilities is protected by the New Zealand Bill of Rights which guarantees freedom of speech and assembly. The pro-life movement will never accept the murder of the innocent and will not be deterred by these allegations.

We all have a duty to defend life and to protest at the murder of the innocent. Those who courageously and generously pray outside killing centres are at the frontline giving witness to the sanctity of life of every child from conception. They are there providing a guard of honour for those children being killed that day. They are there to offer unconditional love and help to the women who seek an abortion, often not because it is their choice but because they have been told they have no choice. Those who pray are also praying for the doctors and staff who conduct these abortions, that they may experience a spiritual conversion and turn away from the destruction of life. Many women, who have been provided with love and support to choose life for their baby at the entrance to the killing centre, are eternally grateful for those who helped them. Every community deserves and needs to have people praying peacefully outside the killing centres.

"There is a big difference between the choice to have a child and the choice to kill a child. Because abortion kills a child who already exists, it is in no way a "right."

- Father Frank Pavone

Broadcasting Standards Authority [BSA] Upholds Right to Life Complaint against TV 1 - Seven Sharp



The BSA has upheld a complaint against the Seven Sharp programme of TV1. The complaint related to an item screened on TV1 on 16 February 2015.

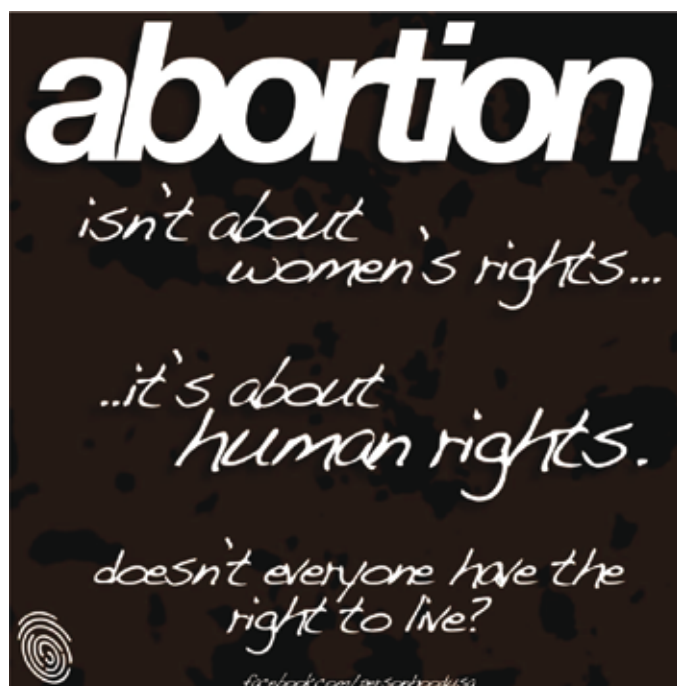
The item featured an interview with a woman who was terminally ill and who has been campaigning for voluntary euthanasia for two decades. The programme presenter Mike Hosking, then reviewed where euthanasia was available overseas and asked where we were at in New Zealand and questioned why politicians were telling people what to do. The presenter concluded referring to those opposed to euthanasia, "who are you busy telling me how to run my life or end my life?" The complaint of Right to Life was that the broadcast breached Standard 4, "that where controversial issues of public importance are discussed in news, current affairs and factual programmes, broadcasters should make reasonable efforts or give reasonable opportunities, to present significant points of view either in the same programme or in other programmes within the period of current interest." In defence, TVNZ claimed that broadcasts in 2012 and 2013 presented the anti-euthanasia viewpoint.

It is highly significant that the BSA concluded that over a long period of time they had seen no evidence of a presentation of the case from those opposed to euthanasia on TVNZ or with other media.

This is a very important decision. Right to Life believes that the media are at the service of the community. In a free and democratic society it is imperative that the media avoid bias and promoting their own agenda. Right to Life strongly encourages members and supporters to be ever vigilant for the failure of the media to present all sides of controversial social issues. Every citizen has a right to complain about bias in the media. Right to Life believes that today much of the media is promoting euthanasia and creating misinformation in society. We believe that the media is powerfully conveying their opinion that doctors have a right to kill their patients or assist in their suicide. Electronic 'Footprint' subscribers may read the full [decision of the BSA](#) by following the hyperlinked text. Members who do not subscribe electronically will need to visit the [Right to Life website](#) to read these documents.

Complaint against the Abortion Supervisory Committee

Right to Life laid a complaint in August with the Health & Disability Commissioner, against the Abortion Supervisory Committee [ASC]. The complaint was that the Committee was withholding information from women that would allow a medical abortion to be reversed. The drug Utrogestan, if taken within two days of taking Mifepristone RU 486, for a medical abortion and prior to taking the prostaglandin Misoprostol has a 59 per cent chance of reversing the abortion and saving the life of the unborn child. The Commissioner declined jurisdiction stating that the ASC was not a health provider.



Right to Life first made a submission to the ASC in December 2014, requesting that this important information be given to all women seeking a medical abortion. The ASC responded advising that the drug Progesterone was not available in New Zealand. Right to Life responded, advising that Pharmac's web site stated that the drug was freely available in New Zealand under the name Utrogestan. The ASC responded stating that it was not available to prevent a medical abortion. Right to Life made a submission to Pharmac who advised that the drug was not funded for this purpose and that we would have to make a submission to the Ministry of Health asking that they give consideration to providing funding for the purpose of reversing an abortion. Right to Life has now made a submission and awaits a response.

The Committee replied on 30 July; "The Abortion Supervisory Committee (ASC) is confident in the robust pathway that is in place when women are seeking an abortion. The ASC will not be taking any action regarding the use of Utrogestan to reverse abortions."

Right to Life Condemns Murderous Assault on Colorado Planned Parenthood Clinic

Right to Life joins with the international Pro-life movement in condemning the mindless and murderous rampage at the Rocky Mountains Planned Parenthood clinic. Right to Life is totally opposed to all violence, which includes violence against women, and the unborn inflicted each day at this abortion facility.

On Friday 27 November, Robert Lewis Dear, a fifty-seven year old of South Carolina, held the staff and clients of the abortion clinic hostage. In the resulting shootout with Police, one officer, and two civilians were killed and five Police officers and four civilians were wounded. The alleged killer is known to the Police because of domestic violence and animal cruelty and is considered to be mentally unstable.

This is the first attack on an abortion facility in the United States in six years, eight abortion workers have been killed since 1977.

Planned Parenthood is the biggest abortion provider in the United States. In 2014 a total of 327,000 unborn children were brought to Planned Parenthood to be killed.

Right to Life asks why is the murder of three persons condemned while the murder of 327,000 defenceless and innocent unborn children by Planned Parenthood is studiously ignored by the media and accepted as 'a reproductive health service'?

The Center for Medical Progress which recently released undercover videos exposing Planned Parenthood's involvement in the unlawful selling of fetal parts and intact unborn babies, "condemns the barbaric killing spree in Colorado Springs by a violent madman. We applaud the heroic efforts of law enforcement to stop the violence quickly and rescue the victims, and our thoughts and prayers are with the wounded, the lost, and their families."

"National Right to Life, which represents 50 state affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, unequivocally condemns unlawful activities and acts of violence regardless of motivation," the group said in a statement.

"The pro-life movement works to protect the right to life and increase respect for human life. The unlawful use of violence is directly contrary to that goal."

Ken Orr
Spokesperson,
Right to Life,

The Chief Executive Officer of Family Planning is an Unsuitable Person to Hold an Abortion Licence

The CEO of Family Planning is the holder of the abortion licence for the Tauranga Family Planning clinic. Recently Ms Jackie Edmond (pictured), stated in the Dompost that abortion was 14 times safer for a woman than carrying a baby to term. The statement is outrageous and an insult to women and to motherhood.

She also stated that there were no serious medical, emotional and psychological consequences resulting from abortion. This is again untrue. Right to Life has written to the Abortion Supervisory Committee submitting that Ms Edmond is an unsuitable person to hold an abortion licence and that Family Planning was an unsuitable organization to be permitted to perform abortions. It would be reasonable to assume that the staff at Family Planning are required to support the views of its CEO. Right to Life is awaiting a response from the ASC.



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Why is Our Government Silent on Human Rights Abuses of China's One Child Family Policy?

Right to Life is disappointed that the New Zealand government has no policy on China's appalling and oppressive one child family policy. Our governments silence is shameful and inexcusable and makes us complicit in the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Chinese government against its own people. The information that "the New Zealand government does not have a position on China's One Child policy" was provided to Right to Life by the Chief of Staff, of the Prime Minister's Office, Wayne Eagleson on 13 February, in response to an Official Information Act request from our Society.

Right to Life commends the government for speaking up about human rights abuses in other countries. The Prime Minister stated in Parliament on 11 February in response to a question concerning Saudi Arabia that, "our embassy staff in the region continue to indicate that we are opposed and outraged by human rights abuses."

Why then, the deafening silence from government on China's one child family policy, which is a crime against humanity.

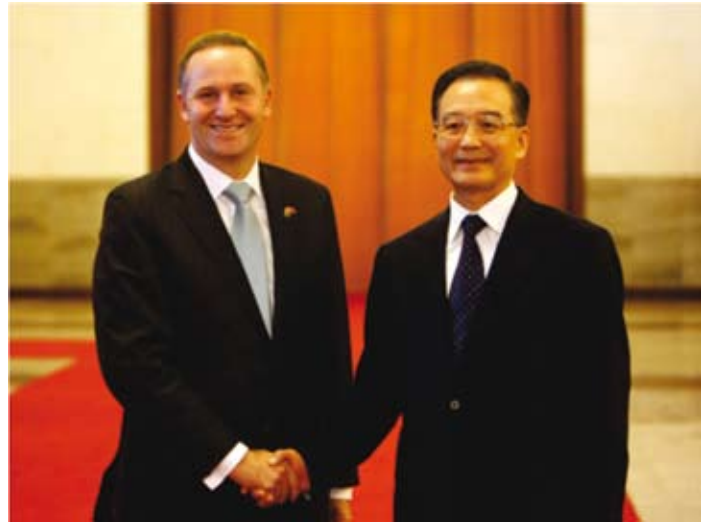
The New Zealand government shamefully, turns its back on the human rights abuses perpetrated by the Chinese government which is guilty of the most horrendous human rights abuses against women that the world has ever known. It denies the human right of families to choose how many children they are going to have. A family is required to obtain a permit authorising the birth of a child. Pregnancies that are not authorised are required by law to be aborted. Women who are not married who become pregnant are required to have an abortion. Children who escape being aborted and are born without a permit are not recognised by the state and are denied health services and an education.

China's one child family policy started in 1979 and has resulted in forced abortions, 196 million compulsory sterilisations, the mandatory insertion of 403 million forced intrauterine devices, punitive fines, imprisonment, and destruction of homes and the loss of employment. Sex selection abortions have resulted in 37 million missing girls in China. Since 1971 there have been 330 million abortions, many of these on orders from the state. There is as a consequence, a surplus of 36 million men in China. The response to these human rights abuses is a deafening silence.

The Chinese government in October 2015 relaxed its Family Policy to allow all family's to have two children commencing in March 2016. Nothing has really changed as the State will now require that women having their third child will be forced to have an abortion. The governments change in policy is not due to consideration of the human rights of it citizens but is due to their acknowledgement that the current policy is unsustainable. They realise that a rapidly ageing work force will result in a dire shortage of workers, difficulties in caring for the aged and a host of economic problems.

God is the author of life and it is His prerogative to choose to cooperate with families in deciding how many children they will have and the spacing of those children. It is not the role of the state to decide who will be allowed to be born and to kill those the state does not want.

When is our government going to speak up in defence of the human rights of women, the unborn and the family in China?



*When a woman is pregnant, she has a choice,
a dead baby or a live baby.*

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Victory for Culture of Death in High Court

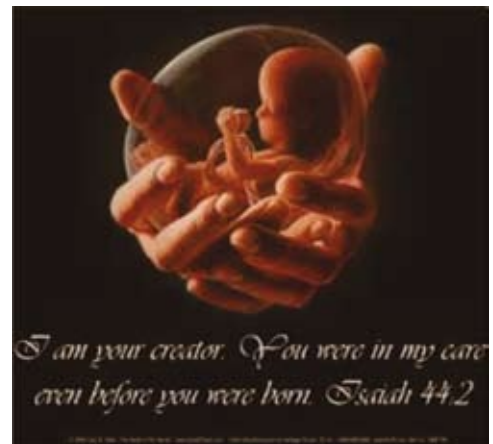
Right to Life is disappointed in the judgment of the High Court in the case of Right to Life V Abortion Supervisory Committee. This judgment is bad news for women and their unborn. It means that Family Planning which is at the forefront of promoting abortion in New Zealand can now pursue its declared objective of turning all of its thirty clinics into abortion clinics. Right to Life poses the question as to whether Family Planning is aspiring to take over the abortion industry in New Zealand?

The High Court found in favour of the Committee when Right to Life sought a Declaratory Judgment on the meaning of section 21 [2][b] of the Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977. Right to Life alleged that the Committee had acted unlawfully in issuing a limited abortion licence to the Family Planning Association for its Tauranga clinic. The judgment found that the licences issued to Family Planning in 2014 and 2015 were unlawful only because the Committee had reduced the limited licence to permit abortions only to nine weeks gestation. The Act provides for abortions up to 12 weeks gestation with a limited licence.

Family Planning performs medical abortions at its Tauranga clinic with Mifepristone, a lethal drug that kills the developing child by starvation. Not only is it lethal for the unborn child but it is also dangerous for women's health. It is known that internationally 29 women have lost their lives as a result of a medical abortion with Mifepristone and probably many more are not reported. The American Food and Drug Administration advise that they have received reports of more than 2,200 women being wounded as a consequence of a medical abortion.

Medical abortions have a higher rate of complications than do surgical abortions. A recent Australian study has found that the risks associated with medical abortion are significantly higher than those associated with surgical abortion. The study shows that 5.7% of women undergoing medical abortion require admission to hospital due to complications compared to 0.4% of women following surgical abortion. Infection rates following medical abortion are 1 in 480 for medical abortions compared to 1 in 1500 for surgical abortion. Risk of hemorrhage (severe bleeding) is 1 in 200 for medical abortion compared to 1 in 3000 for surgical abortion.

Family Planning is the biggest abortion referral agency in New Zealand and promotes the killing of our unborn children as an essential health service. Are we building or destroying our nation? Right to Life believes that Family Planning should never have been granted any licence to kill the unborn. Family Planning believes that providing abortions is a service to women and promotes abortion as being a safe choice for pregnant women. Recently Jacki Edmond, the CEO of Family Planning, was quoted in the Dompost as saying that "having an abortion was 14 times safer for women than giving birth". **This is a blatant falsehood.** This claim is an insult both to women and to motherhood. She also stated that there were no serious medical, emotional and psychological consequences resulting from abortion, again untrue.



News in Brief

The Jadelle Abortifacient Implant

Right to Life laid a complaint in November 2014 against the New Zealand Family Planning Association [FPA], with the Health & Disability Commissioner. Our complaint was that the FPA were withholding information from women about the abortifacient action of the Jadelle implant.

The FPA did not dispute our contention that the implant could prevent the implantation of the human embryo. The FPA contended that the Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977 defined in section 2 "Contraceptive" means a substance or device or technique intended to prevent conception or implantation: The Commissioner upheld the submission of the FPA and declined our complaint.

Jadelle implants were fully funded by the government in 2011. It is estimated that there are now more than 50,000 women in New Zealand who have had these controversial implants inserted into their arms in the belief that there

action was to prevent conception and the creation of a new and unique human being. The disturbing truth is that the implants are also abortifacient and can destroy a human life, by changing the lining of the uterus to prevent a newly created human embryo from implanting in the uterus. It is believed that there are many women who would rightly refuse to have a Jadelle implant if they had been informed by Family Planning that the implant may destroy a new human embryo.



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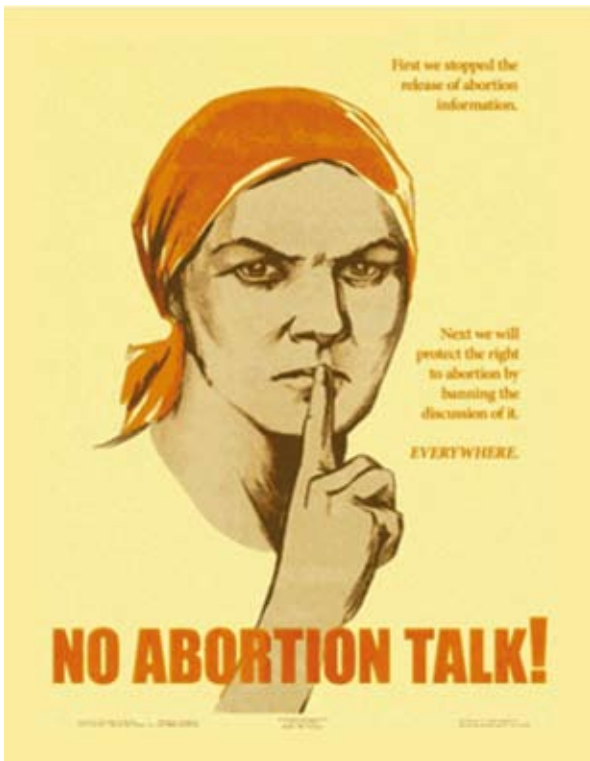
40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a Prayer campaign that is saving thousands of unborn children worldwide. The inaugural Christchurch 40 Days ran from 23rd September to the 1st November. Right to Life was pleased to be part of the organizing committee and to have many of its members praying between 7am and 7pm for an end to abortion.

It is important to pray outside of the Christchurch Public Hospital where 1600 children were murdered in their mother's wombs in 2013. We mourn with the mothers at the loss of their children and pray for them the second victim of abortion. There were 552 babies saved from abortion as a result of the current 40 Days programme around the world. The total saved since the commencement of 40 Days is now 10,883 lives.



Cancer Society New Zealand Abortion Breast Cancer Link- The Inconvenient Truth



Right to Life wrote to the Cancer Society on 20 August 2015 providing them with details of new research revealing that an abortion leaves women with more cancer vulnerable tissue than they had before they became pregnant. We asked why this important information is not shown on the Society's web site. We also asked why the web site does not show that an abortion deprives the woman of the protection against breast cancer afforded by a full term pregnancy. The Cancer Society responded. *"As stated in previous communications with you, when considering the strength of a link between a potential risk factor and breast cancer, we ask our Medical Director and other subject experts to assess the latest research and to recommend whether those studies are conclusive enough to identify a proven breast cancer risk factor."*

Right to Life is concerned that in spite of an increasing number of studies confirming the link, there appears to be a reluctance by the authorities responsible for informing the public of this fact. We believe that this is because that the desire to protect the abortion 'sacred cow' is more important than it is to inform New Zealand women of the truth.

It is politically incorrect to admit that abortion hurts women. The fact that ideology trumps science, means that women are not being warned of the abortion breast cancer link.

It is a human tragedy that each year 650 women die in New Zealand from breast cancer. Every year 2800 women are diagnosed with breast cancer. Ninety five per cent of women contracting breast cancer are over the age of forty. According to the Coalition on Abortion Breast Cancer, one woman in one hundred who has an abortion will die from breast cancer as a result of that abortion. It has been known since 1957 from a Japanese study that women who have an abortion increase their risk of breast cancer. There are many studies that have been conducted worldwide that provide irrefutable proof of the link between abortion and breast cancer. They have all been rejected by the medical profession on the grounds of alleged 'recall bias'. Abortions are promoted as being "safe" for women. They are not.

Right to Life is disappointed that the Cancer Society is refusing to provide the women of New Zealand with this important information. We are determined to continue campaigning to have this important information given to the women of New Zealand.

Euthanasia isn't mercy. It is abandonment - Wesley J Smith

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Parental Notification Hillary's Law

“Hillary's Law” Campaign Launched to Change Parental Notification Laws

A campaign has been launched seeking changes to the parental notification law when a teenage daughter becomes pregnant. A petition was presented to Parliament by Wanganui MP, Chester Borrows. The petition was sent to the Justice and Electoral Reform Select Committee. The Committee has heard oral submissions from Family Planning and the Abortion Supervisory Committee who are totally opposed to parents having the legal right to being notified of a daughter under the age of 16 having an abortion. **However, Family Planning Chief Executive Jackie Edmond said they will fight any change to the law claiming it would be a step backwards for New Zealand, which has already got a very restrictive abortion law that's outdated.** Right to Life encourages the families of New Zealand to be aware of the plans that Family Planning has for your children and to support Right to Life in its campaign to defund Family Planning. As the Select Committee advised that Right to Life was not invited to make an oral submission we wrote a submission to every member of the Committee supporting the petition.

Dubbed “**Hillary's Law**”, it is based on Hillary's experience as a mum which no other parent should have to experience. Her 15 year old daughter was sneaked off for an abortion by the community health nurse and with the permission of the school. “I was never informed, she said, “our daughter changed after that event and our life as a family was turned upside down. She subsequently tried to take her own life. It was then that our daughter told us why the health nurse had brought her home a year ago. The nurse had not taken her to a counselling appointment; instead she picked our daughter up from school and took her to an abortion clinic.”

Right to Life is opposed to school counsellors and



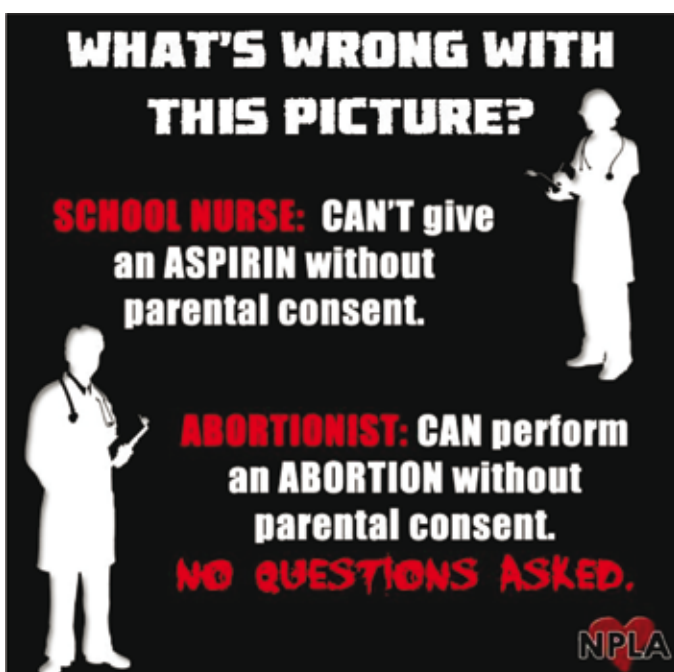
members of the Family Planning Association smuggling young girls under the age of 16 years of age out of school for a secret abortion. In doing so they may be hiding statutory rape or incest. This is an appalling violation of parental rights and a breach of trust. It is a sad irony that a school requires the written consent of the parents for permission to attend a school trip or to be given an aspirin, yet may smuggle her away for an abortion without her parents' knowledge or consent.

Right to Life fully supports parents and has been lobbying Parliament since 1977 for the right of parents to be notified of an abortion on a girl under the age of 16 years of age as a prelude to the legal recognition of the right of parents to withhold consent. To deny parents the opportunity to be informed of an abortion on a daughter under the age of 16, risks or perpetuates estrangement or alienation from the child when she is in the greatest need of parental guidance and support and denies all dignity to the family.

An abortion constitutes an assault on the body of a young and vulnerable young girl. It is also a lethal attack on a helpless and defenceless unborn child. Young girls facing the trauma of an unplanned pregnancy have a right to the love and protection of their families. The unborn child is also a member of the family. It has an inalienable right to life and has a fundamental right to the love and protection of the girl's parents; they are, in fact, the child's grandparents.

Public opinion polls conducted in New Zealand have consistently revealed 80 per cent support for parental notification. There are 35 States in the United States that have parental consent or parental notification laws. A total of 22 States have parental consent laws and 12 that have parental notification laws. Many of the States require the written consent of both parents. The age of consent is 18 years of age. The parental consent and notification laws have resulted in a decline in teenage pregnancies and a 15 per cent decline in teenage abortions.

In the 2004, contentious Parliamentary debate on the Care of Children Bill amendments to provide for parental



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notification were defeated because of the vociferous opposition of the Family Planning Association. The shameful defeat of these amendments reinforced the politically correct myth that doctors, school counselors and Family Planning staff know what's best for our children and can arrange for an abortion on a young girl without the knowledge or consent of the parents.

This is an important social justice issue, Parental notification is not an abortion issue, it is a family rights issue. Right to Life encourages the community to ensure that parental notification becomes an important election issue at the general election in 2016. It is time that the government listened to the people and amended the Care of Children Act 2004 to provide for parental notification. Ultimately, only parental consent laws will give proper recognition to the rights of families.

Doctor Suspended For Unlawfully Prescribing Abortion Drug

A New Zealand doctor was suspended by the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal in April 2014 from practicing medicine for 6 months after three of her patients were unlawfully prescribed the abortion drug misoprostol. The doctor had been granted permanent name suppression.



The doctor who unlawfully prescribed this dangerous drug has admitted that she has broken the law. The Crimes Act 1961, under section eight, Crimes against the Person, has section 183, Procuring Abortion by any means. It reads, "Everyone is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years who, with intent to procure the miscarriage of any woman or girl, whether she is pregnant or not, -[a] unlawfully administers to or causes to be taken by her any person or any drug ...

Right to Life wrote to the Abortion Supervisory Committee to enquire what action they were going to take to lay a complaint with the Police. The Committee advised our Society that in view of the fact that Dr N had resigned as a certifying consultant they would take no action. Right to Life wrote to the Medical Council to enquire if they were going to proceed to lodge a complaint with the New Zealand Police against "Dr N". The Council replied that they were not going to take any action and advised us that we could, if we wished. Right to Life laid a complaint with the CIB in Christchurch in September 2014. Our Society is waiting for the Police to advise us what action they intend to take. **Right to Life is disappointed that none of these authorities was prepared to report to the police that a serious crime had been committed.**

Convention for the Elimination of all Discrimination Against Women [CEDAW]

The CEDAW Convention has been hijacked by the United Nations CEDAW Committee which unlawfully interprets the Convention to include abortion as part of family planning. The Committee in its periodic reviews of member nations has imposed pressure on 83 nations including New Zealand to decriminalize abortion.



Our Society has been endeavouring since 2007 to obtain from government, confirmation that when New Zealand signed CEDAW on 25 October 1966 it was on the general understanding that the Convention did not include abortion as part of family planning. CEDAW is a legal document; it means what it states and embodies the intentions of the General Assembly when the Convention was passed. There has been no move by the General Assembly to amend this Convention to include abortion as part of family planning.

However, the Committee has egregiously failed to call upon party nations to protect children at their most vulnerable stage of life—while still in the womb. Article 12 states: 1. States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the field of health care in order to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, access to health care services, including those related to family planning. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this article, States Parties shall ensure to women appropriate services in connection with pregnancy, confinement and the post-natal period, granting free services where necessary, as well as adequate nutrition during pregnancy and lactation. Clearly, the intent was to protect women, especially during or after pregnancy or lactation, by ensuring adequate health care to protect mother and child. Nowhere in Article 12 or in any other provision of CEDAW is there a so called "right" to abortion or abortifacients. "Family planning" and "health care services" are mentioned, but not abortion. Yet the 23-member Committee has repeatedly exceeded and violated the actual language of CEDAW. In addition, the Committee has acted unlawfully by pressuring nations to comply with the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action which were not part of the 1979 CEDAW.

There is also no reference to abortion in Article 16 1 [e] which reads;

Article 16 1. [e] The same rights to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children and to have access to the information, education and means to enable them to exercise these rights.

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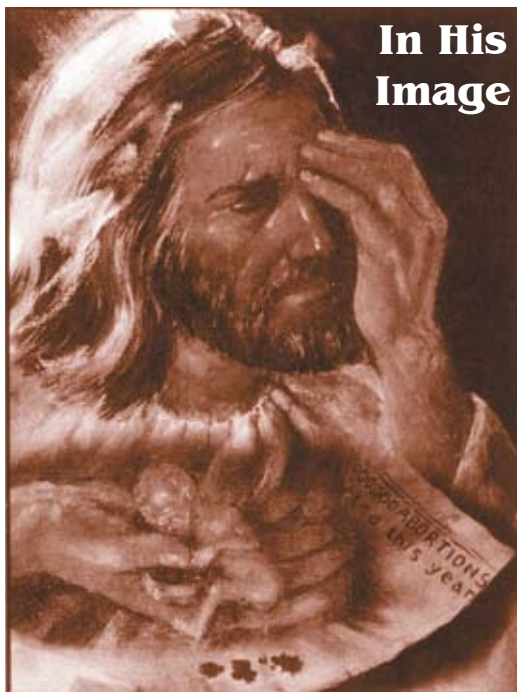
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