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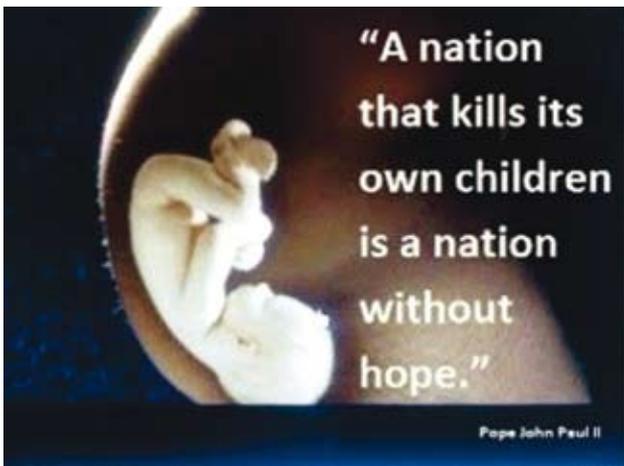
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Abortion Statistics – 2015 New Zealand Continues Genocide against its Own Children

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Right to Life is saddened that the silent holocaust against our own children continues. It was Joseph Stalin, the infamous Russian mass murderer, who said that the killing of one human being was a tragedy and that the killing of tens of thousands was only a statistic. The Nazi regime was meticulous in compiling statistics on the numbers of innocent people who were murdered in concentration camps during the Second World War. The New Zealand government following the example of the Nazi administration compiles detailed statistics on the murder of our children. Statistics NZ have reported that there were 13,155 abortions reported in 2015, this was 18 more than the 13,137 abortions reported in 2014.

Human life begins at conception. Every human being is a unique and unrepeatable miracle of God's loving creation that was created to love and be loved. At the moment of conception

our Creator confers on the new human being human rights, the foundation right being an inalienable right to life. Abortion is a violation of the human rights of the unborn and a denial of the child's inalienable right to life. It is also a violation of the rights of the mother who is the second victim of abortion.

Right to Life applauds those heroic women who courageously chose life for their precious infants. Right to Life also commends those doctors who in keeping with the highest traditions of their profession refuse to be involved with the killing of the defenceless unborn. 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 must keep asking; why are many of our churches silent on this crucial justice issue?

The government continues to promote the killing of unborn children as a "core health service". This is a 'service' that has unlimited funding and no waiting list. **It 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, 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?

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

When Killing comes Disguised as "Medical Aid in Dying"

Right to Life Media Release June 6th 2016

Right to Life believes that through his Private Members, "End of Life Choice" bill, Act Leader David Seymour with support from the Voluntary Euthanasia Society, is in fact promoting and normalising suicide as an acceptable solution when life becomes difficult. Should Seymour's bill be drawn there may be great danger.



Right to Life believes that many of our sitting MP's have little understanding of the implications inherent in the changing of our laws relating to culpable homicide. Should Parliament unwisely legislate to pay doctors to assist in the suicide of their patients, then there will be no turning back. Such measures would ultimately be irretrievably enforced.

The Chief Coroner reported in 2015, that there were 564 suicides reported in New Zealand for the 2014/2015 year. This is the greatest number of suicides reported since statistics have been kept. Tragically New Zealand has one of the highest youth suicide rates in the developed world. Former Chief Coroner Neil MacLean stated that he believes that the true rate of suicide could be much higher.

It is illegal to 'aid and abet suicide' under Section 179 of the New Zealand Crimes Act 1961. [1] The clauses of this act make it an offence to 'incite, procure or counsel' and 'aid and abet' someone else to commit suicide, regardless of whether a suicide attempt is made or not. (Note the section does not distinguish between assisted suicide and true suicide). On conviction a defendant may be sentenced to up to 14 years in prison.

The Dutch Parliament in 2002, when passing the "Termination of Life on Request and Assisted Suicide [Review Procedures] Act", was under no illusions that it was authorising doctors to kill their patients by assisting in their suicide. The Act states that, it requires that the physician "has terminated a life or assisted suicide with due care." [Chapter II, Article 2, 1,f.]

This requirement - that the procedure be carried out in a medically appropriate fashion - transforms the crimes of homicide and assisted suicide into medical treatments.

Those advocating assisted suicide in New Zealand with the cooperation of the media are now seeking to deny that they are promoting doctors killing their patients or assisting in their suicide by changing the language and using the euphemistic term "medical aid in dying" -(MAD). This is a blatant falsehood, that is intended to mislead and deceive the public. **Right to Life believe the public would quickly withdraw their support, if they realised that they were advocating killing the most vulnerable members in our community, the aged, the disabled and the seriously ill.**

The Voluntary Euthanasia Society NZ recently advised Right to Life that we were **mischievous in talking about killing** They admitted that doctor assisted dying was their term for "**rational suicide.**" David Seymour MP, sponsor of the highly contentious 'End of Life Choice' bill recently advised our Society that "doctor assisted dying" was **not** suicide. What is going on here? It is either suicide (whether it be 'rational' or not) or it is not.

Right to Life believes that David Seymour, the VESNZ and the media should stop misleading the public with euphemistic language. "Medical aid in dying" is ultimately going to result in the empowering of the strong to kill the weak.

Child Abuse – When will NZ Recognise that it commences in the Womb?



Media Release May 31, 2016

New Zealanders have been deeply moved by the tragic torture and murder by his caregivers, of three year old toddler Moko Rangitoheriri, with thousands marching on our streets calling for an end to child abuse. How many though realise that child abuse begins in the womb?

The most dangerous place for a child today is in its mother's womb.

Why do we continue to misnomer the lethal violence carried out in the womb as, "an essential reproductive health service"? As a nation we are deeply ashamed of our child abuse record which is a terrible burden on the conscience of the nation. As a society we experience no difficulty in recognising child abuse inflicted on children after birth. We respond with horror, sorrow, grief and a determination to stop the abuse of these innocent and defenceless children. New Zealand, which has a population a 4.47 million, has one of the highest rates of child abuse in the developed world. It also has one of the worst rates of child death by maltreatment within the family. NZ Police respond to one 'family violence' call every seven minutes. Police say that in 60% of domestic violence cases, children are also being abused and indications are that in a similar percentage of child abuse cases, there is also domestic violence occurring. We remember those poor children who suffered appalling abuse before they were killed, Lilly Bing, Nia Glassie, Mikara Riti and the three month old twins Chris and Cru Kahui and now Moko Rangitoheriri. Every year twelve children die from appalling physical abuse. Their names are engraved on our minds, may we never forget these beautiful children.

Why is it then that while we are implacably opposed to child abuse, we turn a total blind eye to the equivalent of one and a half classrooms of children being violently dismembered and killed in abortions each and every

day of the year. Our Hospitals, sanctioned and funded by the government are the 'killing stations' carry out this violence. This violence is carried out too, against mothers who very often really don't wish to abort their child are often coerced into it against their own will.

While 61 born children have died as a result of non-accidental injuries in New Zealand in the last 10 years, 153,819 children have been killed in the womb as a result of deliberate injuries inflicted by a doctor (2005 to 2014). To put this in to perspective, there are over 2500 unborn children killed by violence, for every born child killed by violence.

Again though we have to ask why is it that the government refuses to acknowledge that child abuse begins in the womb? How can the government decree that you may not abuse your child after birth, but you may have your child killed before birth? Right to Life believes we will not reduce our horrific rates of child abuse in this country until we acknowledge that abortion violence is the ultimate in child abuse and that it takes place on a exponentially greater scale.

Right to Life is disturbed that our nation seem unable to make the connection between the violence that is going on against the unborn, who are the most defenceless members of our human family with the violence that is being inflicted against the born child. This is indeed the elephant in the room of New Zealand society. We choose to ignore at our peril.

All of us have a duty to defend life; it is always wrong to kill the innocent. As a nation we are suffering from a crippling and destructive blindness, a refusal to acknowledge the truth that we have a duty to protect the lives of all children, born and unborn. They are all members of our human family and God's precious children. If we refuse to acknowledge this and remain blind to the glaring hypocrisy of it, then we are likely to continue to see our overall society become more and more violent. New Zealand will reap what it has sown.

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

Overwhelming Opposition to Euthanasia in New Zealand

Media Release 13th August 2016

Right to Life welcomes the news that an analysis of the submissions reveals, 78 per cent of submissions to the Parliamentary Health Select Committee were opposed to the law being changed to allow doctors to kill their patients or assist in their suicide.

The Committee reported a total of 21,435 submissions received. This was an unprecedented number in the history of the New Zealand Parliament. The number reflects the deep concern and opposition to the Crimes Act being changed to allow doctors to kill their patients. The community wants a conversation not about killing, but caring for patients and the disabled.

Right to Life requests that in view of the overwhelming opposition to a law change to allow doctors to kill their patients or assist in their suicide, David Seymour withdraw his Private Members End of Life Choice Bill from the ballot. That Labour Party leader Andrew Little, rejects a separate End of Life Choice bill sponsored by Maryan Street and that the Prime Minister John Key publicly withdraws his support for euthanasia.

Right to Life's request of David Seymour will allow the Health Select Committee to complete its deliberations and to report back to Parliament. Leaving this noxious bill in the ballot is contemptuous of Parliament and the electorate. The bill is euphemistically titled "End of Life Choice Bill". The bill under the guise of compassion is a serious threat to the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community; the aged, the disabled and the seriously ill. It has no place in our Parliament. Furthermore It is not the role of Parliament to legislate who shall be killed and who should be allowed to live.

Right to Life also now requests Andrew Little, to acknowledge the overwhelming opposition to euthanasia in New Zealand. He should now act in the interest of the common good and in the best interest of the Labour Party by publicly repudiates Streets End of Life Choice bill and pledging never to allow such a bill that empowers the strong to kill the weak to sully our Parliament ever again.



LGBT Czar Appointed at UN

Media Release December 3rd, 2016

LGBT activists with New Zealand's Support Defeat African Nations in Major Victory at UN

Right to Life is disappointed that the UN General Assembly Human Rights Committee on 21 November decided by a vote of 94 to 3 with 80 abstentions to approve a controversial new UN independent expert on LGBTQ issues. The main objective was to appoint a global LGBT "Czar" who will investigate alleged rights violations by governments and individuals against LGBT people and to enforce special new rights based on the sexual preference and behaviour of individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender.

This proposal was vigorously opposed in the UN 47 member Human Rights Council and the General Assembly by African nations who rejected developed nations including New Zealand, imposing the international LGBTQ agenda on them. It is believed that under the guise of addressing discrimination and violence against homosexuals, the objective is to impose the gender identity programme. Who has given our government authority to impose this destructive and intrinsically evil programme on unwilling nations?

The new gender theory claims that the biological sex of individuals as man or woman is irrelevant to their identity but represents a "dictatorship of Nature" against their own self-definition, a dictatorship from which they must be freed. A person's identity is instead determined by his sexual orientation and is therefore flexible, changeable and diverse. Pope Francis condemns this programme and calls this, "a war on marriage."

If the government is really concerned about discrimination and violence why is it not as a member of the Security Council lobbying the UN to recognize the rape and murder of Christians in Syria and Iraqi as genocide?

Why too is it not allowing Christian refugees from the Middle East to come to New Zealand?

Right to Life is totally opposed to the gender identity programme which poses a significant threat to the family and to the continued existence of the human race. We totally oppose the New Zealand government's representative's voting on this issue and question what mandate is there for NZ to have supported this oppressive move?

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.



Louisa Wall MP Ignores Public Opinion with Flawed Euthanasia Bill

November 22, 2016

Media Release 22 November 2016

Right to Life questions Louisa Wall MP on taking the highly unusual step of presenting a bill to a Parliamentary Select Committee. On Friday 18th November while making an oral submission to the Parliamentary Health Select Committee, she presented the Committee with her bill to amend the Crimes Act to allow doctors to kill their patients or assist in their suicide. The title of the bill is the 'Authorised Dying bill'. It was drafted by Louisa Wall with the assistance of her 'wife', Prue Kapua, a human rights lawyer (pictured).



The title of the bill is misleading as it is euphemistically disguising the purpose of the bill which we believe should be named the "Authority to Kill" bill. Ms Wall continues to be in denial about the real endpoint of euthanasia, which will inevitably be the killing of the weak by the strong.

Why is Ms Wall ignoring public opinion which is overwhelmingly opposed to euthanasia as clearly shown by the balance of submissions? By her action she is saying to the community and the Health Committee, that she does not care about public opinion and that she knows what is best for us. She is determined to inflict this flawed bill on our community and subject our will to hers. Ms Wall should be well aware that there were 21,435 written submissions made to the Health Select Committee on the issue of euthanasia and that a select analysis of the submissions revealed that 78 per cent were opposed to euthanasia. There are also 1,800 oral submissions, the vast majority of those heard to date are overwhelmingly opposed to euthanasia. Ms Wall's hope that her bill will be incorporated in the Committee's report to Parliament is fortunately just not going to happen.

Ms Wall has unwittingly exposed the myth promoted by the pro-death movement, that euthanasia is all about having compassion for those "suffering intolerable pain" in a terminal illness. It is not. It is a smoke screen that is intended to deceive us. Ms Wall's bill, paragraph 6 Eligible Person states in section [c] "is suffering from a terminal illness." . There is absolutely no requirement in her bill to consider pain let alone intolerable pain.

The bill requires that applications to have one's life terminated by a doctor should be approved by an ethics committee. This is another smoke screen intended to confer ethical legitimacy on the murder of a patient by a doctor. Ms Wall must be aware that the New Zealand Medical Association has consistently made it clear that euthanasia, the killing of a patient, is always unethical. Why is Ms Wall trying to impose her will on the medical profession?

The Bill claims that the conscience of medical practitioners is protected. This is manifestly untrue. The bill requires that when a doctor refuses to terminate the life of his patient he/she is obliged under Paragraph 9, to send the patient's file and all relevant information to another doctor who is prepared to kill the patient. This is an intolerable violation of the conscience of any doctor who wishes to care for and not kill his patient.

Why Does the NZ Government Continue to fund the Baby Killing International Planned Parenthood Federation?

Media Release 28th July 2016

The International Planned Parenthood Federation [IPPF] proudly boasted, that in 2015, its affiliates had performed 964,325 abortions in the 170 countries in which it operates. This is an appalling violation of the human rights of unborn children and is violence inflicted on women. In 2014 the New Zealand government gave the IPPF \$5 million to fund its activities for two years. The New Zealand Family Planning Association is a loyal affiliate of the IPPF. Right to Life asks why is our government using our taxes to fund an organization that is engaged in the killing and the promotion of the killing of innocent unborn children world-wide? The IPPF weaves a seductive web that entraps many victims into believing that the killing of their unborn children through abortion is the solution to their problems.

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Are Euthanasia Advocates now Attacking Our Religious Freedom?

August 29, 2016

Right to Life is concerned and alarmed at attacks on religious freedom made in statements made recently by Matt Vickers (Pictured) and David Seymour MP, challenging submissions opposing euthanasia by people of religious faith. Vickers at the (above linked) media conference made the following statement (in acknowledging that there were far more submissions against decriminalization than for it)

“Whatever the numbers are they do not give you a mandate to shirk your responsibilities.”

Vickers clearly does not like the results of the submission process where all New Zealanders were given the right to have their say on this issue. And because he does not like the result he now has the effrontery to state that the Health Select Committee would be ‘shirking their responsibilities if they took into consideration the numbers of those who opposed euthanasia. This is a brazenly inflammatory statement. Matt Vickers does not have the right to tell the Committee what are and what are not its responsibilities.

Matt Vickers and David Seymour seek nothing less than the overthrow of the wisdom of millennia of medical ethics.

Surely every citizen is entitled to be heard by the Health Committee and have those concerns taken into serious consideration; those with faith and those without. Those for euthanasia and those opposed. Both David Seymour and Matt Vickers have clearly challenged the right of citizens to be heard who included mention of God in their submissions. They are seeking to silence and even demonize those opposed to doctors killing their patients or assisting in their suicide. This is nothing other than a clear violation of our right to free speech.

Right to Life calls again for our community to defend our culture of life, founded on respect for the sanctity of life of every human being and to reject a culture of death.

Right to Life asks the community to defend our culture and to recognise that at heart here is a sought watershed change in the way we view life and death. Euthanasia is not a religious issue, but a human rights issue. Euthanasia is about giving doctors the right to kill their patients or assist in their suicide. Every human being from the moment of conception to natural death, has an inalienable right to life. Nobody not even the state can take that right from us. The European Court of Human Rights found in 2002, stated that our right to life did not allow a person to choose to be assisted by a doctor or any other person to kill themselves.

Matt Vickers and David Seymour may be well meaning, but under the guise of compassion they seek to overthrow our laws and foundational norms within our culture, which are based on the sanctity of life, where every life is valued, cherished and protected. They seek to replace a respect for life ethic with a quality of life ethic. This new ethic deems that some lives are not worthy of life and can be disposed of as they are seen as a burden on either themselves, their families and/or the state.

Right to Life applauds citizens, who are motivated by a faith in God, and enlightened by an informed conscience defended life by making submissions opposing a law change to allow doctors to kill their patients or assist in their suicide.

Matt Vickers and David Seymour should be aware, that our right to freedom of expression is in the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights and in the New Zealand Bill of Rights. They should be aware that this country was founded by men and women of religious faith and that our laws are based on Judeo Christian principles.

The Crimes Act is one of many acts founded on these principles. The law clearly prohibits inciting, counselling, or procuring any person to commit suicide and homicide. We amend them at our peril.

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Right to Life supports the intense efforts being made in the legislatures of 24 States within the United States to defund Planned Parenthood. This follows a Congressional Select Committee that had found evidence of babies being born alive and harvested for body parts.

In 2015, Member Associations and collaborative partners in 48 countries contributed to 82 legal and policy changes that support or defend sexual and reproductive health and rights. At the regional and global levels, IPPF’s advocacy contributed to 22 policy changes. The ‘highlight’ of its advocacy achievements was the inclusion of gender equality and women’s empowerment, sexual and reproductive health, and reproductive rights in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Right to Life is committed to continue lobbying government to cease funding both the IPPF and New Zealand Family Planning.



Trump's Victory A victory for Evangelicals and A Culture of Life and Defeat for Abortion and A Culture of Death

Media Release November 13, 2016

While Donald Trump clearly has many moral failings which cannot be dismissed without concern, we believe the pro-life and pro-family policies that he campaigned on represent a significant victory for the culture of life. Donald Trump's election to the Presidency of the United States was in large part, due to the overwhelming support of evangelicals who comprise 26% of the electorate. Right to Life believes that for this group and for many other electors, the protection of the unborn and support for traditional family values was a pivotal factor in deciding who to vote for.



More than 80% of white born-again Christians voted for Donald Trump. In contrast Hillary Clinton, who was a strong supporter for killing the unborn, received only 16% of the white evangelical vote, the lowest support ever received by a Democratic candidate. There is now a strong pro-life Republican Executive, Senate and Congress. Exit polls revealed that 52% of Catholics voted for Donald Trump and 45% for Clinton.

Donald Trump has pledged the following action to halt the war against women and the unborn:- We can only hope that he will follow through on his pledges in respect to the defence of life.

Legislation to defund Planned Parenthood. An organisation which is responsible for the killing of 7,000,000 babies since the passing of Roe v Wade in 1973. This organization spent \$38 million in its unsuccessful bid to have their patron Hillary Clinton elected to the White House. Planned Parenthood receives \$554 million in federal funding each year.

He will sign the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act prohibiting the killing of the unborn after 20 weeks, when the child certainly can feel pain.

He has pledged to appoint solidly pro-life justices to the Supreme Court who will faithfully uphold the constitution and not adjudicate from the bench. With the appointment of two or more pro-life justices there would be every prospect of overturning the notorious Roe V Wade decision of the Supreme Court of 1973. Since the passage of that legislation more than 58 million unborn children have been killed in their mother's wombs.

America will also, again with Trump's support, be able to permanently defund the UN Population Fund controlled by Helen Clark. The UN's Population Fund has been a supporter of China's program of forced abortions and sterilizations.

With Trump's support the Mexico City Policy will be written into permanent law. This will prohibit non-governmental organizations {NGOs} that receive federal funding from promoting or lobbying for the legalization of abortion in any other country.

News in Brief

United Nations new Secretary General Supports Family of One Woman and One Man and Right to Life of Unborn

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Right to Life congratulates the General Assembly of the United Nations for appointing Antonio Guterres (pictured), on the 13 October, as the New Secretary General.

His appointment gives cause for renewed hope that he will promote respect for the dignity of man and for marriage as being exclusively between one woman and one man. He is also opposed to the killing of the unborn child and upholds the inalienable right to life of every human being from conception. It is hoped that he will provide leadership to ensure United Nations agencies cease imposing pressure on nations to change their laws to decriminalise abortion. It is also hoped that he will challenge the ruling LGBTTQQAAP agenda which is to promote the destruction of traditional gender identities.



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A devout Catholic, he was born in Lisbon in 1949 and became an active member of the student branch of Catholic Action, while studying engineering in college. It is here that he developed a well informed conscience of a Catholic socialist and an intense desire for social justice. He is opposed to abortion, same sex marriage and gay rights. **In 1995 he described homosexuality as “a mental disorder”.** He is unwavering in his convictions and his duty to follow his conscience, regardless of the consequences.

As a former Prime Minister of Portugal, Antonio Guterres won the Security Council’s unanimous backing, which included New Zealand, to become the next UN secretary-general, winning plaudits for his strong leadership, but disappointing campaigners for a woman or East European to be the world’s top diplomat for the first time.

Britain’s UN Ambassador Matthew Rycroft said the assembly hearings showed that Guterres “was an outstanding candidate ... who will take the United Nations to the next level in terms of leadership and will provide a moral authority at a time when the world is divided on issues, above all like Syria.”

New Zealand was one of the leading nations in establishing the United Nations in 1945 following the devastation of the Second World War. Right to Life hopes that under the leadership of Antonio Guterres the UN will provide strong leadership, in a world troubled by terrorism, war, poverty and inequality. With his appointment, we indeed hope we can now look forward to the United Nations fulfilling its purpose of promoting justice and achieving the noble aims set by its founders.

UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women 25 November

Media Release 19th November 2016

Right to Life supports the United Nations Declaration for the elimination of violence against women made by the general assembly of the United Nations in 1993. The United Nations is applauded for its Universal Declaration of human rights and its many conventions upholding human rights. The UN has done much to eliminate violence against women. **There is however much that is wrong in this powerful organisation.**

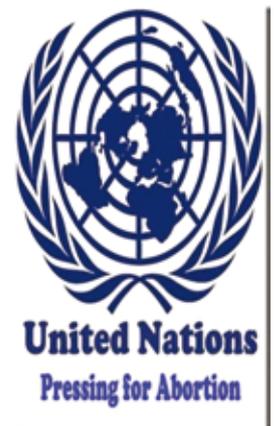
The UN bureaucracy promotes its own ideology and ignores the wishes not only of the UN General Assembly but the Security Council as well. Right to Life is hopeful that the new Secretary General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres, who is strongly pro-women and pro-life will deal with this serious issue when he takes up his appointment this year.

Right to Life is disappointed that violence against women is being inflicted on women under the auspices of the United Nations. **The United Nations Population Fund [UNFPA] under the direction of Helen Clark is promoting violence against women by actively supporting China’s current policy on restriction of children supported by forced abortions, sterilisations, punitive fines, imprisonment and destruction of homes.** The law was changed this year to allow for two children, however the human rights abuses continue. Right to Life believes that it contributes to the 500 Chinese women who commit suicide every day in China. It is disappointing that the New Zealand government continues to applaud the work of UNFPA and provides funding of over \$4 million per annum. UNFPA encourages other nations to follow the example of China in implementing currently, a two child family policy.

Why does the New Zealand government refuse to recognise the violence inflicted on Chinese women with forced abortions and sterilisations? Is the government afraid that speaking out against human rights abuses may impede trade? Is the government reluctant to defend the oppressed Chinese women, because it is Helen Clark who presides over the oppressive UNFPA?

Right to Life believes that women concerned for their own health and the safety of their unborn child should avoid entering a Family Planning clinic. We continue to ask the government when is it going to stop funding this organisation which promotes a culture of death.

The murder of the unborn is not a human right; never has been and never will be. It should be recognised as violence against women and their innocent and defenceless unborn. Right to Life hopes, that now that our nation has a seat on the UN Security Council, we will use our voice to speak up loudly in defense of women and the unborn and to stop UNFPA, UNICEF and the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women from promoting a culture of death and violence against women.



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 Right to Life and around New Zealand and the world

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Dutch Government Proposes Assisted Suicide for those tired of Life

Media Release 17th October 2016

The Dutch Health and Justice Ministers have told their Parliament that a new law is needed for elderly people who are tired of living. Edith Schippers and Ard van de Steur, have told their MP's that people who feel their 'life has been completed' should, with the help of a specialist care worker, get the legal right to die.

The proposed legislation which would come into effect next year, under a provision within the Dutch euthanasia laws, would decriminalize assisted dying for people who are "done with life," but not suffering from a serious or terminal medical condition.

The proposal has the full support of Dutch Members of Parliament. The Dutch government is made up of Labour, Greens and Liberal politicians. Polls reveal that the proposal has support from 60 per cent of the population. The Netherlands Right to Die Association reacted with satisfaction, saying that they were pleasantly surprised by the government initiative.

The proposed legislation will allow all elderly adults, (no age requirement), who believe that their life is complete, to request government funded decriminalized assisted suicide. Ending lives will be put in the hands of "specialist terminal carers". According to the proposers this would take a complex and responsible task away from family doctors. **This after all is a social issue not a medical issue.**

The appalling and chilling Dutch proposal raises very important questions for New Zealanders who are involved in an intense debate about amending the law to allow doctors to kill their patients or assist in their suicide.

The NZ Green Party who have a policy which promotes euthanasia, have for some time now been refusing to reply to our correspondence. Right to Life now requests the Greens to inform the public as to whether, like their sister Green Party in Holland, they support assisted suicide for the elderly who believe that their life is complete?

We also ask that In view of the support of the Dutch Right to Die Association for the new Dutch proposal, does the NZ Voluntary Euthanasia Society support the proposal. Is this an agenda that they will try to keep hidden from the public?

David Seymour leader of ACT currently has a Death with Dignity bill waiting to be drawn from the ballot. Ian Lees Galloway Labour MP, also has a Death with Dignity bill (drafted by the Hon Marian Street), awaiting the permission of Labour leader Andrew Little to be returned to the ballot. Right to Life would like to know if these MPs support the Dutch proposal if they do not, what assurance can they give that if either of these bills were to become law, that we will not simply follow Holland down a proven increasingly slippery slope? After all what started out as a law which allowed euthanasia or physician assisted suicide for those who were terminally ill and close to death has rapidly morphed into one which 'caters for' an every expanding list of candidates.

Right to Life requests that Labour and ACT withdraw these obnoxious bills that are a threat to the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community.

The proposed law exposes the deception that euthanasia is all about relieving unbearable suffering or dealing with a grievous and irremediable medical condition. It is not really about compassion but more about terminating a life considered not worthy of living. Holland has within fifteen years of introducing euthanasia legislation, expanded the killing to now include the depressed, those with Alzheimer's, children, and an estimated 650 babies each year.



“Abortion is the last in a long line of non-choices. If the child is unwanted, whether by her or her parents, it will be her duty to undergo an invasive procedure and an emotional trauma and so sort the situation out. The crowning insult is that this ordeal is represented to her as some kind of a privilege. Her sad and onerous duty is garbed in the rhetoric of a civil right.”

Germaine Greer (The Whole Woman, Doubleday, 1999)

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Greens Come Out in Favour Of Euthanasia

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Green Party Adopts Policy to Amend Law to Allow Doctors to Kill their Patients or Assist in Their Suicide

Right to Life is disappointed that the Green Party has adopted a policy to support amending the Crimes Act to allow doctors to kill their patients who have a terminal illness or to assist in their suicide. The Green Party thus has the notorious distinction of being the first political party in New Zealand that is prepared to adopt this policy that allows the strong to kill the weak.

The electorate should in the interest of the common good and in the defence of the most vulnerable members of our community, the aged, the disabled and the seriously ill, withdraw electoral support for this Party which is increasingly promoting a culture of death.

This contentious policy is an insult to the community and to Parliament. It is appalling that this policy should be announced in defiance of the consideration that is being given at this time by the Parliamentary Health Select Committee to the more than 20,000 submissions on the issue of euthanasia. The Greens health spokesperson Kevin Hague (pictured) announced the new policy on Thursday 22 September. Concluding with the statement; "this policy will allow people to choose to die with dignity." Right to Life believes that there is no dignity in being killed by your doctor and that the Greens have now forfeited their right to be in Parliament. The famous American statesman Benjamin Franklin wisely stated; "the only duty of government was to legislate for the protection of the lives and the happiness of its citizens and not to preside over their destruction".

Right to Life believes that the Greens are being inconsistent. Their media release claims that their new policy excludes supporting a law change to allow doctors to kill or assist in the suicide of a disabled person or a person who is not terminally ill. The reason being that they fear the marginalization of the lives of people with disabilities. However the Green's health policy clearly states that at such time as New Zealand has "policies and practices in place that ensure full social inclusion, including equitable access to health services for disabled people" then they **will support euthanasia and physician assisted suicide for the disabled.** Right to Life believes that the disability sector should rightly be fearful of this policy which will further devalue their lives.

The health policy also states; "Treating doctors and medical practitioners who elect not to participate in this process must refer the individual to a practitioner who is prepared to participate." The Greens here are exhibiting total disregard for the conscience rights of health practitioners.

Right to Life requests that the community recognize that a vote for the Greens is a vote to remove the prohibition of intentional killing which is bedrock principle of both the law and medical ethics.



0800ABORTION Telephone Number Closes

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In a victory for a culture of life and a defeat for a culture of death, Right to Life is very pleased that Dr Simon Snook (pictured), one of the busiest abortionists in New Zealand has closed down his national telephone abortion consultation 'service'. It is hoped that this will save the lives of many unborn children and their mothers from the violence of abortion and a lifetime of sorrow and regret.

We believe that women saw this "service" as disrespectful and demeaning of women who do not want to unburden themselves and share with a complete stranger on a telephone the agony and pain they were experiencing with a crisis pregnancy. Women deserve to be treated with greater respect. Right to Life saw this 'service' as trivialising the killing of innocent children in the womb.

IN June 2015 Right to Life opposed the establishment of the new 0800 telephone service that abortionist Dr Snook had established to enable women considering an abortion to have the killing of their child authorised over the phone. This 'service' supported by the ASC meant that a woman seeking an abortion did not need for a doctor to interview her in a face to face consultation. Right to Life believed that the "service" was unethical, shameful and a gross trivialising of a very serious legal process.

Right to Life asked how can a doctor claim to diagnose serious mental ill health in a woman he has never met, does not know, whose medical history he is ignorant of, whom he cannot examine and whom he may never see again? How can a doctor with a modicum of conscience sign a certificate authorising the killing of an innocent and defenceless child on the basis of a brief telephone conversation?



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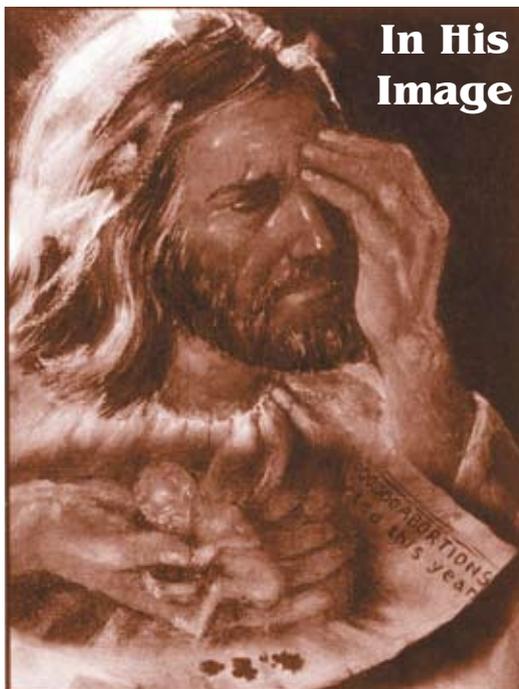
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