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Smear campaign organized by pro-abortion bullies and the media

LifeCanada President Joanne Byfield expressed regret today that the Bank of Montreal has decided not to renew the affinity card program when the contract expires next year.

“This campaign to smear the organization was successfully orchestrated by radical abortion activists and carried out by supporters in the Canadian media,” she said.

“Pro-life people have complained about bias in the media for years. This campaign is one of the best and most blatant examples of collusion between ‘objective’ journalists and abortion advocates. Notice that the media referred to our opponents as ‘pro-choice’ even as they wrote stories about their attempts to restrict our ability to promote our cause. The only ‘choice’ these people tolerate is their own extreme position favouring abortion.”

Byfield questioned why the credit card program was even considered a news story when the program has operated for over a decade. “Why suddenly was this a news story?” she asked.

Byfield said a handful of people, including a midwife from Victoria, circulated information about the program to an email list that included sympathetic journalists who decided to jump on the bandwagon and create a news story.

“If the media thinks businesses supporting controversial causes are legitimate news stories, why haven’t we read about the ongoing boycott of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for their aggressive campaign to support homosexual rights and gay pride events?” said Byfield. “Or what about the affinity-type relationship between Canada’s largest bookstore chain, Chapters Indigo, and Planned Parenthood, an organization that promotes abortion and explicit sex information for teens and children. Where are all those investigative journalists on these stories?”

Byfield said the campaign against LifeCanada portrayed the group as opponents of individual rights. She pointed out that the right to life is a core right, expressed in section 7 of Canada’s Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

“LifeCanada defends that inherent right for all Canadians—born or unborn, disabled or not, ill or healthy. How can people who believe this right can be denied to human beings by government or court decree, as abortion advocates do, portray themselves as the defenders of human rights?”

Byfield speculated that LifeCanada’s activities over the past few years have rankled the opponents.

“We’ve commissioned polls on public opinion on abortion,” said Byfield. “They show strong support for some legal restrictions on abortion and overwhelming support for eliminating tax-funded abortions. We’ve worked at educating Canadians and their politicians on the health effects of abortion on women.”

“Abortion advocates do not want Canadians to hear the uncomfortable truths about abortion—that it is not a healthy choice for women and that many suffer physically and emotionally following an abortion,” said Byfield. “They work very hard to suppress any negative information about abortion and the media has consistently assisted in censoring the truth.”

“LifeCanada will not cave in to these bullies. We will continue to do our work and we are confident that the many Canadians who share our views and values, will be dismayed by this campaign and they will continue to support us.”

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