

FIVE REASONS WHY THE PROPOSED ABORTION LAW IS NO COMPROMISE.

The government is trying to pass Bill C-43 off as a reasonable compromise between two extreme positions on abortion. The bill is no compromise because:

1. It makes a woman's personal decision a crime and makes it a criminal act for a healthy woman to seek an abortion
2. It takes choice out of the hands of women and gives it to doctors, most of whom are men
3. It further restricts access to abortion
4. It opens the way for men to lay criminal charges against women who seek abortions
5. The new law provides no improvement in women's rights or access to abortion compared to the status quo

The only reasonable compromise is to allow each woman, after considering the advice of whatever medical and moral authorities she wishes to consult, to choose the course of action which is best for her.

1. MAKING A PERSONAL DECISION A CRIME

Women won the right to freedom of choice through the Supreme Court decision on Morgentaler, which read in part:

"Forcing a woman, by threat of criminal sanction to carry a foetus to term unless she meets certain criteria unrelated to her own priorities and aspirations, is a profound interference with a woman's

body and thus an infringement of the security of the person."

Under the proposed law, abortion is a crime with a maximum penalty of two years unless it is performed under certain circumstances. The government has tried to leave the impression that only doctors can be charged. In fact anyone involved in the

decision, from the woman herself, to the clergy who advise her, could be criminally charged under the Criminal Code.

If this law had been in effect last Summer, Chantal Daigle would not have been legally entitled to an abortion.

2. TAKING CHOICE OUT OF THE HANDS OF WOMEN

Bill C-43 makes abortion a doctor's decision. It says that abortion is a criminal offence unless "a medical practitioner... is of the opinion that, if the abortion

were not induced, the health or life of the female person would be likely to be threatened."

The bill is patronizing and demeaning to

women. A healthy woman who chooses abortion will be placed in a position of either being denied access or of lying. Women can also be charged under the bill for self-inducing abortions or for lying to a doctor.

3. FURTHER RESTRICTING ACCESS TO ABORTION

The proposed law does nothing to improve access to abortion and will restrict access further in areas where it is already difficult. The current problems of accessibility include:

- PEI has no access to abortion whatsoever
- Newfoundland's service is limited to one doctor in St. John's.

- Seventy to 80 percent of abortions in Quebec are done in Montreal
- Women in Edmonton wait an average of five weeks for abortion services

Poor, immigrant and young women have trouble finding abortion services all over Canada. The proposed abortion law will make their situation worse.

The threat of being dragged through the courts and a possible two-year jail term will also intimidate many doctors.

The vagueness of the definition of "health" in the bill will ensure that different doctors, different crown attorneys and different judges will interpret the bill differently.

4. PERMITTING THIRD-PARTY INTERVENTION

While the Supreme Court decision in the Daigle case has removed the possibility of third-party civil action to stop abortion, Bill C-43 would open up the possibility

of third-party criminal actions.

A disgruntled boyfriend or husband could swear an information that his partner does not have health reasons for seeking an abor-

tion. An anti-abortion doctor could testify that the woman's health was not really at stake.

5. AN UNNECESSARY, OFFENSIVE AND ARBITRARY LAW

Canada does not need an abortion law. The Supreme Court decision in the Daigle case makes clear that under present Canadian law a foetus has no legal rights until it is born, and a potential father has no

right to veto a woman's decision concerning the termination of her pregnancy.

The federal government should be trying to defend women's abortion rights. It could try to ensure access by using its powers

under the Canada Health Act to withhold transfer payments from provinces that fail to provide abortion services. This tactic was used successfully to stop extra-billing under medicare.

MEN FOR WOMEN'S CHOICE

This Personal Decision is No Crime.

No government should be able to force a woman to bear a child against her will. The proposed law would make women criminals for taking a personal decision to seek an abortion. Abortion has no place in the Criminal Code.

Like a growing number of men, we do not think that men should control women. Men ought to have equal say and responsibility in a decision to parent. But ultimately, if there is a dispute, the decision to end a pregnancy must be a woman's choice because it is her body.

No husband, no boyfriend, no judge, no doctor, no politician should control a woman's body. Ever.

Governments should act to ensure access to abortion in every province and territory. More and better sex education and birth control information should also be provided.

Now is the time for men to speak out. Show your support for women's choice by letting Prime Minister Mulroney, Justice Minister Lewis, and your Member of Parliament know that Canada does not need a new abortion law. Write or phone them today; the vote is soon.

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MEN OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED ABORTION LAW.

On November 23, 1989 the ad reprinted on this page appeared in the *Globe and Mail*. The ad was financed by contributions from over 700 men from all regions of Canada. It was an expression of their outrage at witnessing women being dragged through the courts for simply trying to make decisions about their own bodies and their own lives.

The majority of Canadian men oppose the proposed abortion law (C-43). An Environics Research poll found that 61% of men reject the federal government's proposal to put abortion in the Criminal Code, and only 30% are in favour. It's no wonder. Most men don't want to control women's lives.

The recent Supreme Court decision on Chantal Daigle has clarified for the first time that men have no legal right to compel a woman to make unwanted choices about her own body. The Mulroney government's bill now seeks to turn back the clock. It would give doctors, most of whom are men, the power to decide whether a woman is entitled to an abortion. It would give men who are boyfriends, husbands or police the power to launch criminal proceedings against women who seek to make their own personal decisions about abortion.

DON'T LET A SEXIST MINORITY TURN BACK THE CLOCK

Bill C-43 has passed second reading and has gone to committee. It could come back to parliament to be made law as early as the end of February. We must act now to ensure that our elected representatives support the views of the majority and reject this bill. Write or phone your views to your MP. It is particularly important to make your views known to as many of the following MPs as you can. Most of those listed are potential supporters of choice.

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**Undecided in *Toronto Star* survey reported November 25, 1989

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