



Canadian government must stop funding the National Action Committee (NAC)

By Rosemary Underwood

There has been much press coverage recently on the possible demise of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) and there are many who receive this news with a great sense of relief and joy.

To name but a few: women to whom NAC has been an embarrassment all these years; the thousands of loving husbands whose wives have been influenced by this group's radical feminist philosophy to divorce them and who have thus been denied the opportunity to be with the children they adore; the tens of thousands of fatherless children that have been the products of this shameful process; family court judges who have made such unjust decisions out of fear of this very militant group; the taxpayers of Canada who were obliged to support a group whose goals many of them abhor.

In a political climate where the public is already very concerned about the integrity of government spending, there are many who feel that this organization rates very high on irresponsible stewardship of tax dollars.

According to information released under the Access to Information Act, from 1997 to 2003 the Status of Women, the federal government agency which has been the main target of NAC lobbying, spent millions of tax-payer dollars funding an assortment of women's groups including the core funding of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the NAC itself.

It was Thomas Jefferson who said "The most sacred of the duties of government is to do equal

and impartial justice to all its citizens". Yet while the Canadian government was doling out millions of dollars to this very anti-male organization, similar male organizations were receiving virtually nothing with which to counteract the evil agenda of the NAC. And as a result, men are suffering!

Coached by unscrupulous lawyers exploiting the heavy feminist influence of the militant NAC on our courts, female clients on a daily basis commit perjury and allege non-existent abuse to ensure air-tight and very lucrative custody cases. And 90% of the time they win! Does no one see that it is ludicrous to suggest that 90% of women are better parents than men? Most of our judges have become intimidated by the NAC into making decisions that even they must know are grossly unfair to men.

"Violence Against Women" has long been the battle cry of the NAC. Yet according to the 2003 edition of *Family violence in Canada: A statistical profile*, Statistics Canada says more women killed, hurt or threatened their partners in 2001 than in years before. The NAC always portrays violence as strictly a male trait when, in fact, male abuse is just as common though not as often reported. Yet, at the behest of the NAC lavishly funded centers for (female) abuse exist across Canada while refusal to fund the needs of the male population continues unabated.

With funding from the Canadian government the Policy Research Fund, a branch of Status of Women Canada, researchers set up an enemies' list. (Shades of Nazi Germany?) This list of

prominent purveyors of "masculinist discourse" was posted on the ministry's Web site and tax dollars were used to mine media databases for examples of masculinism. As a result the Canadian federal government accused dozens of American and Canadian men's and fathers' organizations of disseminating what they call "hate propaganda" on the Internet, and issued recommendations which could threaten the Canadian groups with prosecution and jail."

We understand that the group, having consumed millions of taxpayer dollars over the past three decades, is now asking Ottawa for interest relief on some \$30,000 in unpaid taxes and penalties, and a \$100,000-plus grant to "relaunch" itself. It might be argued that government is justified in supplying seed-money to kick-start causes which it deems worthy. But any organization that does not have sufficient member support to become self-sustaining after the first year or two, does not deserve to survive. For the

Canadian government to have continued funding this very militant, biased, damaging organization for over 20 years is unconscionable.

With health care in Canada on the verge of requiring life-support, with Canadian education sorely under-funded, with such travesties as our troops being asked to return food allowance money they had already been given or our brave armed forces flying in helicopters that may fall out of the sky, where is the logic in funding an organization whose tactics are at the very foundation of the collapse of Canadian families?

The politicians and bureaucrats in Ottawa should not even consider further funding for this very unworthy organization.

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