

# Dissolving Freedom

## Religious Freedom in Canada is at a Crossroads

Presentation Summary - Deacon Larry Worthen Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Sept 15, 2021

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### Bill C- 36 Hate Speech Provisions

This bill makes it a discriminatory practice to communicate hate speech via internet. Authorizes Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to adjudicate complaints. The question arises: Is it hatred to communicate traditional Christian teaching on sex and marriage?

The definition of hate speech:

13(9) In this section, hate speech means the content of a communication that expresses detestation or vilification of an individual or group of individuals on the basis of a prohibited ground of discrimination.

13(10) For greater certainty, the content of a communication does not express detestation or vilification, for the purposes of subsection (9), solely because it expresses mere dislike or disdain or it discredits, humiliates, hurts or offends.

### Bill C-7 Expansion of Euthanasia

People with disabilities, chronic illness and people whose primary diagnosis is mental illness can now qualify for lethal injections.

Opposition from disability advocates:

- Concerned that there will be little incentive for society to develop “in home” programs if they can offer euthanasia to the disabled.
- People’s desire to die can be temporary, transient, and treatable.
- People can choose euthanasia because of “ableism” the idea that disabled lives are not worth living
- People may choose euthanasia because the system has failed them
- Conscience protections should be provided for health care workers

### Bill C 10 Regulation of Social Media

Bill allows the CRTC to regulate content on the internet. Critics say that giving a government agency the authority to decide what social media content Canadians see when they go online is itself an infringement on freedom of expression.

### Bill C-6 Conversion Therapy

320.101 *conversion therapy* means a practice, treatment or service designed to change a person’s sexual orientation to heterosexual, to change a person’s gender identity or gender expression to cisgender or to repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behavior or non-cisgender gender expression.

Creates three offences which can result in jail time:

Causing child to undergo conversion therapy (s. 320.103)

Advertising conversion therapy (s.320.104)

Material benefit from conversion therapy (s. 320.105)

What about teenagers or adults who have same sex attraction who wish to seek counselling to help them live a chaste life according to their Christians faith. Why should they be denied access to services?

### Policy Proposals Support for Pregnant Mothers

“No longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counseling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy. “

p. 4 *Forward for Everyone*

Liberal Party of Canada Detailed Policy Book

This federal election will be one of the most pivotal in Canada’s history

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### Summary Statement

**As Canadians we would assume that the ideal Society is one in which there is room for every human desire and life plan, in which all occupations and aspirations are allowed. In which those practicing various religions and those practicing no religion coexist, in which all groups, associations, parties, and clubs may peacefully pursue their goals, provided they do not violently or coercively impose their views on others.**

**That Canada is a place where everybody respects the common rules. There is, however, a certain fragility to this ideal. It needs to be protected. There are political forces at work in Canada today that want to set themselves up as both the gatekeepers and bouncers of our society. They want to be in the sole position to determine whose views are acceptable and who gets turfed out.**

**According to their ideology they alone are the best regulators of human diversity and are uniquely positioned to establish the most efficient system for the distribution of freedom. Under this regime, the pluralism of thought, belief, and speech that the Canadian ideal sets out, at the beginning, to nurture and protect are destroyed.**