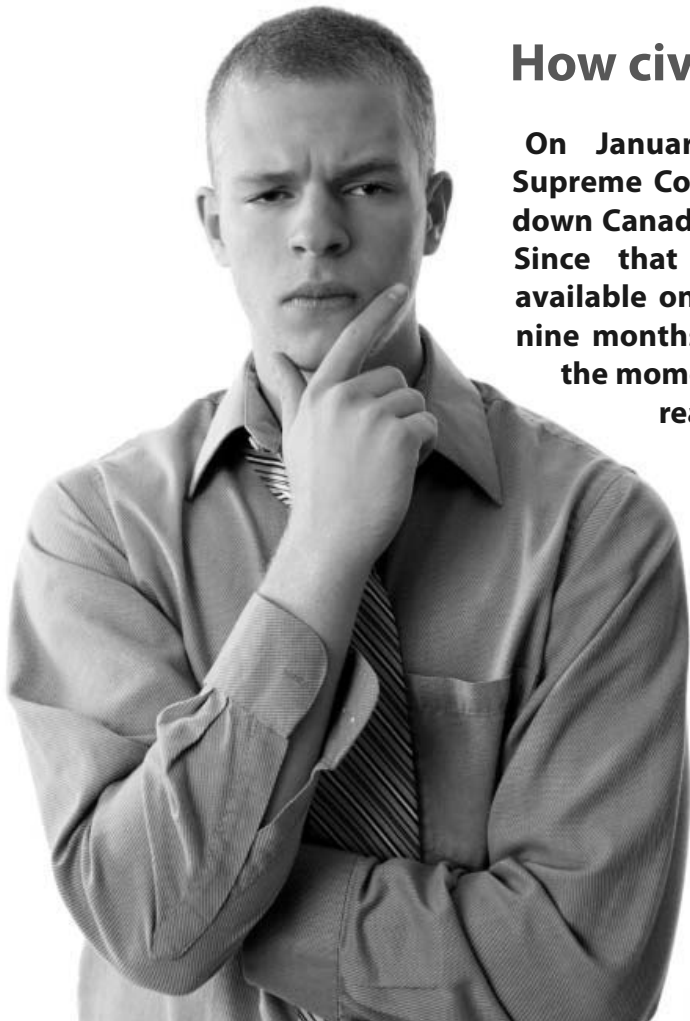


# Canada: the Only *Civilized* Nation with No Legal Restriction on Abortion



## How civilized is that?

On January 28, 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down Canada's only abortion law. Since that ruling, abortion is available on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy up to the moment of delivery for any reason or no reason.

Yet polls consistently show that a majority of Canadians believe human life should be protected before birth.

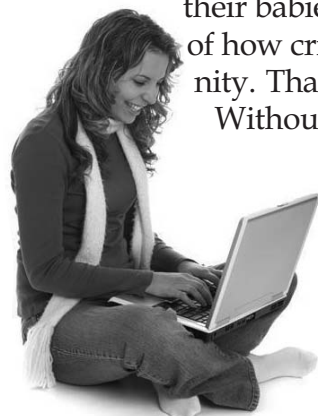
Isn't it time our laws were more civil?

**JOIN US FOR A PROTEST WALK ON JANUARY 28, 2011 FROM 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.**  
 Start at MPP Gerry Martiniuk's office at 410 Hespeler Road and finish at MP Gary Goodyear's office at 1425 Bishop Street  
 For more information contact Cambridge Right to Life at 519.623.1850 or [crtl@golden.net](mailto:crtl@golden.net)

## Happy New Year

We would like to wish each of our members a happy and prosperous New Year. We recently have had several women considering abortion contact our office. Please pray that these mothers have the courage to give *life* to their babies. It is in moments like these that we are reminded of how critical it is for us to be a *voice for life* in our community. That is why we are so grateful to you - our members! Without you, our doors could not remain open!

At the start of the year, please make sure your membership is up-to-date. As a current member, you will receive our newsletter four times a year. If you prefer to receive *News & Views* in your very own email box, please make sure we have your email address. Email us at: [crtl@golden.net](mailto:crtl@golden.net).



## Mission Statement

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# Abortion By Any Other Name

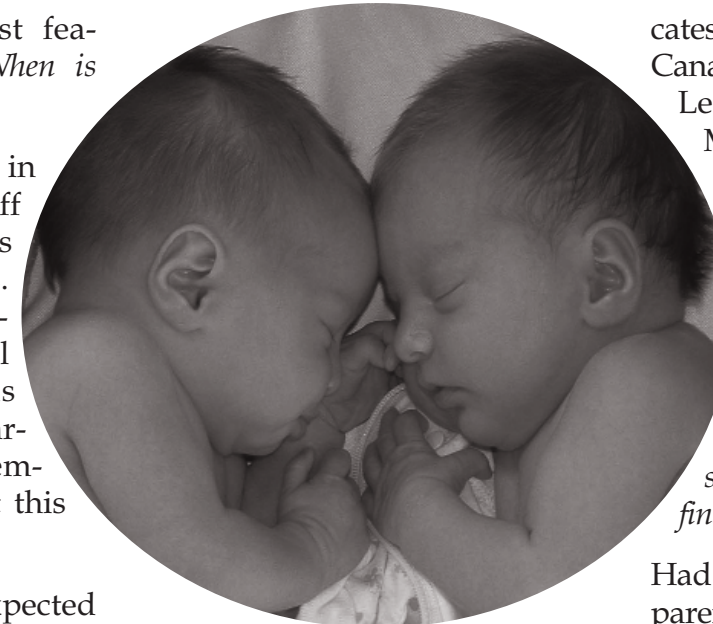
Recently the National Post featured a story entitled, "When is Twins Too Many?"

The article tells of a couple in their 40's who have put off having children for years as they built successful careers. Already parents of a one-year-old son, and still adjusting to the demands and challenges of new parenthood, they found themselves expecting again, but this time with twins.

Instead of seeing this unexpected pregnancy as an unexpected joy, the mother was deeply resentful. "We're both career people. If we were going to have three children two years apart, someone else was going to be raising our kids... All of a sudden our lives as we know them and as we like to lead them, are not going to happen."

The couple soon learned of a procedure that could reduce the pregnancy from twins to a single child by using a procedure known as "selective reduction."

Selective reduction involves the injection of potassium chloride into the heart of a 9-12 week-old child which is being targeted for "reduction." (i.e., abortion). According to the story, selective reduction is increasingly being utilized for reducing twins to one simply for socio-economic reasons.



...cates admit that is not the case. Canadian Abortion Rights Action League, executive director, Marilyn Wilson told the Commons Finance Committee that women seek abortions "... for socio-economic reasons. Sometimes it's a desire to complete their education and become financially independent. In many cases, couples with children wish to restrict their family size in order to provide adequate financial support."

Had the second twin been born, the parents would not be allowed to kill it at birth for the reason that a child might cause them mental distress and tax them with the burden of care. Nor could they kill their sick mother for a similar reason.

The purported justifications for killing pre-born children for any reason is outrageous in the 21st century. The question, "When Is Twins Too Many?" is simply a symptom of our narcissistic society. Perhaps the antidote is to ponder the words of Mother Teresa who said, "How can there be too many children? That's like saying there are too many flowers."

The National Post was rightly flooded with letters expressing outrage at the cold-heartedness of these parents. It is not difficult for us to see the horrific nature of abortion in this case, but we turn a blind eye to the 100,000 children that are killed in like manner each year, at taxpayers' expense, in our nation. Certainly, different and arguably more brutal procedures are used to bring about the demise of these 100,000 pre-born children, but the end result is always the same.

Abortion on-demand has become sacrosanct in Canada and the reason why this couple chose abortion for their "surplus" baby is no different than why most people "choose" abortion.

It is presumed by the general public that most abortions occur for medical reasons but even abortion advo-

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## Why hide abortion statistics?

*Editor's Note: The following is a press release sent out to various media outlets by LifeCanada regarding Canada's latest abortion statistics. We encourage you to contact Premier McGuinty, the Minister of Health and MP Gary Goodyear to respectfully request that hospitals and private abortion clinics provide accurate statistics.*

Canadians have no idea how many abortions they pay for each year in Canada even though taxpayers pay for almost all that are performed in hospitals or in private, for-profit clinics.

Abortion statistics released this week by the Canadian Institute for Health Information for 2007 and 2008 are so incomplete even CIHI would not publish a total. It did report that there were 47,318 (or maybe 47,326) hospital abortions in 2007 and 44,416 in 2008.

It gave no total at all for clinic abortions since so few report their numbers even though private clinics perform the majority of abortions in the country. Taxpayers pick up the tab for those too, except in New Brunswick.

**"It's appalling that our governments divert scarce health care dollars for abortions and they don't even tell us how many there are or what they cost us," said LifeCanada President Monica Roddis. LifeCanada is a national educational pro-life group. "Why do we hide these numbers from Canadians? If taxpayers knew how many millions they pay for abortions they would be outraged."**

From the scant information available CIHI numbers show that of the 44,416 hospital abortions in 2008, fewer than half, 21,981, were first trimester abortions. There were 556 hospital abortions performed after 20 weeks, the point of viability according to the Canadian Medical Association. No gestational information was reported for 18,745 of the abortions. Abortion advocates routinely claim most abortions are performed in the first 12 weeks.

**"Show us the numbers," said Roddis. "Why the secrecy? We're paying for these abortions and yet we are denied the most basic information about these expenditures."**

Roddis said provincial governments should require hospitals and private abortion clinics to report fully on abortion procedures. **"We need to know complete numbers, the age of the mothers, the gestational age of the babies, the repeat abortions and the total cost to our health care system."**

**"Canadians need this information to decide whether they want to continue spending millions of dollars each year on this personal choice instead of investing in life-saving and life-affirming health services."** ■

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## EVENTS Calendar

**Protest Walk**  
(see ad on page 4)  
January 28, 2011  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Start at MPP Gerry Martiniuk's office at 410 Hespeler Road and finish at MP Gary Goodyear's office at 1425 Bishop Street

**40 Days For Life**  
March 9 - April 17, 2011  
Freeport Abortion Facility  
3570 King Street  
Kitchener  
(near River Road on old King Street by the river)

**March for Life Ottawa 2011**  
May 12 & 13, 2011  
Parliament Hill, Ottawa

**CRTL Coffee & Dessert**  
Thursday, May 26, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

St. Ambrose Parish Hall  
Guest Speaker:  
Angelina Steenstra,  
Co-founder of  
Second Chance Ministry

## OFFICE hours



Cambridge Right to Life's office is open  
Monday to Thursday  
9:15 - 2:00  
We are closed on Fridays

## Local MP Votes Against Abortion Coercion Bill

A private member's bill, Bill C-510, (also known as Roxanne's Law) that would have made it a crime for anyone to *coerce* a woman to procure or attempt to procure an abortion was voted down on December 15, 2010. Bill C-510 was named for Roxanne Fernando, a young Winnipeg woman who was killed after refusing to demands from her boyfriend to have an abortion. The woman's brutally beaten body was discovered in a snow filled ditch outside of Winnipeg in February 2007.

Bill C-510 was **NOT** an anti-abortion law, as abortion still would have been permitted had it passed. Rather, the bill sought to specify that coercing a woman to have an abortion would have been a Criminal Code offense. **Coercion was defined to include both committing physical harm, the removal or threat of removal of financial support or housing from a woman who is dependent on that support, or the act of intimidation.**

Pro-lifers did not expect Prime Minister Harper to vote in favor of the bill since he has made it known that he will not support any bill that re-opens the abortion debate. They did however, expect MP Gary Goodyear to stand with women in the face of domestic abuse.

Mr. Goodyear is a member of the Pro-Life Caucus and is on record as supporting measures to introduce and pass laws to protect every unborn child from the time of conception onward. We are disappointed in Mr. Goodyear's decision to not support Bill C-510.

We contacted Mr. Goodyear to ask him why he voted against the bill. He responded in part by saying, *"I certainly appreciate the objective of the bill and it being brought forward to the House of Commons. I support better protection of pregnant women against any specific form of violence and, in fact, protection for all members of society against all forms of violence. However, I strongly believe that the existing Criminal Code protections adequately protect women..."*

The law is a teacher and when the weight of the law is enforced, citizens are empowered and protected. This bill would have given women the legal recourse to press charges if they felt they were being coerced into an unwanted abortion. In addition, Canadians would understand that it is wrong to force a woman into an abortion against her will.

Those who did not support the bill claim there are already laws in place to prevent coercion, and yet, no-one has ever been charged with such an offence.

The pro-life community often hears from women, usually post-abortive, who have been threatened by their partner and/or parents to have an abortion. They often are too frightened and powerless to turn to authorities.

Failure to support this bill tells pregnant women that they are completely on their own, even if they are being coerced into ending the life of their unborn child. ■

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE - SPRING 2011

Between March 9 - April 17, a 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign will take place in front of the Freeport Hospital Abortion Facility. The vigil hours will run from 6 am to 8 pm for each of the 40 straight days of prayer and fasting.

Last Fall's 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign was a huge success. In conjunction with hundreds of other cities around the world, people in the K-W and Cambridge area prayed and fasted for an end to abortion.

Organizers reported that the local campaign had many fruits:

- At least one turnaround was witnessed at Freeport. Quite possibly, many more occurred which we would have no way of knowing about.

- Several women who suffered the pain of a past abortion-choice stopped on the roadside to talk to us, to thank us for our witness and to encourage us to continue warning women against making the same, scarring mistake they did.

- Thousands of people heard and saw the message that human life is sacred and ought not be killed, regardless of his/her size, age or location.

- Over 800 prayer volunteers donated at least 1 hour in front of the abortion facility. This included many high school students and even entire families with children.

Please mark your calendars and join the campaign! ■