

Rights and Freedoms BULLETIN

Freedom: It's not just a word, it's a way of life

Happy Canada Day!

Let's make this the year our Rights & Freedoms reign

Welcome to our weekly bulletin! [Text like this](#) is a link to online content. These links are provided to give you access to more information about the issue being discussed.

Our precious Rights and Freedoms seem to hang by a thread most days, but in recent months there have been one or two positive signs that the tide is changing here in Canada.

Brian Storseth's landmark Bill C-304, dubbed "*An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act (protecting freedom)*" is one of those positive signs.

That the Freedom-crushing Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act was repealed in its entirety is truly a watershed moment in Canadian history.

It's an overnight success that only took about a generation to come about.

That being said, there still remains much work to be done if Freedom of Speech is to be truly protected here in Canada.

Anyone who cherishes our

precious Rights and Freedoms no doubt enjoys the lineup at the upstart television network Sun TV (<http://sunnewsnetwork.ca>).

Anyone familiar with the battles waged against Section 13 of the Human Rights Act will also be familiar with the name Ezra Levant.

I wrote extensively about him in last week's Bulletin, but for those who didn't read that issue, he is the man brought before the Alberta Human Rights Commission and prosecuted for 900 days for the "crime" of publishing some cartoons of Mohammed in his magazine "*The Western Standard*".

Levant now hosts his own show called *The Source* on the Sun News Network.

Whether you love the man or hate him, there is one thing that is undeniable:

Ezra Levant loves Freedom.

Levant discovered recently that Section 5 of the Canadian Television Broadcasting Regulations contains almost the exact same wording as the hated Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

5. (1) A licensee shall not broadcast

(b) any abusive comment or abusive pictorial representation that, when taken in context, tends to or is likely to expose an individual or a group or class of individuals to hatred or contempt on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age or mental or physical disability;

Needless to say, since discovering this fact, Levant is now on a rampage to have Section 5 of the Canadian Television Broadcasting Regulations repealed as well.

I wholeheartedly agree with Levant's stand on this, and for obvious reasons.

If that language is unconstitutional in the Canadian Human Rights Act it's surely unconstitutional in the Canadian Television Broadcasting Regulations as well.

On the next page of the Bulletin I'll explain how you can help.

Yours in Liberty,

Christopher

Freedom of Speech

Ezra Levant's 5-Point Plan to eradicate the Canadian Broadcasting Standards Council and Section 5 of the Canadian Television Broadcasting Regulations, as well as how YOU can help put an end to censorship in Canada

On the June 18, 2012 edition of [The Source](#), host Ezra Levant put forward his 5-point plan to rid Canada of the *Canadian Censors Council*, aka the [Canadian Broadcast Standards Council \(CBSC\)](#).

As I wrote in last week's Bulletin, membership in the CBSC is 100% *voluntary*. If you don't want a television broadcast license, you have no need to "voluntarily join" the CBSC.

However, if you actually want to create a broadcast television channel then there is nothing voluntary about it. You **must** join or your application will be denied. Once you voluntarily join the CBSC you are required to abide by its Code of Ethics.

Ezra Levant was found guilty of violating Clause 6 of the [CBSC Code of Ethics](#) by the Canadian Broadcast Censors Board.

That clause reads as follows:

Clause 6 – Full, Fair and Proper Presentation

It is recognized that the full, fair and proper presentation of news, opinion, comment and editorial is the prime and fundamental responsibility of each broadcaster.

This principle shall apply to all radio and television programming, whether it relates to news, public affairs, magazine, talk, call-in, interview or other broadcasting formats in which news, opinion, comment or editorial may be expressed by broadcaster employees, their invited guests or callers.

The problem is not that Levant violated this section. He didn't. The problem is that he exceeded its requirement and disclosed the full and complete facts about Chiquita Banana corporation and their long history of paying off terrorists in order to produce their crops in third-world nations.

That was considered impolite by the censors and they decided they needed to shut him up.

Now, am I really saying these people have it in for Levant and Sun TV? No, I'm not. What I'm saying is they are using the system put in place 30 years ago to their advantage. That's just human nature.

That's also why the CRTC system needs to be changed, to be stripped of its power to censor.

To quote [Sir Wilfred Laurier](#),

"Canada is Free, and Freedom is its Nationality."

Ezra Levant and I both share that sentiment.

Despite the long history of Trudeau's Nanny State policies trying to control our lives from cradle to grave, Canadians long for Freedom. It's in our DNA.

Canadians have proven that both in the courts and in Parliament in the past 12 months. The Canadian Human Rights Commission ruled that Section 13 was unconstitutional in their bizarre prosecution of Marc Lemire.

This is, partly as a result of the Lemire case, what ultimately led to Brian Storseth's landmark Bill C-304 passing in Parliament. That bill repealed Section 13 of the Human Rights Act in its entirety.

Now it's time to do the same thing for television and repeal Section 5 of the Broadcast Regulations.

Here then is **Ezra Levant's 5-Point Plan** for ridding Canada of its television censors:

Step 1. Violate censor rules as much as possible. Ezra is doing this every day on his show, *The Source*.

Step 2. Point out inconsistencies and illegalities of the rules the censors operate under.

Step 3. Write, tweet, facebook, spread the word about the censors and their unconstitutional powers. Denormalize the system of censorship and make the entire system politically irrelevant.

Step 4. Get Parliament involved and have them abolish Section 5 of the Television Broadcast Regulations. Congratulate and thank public officials who support this plan, such as Senator Mike Duffy.

Step 5. Contact Heritage Minister James Moore (james.moore@parl.gc.ca) and Prime Minister Stephen Harper (pm@pm.gc.ca) and tell them it is time to toss censorship on the dustbin of history.

Thank them for voting to repeal the censorship provision of the Human Rights Act, and make them aware that the **exact same language** exists in Section 5 of the Canadian Television Broadcasting Regulations.

How you can help:

1. Write Heritage Minister James Moore and Prime Minister Stephen Harper and ask them to repeal Section 5 of the Canadian Television Broadcasting Regulations.

2. Contact your MP and ensure they seek the abolition of this section as well. Click here to [read a sample letter](#) and use it as a starting point for your own letter.

Together we can rid Canada of censorship!

Freedom of Speech

[Canada doesn't need TV censors](#)

by Werner Patels, 19 June 2012

Sun News' licence application hung by a tiny thread because of the immense onslaught of negative opinion against it – all coming from the usual left-wing suspects in the mainstream media and certain political parties. My thoughts then went something like this: It's alright for left-wingers to operate their stations and newspapers, but woe to any conservative who dares claim the same right.

Sun News Network host Ezra Levant is in trouble again. That's the same guy who, when he was the editor of the *Western Standard* magazine, was dragged before one of Canada's kangaroo courts of human rights over complaints lodged by Muslims for Levant's "audacity" to reprint the infamous Danish cartoons that made light of Islamist terrorism.

This time, his "offence" is a Spanish phrase – *chingatunadre* – that he directed at the boss of Chiquita after the banana company tried to stage a boycott of Alberta over its oil sands. The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council (CBSC) didn't like such candour and decided to censure Levant – even going so far as to demand that he read a statement on air that, according to Levant, would be tantamount to reading a lie.

One of the censors, Troy Reeb, himself affiliated with Sun's competitor Global TV, at least had enough backbone to face Levant on his own show to explain the situation. As Reeb explains it, Sun News is a voluntary member of the CBSC, and as such the organization can issue directives to Sun News.

Levant claims that membership isn't voluntary, because joining the CBSC was a mandatory requirement under Sun News' broadcast licence. To which Reeb responded that Sun was free to leave the CBSC, but also warned that if more broadcasters followed suit, the CBSC would cease to exist and broadcast censorship would revert to a government body like the CRTC, the national regulator.

I wasn't involved in the licence negotiations between Quebecor, the owner of Sun News, and the CRTC. I don't know what led to the inclusion of the requirement that Sun News "had to" join a voluntary organization like the CBSC to obtain its licence,

but I have a fairly strong feeling about the kind of game that's being played here.

Both the CRTC and the CBSC are filled mostly with left-wingers, even some radical elements. When they first heard of the plan to launch a conservative and libertarian news channel, leftists were aghast. I still remember the drama queen routine Margaret Atwood performed daily on Twitter and elsewhere, giving everyone the impression that one non-leftist news channel would mean the end of the world – regardless of the fact that all other news outlets are firmly in the pro-left camp.

I also remember that Sun News' licence application hung by a tiny thread because of the immense onslaught of negative opinion against it – all coming from the usual left-wing suspects in the mainstream media and certain political parties. My thoughts then went something like this: It's alright for left-wingers to operate their stations and newspapers, but woe to any conservative who dares claim the same right.

It wouldn't surprise me at all if the CRTC blackmailed (you know, like "Agree to this or forget about ever airing a single second of air time in this country") Quebecor into accepting the clause about "voluntary" CBSC membership so as to have some kind of left-wing control over the news channel, not to mention a weapon leftists could deploy against the hated station at a moment's notice.

What bothers me is Reeb's comment that there had to be some sort of censorship, whether it is exercised by the CBSC or the CRTC. I don't think we need any of that. We are a liberal democracy, and broadcasters should be free to air whatever they deem fit. If any content breaks the law, then let the courts deal with it.

There shouldn't be censorship over language, even if a station decided to air utterances of the F-word nonstop for half an hour. People are free to change channels. If they're worried about children seeing any of that, they can put a lock on the channel or even call the cable company to remove the channel from their line-up. (Some of the newer technology actually allows viewers to remove channels from the line-up right from their cable box.)

We must stop treating TV viewers like newborns and start showing respect for people's freedom of speech, including broadcasters or commentators like Ezra Levant.

From Our Canadian Courts

Lawyer argues removing judge for naked photos the same as removing rape victim

[Removing a Manitoba judge](#) from the bench for appearing in sexually explicit photos would be akin to penalizing a rape victim whose assault was videotaped and uploaded to the Internet, a lawyer argued Tuesday.

“Would the system of justice ever say that (a rape victim) had to be removed from the bench?” Sheila Block asked a panel of the Canadian Judicial Council. “It is the antithesis of what the administration of justice stands for.”

Block’s client, Lori Douglas, is being investigated by the council over accusations she sexually harassed Alexander Chapman in 2003. Chapman was given naked photos of Douglas by her husband Jack King.

At the time, King and Douglas were both lawyers and King had represented Chapman in a divorce.

One of the four allegations being heard by the council is whether the very existence of the photos — some of which show Douglas in bondage gear and performing sex acts — damage public confidence in her or the justice system.

King has admitted he uploaded and distributed the photos without his wife’s knowledge. Block called it an act of unforgivable betrayal of the couple’s most intimate moments.

To penalize Douglas for that would be patriarchal, Block said during her opening submissions Tuesday.

“A wife is not responsible for, is not to be tarred with the brush of, her husband’s misdeeds,” she said.

The inquiry was launched after Chapman filed

a complaint in 2010 saying that he had been the subject of a strange sexual plan seven years earlier. He said King had supplied him the photos of Douglas and had asked him to have sex with her.

Douglas was later appointed a judge and rose to the position of associate chief justice of the Manitoba Court of Queen’s Bench, heading the family court division.

King admitted in March of last year that he solicited Chapman to have sex with his wife, supplied the photos and arranged two meetings at a bar between himself, Chapman and Douglas. King has said he

acted without his wife’s knowledge and all parties have agreed that Chapman never had sex with Douglas.

Later in 2003, King paid Chapman \$25,000 to settle a sexual harassment claim. Part of the deal was that Chapman return the photos and not discuss the matter openly. But he went public in 2010, saying he could not keep silent any

longer and the photos reappeared on the Internet.

Douglas is facing four allegations:

- that she sexually harassed Chapman.
- that she failed to disclose the issue when she was screened for a judicial appointment in 2005.
- that she didn’t fully disclose some facts to the inquiry and changed a 2003 entry in her personal diary in 2010.
- that the photos have undermined confidence in the justice system and her ability to act as a judge.

Through her lawyer, Douglas has denied all the allegations. Douglas never talked about sex with Chapman or touched him, Block said, and the committee that reviewed her judicial appointment knew about the photos.

Chapman’s lawyer did not get to make opening submissions.



Rocco Galati was granted limited intervener status Tuesday. He will be allowed to question three witnesses in the coming weeks — Douglas, King and Ian Histed, a lawyer who represented Chapman in 2003 when he reached the \$25,000 settlement with King.

The independent counsel leading the inquiry, Guy Pratte, said there will be more than a dozen witnesses in the coming weeks, including Douglas, King and other members of the judiciary. Some evidence will show that in 2003 Douglas had described a

meeting with her husband and Chapman as “nice” in her diary, but in 2010 she wrote the word “boring” over nice, Pratte said.

He also told the hearing evidence will

show that Douglas, King and Chapman were together at a bar twice, and on one occasion, Chapman said, Douglas touched him on the arm and leg.

“This will come down to a form of credibility contest,” Pratte said.

Block said Douglas never “laid a finger” on Chapman, and the meetings at the bar were arranged by her husband without her knowledge.

Public inquiries into judges are rare. The judicial council has held them nine times across the country in 40 years. It has only once recommended that a judge be removed.

In 2009, the council recommended to the federal government that Paul Cosgrove be removed as a justice of the Ontario Superior Court due to incompetence and abuse of his powers. Cosgrove resigned before the federal government could make its decision.

The inquiry has already taken a toll on Douglas’s mental health, Block indicated Tuesday.

The judge “hit a low point” in February of this year and has “intensified her medical treatment,” Block said.

The hearing is to resume July 16. Chapman is scheduled to be the first witness.

Privacy Rights

Canadian government is forced to drop plans to eavesdrop on travellers by [Sian Griffiths](#)

Canadian authorities have announced that plans to eavesdrop on travellers’ conversations at airports and border crossings have been “halted” after a public outcry.

Questions about an audio recording policy were first raised last week. Journalists discovered that equipment had been installed at Ottawa’s international airport to monitor passengers in the “customs controlled areas”. A Canada Border Services Agency official said that no audio had yet been recorded but the technology was intended to “record conversations”. The government claimed that it needed such tools to catch smugglers and keep criminals and other unwelcome individuals out of Canada.

The extent of the monitoring at Canadian ports of entry is not yet clear but in an email to a journalist, the CBSA said: “AV monitoring and recording technology has been in use for many years.” It added that the information was usually deleted after 30 days, and signs warned travellers when they were in an area where audio recordings were made.

More than 90% of respondents to a CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) Online poll described the move as “excessive.”

Chantal Bernier, Canada’s deputy privacy watchdog, criticised the CBSA for not following proper procedures – which include submitting to a privacy review by her agency. The CBSA says it is now filing the necessary documents.

Perry Flint of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) told the Guardian that while CCTV was now in widespread use, he hadn’t heard of audio recordings being made of travellers anywhere else in the world.

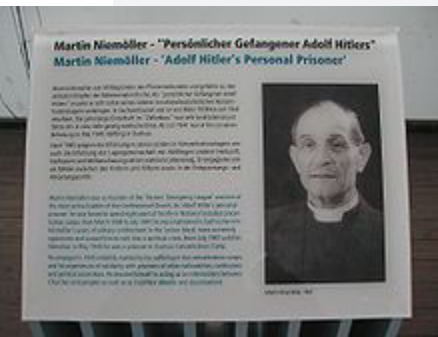
The move could be illegal under Canada’s Charter of Rights, which guards against unreasonable search and seizure. Sukanya Pillay of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association said that any measure intruding on personal privacy had to be “justifiable” and “proportional” under the law, and demanded a privacy review.

Vic Toews, minister of public safety, initially defended the policy, insisting privacy rights of “law-abiding Canadian citizens” would be respected. But within 24 hours he was forced to tell the CBSA to stop any audio recording – at least until the review was completed.



Who Was Martin Niemöller?

From [Wikipedia](#)



Friedrich Gustav Emil Martin Niemöller (14 January 1892 – 6 March 1984) was a German anti-Nazi theologian and Lutheran pastor. He is best known as the author of the poem “First they came...”.

First they came for the communists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a communist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.

Martin Niemöller was a German pastor and theologian born in Lippstadt, Germany, in 1892. Niemöller was an anti-Communist and initially supported Hitler's rise to power but when Hitler insisted on the supremacy of the state over religion Niemöller became disillusioned.

He became the leader of a group of German clergymen opposed to Hitler. Unlike Niemöller, most of them gave in to the Nazis' threats.

In 1937 Niemöller was arrested and eventually confined in Sachsenhausen and Dachau for the crime of “not being enthusiastic enough about the Nazi movement.”

Niemöller was released in 1945 by the Allies. He continued his career in Germany as a clergyman and as a leading voice of penance and reconciliation for the German people after World War II.

His statement, sometimes presented as a poem, is well-known, frequently quoted, and is a popular model for describing the dangers of political apathy, as it often begins with specific and targeted fear and hatred which soon escalates out of control.

Arrested on 1 July 1937, Niemöller was brought

to a “Special Court” on 2 March, 1938 to be tried for activities against the State.

He was fined 2,000 Reichmarks and received a prison term of seven months. As his detention period exceeded the jail term, he was released by the Court after the trial.

However, immediately after leaving the Court, he was rearrested by Himmler's Gestapo—presumably because Rudolf Hess found the sentence too lenient and decided to take “merciless action” against him.

He was interned in Sachsenhausen and Dachau concentration camps from 1938 to 1945.

After his former cell-mate Leo Stein was released from Sachsenhausen to go to America, he wrote an article about Niemöller for *The National Jewish Monthly* in 1941. Stein reports that having asked Niemöller why he ever supported the Nazi Party, Niemöller replied:

I find myself wondering about that too. I wonder about it as much as I regret it. Still, it is true that Hitler betrayed me. I had an audience with him, as a representative of the Protestant Church, shortly before he became Chancellor, in 1932.

Hitler promised me on his word of honor, to protect the Church, and not to issue any anti-Church laws.

He also agreed not to allow pogroms against the Jews, assuring me as follows: “There will be restrictions against the Jews, but there will be no ghettos, no pogroms, in Germany.”

I really believed, given the widespread anti-Semitism in Germany at that time, that Jews should avoid aspiring to Government positions or seats in the Reichstag.

There were many Jews, especially among the Zionists, who took a similar stand. Hitler's assurance satisfied me at the time. On the other hand, I hated the growing atheistic movement, which was fostered and promoted by the Social Democrats and the Communists. Their hostility toward the Church made me pin my hopes on Hitler for a while.

I am paying for that mistake now; and not me alone, but thousands of other persons like me.

In 1961, Pastor Martin Niemöller became president of the World Council of Churches. He earned the Lenin Peace Prize in 1966.

He died at Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1984.

The slippery slope of euthanasia

by [Licia Corbella](#), Calgary Herald

"I want the legal right to die peacefully, at the time of my own choosing, in the embrace of my family and friends."

Those are the words of Gloria Taylor, the 64-year-old woman at the centre of a landmark B.C. Supreme Court ruling that strikes down Canada's prohibition against physician-assisted suicide (PAS).

What's ironic about Taylor's statement is if she gets her legal right to die at the time of her own choosing, evidence shows that the right of many others to continue living will be jeopardized.

That is the unintended consequence and irony behind euthanasia and PAS: Some people get the right to choose how and when to die and others don't have the right to choose anything — ever again — because they will be involuntarily killed by their physicians.

That is what the evidence stemming from years of PAS shows in countries like the Netherlands and Belgium.

On June 15, Justice Lynn Smith ruled that the prohibition against PAS violates two sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms — the right to equality and the right to life, liberty and the security of the person.

Because Taylor suffers from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, Smith ruled that Taylor's right to equality is violated since her disability would make it impossible for her to kill herself, which is the right of every other able-bodied Canadian.

Smith has given Parliament one year to rewrite the law, however, it's more likely that her ruling will be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

In her 286-page ruling, Smith refers to many

comprehensive reports from the Netherlands and Belgium that clearly demonstrate that thousands of people have been killed without their consent by physicians, and yet she accepts the conclusion of pro-euthanasia experts that there is little evidence of a "slippery slope" or danger to society by turning the tables on the age-old rule against the premeditated killing of another human being.

But Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition — an intervener in this case — said simply quoting pro-euthanasia proponents claiming that a slippery slope doesn't exist, doesn't mean it's true.

When physician-assisted suicide became a common practice in Holland about 30 years ago, the guidelines were that only terminally ill elderly people in excruciating pain who were not depressed and repeatedly asked for euthanasia would be eligible for euthanasia.

"Now, people suffering from psychiatric illnesses, youth and even infants are killed by their physicians in the Netherlands," said Schadenberg. *"If that's not a slippery slope, I don't know what is."*

Heck, if that's not a slippery slope, then neither is Mount Everest.

Smith refers to a series of highly regarded reports colloquially named the Rummelink reports, after Prof. Jan Rummelink, attorney general of the High Council of the Netherlands.

In his first report in 1990, ***it was determined that 1,031 hospital patients were killed without their consent or knowledge.***

Of those 1,031 people, 14 per cent were found to be fully competent, 72 per cent had never expressed that they wanted their lives ended, and in eight per cent of the cases, doctors carried out "involuntary euthanasia" even though they believed other options were still available.

Catch that?

Mull over those numbers.

They speak of horror.

And don't be fooled by the euphemisms. Involuntary euthanasia is a shifty way of saying premeditated murder.

As Smith points out in her ruling, "*similar stud-*



ies were conducted in 1995, 2001 and 2005. Data were collected in 2010, but the results have yet to be published,” she writes.

“All four studies revealed cases of LAWER in the Netherlands,” writes Smith, referring to the Dutch term that means physician-assisted suicide without request and consent.

“In absolute numbers, there were 1,000 in 1990; 900 in each of 1995 and 2001 and 550 in 2005.”

Get the picture?

You can have rules that say you must be old, terminally ill and must have expressed a desire to be killed, and once you allow this to be an accepted practice, doctors might just decide to kill you off and experts are going to shrug it off as “not necessarily proof of a slippery slope.”

Please, I urge all readers to google Rummelink and also the Groningen Protocol, which are the rules surrounding when it's OK to murder infants not born perfect — including ones suffering only from spina bifida.

The Groningen Protocol states that a baby can be killed if it does not need medical treatment but is likely to suffer.

Likely to suffer?

Doesn't that include all of us?

Who made these people God? Well, courts did. Legislatures did.

So call your MPs and call the Prime Minister's Office.

Tell them you want them to appeal this dangerous ruling.

Taylor said the following in a news conference this week:

“To die screaming at the top of my lungs because the pain is so great that I can't stand it is something I try not to think about.”

It's terrible what Taylor is going through and I feel deep compassion for her. That's why, when you call the PM and your MPs, also tell them that you want a comprehensive plan to improve palliative care and end-of-life care in this country so Taylor's last days can be pain free.

That won't just make someone's dying bearable, it just might save your life.

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From The Inbox

If you would like to submit a letter to Canada's Rights and Freedom Bulletin you can do so by sending an email to bulletin@rightsandfreedoms.org.

Much to my surprise there were a few people who, while claiming to cherish Rights and Freedoms, were so offended by Pastor Jim Butler's column in last week's Bulletin that they no longer wanted to receive the Rights and Freedoms Bulletin. Fair enough.

Others wrote to say they enjoyed Pastor Butler's article.

If you have an opinion on this issue or any other, please write to me using this link:

<http://support.rightsandfreedoms.org/contact-us/>

Here is a sampling of the comments received...

Sir,

I have always enjoyed and read your bulletins.

Unfortunately this is no longer the case. The illogical biblical rant by pastor Jim is an insult to my intelligence and the promotion of his beliefs has no place in this bulletin.

Please unsubscribe me.

Paul Moreau

Nicely done issue btw... esp the Ezra & Agenda 21 segments. Many are completely ignorant of this BS from the UN.

I do wonder at the inclusion of PJB's very biased piece.

Don't get me wrong... I support his right to say what he wishes.. but I do not support forcing one's wishes upon others. Freedom of religion is also freedom from religion. Something that sadly many religious zealots fail to grasp.

Glenn

Chris,

As a long time reader of Rights and Freedoms, it is with some regret that that I unsubscribe from what has been at times informative source of information in regards to gun control in Canada.

However I cannot tolerate reading the far too common references to the bible with regards to what is morally "right and wrong".

I find in disappointing that someone who appears to be relatively intelligent and who bases many of their beliefs on logic could fall victim to the brain-washing necessary to be a "Christian".

To quote Samuel Clemens, "Faith is believing what you know ain't true."

Regards,
Wayne Ingarfield

Hi Christopher,

I don't think that the BC legislation is intended to give doctors the authority to kill people. The intention is (I think) to give people who cannot do the deed to themselves the ability to ask a doctor to do it for them.

At the moment it is a crime, punishable by five years in the can, to give people information on how to do it - let alone helping them. When you find yourself in excruciating pain, and know that there will never be an end to it until your body finally quits, you will understand why such legislation is highly desirable.

On the other hand I don't think abortion is right. Thanks for keeping up the good fight,
Dave Wyer

What are the chances of re-posting the excellent article "The Killing Continues" by Pastor Jim Butler at ChristopherdiArmani.com? I think it needs as wide of exposure as it can get. After all, he went to the trouble to write it and has quoted some very sound references.

Cheapening life that he is writing about in his excellent article is a shock-treatment product right out of Marxism, the UN Agenda 21 and rabid environmentalism that has filtered through the courts via activist judges' dangerous interpretations of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which, as you very well know, has already been watered down considerably through an over abundance of laws and quasi-judicial commissions.

(Habeas corpus, innocent until proven guilty, freedom of expression, freedom to peaceful assembly, and so forth)

The purpose, through Agenda 21, is to rid the globe of sovereign nations by destroying their

constitutions, and Canada has done a damned good job to date because the Constitution Act 1982 had a weak inception.

The next step is to rid the globe of its people, who, under Agenda 21, are worth less than a fruit fly (just ask Saint Suzuki); of all the species God put on Earth, Marxists see humans of least importance on the "food chain".

Clearly, including an article by a Christian Pastor offended some folks. To be honest, I was shocked by that because whether you believe in God or not isn't the point.

*Man does not create our Rights. Governments do not create our Rights. **We are born with them.***

I think we can all agree on that point, can't we?

We ought to, because every historical document we rely on to defend the source of our Rights and Freedoms attests to this fact.

If we're not willing to defend those who cannot defend themselves, who will defend us when the time comes?

As Pastor Niemöller said so many years ago....

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.

Here is a small sampling from some of the seminal documents we rely on to assert our Rights and Freedoms...

[\[Magna Carta Preamble\]](#) ...Know ye that we, unto the honour of Almighty God, and for the salvation of the souls of our progenitors and successors, Kings of England, to the advancement of holy Church, and amendment of our Realm, of our meer and free will, have given and granted to all Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, and to all freemen of this our realm, these liberties following, to be kept in our kingdom of England for ever.

[\[Declaration of Independence\]](#) We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...

[\[Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms\]](#) Whereas Canada is founded upon the principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law...