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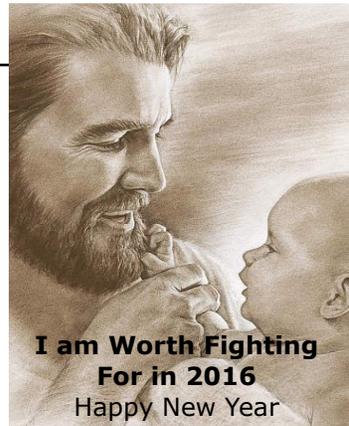
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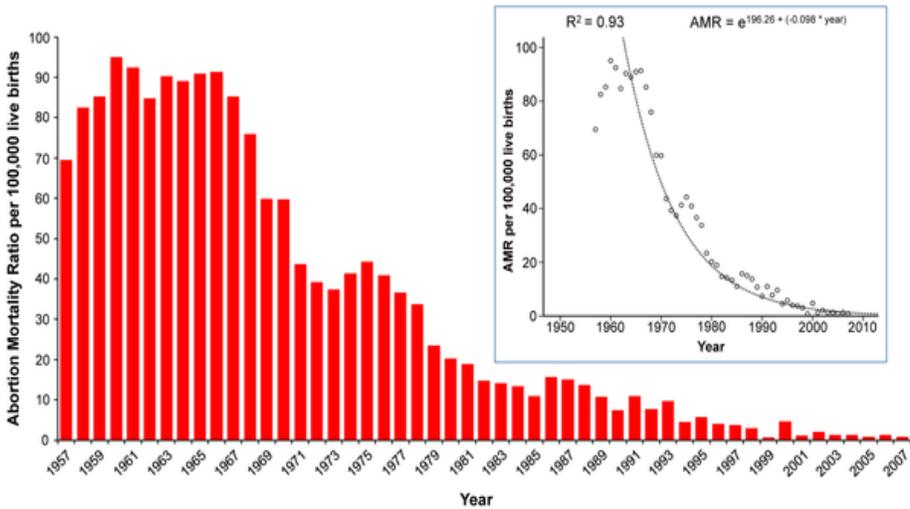
**This country banned abortion and now, abortion promoters can't believe their eyes!**



"Outlaw abortion and abortion won't stop. Women will just do it illegally and women will die!" Or so the argument goes... But facts are pesky things, and they show that the opposite is true in Chile.

According to new research from the MELISA Institute, since Chile's ban on abortion, not only has maternal health improved but the number of women seeking illegal abortion has plummeted!

Since Chile banned abortion in 1989, the number of maternal deaths decreased from 41.3 to 12.7 per 100,000 women (69.2% reduction). That puts Chile in second place for the lowest maternal mortality rate in the Americas (that's right, even better than the United States).



Prof. Elard Koch, a molecular epidemiologist and lead author of the study, says educating women enhanced their ability to access existing health care resources, and since those resources included skilled attendants for childbirth, that directly led to a reduction of maternal deaths during pregnancy and childbirth.

**How we use your funds**

Bus Shelter ads and Billboards like the one shown here have been placed all over the area and have received lots of positive feedback. Thank you to all that donated and we look forward to our next campaign.



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Welland-Port Colborne Pro-Life Association is an educational group. Our primary purpose is to educate our local Community about pro-life issues from conception to natural death. We also provide a pro-life presence in the community, and, when required, provide support to women in crisis pregnancies.

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## Couple aborted their baby at 28 weeks because of a deformed left hand



People with disabilities are often not valued in our society. They're demeaned as burdens or drains on taxpayers. And heaven forbid if a child is diagnosed with some kind of disability during pregnancy. Even if the disability isn't life-threatening, that child's life is likely to be taken by his parents, simply because his life might consist of some measure of hardship.

An Australian couple chose to abort their baby at 28 weeks for just this reason: their child was diagnosed with nothing more than a cleft hand, and they thought that the baby might have a "hard" life.

Mother-to-be Cindy was 23 weeks pregnant when the first indication there might be a problem with the foetus emerged. What followed was a two-month long nightmare that started with the couple facing bureaucratic hospital delays that pushed back further scans for two weeks.

This idea that a child who is anything short of perfect should be done away with is repulsive and despicable, and yet we continue to perpetuate the falsehood that a life that will not be perfect and pain-free is not worth living. The kinder option promoted is killing your child.

They say they are still haunted by the silence that filled the ultrasound room, when, more than six months pregnant, the scan confirmed their fears: their child was suffering from a deformity, one that would cripple its left hand.

Frank told Fairfax Media when the problem, called 'ectrodactyly', or cleft hand, was diagnosed, a week passed before Cindy was told it was she would not be allowed a termination.

... "I grew up with many people who were disabled, and... there was discrimination," she said. "I didn't want my child to be discriminated against. The problem is... obvious because it is the fingers, and I think the child would have a very hard life."

After two weeks where Frank watched Cindy's depression grow deeper, Westmead referred her to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where her pregnancy was terminated at 28 weeks.

... After going through the termination and delivery of the foetus, Frank and Cindy said they feel sad but relieved.

"It felt very inhumane, to be honest," Frank said. "We were being told that our only option was to give birth to a baby that we did not wish to give birth to at all. We felt we have been forgotten and abandoned through the political and judicial uncertainty of the abortion laws".

The disability in question was not life-threatening. At 28 weeks, the baby could have survived outside the womb. And there are surgical treatments available for a baby born with a cleft hand.

But none of that mattered – this child was robbed of life, because the mother thought the baby would have a hard life. Because clearly, if a child might suffer even the slightest hardship, it's better for him not to live at all. Right?

### **Abortion access in Canada needs to be equalized, says health minister...CBC reports**

A mere two weeks after the new Trudeau government had taken office we see the health minister making her first official comments as to her plans. "We know that abortion services remain patchy in parts of the country, and that rural women in particular face barriers to access," said Jane Philpott in a statement, in response to an inquiry from CBC News. "Our government will examine ways to better equalize access for all Canadian women." No further details on the government's plans were provided.

It is obvious that the pro-life movement will need to step up their actions in the next four years. Support us this year and make a donation now. Thank you.

