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### Where Are We Going Now

Whatever happens, in the end of the day, the choice will be between no abortion in Ireland or abortion without restriction, eventually. We must be resolute in our opposition. There are different pro-life groups in the field. It is hoped that they will all co-operate and liaise in this vital task ahead and train many good speakers. The essential message is very simple. The unborn child is a human being and must be protected by our laws like everybody else, whether healthy or handicapped. Once innocent human beings, like the unborn, can be killed with impunity, what we have is the Law of the Jungle with one difference. Wild animals do not kill their own progeny as today's humans do.

### The Citizens Assembly – The Caricature of Representative Democracy

Alan Shatter has described Taoiseach Enda Kenny as having no moral compass. Prior to the 2011 Election, he promised faithfully not to legislate for abortion and to protect human embryos. The leader of Fianna Fail did likewise. Then, Kenny forgot all his promises and has left ugly foot-prints in our Constitution and laws and allowed no freedom of conscience to Fine Gael Deputies. Our Government today is a caricature of what a Dail and Cabinet should be.

The Citizens Assembly emanated and was managed from the Taoiseach's office. 99 Assembly Members were selected, allegedly by random sample, to represent the whole population of the Republic. The sexes were equally represented but when we enquired about age, level of education and marital status, we were refused on grounds of personal privacy. Senator Michael McDowell had roundly criticised the idiocy of the whole idea. In our view, to flaunt such make-believe was a flagrant insult to the intelligence of the Irish electorate.

The Second Look Project decided to try to affect the direction of the Assembly as far as it could. The Assembly requested submissions quietly but initially said it would only take them online and only 400 words. It obviously did not want many submissions. We circularised a few thousand people by email explaining the injustice of this methodology and that they should write submissions as long as they wished and to send them by post. We also included a list of arguments. Other pro-life groups followed suit and 13,500 submissions resulted about 70% of them from a pro-life viewpoint. The Assembly office was stunned.

However, the dice was carefully loaded by the people who dreamed up the Assembly to produce a certain result. The subject was complex and the background knowledge of the 99 Members unknown. The so-called Expert Committee was tainted by at least two high-powered unsuitable Members. They would set the agenda and recommend invited speakers and teach the 99 what was what. Then there was the 16 hired facilitators and 16 note-takers, at least half of whom I was told had served on the previous Constitutional Assembly that overwhelmingly recommended that 18 year olds should be acceptable as Presidential candidates! The electorate put paid to that idiocy.

In the end of the day, there was a largely ill-informed set of 99 Members, seated 6 to a table with a facilitator and a note-taker. These hired hands seemed quite aggressive and committed to getting a certain result. It was no wonder that the farce ended in open season on the unborn child for any reason whatsoever.

I enclose below copy of letter sent to Ms Judge Mary Laffoy, answered by a third party in denials which we do not accept.

*The Irish Times 24th-29<sup>th</sup> April, Sunday Business and Sunday Independent 23<sup>rd</sup>, April, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.*



## **Letter to Citizens Assembly**

Her Honour Judge Mary Laffoy  
C/O Citizens Assembly  
16 Parnell Square  
Dublin 1

17/2/2017

Dear Judge Laffoy,

*Whilst quite sceptical about the whole idea of the Citizens Assembly being an exercise in representative democracy, as it proceeds we have more and more misgivings that it is a cynical ploy to achieve a certain end desired by the Taoiseach and some supporters of his Government.*

*As the Assembly's race to a conclusion proceeds:*

- 1. All the submissions received have not yet been placed online, although submissions closed over two months ago. Members who are not computer literate cannot access the information submitted by the public. There can be no credible excuse for this delay. Perhaps the Assembly should adjourn until the Members absorb the requested submissions.*
- 2. The behaviour of some of the facilitators leaves a lot to be desired. In one disgraceful instance, some of those hired helpers gave an interview to RTE and stated gleefully that most of the Members wanted abortion in some or all circumstances.*
- 3. As previously pointed out, at least two members of the Expert Group are unsuitable due to previous statements and actions. This group's legal analysis is quite flawed by omissions. They failed to say that the X Case is in clear contradiction of the plain words of the Constitution that the two lives are equal. Ideally, Justice is supposed to be blind and to judge fearlessly on the truth of the case regardless of emotive media campaigns. 4 of the 5 judges did not do so and other prominent judges disagreed with them. In the R versus R Case, the judges did not say that embryos outside the womb could be wilfully destroyed. They said it was not covered by Article 40.3.3 but might be covered by other Articles and that human embryos deserved respect.*
- 4. There were other speakers on legal matters, one of whom paid undue respect to the UN Committees on Human Rights. The UN itself is a promoter of abortion on a global scale even though none of the UN Treaties endorse abortion and UN railings against Ireland for not aborting the unborn are null and void.*
- 5. The Assembly also saw fit to have the Guttmacher Institute and a prominent British abortion clinic as speakers. The latter is associated with Planned Parenthood of America presently mired in a controversy over marketing body parts of aborted babies,*
- 6. There were some good ethics speakers like Donal O Mathura and the Anscombe Institute but always "balanced" by abortion ethicists. One lady from an abortion clinic said that if you fundamentally opposed abortion you still must be tolerant and understanding of those who disagree with you. It is a question of protecting human life. When the Jews were being liquidated in Nazi Germany, was it ethically OK to say: "I disagree with what you are doing but tolerate and respect you."*
- 7. Some of the facilitators were calling for emotive cases like women who suffered under the present laws including women who aborted handicapped babies. Why not run films of a baby developing in the womb or a film on how abortions are performed? That is the nub of the question. Massive universal abortion has been with us for just a little over 50 years. The causes for that should be discussed and also the financial forces pushing it.*

*We hope that before any recommendations are made, that the Members will be more accurately informed than they now are and that some of the facilitators stop campaigning. Such behaviour will discredit the Assembly.*

*I am not blaming your honour for this, simply letting you know the attitude of many people to the Citizens Assembly.*

*Yours faithfully*  
John O'Reilly  
Secretary

## General Comment

Naked anti-Catholicism is very much a feature of this campaign as replicated particularly by RTE. Monsignor Toomey noted on the Joe Duffy Show how, in preparation for the Assembly's perverse recommendations two items were suddenly raised to put the Catholic Church on the defensive:

1. A mysterious interim report on the Tuam Mothers and Babies Home. This was not an Interim Report but a very emotive press release which had Enda Kenny groaning about “chambers of horrors” and Miceal Martin saying that nuns should be made relinquish hospitals they had founded. The media comments on Tuam are widely different from the facts.

2. The issue of moving Holles Street Maternity Hospital to land owned by the Sisters of Charity at Elm Park was portrayed as Catholic nuns trying to grab ownership and control of the new maternity hospital.

Maybe it was no accident that those two items, as presented, bordering on the promotion of hatred against the Catholic Church, just as the radical and savage proposals of the Assembly for unrestricted abortion emerged.

## Future of Gay and Lesbian Equality Network (GLEN) in doubt because of scandals over Financial Discrepancies.

GLEN, one of the oldest homosexual organisations, which had taken part in many political campaigns, including campaigns in favour of abortion, is now being investigated by the Charity Regulator. The new Executive Director, Anne Duggan reported a series of problems because of irregularities and bad governance and then resigned. Issues were the funding of Kieran Rose's Senate campaign and a number of credit-card abuses. The organisation seems to be now verging on insolvency. In 2015, it received € 545,000 of core funding, €150,000 from Atlantic Philanthropies, €87,220 from HSE East Coast, €25,000 from HSE Northern Area, €60,000 from the National Office for Suicide Prevention and €30,666 from the Department of Education. Between 2005 and 2015, grants to GLEN totalled €5.7 million yet at the end of 2015, it was €92,691 in debt. The Regulator has given it a month for a full financial report.

*The Irish Times 13/1/2017, The Irish Catholic 30-3-2017*

**Comment:** HSE says its grants are for GLEN's work in mental health programme.

Incidentally, GLEN is also a Member of *The Coalition to Repeal The 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment* as are a number of other “gay” bodies. *Sunday Business Post 16/4/2017, The Irish Times 17/4/ 2017*

## Standards in Public Office Commissions (SIPO) Acts on those disobeying its Legislation and Regulations

Last January, SIPO reported 66 Dail Candidates including Dr James Reilly, for not fundraising in compliance with SIPO regulations. In 2016, a leak from the Soros Foundation indicated that it had given \$25,000 to the *Abortion Rights Campaign*, €132,000 to the *Irish Family Planning Association* and €137,000 to *Amnesty International Ireland*. SIPO demanded that the money be returned as illegal. The *Abortion Rights Campaign* reluctantly complied and both *IFPA* and *Amnesty* refused, the former declaring that it used the money for charitable/educational purposes and the latter that it was fighting for human rights – the right to destroy unborn lives at will. The original leak indicated that the money was given for the promotion of abortion.

Both *Amnesty International* and the *IFPA* are Members of the *Coalition to Delete the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment*.

**Comment:** Monies from corporate bodies or vast sums from foreign sources should not be used in Irish elections nor in political campaigns. To allow this to happen is a total distortion of democracy. We saw this close-up in the 2015 referendum. The above is only one incident of foreign funds intruding in Irish political campaigns, there must be far far more. Laws being policed by SIPO need strengthening and they need investigative powers.

## Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment

This body has 83 affiliates including trade unions, political parties, campaigning groups and predictable others. The political parties are the Anti-Austerity Alliance, Labour Party, Labour Women, Labour Youth, Socialist Party, Socialist Workers Party, and the Workers Party. Trade unions are ASLEF (union of UK train-drivers), Bray District Trades Council, Communications Workers Union, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, ICTU Youth, Impact Trade Union, Mandate Trade Union, TUC (UK), Unison, Unite, USI and Waterford Trade Council. I wonder if there was a ballot of their Members before taking this controversial stance. The rest are predictable campaigning groups including Amnesty International Ireland, the Irish Family Planning Association, the Abortion Rights Campaign, the ICCL, National Women's Council of Ireland and ROSA. The LGBT parade is also well represented, Belong To, Gender Studies (UCD), GLEN (Gay and Lesbian Equality Network), LGBT for Choice, National LGBT Federation and Outhouse.

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## Compensating Women Who Abort Babies with “Lethal” Malformations

The loquacious young Minister for Health, Simon Harris, once mused aloud that those who aborted their babies abroad because of so-called lethal malformations and wished to bring the dead babies back to Ireland for burial should be financially compensated. What the State would be doing in that case was paying for something that was illegal and unconstitutional if performed in Ireland. It is now understood that the State has rejected this plan. However, after the Amanda Mellett case before a UN Committee the State granted her €30,000 compensation, which would be illegal if challenged. A UN Committee is not a court of law and has no right to recommend abortion by the terms of its own internationally agreed Treaties. To our shame, Irish representatives genuflected before these highly abusive gatherings and even thanked them for their *judgements!*. It would be nice to see those who represent us being less subservient to international organisations and expressing pride in our national sovereignty and our own independent institutions.

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## Some Good News from the US Republican Government

Political Correctness (PC), was originally invented by the Soviet Union to keep its wide range of nations, races, languages and cultures in check. It restrained freedom of speech by stipulating what issues cannot be publicly debated. In many Western nations, the media is not a neutral reporter of facts and at times even stoops to false news and comment. In Ireland where RTE is funded by the State, we should expect fair and accurate comment but do not get it.

From the pro-life/human rights viewpoint, the new Republican Government in the United States has made some breakthroughs that will benefit mankind generally.

1. It has reinstituted the Mexico City policy which forbids US taxpayers' funds being used on promoting abortion. This prevents the United States and the multitude of Foundations enjoying tax-relief from funding abortions.
2. It defunded the UN Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) that was closely involved in the one child policy in China and the forcible sterilisation in India *inter alia* and promoting abortion worldwide
3. It cut-off funds paid by the Obama Government to the International Planned Parenthood Federation.
4. It has just (5/5/2017) reconstructed Obamacare so that it does not violate the rights of conscience. Obamacare stipulated that religious bodies dispense contraception and perform or pay for abortions.
5. It is also in the process of passing a Bill to defund Planned Parenthood of America, the foremost abortion promoter with a side-line in selling body parts of the aborted babies. This is all good news that will have worldwide repercussions.

## Planned Illegal Distribution of Abortion Pills in Ireland

According to *The Journal* (1<sup>st</sup> February 2017), a pro-abortion group ROSA would tour the Universities and cities of the Republic distributing abortion pills from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is clearly illegal and unconstitutional. ROSA'S Schedule was:

6<sup>th</sup> Monday UCD, Waterford IT, Cork City,

7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday UCC, Limerick City, Galway City

8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday NUI Galway, NUI Maynooth, Dublin City

ROSA is one of the groups opposing the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It is also a member of *Women on the Web* which has been exporting abortion pills into Ireland illegally. *Women on the Web* was formerly *Women on Waves* (WOW). WOW sixteen years ago, planned to perform abortions on residents of countries where abortion was illegal by performing them outside national waters, where they could operate under Dutch law. They visited Ireland then but, though fully prepared to perform abortions, did not do so. In the interim the Dutch Government was concerned about the safety of abortions on the High Seas and insisted that they be reasonably close to a hospital with which they had made prior arrangements to handle emergencies. Very recently, they visited Guatemala, which also protects the unborn, were met by a gun-boat and impounded to face charges.

Apart from the illegal and unconstitutional aspects, the distribution of abortion pills is fraught with dangers for women. We reported these matters to Garda HQ and to Customs and Excise and asked contacts at the proposed venues to alert the Gardai. ROSA kept its promise and visited each venue. They were followed by an opposing international group *The Institute for Bio-Ethical Reform* giving pro-life messages which check-mated ROSA's lethal intentions. As far as we can determine, no abortion pills were distributed, at least not openly. *IBER* was also accompanied by Irish supporters.

**These events were totally unreported in the mainstream media!**

ROSA finished its tour in front of the Dail gates on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, the so-called Irish women's protest to repeal the Eight Amendment. They had pleaded with women to leave their jobs or go on strike for the day. While it was large enough to cause traffic chaos at rush hour, numerically, the march was a miserable failure attended by the usual predictables.

*The Irish Times, Irish Independent, Irish Examiner* March 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Undermining Irish Sovereignty and National Pride

Irish sovereignty and national pride is being undermined in many ways, by exhortations to kill our unborn children by United Nations committees that have absolutely no right to do so but go un-rebutted by Irish Ministers attending. Ministers Reilly and Fitzgerald come to mind. The other type of foreign intrusion into our national affairs is wealthy foreigners or foreign foundations or corporations funding participants in political debates. This breaks the SIPO regulations which are based on the concept of justice and fairness. We have had that already here in relation to abortion by the accidental discovery of George Soro's grants to *Amnesty International Ireland, The Irish Family Planning Association* and *The Abortion Rights Campaign*. Why the devilish desire to promote abortion worldwide including tiny Ireland?

It is all connected with preserving the hegemony of the United States and Europe over the world, which as war-lords and past colonial powers they wish to continue to dominate. They believe that population growth brings instability which could cut them off from essential resources. The Vatican has countered that Europe and USA are promoting wasteful lifestyles which the rest of the world could never afford and they threaten to bury the world in their garbage. Many of these countries adopted abortion policies themselves and are now reproducing below reproductive replacement rates but still continue on. The end result is millions of dead babies and ageing declining populations and dying cultural identities.

