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Canadians Don't Celebrate Abortion

LifeCanada joins with the millions of Canadians who are shocked and saddened that the Governor-General's office will award Henry Morgentaler with the Order of Canada.

“It is hard to believe that the Queen's representative and our government can ignore the beliefs of the majority of Canadians by bestowing what was such a prestigious honour on a man who has spent his life denying the most fundamental human right, the right to life for all human beings,” said Joanne Byfield, president of the national educational pro-life organization.

“This is a desperate attempt to sanctify Canada's deplorable situation on abortion. Forty years after abortion was decriminalized and twenty years after the limited restrictions on it were removed, two-thirds of us, according to polls, still don't accept abortion as just another medical procedure. The pro-abortion minority has shut down political discussion of the subject. Now, as a nation, we must declare Henry Morgentaler a hero and give him our most prestigious honour? Let's be clear. Here is a man who says he has aborted thousands of babies with his own hands. That is not something most Canadians will celebrate,” Byfield said.

Byfield noted that the official announcement said he received the award “for his commitment to increased health care options for women, his determined efforts to influence Canadian public policy and his leadership in humanist and civil liberties organizations.”

“They clearly avoided saying abortion. The man won because he has spent the past thirty years performing abortions, that is, taking the lives of innocent, vulnerable babies. He runs a chain of abortion clinics across the country most of which, with the honourable exception of New Brunswick, are paid for by taxpayers. There are, in addition, tens of thousands of women who are haunted by their abortion experience and suffering physical complications of the procedure,” Byfield said.

Byfield said that the Order of Canada is now tainted for many, many Canadians. “We know from polls over the last 30 years that the majority of Canadians do not support unrestricted legal abortion and they resent being forced to pay for them. This award not only ignores that reality, it tells us that taking human lives is heroic and honourable. This is beyond belief and a shameful decision.”

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