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THE NATURE OF 'VOLUNTARY' ACTION

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It seems that the Conservative and Unionist Party is currently trying to exclude from membership those who advocate the voluntary repatriation of immigrants. My own view is that the voluntary repatriation of immigrants should be excluded from the political agenda because it is clear that the overwhelming majority of immigrants do not wish to be repatriated. If people continue to advocate voluntary repatriation and the objects of their advocacy refuse to respond, significant social tensions would be created. Here 'person' in a grammatical sense is crucial: for someone to say, 'We should have the option of voluntary repatriation.' would be one thing; for someone else to say, 'You or they should have the option of voluntary repatriation.' would be entirely different. Those who continue to call for voluntary repatriation are either in ignorance of the facts and need to be informed or else really mean compulsory repatriation and should be encouraged to tell the truth from outside the Party. Compulsory repatriation could be considered only as part of a response to an almost unimaginable calamity that required the forced evacuation of a major proportion of the population of this country, including native-born subjects.

We can see that, with regard to repatriation, 'voluntary' is a weasel word from which the meaning has been sucked. Another example of the misuse of the word is in the phrase 'voluntary euthanasia'. It is clear that a consequence of the legalization of voluntary euthanasia would be a reduction in the level of services available to the old and the seriously ill: in a word, the expensive. Those who complained about the lack of services would be told that they were being selfish and that they had, of course, the 'right' to voluntary euthanasia. In the eyes of officialdom, the distinction between a right and a duty can easily become erased.

Another misuse of the concept of voluntary action is in the question of abortion. Quite apart from the voice of the unborn, one wonders, amid all the talk of "a woman's right to choose", whether in many cases a more accurate description might be "a woman's right to do as she's told" by those with power over her, whether it is her doctor, her parents, the father of her unborn child, or the malign influence of the pro-abortion sisterhood.

The starting point of this article was the attempt of the Conservative and Unionist Party to expel those who, in effect, advocate compulsory repatriation. This would be done because they are extremists. So they are, but it could be argued that those who accept abortion and would seek to legalize euthanasia are also extremists. Just as it is difficult for us today to grasp that less than three centuries ago there were people who accepted the existence of slavery, so a future society may find it difficult to grasp that, at the beginning of the twenty first century, there were people who accepted the existence of abortion and euthanasia.

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NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN (AND WOMEN) TO COME TO THE AID OF THE PARTY!

The effective working of the British Constitution requires the existence of political parties, but what exactly are they, or should they be? One view is of rather remote organizations who compete for our votes at general elections to see which one will run the country for the ensuing four or five years.

In between elections we have the option to lobby them to try and extract promises that could influence our votes at the following general election. For an analogy let us look at a scenario in which rival consortia compete to win the franchise to run the local supermarket for the next five years. They would make promises on prices and product ranges and, at each election, would be judged on their promises and past performance.

In between elections, customers could lobby them to try and influence the policies of those who have the franchise and to extract promises for the future from those who do not.

There is some truth in this analogy, but a political system dependent on parties that were small, professional organizations would be unhealthy. It would be better if political parties were mass-membership organizations with electors influencing policies from within as well as from without.

Those electors who broadly support one particular party have a duty to consider seriously whether they ought to join that party. Naturally, those who do not align themselves with any particular party have the right to try and influence parties from the outside.

In particular, those members of the SPUC Conservative Group who are not already members of the Conservative and Unionist Party should think about applying for membership. By joining the Party they would have the opportunity to strengthen the pro-life influence within the Party.

It would, of course, be counter-productive to be concerned only with pro-life issues.

Rather they should seek to play a significant role within the Party, depending on the time and energy they can spare: holding office within the Party; serving on committees; helping at elections; even standing as candidates at local or national level.

Other things being equal, more attention will be paid to the opinions of someone active within the Party than to those of someone outside who may, possibly, be a supporter.

SNIPPETS

The Feb/Mar 2001 issue of **UNIONIST** contains 'What Price A Child's Life?!', an analysis of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Research Purposes) Regulations and the morning-after pill.

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