

Resisting the Spirit of Suicide

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There are times when a person must be willing to stand alone. This is one of those times.

MP Robert-Falcon Ouellette, from Winnipeg Centre, has taken a brave and principled stand against the spirit of suicide that has cast its shadow and influence so broadly and so suddenly across our land. Although representing thousands of Canadians who share his concerns, the Hon. Mr. Ouellette was alone amongst his Liberal colleagues in the House when he resisted not only the government's chilling Bill C-14 but also its attempt to shut down debate on what must be seen as one of the worst pieces of legislation to ever darken the discourse of Parliament.

On May 4, 2016, after only 2 ½ days of debate, Mr. Trudeau's government moved to halt debate on this Bill, controversial legislation that would make it legal for doctors to kill their patients. The entire Liberal caucus—with the exception of Mr. Ouellette—voted in favour, including the Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs. While claiming to represent the interests of indigenous peoples, she and the government she represents have run roughshod over the deep concerns of many First Nations people. The plague of suicides in Attawapiskat and other indigenous communities has exposed the fragility of life and the need for protection from irreversible decisions made under duress.

Killing debate about killing Canadians is chilling, not confidence-instilling. Why the rush to national suicide? Why are the conscience concerns of Canadians not deemed worthy of consideration?

Many Senators, MPs and citizens have fallen for two lies, which should now be dispelled: The first is that euthanasia and assisted suicide will only ever be performed on those who are in desperate physical pain and gasping away the last hours or days of their lives. "It just ain't so." Wherever euthanasia has been introduced, the categories of its victims have expanded and the safeguards have been brushed away, either legally or in practice. The second lie is that, "There's nothing else we can do; the Supreme Court has given us no choice." We always have choices. Cowardice and courage are both choices. Using or not using the "Notwithstanding Clause" is a choice. Rewriting the laws or not rewriting the laws to cover the Supreme Court of Canada's concerns is a choice. Allowing the Supreme Court of Canada to usurp Parliament's role or ordering them to serve their role as judges is a choice.

When Hitler began purging from German society those whose lives he described as "not worth living," he was allowed to do so by a complacent public. He began with the feeble and the mentally challenged; those who were not feeble and those who were not mentally challenged allowed him to proceed. By the time he himself committed suicide, surrounded by Russian troops in his bomb-shattered Berlin, his "final solution" had extended to Jews, Poles, and other groups and had engulfed the world in a war that cost over 60 million lives. The excuses and denials of his early purges had given way to flagrant killing of innocents and his culture of death had swallowed up his promises of "making Germany great again."

Been there! Done that! Are we so blind that we would willingly repeat the mistakes of the past? No matter what soothing words of comfort and assurance are offered, Bill C-14 has no safeguards that will protect Canadians from over-zealous doctors or from future Supreme Court challenges. Right now in Belgium, 32% of those who die by euthanasia have never given consent. Some are not even informed.

CHP Canada is the only political party that has the will to protect Canadians from a very vocal minority, who wish to decrease our population by exterminating those who are physically or mentally struggling. Join the battle. Join CHP Canada¹ today!

Time is running out. What can we do? Many things:

- Call or write your MP and other MPs. Call some Senators.²
- Urge them to vote “NO” to C-14. Urge them to pass new legislation protecting all Canadians from assisted suicide and euthanasia (ARPA’s detailed explanation can be found here)³ Don’t let them use the excuse that “The Supreme Court made me do it.” That’s just not true.
- Add your name to the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience.⁴ These folks are working hard both to stop C-14 and to protect conscience rights for healthcare professionals. Once you’ve signed, share the link with your friends.
- Share this article via email and social media. Once assisted suicide becomes accepted, it will be very difficult to change. Please do something! This is life and death.

Footnotes

¹ www.chp.ca/get-involved

² www.parl.gc.ca/senatorsmembers.aspx?Language=E

³ arpacanada.ca/attachments/article/2399/Assisted%20Suicide%20-%20Total%20Ban%20analysis%20FINAL.pdf

⁴ www.canadiansforconscience.ca