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Statement

Population control and changing demographic dearth

We believe that men and women are equal, but different – not equal and the same.

Introduction

Endeavour Forum started out four decades ago as Women Who Want to be Women. This was in response to the emergence in the early 1970s of militant feminism which became increasingly influential in governments. While mainstream feminism did address some genuine women’s grievances, such as the lack of equal pay for equal work, radical feminism pursued an agenda of promoting induced abortion on demand. We found it necessary to establish a women’s organization dedicated to defending the legitimate rights of motherhood, fatherhood, traditional families, and the right to life for all human beings no matter how small and vulnerable.

Objective and purpose

We want to draw your attention to the impact of 50 years of legal abortion on global population trends and changing demographics.

Overview

There are striking parallels between the institution of slavery, the practice of genocide and legalized abortion. Slave-traders and slave-owners regarded slaves as mere property to be owned, traded and exploited; slaves were raped, lynched and treated worse than animals.

Under Hitler, Nazi propaganda, to rationalise its genocide of Jews, Gypsies and Slavs, first sought to depict such people as “parasites, useless eaters and unproductive”. So, they systematically exterminated the “unwanted” people.

In the aftermath of World War II, the international political community united to establish the United Nations to protect the innocent from these great evils. They affirmed and adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. UN Member States became a watchdog to send in UN peacekeepers wherever genocides and other massacres were happening.

Today, the widespread practice of induced abortion is the systematic and brutal destruction of children being poisoned or dismembered before birth. They are no longer valued as human but are killed because they are “unwanted” or in some cases, just because they are girls.

However, the United Nations General Assembly acknowledged the need to protect the right to life in Article 3: “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person”.

Yet, tragically, in many countries today children are being destroyed before birth – an evil practice that we unreservedly condemn. We believe that all human beings have worth, no matter how small.

Challenges on education

Our NGO provides insight, education and awareness on how induced abortion, whether legal or illegal, is harmful to women’s mental and reproductive health, as well as having a profound adverse effect on our populations.

It is incredible how science has revealed that, from the moment of conception, all the DNA information exists on how a newly created human being is destined to develop – the eyes for seeing, the ears for hearing, the mouth for speaking, and the brain for thinking. The heart begins to beat a mere three to four weeks after conception.

By eight weeks' gestation, all the organs are forming – lungs, heart, digestive system, liver and kidneys, etc. – each with its own unique and amazing functions. This incredible transformation takes place not over millions of years, but over merely days, weeks and months. The baby in the womb is not just a “potential” human being, but an actual human being, with potential.

This is why Endeavour Forum proclaims that induced abortion is a human rights violation and the greatest contributor to population decline on our planet.

Over 40 million abortions are performed annually around the world. There is no such thing as a “safe” abortion as it always leaves one victim dead, and frequently causes physical and/or psychological complications for the mother.

Many women are pressured into aborting their children by boyfriends, parents or husbands. Most pregnant women are deceived about the reality of foetal development and told that their preborn baby is only a clump of tissue (which is profoundly dehumanizing), and that abortion is a “safe” procedure.

A mother's womb used to be the safest place in the world for a child to be. However, now it has become the most dangerous place for a baby to be. The legal “right” to have one's child killed before birth should be unthinkable, never a form of birth control, and never a right to kill.

How legal abortion affects women, populations and fertility

1. **Breast cancer deaths:** Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, both in the developed and the less developed world. It is estimated that, worldwide, over 508,000 women died in 2011 due to breast cancer (Global Health Estimates, World Health Organization, 2013). There are now over 60 published worldwide studies linking induced abortion to higher breast cancer risk (Brind, Condly, Lanfranchi and Rooney, *Issues in Law and Medicine*, Vol. 33, No. 1, Spring 2018). The first study was done in Japan in 1957. China published a meta-analysis in 2013, reporting a 44 per cent increased risk of breast cancer for women after having one abortion. It is scientifically established that women who give birth to their first child before they turn 24, reduce their risk of breast cancer. Breast-feeding also reduces breast cancer; and the more children a woman gives birth to, the more her risk of breast cancer is reduced (Breast Cancer Prevention Institute at: www.bcpinstitute.org).
2. **Preterm birth deaths:** Approximately one million children who are born preterm will die every year. In 2007, the U.S. Institute of Medicine stated that a “prior first-trimester induced abortion is an immutable medical risk factor associated with preterm birth” (Behrman and Stith Butler, 2007). Over 100 published studies from 34 countries reveal that induced abortion also causes a much higher risk of women giving birth preterm to any subsequent “wanted” child. The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, found that, on average, women who had one prior induced abortion, were 45 per cent more likely to have a premature birth in a subsequent pregnancy.
3. **Deaths from suicide:** Dr. Priscilla Coleman conducted a huge meta-analysis that was published in the prestigious *British Journal of Psychiatry* in 2011, which found that women who have an abortion have an 81 per cent increased risk of mental health issues in the aftermath. Many post-abortion women fight depression, suffer remorse,

and have markedly less satisfactory sex lives. They are far more prone to eating/sleeping disorders, increased substance abuse and the risk of suicide.

A large study from Finland, published in 2005, found that women who have an abortion are six times more likely to attempt or commit suicide afterwards. Globally, in 2015, post-abortion women were shown to have higher suicide rates in eight countries. Many women have also died as a result of their legal abortions (<https://LifeDynamics.com>).

Recommendations

As someone who has had legal abortions myself, I have deep personal knowledge of this whole issue and am a voice for millions of women, and my children who had no voice. I have suffered many physical complications and years of depression. Once I realized the truth about foetal development and how abortion had killed my children, I was devastated and, for 30 years since then, have been a human rights activist.

Today, we are aware of the many attacks on the traditional family on many fronts, with the onslaught of freely-available online pornography, radical perverted sex education in our schools, and the promotion of premarital sex in the media, along with pagan ideologies. Sadly, sexual promiscuity, non-marital cohabitation, marital divorces and fatherless families are rampant in our world today. We need your support to achieve positive Sustainable Development Goals, especially for SDGs 3, 4, 5 and 10, in order to impact this generation for a better future for men, women, children and families.

Some countries have high rates of sex-selective abortions of females, just because they are girls. This scandal must also be urgently addressed.

In order for a population to maintain its size, it needs a fertility rate of at least 2.1 live births per woman. Today, however, the average fertility rate in most developed countries is only 1.4, with the result that these populations are steadily aging and dying.

Declining fertility and increasing longevity lead to an increasing number of older persons to care for. Preparing for the economic and social shifts associated with an ageing population is essential to ensure progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3, 4, 5 and 10, included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Endeavour Forum is grateful for the opportunity to share its deep concerns regarding the drift into population shortfalls, especially in developed nations with their below-replacement birth rates.

Therefore, we strongly urge the UN Commission on Population and Development to promote the inherent value of traditional families, along with motherhood and fatherhood.
