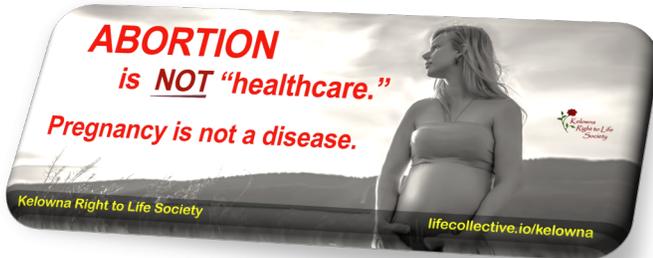


Words Matter



There weren't many things on which I agreed with U.S. President Barack Obama, but his statement that "words matter" in a 2008 plagiarised speech is one. Language is a powerful tool for shaping public opinion, and abortion advocates have done a far better job over the years of using its power to advance their agenda than we have to advance ours.

Like a beautiful Christmas stocking containing a lump of coal, words and labels can hide an ugly reality. History has shown that positive, appealing terms can mask even the most egregious injustices. The atrocities committed at Auschwitz and Dachau were obscured by talk of "work camps" and "relocation centres." Slavery remained legal for centuries largely because the public bought the notion that Americans had the "right" to own slaves (who were "not fully human" anyway).

In much the same way, abortion has been sold to the public as "freedom of choice," a "woman's right," and "reproductive healthcare." These and many other euphemisms sound much better than "unborn child-killing," or "feticide," terms that would not go over nearly as well for the purveyors of abortion.

For those who see past the high-sounding rhetoric and recognize abortion for what it really is, exposing its reality and the

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deceptive rhetoric used to disguise it is important if we are ever going to change public opinion. That's why we are pleased to announce that the above image is now on a billboard at Highway 97 in West Kelowna!

That's right, thanks to the generosity of our monthly, annual, and occasional donors, members, and grassroots supporters, we have secured a 12-month contract with BC Billboards to display pro-life messages to tens of thousands of motorists each month.

Our Board of Directors hopes this particular message will prompt people to think about the language used in the public discourse about abortion and see the faults in it. Pointing out the commonly used "abortion is healthcare" misnomer also alludes to the fact that we the tax-payer should not be forced to fund abortion with our medicare dollars.

The Canada Health Act is clear in that only medical necessities ought to be covered by provincial healthcare programs, although no definition of "medically necessary" is provided. Surely, if something that is a "choice," does not help cure any "disease" and in fact ends a human life can be considered "medically necessary," then anything can.

Any debater will tell you that the terms and language used to frame an issue are crucial to winning or losing the debate. Our movement needs to get more serious and more unified with our use of language to fight abortion. Lives literally depend on us upping our game.



Marlon Bartram, BSW
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Sex-Selection Bill Fails



Last month, private member's Bill C-233, was defeated, 248-82. The legislation would

have made it a criminal offence to abort a child based solely on its sex.

Kelowna Lake Country MP Tracy Gray voted in favour of B-233. The Society lauds MP Gray's courage, particularly when CPC leader Erin O'Toole voted against it, stating prior to the vote, *"I support a woman's right to choose and my record speaks for itself. As Prime Minister, my government will secure the rights of Canadians and never erode them."*

Disappointingly, Central Okanagan Similkameen Nicola MP Dan Albas voted against the bill, citing potential enforcement issues as a reason to not support it. MP Albas has a "pro-abortion, pro-euthanasia" rating from Campaign Life Coalition and is rated as "not supportable" by the organization.

The Society also thanks Saskatchewan MP Cathy Wagantall for sponsoring the bill. Her dedication to the cause of life and willingness to act in a parliament hostile to the pre-born is admirable and courageous.

While every election brings with it a new hope of strengthening the pro-life political ranks, the next one will be difficult for our movement. Conservative members elected a pro-abortion politician as leader, only the CHP has an overtly pro-life leader and party platform, and only one of the two Central Okanagan MP's has earned the pro-life vote.

From the Front Line

Despite the unusually hot weather, our Tuesday hospital vigil walkers remain committed in their defence of the unborn.

This edition's featured participant and *new Board of Directors member* Lori Fracker says, "I was thirteen when I opened a piece of 'junk

mail' from our local right to life group. Tears began to flow as I read the newsletter, and I was forever changed by it. I immediately joined that group and have been doing what I can to raise awareness of the horrific genocide that is taking place in our country and around the world ever since.

The thought of these precious lives being destroyed pains me to my core. I've always wanted to do more than just participate in the March for Life and Life Chain once a year, so when the opportunity came to be part of the KGH weekly vigil I truly felt it was God leading me there. Proverbs 31:8 says, *Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of who are appointed to die.* It's an honor to come alongside others who have been so faithful in representing the heart, hand and voice of God in this great fight!"

Welcome to our Board of Directors, Lori. We are truly blessed to have you join us!



Delta Hospice House Update

Now that the BC Government has taken over the Delta Hospice House, the Society is planning to build another hospice, completely independent from the government! It understands the great need to protect people from those promoting physician-assisted suicide.

They want to build a place where anyone who wants a safe and peaceful place to live out their remaining days, without the suggestion or coercion to end their lives, will be welcome. They need us. It is important for us to stand with the Delta Hospice Society and support their dedication to the vulnerable.

If you aren't already, we want to encourage you to become a member of the Delta Hospice Society. An annual membership is only \$10. Please learn more about this important issue at deltahospice.org.

A Farewell to Dan!



The Board of Directors would like to dedicate this newsletter to express our immense gratitude and respect for our long-time treasurer, Mr. Dan Chipeur and his lovely wife Betty. After decades of service to the Society, to their church, and to friends and family in Kelowna, Dan and Betty made the decision to move to Edmonton to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Both Dan and Betty gave so much of their time, energy and resources for the pro-life cause over the years. In addition to almost forty years of service as a director and treasurer for Kelowna Right to Life, Dan worked tirelessly in the Pro-Life Thrift Shop, fixing and delivering items of all sort to various individuals and charities around town. They both participated faithfully in our Tuesday hospital vigil for many years as well.

Betty was a high-profile participant in her church, starting and managing a 24-hour prayer chapel at ICC on Sutherland Avenue.

Dan and Betty Chipeur have left their mark on Kelowna, cultivating meaningful friendships and working relationships. The charity organizations they contributed to and lives they touched are far too many to list.

Their dedication to the Kelowna Right to Life Society and the larger pro-life movement will never be forgotten and we wish both of them all the best in their new life in Edmonton.

Thank you Dan and Betty! We miss you already and we wish you many happy years with your family in your new location!

Memberships Expire Soon

The Kelowna Right to Life Society would not be able to do the work we do without you, the



membership. Many of you have supported us by keeping your memberships current for decades, while others have only recently become members. We appreciate each and every one of you, and we recognize that without you, the organization would cease to exist and our voices would fall silent.

No doubt that at times it seems our efforts bear no fruit, that no matter what we do we will never change the status quo. That is what the evil one would have you believe. That is him planting seeds of doubt in an attempt to harvest discouragement. He knows the positive impact you can have and thus he wants you resign to the sidelines while he continues his savage killing spree of the unborn.

Don't believe a word the father of lies whispers in your ear. We are saving lives, we are making a difference and abortion will end in God's good time. Our task, our obligation is to do His will and oppose injustice and to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Be faithful to our mission and we will reap the rewards.

Please refer to the address label on your envelope for your expiry date, and thank you for keeping your Kelowna Right to Life Society membership up to date!

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Due to extreme heat, we had to cancel our flag display scheduled for June 30th this year, but we are re-scheduling it for September 1st. With this labour intensive project, the more helping hands, the easier the task. Let us know if you are able to help us put up and/or take down the impressive 10,000 flag display later this . Sign up to our email list at lifecollective.o/kelowna to stay informed on this and all pro-life happenings in the Central Okanagan.

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