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■ Dr Colmán Etchingham, NUI Maynooth

The so-called "Property Tax", in reality a tax on people's homes, is the biggest challenge to date faced by the people's resistance to injustices imposed on them by the authorities. Make no mistake about it, there is resistance and it is the biggest untold story of the current Irish crisis. The mainstream media are still largely content to relate the official story that recovery is just around the corner and that plucky little Ireland is fully deserving of the congratulations of our EU masters as the "poster-boys of austerity". But there are in truth several flies in the ointment. One is that "austerity" plainly isn't working as the medicine is clearly killing the patient, as it strangles economic growth. Another is that quietly but determinedly, popular resistance is making an impact.

It began with last year's "Household Charge". The authorities tried to force compliance by exaggerating the numbers registering, while threatening court action against those who refused. Hundreds of thousands are still holding out and, with the exception of a handful of multiple property owners, the authorities have backed off court action. The fear of negative publicity that campaigners were confident would make the authorities blink first has indeed worked, at least for the present. Unless resistance to the "Property Tax" is defeated, I think we can say we've seen the back of the "Household Charge".

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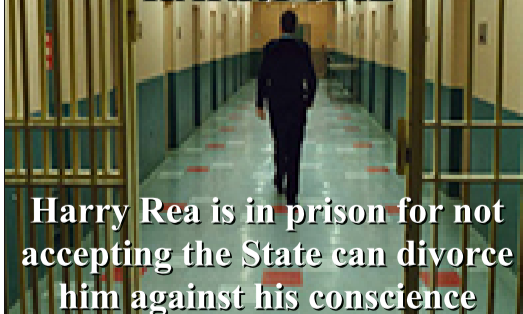
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Aisling FitzGibbon aka 'The Girl Against Fluoride' is taking legal action against the Irish Government to prevent them from adding dangerous chemicals such as fluoride to the water supply until they have been proven safe for human consumption.

The Irish Government maintain that fluoride added to drinking water (at the optimal level of 0.6 - 0.8 PPM) improves dental health by reducing dental caries, better known as 'Tooth Decay', but there are mountains of scientific reports in peer reviewed journals showing that fluoride is linked to; Lowering the IQ in Children, Neurological Diseases, Cancer, Coronary Heart Disease, Arthritis and Osteoporosis, Thyroid Dysfunction to name but a few. **Learn more inside!**



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# THE GIRL AGAINST FLUORIDE



## The campaign that has captured the hearts and minds of the nation.

By Aisling Fitzgibbon

**T**he Girl Against Fluoride campaign has continued to penetrate the wall of silence surrounding water fluoridation by taking part in events around the country and gaining the support of celebrities and professionals from home and abroad. Although I have used somewhat unconventional methods to draw attention to our fluoridation issue I have now achieved quite a national following. On the 24th of November 2012, I braved the winter chill and stripped outside the Dail along with a few other brave hearts. Gardai, perplexed at the sight of my scantily clad body, had no procedures from Templemore to deal with such an incidence. Trying to appear insouciant to the five bodies in various stages of undress they nonetheless stole some cursory glances at a scene that would have interested any full blooded male.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. People who had no knowledge of the fluoride issue were captivated by The Girl Against Fluoride and were drawn to the campaign. Undaunted by winter temperatures on the 19th of December 2012, I once again stripped on Grafton Street along with other activists who wished to highlight the fact that we're being drugged against our will with an unlicensed untested chemical.

The indomitable Ming Flanagan, an Independent TD from Roscommon joined me. Ming objects to us being mass medicated and pointed out that 98% of Europe have either, banned, stopped or rejected water fluoridation. He believes that as the water fluoridation chemicals have now entered the food chain this could have far reaching consequences for our export trade. As fluoride is regarded as a medicine by the European Court of Justice since 2005, it is incumbent on any government to state that foods containing fluoride have medicinal properties. It would therefore be illegal to export our foods as medicinal law takes precedence over food law. Farmers and producers of food using fluoridated water could hold their water provider accountable in law for their losses, if the rest of Europe refuses to buy food that is contaminated with water fluoridation chemicals.

People learning from fun and positivity, has been the hallmark of this campaign. People tend to recoil from the hard hitting health impacts of water fluoridation but when they ease into the information through the medium of song, dance and flamboyant events they become more receptive to the facts that fluoride has negative health effects.

Paddy Casey has endorsed The Girl Against Fluoride campaign and is writing a song to support an issue that effects every person in this country. Paddy Casey and Mundy will also take part in a gig this summer to help raise some needed funds for the campaign. Christy Moore has endorsed the campaign and we hope he will join in the fundraiser gig alongside more talented high profile musicians.

On the 12th of February 2013, a fluoride free event took place in Cornucopia restaurant on 19/20 Wicklow street Dublin. This was to highlight the fact that this restaurant is now fluoride free as it has been fitted with reverse osmosis filters that remove fluoride from the water. I gave a talk on the history of fluoridation in Ireland and the political reluctance of our politicians to address the problem. It was a very successful night with more and more people offering their services to distribute letters and posters in their own local area. I am hoping that other restaurants will follow suit soon.

Since the 13th February 2013, Hot Press magazine have been covering the fluoride issue at great length running it in the past 5 editions. Hot Press have published the astonishing evidence which conclusively links the fact that Ireland has the sickest population in Europe to the fact that we are the only country within the EU to engage in a policy of mandatory fluoridation of the water. Hot Press have agreed to keep reporting on the fluoride debate and have printed an open letter to Junior Minister for Health, Alex White. Alex White agreed to sit down and discuss the 27 questions posed by Hot Press journalist Adrienne Murphy.

Adrienne Murphy of Hot Press was invited onto the Today Show at RTE to debate the fluoride scandal. Adrienne's arguments against water fluoridation were hard hitting and thought provoking and although the presenters of the Today Show repeated the claims of the government that fluoride was safe and caused no ill effects, it didn't really hold much sway after the facts that Adrienne presented.

Court case proceedings will be launched this year, The Girl Against Fluoride versus the State. The case will focus on the right to bodily integrity. The case will be similar to the original case of Ryan V the Attorney General in 1963. Mrs Ryan argued that water fluoridation was mass medication and therefore was unconstitutional. Gladys Ryan lost the case as she was told she

could filter her water and access fluoride free water from pumps near her home. It is impossible to completely avoid fluoridated water and can be unaffordable for everyone to install a filter, also fluoridated water is in our food chain. The water pumps that were once in operation are now no longer in use.

A survey conducted and published in the Forum on Fluoridation report (2002) showed that 89% of the people in Ireland did not want their water fluoridated. Yet our government has inflicted water fluoridation on the Irish population against their will and continues to do so despite overwhelming evidence that it's harmful.

I often ask myself the question why this is still happening. I recently learned that they have reverse osmosis filters, which remove fluoride, fitted throughout Leinster house. I wonder why are the government filtering the water when they claim it is safe?

The HSE has the ultimate responsibility for water fluoridation in Ireland. They are being advised by an Expert Body, who spent the past 12 years reviewing evidence. The members of this panel, despite their protestations to the contrary, are very much pro fluoride and have ignored the evidence to date. There is no toxicologist or any suitable expert to examine the systemic health impacts of fluoridated water. Two of the members, Denis Mullane and Seamus Hickey, both dentists, regularly advise the World Health Organisation (WHO), and quote the same organisation to defend their pro fluoride stance. William Binchy, former law lecturer from Trinity sits on the ethics panel of the Irish Expert Body on Fluorides and Health. He believes that it's ethical to mass medicate the population without taking into account those who are vulnerable to fluoride toxicity. Those who are particularly vulnerable to fluoride toxicity are young children, people with kidney disease, diabetics, thyroid patients and the elderly who find it difficult to excrete fluoride. What doctor would ever prescribe for a patient they have not seen and give the same dosage regardless of age? This is what is happening here in this country where we are all being prescribed fluoride for our teeth. Ironically according to data from the WHO (2012) we have the worst teeth in Western Europe despite the fact that we are the only country with a policy of mandatory fluoridation.

There are no warnings issued to any of the citizens of this country of the side effects of water fluoridation. The HSE admit it causes dental fluorosis which could mean the state being liable for numerous dental bills in the future. Recent research from Declan Waugh the environmental scientist, whose reports have been sent to every government body, has examined the impact of water fluoridation on the health of this state. Declan Waugh has done what the Irish Expert Body has failed to do, which is to fully examine the impact of the fluoridation chemicals on humans and the environment. We have twice the global average of neurological disease and 83% higher incidence of Down's Syndrome in the world. Fluoride is a risk factor in cardiovascular disease as well as other major diseases including hypothyroidism, diabetes and obesity. Cardiovascular disease has increased by 88% since water fluoridation was introduced in the 60's.

The overwhelming consensus by dental researchers is that fluoride's primary effect is topical, not systemic, and that this topical effect occurs after the teeth have erupted into the mouth, not before. There is no need to swallow fluoride, especially during infancy and early childhood. As the US Centres for Disease Control (CDC) stated in 1999 "fluoride prevents dental caries predominately after eruption of the tooth into the mouth, and its actions primarily are topical for both adults and children".

The Girl Against Fluoride is a PR campaign that was created to attract attention to the water fluoridation issue before the court case takes place. I need public support so that once I go up the steps to the high court that enough people will put pressure on the judges to reverse the mandatory fluoridation policy in Ireland. Already Paul Connett, former Professor of Chemistry from St Lawrence University in New York and dentist Jim Maxey from the US fully endorse the campaign to remove water fluoridation chemicals from Ireland. I am hoping that more and more celebrities and professionals get on board to draw attention to the water fluoridation issue.

Senator David Norris, a number of Independent TDs and food critic Paolo Tuillio are supporting the campaign to end water fluoridation.

I need help in my fight to raise awareness. We are being forced to drink industrial grade water fluoridation chemicals that contain contaminants such as lead, arsenic, aluminium, cadmium and mercury. I would like people to do their own research instead of defending their pro fluoride stance. Please review the literature on



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www.fluoridealert.org. This campaign has shown me how entrenched people have become in the medical model believing the dogma that fluoride is good for their teeth. Please contact me and I can send people letters, posters and leaflets that need to be distributed throughout Ireland. I also need people to join our database so we can all keep connecting in our efforts.

Fluoride causes apathy, a lassitude that seems to affect so many Irish people today. Is it any wonder there is little objection to our country's wealth being siphoned off to bond holders and international bankers? We need energy to rise up and claim what is rightfully ours. We need to be of corpus mentis to claim a future for our children. A fluoride free Ireland will be the catalyst to our evolution as a nation. Together we can work to achieve pure clean life sustaining water.

On the lead up to the court case I need to raise funds to cover the basic expenses of the legal team and also to pay to fly in expert witnesses to testify against fluoride. Over the coming months I will be working on hosting music events to raise funds. If you can help, please get in touch. The Girl Against Fluoride has become more than a campaign. It has become a symbol of hope, of what is possible when we dare to dream and act on those dreams. What was once regarded as a conspiracy theory by the less initiated, is permeating main stream consciousness. The media is beginning to take sit up and take notice. We need to give them something to write about. ■

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**Harry Rea is in prison for not accepting the State can divorce him against his conscience.**

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The Institute of Family and Marriage are today announcing that Harry Rea, who is a well known and respected champion for Life and Family in Ireland was arrested and taken directly to Cork Prison without a trial Thursday 11 April 2013 because he steadfastly refuses to agree that the State can force him to accept he is divorced.

As a practicing Catholic and a Deserted Spouse Harry asserts the amendment to the Constitution to allow couples to Divorce was never intended to nor lawfully could allow for practicing Catholics and Deserted Spouses to be divorced against their conscience and will.

This doesn't suit the Divorce industry as if this knowledge was broadcast widely their only money trail will dry up.

To silence Harry and to frighten other such Spouses they have put him in prison for 3 months – for refusing to accept the decree of Divorce. Harry's Family Home where he lives and works with his children and grand-daughter is under siege whilst he is in prison.

**Roger Eldridge, CEO of the Institute of Family and Marriage** will be in the High Court today 16 April 2013 to apply for a *writ of Habeas Corpus* on the basis that the State can not lawfully hold Harry in prison and will be arguing that the legal Family Law industry is purposely mis-representing and misinterpreting the Family Law (Divorce) Act as if it were adversarial and fault based whereas the people amended the Constitution to only allow for couples to use it who both believed their Marriage was dead and who wanted to re-marry.

Using it wrongly is destroying many Families and ending Marriages which would otherwise be saved.

Please come along and support Harry and Marriage and the Family in the High Court today.

**God Bless, Roger Eldridge**

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## BOYCOTT PROPERTY TAX

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What if even a significant minority of the people have the courage and intelligence to repeat in the case of the “Property Tax” what they have done to the “Household Charge”? What if they get a taste for defying the injustices that the authorities try to impose with the mantra “it’s the law”? What if, in response, they say, “it may be your law, but it’s not ours”.

In defence of the “Property Tax” the authorities offer only threats and untruths: they’ll take it from your pay/pension/welfare if you don’t comply, and, after all, they say, “it’s to pay for local services”. We all know the last point is a sick joke — maybe they mean it’ll pay for local services in Germany. The authorities never try to explain the justice of a tax on homes that disregards inability to pay. Fine Gael in its general election manifesto of 2011 declared that

“an annually recurring residential property tax on the family home is unfair”. They’ve broken that promise first with the “Household Charge” and now the “Property Tax”. As these are payable only from people’s incomes — because your home is not a source of income — FG have also broken their biggest election promise of “no further increases in income taxes”. Since this government was elected on a false prospectus and has broken its electoral contract with the people, the people are entitled to withhold their consent.

The policies of this government continue those of the previous one. They try to make the people of Ireland pay for the mess made by bankers, builders and the wealthy elite, including politicians themselves. A real “Property Tax” would target not people’s homes, but the excess property and wealth of those rich enough to be able to pay. Just last month the Sunday Independent for the second year running showed the accumulated wealth of just the richest 300 Irish citizens amounts to over €60 billion. This year it’s €66.1 billion, up €3.9 billion from €62.2 billion last year, which was up over €5 billion from €57 billion in 2011. The wealth of this tiny elite of the elite is actually more than the cost of the bailout of private gamblers’ banking debts that the ordinary people of Ireland are being forced to shoulder.

Only the people themselves can force a change of policy in the right direction, by refusing to comply with what they did not consent to in the first place. Spearheading the resistance to the “Property Tax” now is Independent Resistance, a network of activists that is not directed or dominated by any political party. Independent Resistance recently provided the cutting edge to the demonstration against the EU finance ministers at Dublin Castle, among other things symbolically burning the EU flag, demonstrating outside the Westbury Hotel where the ministers stayed, and the following day demonstrating outside Minister Joan Burton’s house. Their message on that occasion was “We’ll leave your home alone, Joan, if you leave ours alone”. Independent Resistance can be contacted on 087-7583908.



## Children's Referendum Challenge Update

**By Dave Butler**

**D**espite narrowly securing a “Yes” vote, the government has been restrained from altering our constitution by a legal challenge, launched by a courageous group that includes former MEP - Kathy Sinnott, Joanna Jordan, John Waters and Mark McCrystal, together with public support and generosity. At the time of going to press, their case is being heard at the Dublin High Court before *Mr Justice Paul McDermott*.

There is far more at stake than children’s and parent’s rights. **The core document of the Irish Republic is our Constitution.** Referenda are the democratic mechanism by which this document can be altered. The taxpayer funded, propaganda campaign, which the government deployed before the referendum, denied our democratic right to free and fair referenda, and undermined the legitimate foundation of our republic. This legal challenge, is a heroic struggle to restore it.

You may recall that just 24 hours before the “children’s rights” referendum media black out, The Supreme Court, unanimously upheld Mark McCrystal’s assertion that the government had spent €1.1M of our money on a **one-sided campaign**, which implied that if you care about children, you are bound to vote “Yes”. Despite this decision, the government went ahead with the referendum without apology or redress - a clear violation of democratic principles.

This attempt to have the result of the referendum declared **“unsafe” and therefore null and void**, is being financed by the donations of concerned citizens; while the government is spending a vast amount of taxpayer’s money trying to defend their unconscionable behaviour, abuse of due process and misappropriation of public funds.

Michael Bruter, of the London School of Economics gave his expert opinion, that the **state had unlawfully funded a Yes campaign** and managed to “blur the differences” between Referendum Commission information and its own propaganda. He claimed that by presenting as “neutral” a booklet, which in the words of Joanna Jordan “was an answer to the question – why I should vote Yes”; the state “*most probably significantly*” prejudiced the referendum.

Presenting expert opinion from an advertising perspective, was Dr. Robert Heath. He attested to “*significant emotional influence*” being exerted on the electorate by dubbing it “*the children’s rights referendum*” and implying that the amendment was necessary to protect children from harm. He asserted that the government’s printed media campaign showed “strong bias” and the television adverts “slight bias” towards a Yes vote.

Senior Counsel Paul Sreenan, Junior Counsel Catherine Donnelly, Solicitors Kevin Brophy...

Professor of government at the University of Exeter, Paul Whitely testified that the government booklet, delivered to 2.6 million, had urged people to vote Yes. He pointed out that insufficient time had elapsed for the implications of the McCrystal ruling to be absorbed by the electorate. The defence attempted to discredit the professor; by insisting he couldn’t understand Irish politics. However, under cross-examination, Prof. Whitely demonstrated a detailed knowledge of our system.

UCD student, Nicholas Cargin bravely gave witness to the fact that he (and by inference, thousands like him) would have voted No instead of Yes, had he known more about the state’s criminal activities, proven by Mark McCrystal.

While the state has unlimited public funds to spend on their defence, this challenge is funded by your donations. Any additional support that you can afford, will be received gratefully and used efficiently. Thank you.

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**N**ow that Obamacare has been ruled a tax by the U.S. Supreme Court, reality is starting to sink in for all those who emotionally supported it. Promoted as a way to provide either free health care or low-cost health care to the masses, the sobering reality is that under Obamacare, *health insurance prices keep rising, not falling.* That's no surprise, of course, since the Obamacare legislation was practically written by the health insurance companies, and they sure didn't put their weight behind a sweeping new law that would earn them less profit.

In an era when the so-called "99%" are sick and tired of being exploited by the one percent who control everything, they just handed their medical futures over to precisely the one percent who skillfully monopolize the conventional health care system!

Obamacare is, at every level, a **huge victory for the one percent.**

#### A costly new tax on the middle class

By the year 2016, the Obamacare "penalty" tax will reach roughly \$2,000 per year for a two-person household. According to Stephen Moore of the Wall Street Journal, 75% of the financial burden of Obamacare's new taxes will fall onto Americans making less than \$120,000 a year. The great Middle Class, in other words, will bear this new tax more than anyone else.

In effect, what has really happened here is a **great swindle**: Obama got the middle class to support his legislation by promising it was NOT a tax, and by promising it would LOWER health insurance costs. In reality, however, it RAISES health insurance costs, it IS a tax, and the majority of that tax burden falls squarely on the very same middle-class voters who put Obama into office under false pretenses. That's a swindle, by any definition.

Not surprisingly, this realization doesn't sit well with many middle class taxpayers. While the original emotional appeal of Obamacare was nicely packaged and seductively marketed to the masses, the sobering, post-honeymoon reality slaps us all in the face like a wet fish: Smack! This thing is another huge tax increase on the working class! And



on top of that, it gives the IRS scary new powers to pry into our private finances. How did you all think compliance with Obamacare was going to be enforced, anyway? It's going to empower the IRS with even more agents!

#### Government monopoly for Big Pharma

Even worse than the trillions in new taxes and the IRS spy grid that's now being set up to monitor compliance with Obamacare, there's also the sobering fact that Obamacare never even attempted to give consumers a free choice in their health care providers. There's no coverage of naturopathic medicine, herbal medicine, acupuncture or nutritional therapies. The entire law is written around -- and for -- Big Pharma and the conventional "sick care" industry that's best described as a "medical racket."

Thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court, we don't even

have a chance to opt out of this corrupt, failed system of patented chemical medications and overpriced surgical procedures. Now, we are forced to hand over our hard-earned money to the very same medical system that we already know is responsible for killing over 750,000 Americans a year. It's called "iatrogenic death," and it means death by health care.

So not only are we being chemically abused and medically enslaved in America, we are now financially forced to pay for the privilege of being raked over the coals by the medical establishment. It makes you wonder... where is the "care" in Obamacare?

But wait, there's more! From this position of being coerced by the government to pay for a system of medicine you don't even want, it's not much of a leap to being coerced to **undergo medical procedures you don't want, either.**

#### How Obamacare will lead to mandatory vaccinations for everyone

Forced vaccinations -- for adults! -- are on the way, friends. And here's why: Once everybody is "in the system" of mandatory health care, we will begin to hear arguments like this:

"Anyone who refuses to get vaccinated against influenza is thereby at risk of being an influenza carrier and infecting other people, thus increasing health care costs for us all. To save money, government must force everyone to get vaccinated!"

It's a false argument, of course, but it will be used to literally line people up at courthouses (with the threat of arrest and jail time) and force them all to be **vaccinated against their will.**

The same false logic can be used to force people to undergo chemotherapy, take AIDS drugs, undergo coronary bypass surgery or be subjected to almost any medical procedure deemed "necessary" by the government. In the realm of mental health and psychiatry, this opens up a Pandora's Box of exploitation of patients for the purpose of raking in record profits for the criminally-operated psychiatric drug industry.

Such is the inevitable abuse of monopolistic market practices enforced by a corrupt government that serves the interests of its corporate masters: Once the sick care industry has this monopoly and can force everyone to participate, they will exploit that advantage to its fullest profiteering capacity. Remember: It is the dream of every corporation to dominate the world. Obamacare just gave Big Pharma and the other sick care giants huge monopolistic cheats to pursue precisely that goal.

#### Sober up, America!

In a time when consumers are increasingly demanding transparency, free choice and the ability to shop around for competitive bargains, Obamacare codifies secrecy, mandatory compliance and monopolistic practices.

Maybe it's time to sober up and take an honest look at what Obamacare really is instead of what Obama promised it would be. People bought into the dream, but what they actually received was a monumental swindle. ■

## WHY WOULD PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES WANT SICK PEOPLE TO BE CURED?

■ Ita O' Rafferty

**T**he pharmaceutical industry, by its very nature, exists to make profit. There is nothing wrong with that, as every corporation and business must make a profit in order to survive, pay their shareholders and pay their staff. That is what drives the world economy.

In my lifetime there has not been a major breakthrough with regard to either a vaccine or a cure for any illness or disease. There have been numerous treatments, some of which can be even bought across the counter of a supermarket. But are these treatments working or are they just prolonging the agony of the people they are supposed to help?

It is not a conspiracy theory to believe that the pharmaceutical industry does not wish to find a cure or a vaccine for any illness or disease and that they will do all in their power to stop any such breakthrough in medical science.

How many times have we heard media stories about a breakthrough in the search for a cure for cancer or asthma? I have been hearing and reading about this rubbish for 20 years and then it is all forgotten about. As an asthmatic all my life I have seen so many new so called "wonder drugs" that were going to change the lives of asthma sufferers. But when one gets to use these so called wonder treatments, they will notice that they contain the same properties as the previous one they were taking and they are manufactured by the very same pharmaceutical companies that were supplying the previous but now redundant medication. This is the marketing machine of the international pharmaceutical industry in full swing and the sad part is that ill people fall for this recycling scam, hook, line and sinker.

It is not the general practitioner or the chemist shop that are to blame in this farce. Your doctor can only prescribe what is on the market and your local chemist shop can only supply medicines that

are prescribed by the GP. But the problem lies with our specialist departments in our large hospitals and the many senior hospital consultants who are complicit in duplicity.

This takes me back to the year 2000. I was attending the Department of Respiratory Medicine at James Connolly Memorial Hospital in Blanchardstown. I could not believe my ears while in another room, waiting to see the respiratory nurse, I overheard a golf outing and drinks party being organised. The chief organiser was a very well spoken woman who I just knew was a sales representative from a pharmaceutical company. This "party" and golf outing was for all the staff at the Department of Respiratory medicine. When this very pushy woman had left I saw a sample of a Seretide Inhaler on the nurse's desk. This was a new wonder drug to treat asthma apparently. I am on this inhaler since then and I must say that it is a very effective preventive treatment for me. But this inhaler has not got any new properties. It is just a combination of Becotide and Serevent rolled into one. These inhalers had been around for a number of years prior to this "magic new wonder drug". While this inhaler is not as expensive as it was then (approximately IR£70 at the time) it is still an expensive drain on the health budgets of first world countries that still have free medical care for their citizens.

The international pharmaceutical industry has been bleeding dry those health budgets for decades. Not once has there been any attempt by western governments to try generic drugs which are the very same. We have heard Irish health ministers talk about it but that talk soon stops which leads me to believe, that knowing the nature of our politicians, they too are being taken to a place like the K Club for a good old knees up in order to keep them quiet.

The pharmaceutical industry keeps the ball rolling, same medicines but different packaging. They are marketed to the specialist departments of our hospitals in much the same manner as the washing powder adverts in the 1980s, i.e. "new and improved with GRANULES".



The Pharmaceutical industry has not got the health of humans as its priority. Market share and profitability are their most important priorities. It is not unreasonable to believe that they thrive on illness. Ill people make these people wealthy. Asthma is on the increase in the western world and so is cancer. The pharmaceutical industry will not ever conduct research to find a cure or a vaccine for this condition. It is ironic that a vaccine was found about 60 years ago after the last Tuberculosis epidemic in western society. But there was no organised pharmaceutical industry around then to put a stop to such a vaccine being made available to the human population. Treatment of TB would be a better money spinner for this industry than a vaccine or a cure.

We may forget about cures being discovered for life threatening illnesses in the foreseeable future as the pharmaceutical industry, together with the world's governments, have too much to lose if everyone suddenly gets cured from their illness or do not develop any illness at all. Any government can cut back on their health budget, as they are presently doing, but the taxes raised from the profits of the pharmaceutical industry far outweigh whatever they spend on health care. So in conclusion, I believe that the cosy consensus of governments and the pharmaceutical industry see a society of sick people as being good for an economy. ■

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# Vaccinations - the Hidden Truth Part 1

■ Kim McMenamin

The HSE rolled out the so called cervical cancer vaccine (HPV) programme across Ireland in September 2010 targeting 60,000 girls in first and second year at school. The programme involved administering three doses of the vaccine over the course of six months. Even though the cost of the vaccines was reduced from €16m to €3m, the major pharmaceutical companies will benefit in the future from all the drugs that will be needed to counteract the harmful effects of this vaccine. **The information leaflet that comes with the vaccine does not properly stress that HPV is sexually transmitted nor does it tell them the more sexual partners a person has the more likely they are to contract a strain of HPV.**

Here are some hard-hitting facts the public and parents should know about this vaccine.

- 1) The cervical cancer vaccine will not cure or treat cervical cancer. Severe adverse reactions have occurred including A & E visits, permanent damage and death.
- 2) The vaccine is called the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine and is misleadingly called the cervical cancer vaccine. There is no such thing as a cancer vaccine.
- 3) You can still get cervical cancer after having the vaccine.
- 4) The HPV vaccines will not prevent cervical cancer.
- 5) Vaccine failure and serious adverse vaccine events have been documented in decades of studies published in the world's leading medical journals.
- 6) Parents are frequently bullied, threatened or intimidated to vaccinate their children!
- 7) The dangers of childhood diseases are grossly exaggerated in order to ensure mass compliance.

One thing people should know is that the so called vaccine for cervical cancer is in fact called the HPV vaccine; it's a vaccine to prevent the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV virus) which "they think"! Is the cause of cervical cancer? Why then is this vaccine wrongly being called a vaccine for cervical cancer? Well there lies the hype and misconception. A recent research by naturalnews.com revealed- that the FDA in America knew as early as 2003 that Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) was not linked to cervical cancer. Despite this knowledge, the FDA, along with key pharmaceutical companies, has continued to push for the use of HPV vaccinations as a defence against cervical cancer, even when its own research showed no link exists!. The Natural News investigative report goes on to say- *This is a special report that cites from numerous FDA documents and clinical studies to show that HPV vaccines are not only ineffective, they may actually be dangerous! As revealed in the special report, the Gardasil vaccine has been linked to a 44.6% increase in precancerous lesions in some women, raising serious doubts over the sensibility of mandatory vaccination policies.*

## Statistics

People should know that cervical cancer is not the big killer it is made out to be. In the United States; it is only the 8th most common cancer of women. According to the National Cancer Registry in Ireland the incidence rate for women under 25 was 1.3 per 100,000 women. These are not high risk figures by any means. So why the scaremongering then I hear you ask? The answer is, in one simple word.... PROFIT. In order to introduce any vaccine they will hype up the figures somehow and be highlighting it in the media over the months leading up to its roll out, watch out for the signs! Much can be done to prevent cervical cancer.....increase personal hygiene, bath or shower 5 or 6 times a



week, don't have sex when you are too young, do not have lots of different sex partners or have good safe/hygiene sex practise (condoms), strengthen your immune system through regular exercise and good diet, do not be on the pill for long periods or avoid it altogether.

Deaths from cervical cancer fell substantially in the UK after a National Screening Programme was introduced there in 1988, now this seems to be one of the most effective ways to combat cervical cancer, but this costs money and there is no profit to be made.

## Deaths

The Gardasil HPV vaccine by Merck along with Cervarix are the two vaccines licensed in Ireland and were rolled out in schools in 2010. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has reported that two young women died shortly after receiving Merck's Gardasil. The recent deaths mark the fourth and fifth to occur shortly following vaccination with Gardasil and the first in Europe. Previously, three young women, aged 12, 19 and 22, died in the United States within days after receiving a Gardasil shot. In addition, 1,700 cases have been reported of patients suffering non-lethal adverse reactions. In India the cervical cancer vaccine was immediately suspended after four deaths and complications among 120 girls were reported. The girls complained of stomach disorders, epilepsy, headaches and early menarche. More than 1,300 girls in the United Kingdom have experienced negative reactions to the government-mandated Cervarix vaccine for the human papilloma virus (HPV), according to adverse events reports collected from doctors by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). All this raises some serious questions? should every young girl in Ireland be vaccinated against a disease that kills 1.3 persons per 100,000 and with a vaccine that has already killed more than that figure, and which there is no real proof that it works in the first place, surely then money would be better spent on better screening services and educating young girls and women on how to easily prevent this in the first place. For more info. visit my facebook page **Vaccine and Health Awareness**

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## The Shocking Story of How Aspartame Became Legal

by Joe Martino

Did you know that Aspartame was banned by the FDA twice? How is this product legal now?

The bittersweet argument over whether Aspartame is safe or not has been going on for a long time. On one side we have medical evidence that suggests we should avoid using it and on the other side we lean on the FDA's approval that suggests it is safe. Since generally that seems to be the factor that many continue to hold trust based upon, I thought we could look into the Aspartame story to find out how it came to be

accepted as safe by the FDA. You would think that something so widely used and so well accepted would have quite the pristine story leading to its acceptance. I imagine one will discover otherwise after reading this post.

It all starts in the mid 1960's with a company called G.D. Searle. One of their chemists accidentally creates aspartame while trying to create a cure for stomach ulcers. Searle decides to put aspartame through a testing process which eventually leads to its approval by the FDA. Not long after, serious health effects begin to arise and G.D. Searle comes under fire for their testing practices. It is revealed that the testing process of Aspartame was among the worst the investigators had ever seen and that in fact the product was unsafe for use. =Aspartame triggers the first criminal investigation of a manufacturer put into place by the FDA in 1977. By 1980 the FDA bans aspartame from use after having 3 independent scientists study the sweetener. It was determined that one main health effects was that it had a high chance of inducing brain tumors. At this point it was clear that aspartame was not fit to be used in foods and banned is where it stayed, but not for long.

Early in 1981 Searle Chairman Donald Rumsfeld (who is a former Secretary of Defense.. surprise surprise) vowed to "call in his markers," to get it approved. January 21, 1981, the day after Ronald Reagan's inauguration, Searle took the steps to re-

apply aspartame's approval for use by the FDA. Ronald Reagan's new FDA commissioner Arthur Hayes Hull, Jr., appointed a 5-person Scientific Commission to review the board of inquiry's decision. It did not take long for the panel to decide 3-2 in favor of maintaining the ban of aspartame. So Hull appointed a sixth member to the board, which created a tie in the voting, 3-3. Hull then decided to personally break the tie and approve aspartame for use. Hull later left the FDA under allegations of impropriety, served briefly as Provost at New York Medical College, and then took a position with Burston-Marsteller. Burstone-Marstella is the chief public relations firm for both Monsanto and GD Searle. Since that

time he has never spoken publicly about aspartame.

It is clear to this point that if anything the safety of aspartame is incredibly shaky. It has already been through a process of being banned and without the illegitimate un-banning of the product, it would not be being used today. Makes you wonder how much corruption and money was involved with names like Rumsfeld, Reagan and Hull involved so heavily. In 1985, Monsanto decides to purchase the aspartame patent from G.D. Searle. Remember that Arthur Hull now had the connection to Monsanto. Monsanto did not seem too concerned with the past challenges and ugly image aspartame had based on its past. I personally find this comical as Monsanto's products are banned in many countries and of all companies to buy the product they seem to fit best as they are champions of producing incredibly unsafe and untested products and making sure they stay in the market place.

Since then, aspartame has been under a lot of attack by scientists, doctors, chemists and consumers about it's safety and neurotoxic properties. Piles of comprehensive studies have been completed that show aspartame is a cause for over 90 serious health problems such as cancer, leukemia, headaches, seizures, fibromyalgia, and epilepsy just to name a few. We have written several articles discussing various affects of aspartame. ■



# Barbie

## Girl's Toy or Secret Agent?

*"One of the greatest things about Barbie is that she continues to push the envelope.... Barbie does not care what other people think".*

*-Cathy Cline of Mattel USA, in the New York Times.*

By Sandra Barr

Clearly, a plastic effigy doesn't have a self-directing mind, cannot form opinions and is incapable of caring about people. So how did this tiny fashion model become a multibillion-dollar international sensation? Could she have played a role in the profound cultural changes that have occurred since her birth in 1959?

Let's meet her 'mother' Lilli, a whore in post-war Germany, her sisters Tammy and Sindy, and their vapid boyfriends. Consider her role in promoting consumerism and find out why Barbie, an icon of modern femininity, never had children.



Lilli - The Cartoon Years

From 1952, Lilli starred in her own cartoon for the tabloid *Bild-Zeitung* in Hamburg. From the outset Lilli was a new breed of woman - she had a job, she had no reservations about talking about sex, and her quips were loaded with sexual innuendo. For example: when a police officer told her that two-piece swimsuits were banned, Lilli quipped, "Which piece do you want me to take off?". She was never a nurturing female concerned with settling down and having children; she was "a material girl", concerned only with fashion and trinkets. She prostituted herself to balding old men and is famed for her quip "I could do without balding old men, but my budget couldn't". Her ideal was to find a rich and handsome man, but rich and ugly would do.

Lilli was a party animal and not adverse to clubbing all night long- "The sunrise is so beautiful that I always stay late at the nightclub to see it". Her interest in politics started and finished with what politicians wore- "Of course I'm interested in politics; no one should ignore the way some politicians dress!"

With a view to marketing a Lilli doll, *Bild-Zeitung* contacted toy company O&M Hausser, who made figurines of every rank of the Nazi war machine including Mein Führer himself. Two years later in 1955 Lilli was launched and remained on sale until 1964.

Lilli, the German sex symbol, a 11 1/2" bit of plastic, was sold to men in smoking shops and bars. Between 1955 and 1964 up to 130,000 were produced. Apparently, her large breasts, small waist and long legs coupled with her expression, were sexually intriguing to those German men.

### The Conception and Birth of Barbie!

In 1956 Ruth Handler - wife of Elliot Handler, the co-founder of Mattel, was on vacation in Europe. While in Switzerland she purchased a number of the *Bild* Lilli dolls, she was later to claim that she did not know it was a "sex doll". I suppose that the large breasts, long legs flame red nails and pout all seemed innocent enough to her! She returned to the US and began developing what was later to be called Barbie based on the German *Bild* Lilli doll. Barbie was three years in the design and development department, which is a little odd considering she was a near identical replica of Lilli.

On March 9, 1959 Barbie made her debut at a New York toy fare. In the first year of production 351,000 Barbies were sold at \$3 each.

Those first Barbies now command up to \$5000! It was three years before Mattel could keep up with demand, by 2002 over a billion Barbies had been sold in 150 countries.

To give you a rough idea of Barbie's Empire, it is estimated that on average, every girl (aged from 3-11) in the US owns 11 Barbies each; in the UK and Italy 7 each, and in France and Germany 5 each. Annual sales total \$1.6 BILLION! 150 new Barbies are created every year. She has a huge cult following with Barbie fan clubs, conventions, magazines, web sites and exhibitions. As Mattel says "She is more than just a doll". She is the most successful toy in the history of toys. If the dolls that have been produced so far were to lay head to toe, they would circle the globe more than 7 times!



Barbie and Ken

A boyfriend was created for Barbie - Ken was born in 1961. Barbie and Ken were named after the Handlers' two children Barbara and Kenneth. Ken, like his girlfriend, is a teenager and his main preoccupation in life is fashion.

### The UK's Sindy

Meanwhile in the UK, *Pedigree Dolls and Toys*, impressed by Barbie's success, thought they would produce a similar teenage doll modelled on Tammy - another American doll. In 1963 Sindy (Sin-Die) was launched. Pedigree thought they would go for a less raunchy fashion doll, so her breasts were just a little smaller than Barbie's. However the resemblance between Lilli, Barbie, Tammy and Sindy is unmistakable; most notable are the eyes glancing to the right. Like her American counterpart she had a boyfriend - Paul, and her main preoccupation in life was her clothes and acquiring more and more of them. Between 1968 and 1970 she was the best selling toy in the UK.



"Sindy is the free, swinging girl that every little girl longs to be. Sindy has sports clothes, glamour clothes, everyday clothes, a dog, skates, a gramophone - everything!..."

Every genuine Sindy outfit is a child's dream come true. Each one is designed for today's fashionable young women by today's leading women designers. They are authentic miniature replicas of the latest adult clothes. - 1963 Marketing blurb.

Prior to the 1960's very few people had televisions, and little girls were happy enough with a rag doll to play house with. The television brought, sophisticated marketing into the centre of the home and parents were put under pressure to supply the trinkets on offer. By the late 60's I had a Sindy, and I remember bothering my mother because I felt I should have all the accessories that were on offer. We were fast moving into a consumerist society and at every turn we were bombarded with all the things we "needed". The TV decreed what we should buy next, for our dolls. During the 1960's up to 70% of the profits from Sindy were due to the large range of Sindy accessories. This surely helped consolidate the modern meme, that "the pursuit of happiness" means the accumulation of possessions.

"People buy things they don't need, with money they don't have, to impress people they don't like" - Clive Hamilton

Handler is quoted as saying that the whole point of Barbie was to show little girls that they could be anything they wanted to be. She failed to add that her figure could only be achieved by spending a great deal on cosmetic surgery! Barbie's weird proportions, with her 39 - 21 - 33 figure elongated legs and tiny feet, sets an impossible target that some girls aspire toward. Could Barbie and her sisters be partially responsible for the increase in devastating eating disorders such as bulimia, and anorexia?

### Social Change

In the USA, The women's liberation movement was founded and funded by the Rockefeller foundation. Globally, campaigns were steered by such organisations and co-opted by commercial interests. Edward Bernays successfully got women smoking by presenting cigarettes as "torches of freedom". What began as a demand for equal rights, quickly turned into "burn your bra" and "free love".

The 60's "sexual revolution" created an unhealthy attitude to sex. Porn became commonly available, sex was cheap and easy to find; by the 80's/90's it was sold as nothing more than a bit of fun. The media was used to full effect to profoundly alter popular culture, and inculcate new social norms. The people who manipulate culture, aim for a dysfunctional society. Unbalanced, divided and incoherent people, pose no threat to the ruling elite. Bertrand Russell's research, which included forcing sexual activity on and between underage children, led him to expound the theory that early promiscuity dramatically reduces an individual's ability to form a lifelong monogamous bond.

"Every little girl needed a doll through which to project herself into her dream of her future. If she was going to do role playing of what she would be like when she was 16 or 17, it was a little stupid to play with a doll that had a flat chest. So I gave it beautiful breasts." - Barbara Handler

They say that if you throw a frog into boiling water it knows to jump out, but if you put it in a pot of cold water and bring it slowly to the boil, the frog will remain until death. So it was with Lilli - at the onset she was considered a little outrageous, and not a suitable toy for children. However within a decade her image became more acceptable to the point that parents bought their children Lilli dolls. Since then "progress" has resulted in the Playboy rabbit becoming acceptable trade-mark on many products including some intended for children.



Tesco sold toy pole-dancing kits complete with fake money. Little T-shirts have even sported slogans such as "future porn-star". The TV show 'Angry Boys' featured a tiny girl drinking from a giant plastic phallus. Perhaps the "Bratz Hooker Babies" are Barbie's unwanted daughters, who she naturally leaves with a nanny until they are ready for boarding school.

I was born in 1961; my first dolls were all baby dolls. I looked after them, took them for walks in their pram, kept them clean and nurtured them. In most females, the nurturing instinct is innate. Traditionally girls wanted to grow up get married have babies and a family of their own. In contrast, Barbie dolls present aspirations for the girls themselves. In so doing they focus attention on the self - promoting the modern narcissistic culture which is obsessed with superficial appearance and status.



Bratz - the next level.

### Family Unit under Attack

Over the course of my 50 plus years, I have observed the disintegration of the family unit. The mother was from antiquity, the pivotal point in a family. Over the last four decades the mass media has derided the mother. We have Disney films that rarely feature a Mother. Sindy and Barbie had all manner of friends and siblings, but no Mother. We are constantly fed a stream of "bad mother" stories from the media. I come from a generation that was taught that above all else in life, you value your Mother and family. An individual has strength and support from within a strong family unit. The disintegration of the family has not happened by accident; it has been by design. From the invention of Barbie, little girls have been trained to be money hungry, materialist clothes horses; obsessed with how they look. Barbie's whole marketing focused on giving little girls a doll that they would want to emulate.

These dolls did not have husbands, they had boyfriends. Sindy had a big double bed and wore sexy negligees. Having babies was never on their "to do" list. Everything they did was self-serving; new clothes, new household appliances, holidays, exotic jobs. Little girls wanted to grow up and be just like Sindy and Barbie. Had we been given a doll that wanted less things, and was happy to be a mother, it may have influenced the way we lived.

The "programming" for the new breed of citizen started young, and Barbie's place in that programming should not be underestimated. None can deny that the new ethos personified by Lilli - that fickle, gold-digging tart, have had a profound impact on culture throughout the world. To those who have the destruction of the family on their agenda, the legion of Barbie clones have proved valuable undercover agents. We can all see the results of rampant consumerism, obsession with "celebrity" and the perverted sexualisation of children.

However, it is heartening to note that although Barbie may be deployed to infiltrate our homes and promote a degenerate agenda; she is no match for the imagination of children. Much to her disgust, girls have assigned Barbie assorted husbands and offspring, given her lead roles in countless heroic adventures, and made her do dangerous stunts such as abseiling out of upstairs windows on bits of string. We should champion the ability of people to resist marketing and reject conditioning. We must respect our natural instincts, which endure. ■

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# WEEKLY HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN EVERY IRISH TOWN

## Top secret family courts destroying the lives of families and children

By Niall Doyle

**When at school, our history teachers told us of the horror of the secret programme the Nazis used to send men, women and children to the gas chambers. It was done in top secret so the world knew nothing or very little of what was happening until the Second World War was over. We also learn these days of certain terror groups holding 'kangaroo' secret courts without public knowledge or any form of justice, to find guilty and execute their prisoners who usually are innocent of any wrongdoing.**

Secrecy, as everyone knows, suits those who engage in wrongdoing, skulduggery and evil so the Irish Family Courts are no different in this respect.

So what is this secrecy all about? It is called 'The In Camera Rule'. The phrase 'In Camera' is a Latin term when translated into English means 'in a judge's private room'. All Family Law Court proceedings are held 'In Camera'. In other words these cases are held in private with total unquestioned secrecy. Not only are these cases heard in private, but nobody is allowed discuss what happens outside of the private court room. Nobody is allowed talk with anyone, not even with friends or family about what they have experienced. In addition to this censorship, there are absolutely no records kept of such proceedings. If this has not yet shocked you then this will: a person can also be sent to prison for breaking any of these in camera rules. This sentencing will also be conducted in total secrecy. A person breaking this rule can be sentenced to prison for a number of months for complaining about a judge's decision or for crying on the shoulders of a friend or loved one.

So who are the people that will find themselves in a kangaroo court of this nature? They will be husbands, wives, ex husbands, ex wives, ex partners and their children. Yes that is right, children as young as 6 years of age can be dragged into a family law court and be forced to chose between Mum or Dad in front of a judge. I should know and to this end here is a little bit of information on what can happen in one of these top secret courts. My six year old son was dragged into Athlone Circuit Family Court in 1995. The legal profession have a nice little

term for this dragging. It is called "the production of an infant for the benefit of the court". He was escorted to Judge Harvey Kenny's private room by a female barrister by the name of Alexis Mena (daughter of the Westmeath County surgeon at the time). While escorting my pale, confused and frightened little child to see this judge, Ms. Mena said to him "Now Sean, (not his real name in order to protect his identity) remember to tell the judge that you do not want to see your Daddy any more." I never saw my son grow up after that day. That is all it took for a child to be denied a father's love. My son's mother did not want me to see my son as she had met someone else. We were not married. I had no legal parental rights as I was not a guardian because of my unmarried father's status. My only wrongdoing was that I was unmarried. I was never even accused of any wrongdoing. But married or not, the same thing has happened to many men and their children in the top secret family courts, regardless of their marital status. Apart from my shock and horror at what was unfolding before my eyes, I had, at the same time, witnessed two female Midland Health Board social workers and a male solicitor emerge from behind the secret door of the court room. They had smiles on their faces. They were in possession of a cassette tape which was obvious to me that this was the same tape I had overheard playing inside the court room as I was sitting in the foyer a little earlier. I had overheard a very young child's voice on the tape but could not hear the words.

I then saw a man crying. I went over to ask if he was ok. He informed that he was in court to look for access to his 4 year old daughter who he had not seen in about six months. The child's mother would not allow him any such access. He also informed me that it was his 4 year old daughter on the tape. The social workers, the child's mother and the child's mother's legal team had apparently tutored the toddler to say that "Daddy touched me down there". This was the very first time this man was aware that such an allegation was being made. He had never been contacted by the Gardai about it and he was going straight to see them to clear his name. This was punishment without crime. This was enough to remove that man from his child's life forever. This trick of

making false allegations is as easy as ABC. It is permitted in the secret family courts under this evil 'In Camera Rule'. Such occurrences would not be allowed in a public court as the resulting outcry from even the so called human rights activists would be substantial and vocal.

The reason why family law courts started to be held in secret was a noble one in that it gave privacy to the people involved and protected them and their children against gossips. But that is not the reason why it is maintained these days. The In Camera rule as it now applies, is a mask and cloak, to protect the wrongdoing and human rights abuses that happen each week in the District and Circuit Courts in every town in Ireland. Everyone who works the family courts is in on this corruption and evil. The judiciary, the legal profession, the court staff and the social workers all gain by this secrecy as there is no information allowed to get out about what happens and their mistakes and wrongdoing continue unchecked and unknown by the general public.

Empty rhetoric from Justice Minister Alan Shatter about reforming the In Camera Rule is just the usual drivel coming from a Justice Minister and his predecessors have been using the same meaningless words for twenty years.

If the Children's Referendum is passed into law then mothers, in addition to fathers and children, will find themselves the victims of this evil secrecy.

It is now time for people to publicly break this rule that condones this psychological child abuse and get demonstrating. Family law miscarriages of justice may be somebody else's problem this week. Next week it could be your problem.■

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## CHARITY BOSSES USE OTHER PEOPLE'S MISERY TO LIVE THE HIGH LIFE!

International charities do not care about the unfortunates they claim to help

■ Niall Doyle

**Before you dig into your purse when entering or exiting your local post office or bank, before you take out your plastic card to "DONATE NOW" after seeing a starving child on a TV advert, before a celebrity comes on radio or TV telling you to dig deep to help the victims of some war or natural disaster, just take a deep breath and consider where your money is going to end up.**

Any charity that can afford to pay mainstream media massive amounts of money to ask YOU, for YOUR money, cannot be trusted. Many of these international charities are nothing more than money making rackets to keep their own top people in the best paid jobs in the world. In other words, YOU are paying their salaries.

Just take for example the Asian tsunami in 2004. There were see-through jars on the counters of every pub in Ireland packed with every coin and note including €50 notes. Every Irish and international charity that claims to help with overseas aid was on this band wagon. The Irish people, as always, were generous with their financial help. The Irish people, as always, dug deep. The Irish people, as always, were duped by these leeches that call themselves charities.

Irish and International charities, including *Concern* and *Goal*, were all competing with each other to extract money from national governments and the general public within days of this tragic disaster. At the moment the Red Cross want YOUR money to help the victims of the present conflict in Syria, which is a conflict that was started by western governments. Such western governments also provide some aid to the Red Cross. If this is not a conflict of interest then nothing is.

There are tens of millions of euro donated every year by Irish people to charities for use overseas. Only a fraction of this money trickles down to the people you see on our TV screens with their bones sticking out. The charities use these horrific images to pull at your heart strings. Make no mistake these charities are industries masquerading as meek, bleeding hearted do-gooders. They do not care about the people they claim to help. Their primary interest is to have enough income to pay their executives, CEOs, accountants, lawyers, project managers, plush offices and of course their stay in 5 star hotels around the world. When you dig deep enough you will be shocked to find that within 100km of a village plagued with hunger and disease, these people will be staying in a 5 star hotel, living it up wining and dining into the night. Just only last autumn, during the Children's' Rights

referendum we discovered that the Yes campaign received millions from the American billionaire Chuck Feeney. The yes campaign drove around the country in a plush bus, dining in the best hotels, littering our lamp posts with the most expensive to make posters. The no campaign had no money and gave out their own literature which was produced on their own home computers and on the cheapest paper.

There are some brilliant charities helping the poor in Ireland at the moment. There are volunteers helping the homeless and setting up soup kitchens. These volunteers do not want publicity. One such person did not wish to be named in this article because she does not hug the limelight. She is too busy helping the poor and vulnerable on a voluntary basis.

Locally based charities that help the vulnerable should be helped out by anyone that can afford to donate. Everyone knows who they are in their local communities. These people do not get paid for what they do. They do NOT WANT TO BE PAID. They are true charitable people. They are in for the betterment of society and not to line their own pockets like the CEOs and to dogs of the charities that are in your face at advert time on TV on a daily basis.

...just a bully at work...another manipulative person...one more lying politician...

OR SOMETHING VERY DIFFERENT TO A NORMAL HUMAN BEING?



Puzzling People...Defeated Demons...The Anvil of the Psyche

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Thomas's research takes an in-depth look into neuroscience, psychology and psychopathy to explain the nature and psychology of psychopaths, also known as sociopaths (and often mistakenly misdiagnosed as

narcissists). He explores the common traits of psychopaths ranging from the microcosm of the individual to the macrocosm of the ever-increasing big brother society, and how our governments, think tanks, and mega-corporations disturbingly display so many clinically observable psychopathic characteristics. *Puzzling People* identifies by name high-profile corporate and political leaders/institutions to evidence this.

Thomas also looks at what effect the current political, media and corporate Psychopathic Control Grid we currently live under has on us both individually and collectively, and how we can essentially protect ourselves. They are after all social predators and parasites that strive for power and control above all else, feeling no remorse or empathy and devoted solely to personal gain.

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## Ben Gilroy



**I**n the aftermath of the Meath East by-election what have we really learned about Irish politics, and more importantly what have we learned about the Irish people?

Two years ago we saw a vicious backlash against the government parties who were seen by voters as directly responsible for causing the economic crisis and further compounding it by somehow unlawfully turning private debt into sovereign debt. So harsh was this backlash that it completely vanquished the junior party, the Greens, and almost saw the demise of Fianna Fail. No-one was 'too big to fail' when the people had the right to make the decision in that election, and almost all the big names and ministers alike were unceremoniously turfed out, most never to be seen in politics again.

Why did this happen, had the people finally woken up to the fact that representative politics in Ireland doesn't represent who we thought it did? Were they enacting their revenge on Fianna Fail and the Greens for their abject failure to manage the nation they were entrusted with, so that they would never darken the halls of the Oireachtas again? Surely the people now could see that the system of government itself had failed them and had always failed them.

If so then where was the skepticism of the civil war party duopoly when the 2011 election was run, and where was the fear of ever giving either of these parties control again? Were the people simply consumed by the golden promises of Fine Gael and Labour, hypnotised by the welcome words of hope that all Fianna Fail's misdeeds would be reversed?

'A new era in politics, and we will end cronyism', Fine Gael promised us, but they didn't stop at generalisations, the promises got even bigger and more specific like when Leo Varadkar famously

promised that "The banks aren't getting another cent. Anglo Irish will not be getting another cent of our money". Strong words of comfort indeed for the distressed voter who for three years had watched their jobs disappear, their wages shrink, their taxes rise and their home value tumble.

This was backed up by his colleague Michael Noonan who told us that "It has always been my position that there should be no repayment of unsecured debt... We don't think the Irish taxpayer should ... redeem... speculative investment". How could we not be convinced that they meant it this time. We were saved, they promised... didn't they?

Can we blame people for falling for this again when you add Labour's Eamon Gilmore to the mix promising to stop cuts to child benefit because "families can take no more". Then we have Rauri Quinn 'pledging' in writing not to re-introduce student fees. What a team they would make - the dream ticket to save the people of Ireland.

Yet two years on we are in a worse mess than ever we were, with debt passed on to our grandchildren, more tax hikes, more suicides, mass emigration and an avalanche of evictions to come on foot of the new powers given to the banks. The Irish people must surely be asking themselves how could this be, when they promised us so much, how could they have turned out to be just as bad as the last government?

For all the grand statements we hear at every election, in the end it seems they are all just words. Ah, but as Pat Rabbitte reminded us when questioned last year about breaking the promises made pre-election, "Isn't that what you tend to do during an election?". Sorry Pat, we forgot that part of the contract, our mistake.

So now in 2013 with the scene set in Meath East, and the hypocrisy, lies and outright failure of every party in the land laid bare in just a few short years, all still fresh in the memories of the Irish voters. Surely now we would finally see them discard the other half of the establishment duopoly, along with their junior partners in crime. Off to the rubbish heap to join Fianna Fail.

But sadly no.

We witnessed the depressing spectacle of a head to head fight between the two titanic failures of Irish politics, with Fianna Fail and Fine Gael swallowing up over 70% of the cast votes. These are two parties who have between them imprisoned the people in poverty and tortured them with ever increasing hopelessness, homelessness and the destruction of lives and families. "Ah sure he's a great man, he fixed the road" used to be the stock excuse for voting in an inept and corrupt TD even if you disagreed with their party, but now they don't even fix the roads and they are still getting voted in. What the hell is wrong with the voters in Ireland? Is there some kind of mass Stockholm Syndrome happening here, where every time we go out to vote we must elect sociopath A or sociopath B to continue our suffering?

It couldn't be that simple, people are not stupid. They can see what is going on and we hear it all over the country. Yet still we see again and again this two horse race between the current government who broke almost every election promise they made, and the previous government whose history of corruption revealed in tribunal after tribunal is now legendary. This seems so far beyond madness that it is almost like the people of Ireland are continually and deliberately self harming.

There are reasons that can skew elections. It is true that there are plenty of people who are one issue voters and to hell with the consequences of the rest of their favoured party's policies. It is also true that there are a lot of people who vote but know very little about what they are voting for or against. They have just 'always voted that way' and in many cases simply because their family voted the same. Both of these types could be called irresponsible, with regard to the future generations, for not taking a harder look.

There are also the voters who will vote 'tactically' for any candidate at all to make sure another one does not win, though in this by-election I don't believe that came into play. Furthermore I don't think these three factors are enough to cause this apparent insanity to keep happening, even with the much reduced poll of only 24,000 votes cast in Meath East. I think the problem is much deeper psychologically and has been created over decades. It is a deep rooted feeling of helplessness that nothing the voters do will make the slightest bit of difference to how things are run. It's not that they can't see that the party they voted for lied to them, they can. It is that they know that all the parties are lying to them. This hopelessness leads to disillusionment and finally to apathy.

62% of the electorate of Meath East did not feel it was worth their while voting. Some may say that the government has too big a majority to make a difference at the moment. Others may say the reduced time for voting made it impossible for them to vote. However the vast majority of probably 50% of the electorate just gave up. People feel powerless to change things and yet Fine Gael won this race in a one seat election with only 14.6% of the electorate vote. Even combined with Fianna Fail the duopoly sowed up the contest with only 27% of the electorate. That means there was 73% of the electorate available who could have easily stopped this. So what is stopping them? It seems clear that they feel they have never had any effective alternatives.

Smaller parties come and go and merge and split. They make coalitions with the big two and are eventually sacrificed to take the blame while the big two remain. Then another 'gang of four' emerges to form a new junior party from the ashes of the old and the cycle continues with another sacrificial coalition. Nothing changes because all of these new parties are created for this very purpose from the ranks of the big two parties. They create an illusion of choice to recapture the disillusioned voters. Yet now, even this trick has become obvious to many voters but this only adds to the apathetic ranks.

What they want and need is a real option with a different message. Every party in the State wants to continue within the same broken system, so voters know they are not given a real choice. Yes there were eleven names on the ballot sheet but how many of them did the voters get to hear about? The only candidates anyone is allowed to see or hear about are those establishment parties held up by the mainstream media, or those with the biggest budgets. Without exposure the people will never hear a new voice, a new idea, or even a dissenting view. This is the key to maintaining the status quo.

In truth there is no left and no right, no Fianna Fail and no Fine Gael. No Labour and no Greens or PDs. They all are one. They work as a team and they have been playing their parts so long now I think sometimes even they think there is a difference. When you are a new party with a new message you don't just fight these parties one at a time. You have to fight them all together because they fight as a team to keep new ideas outside. They are organised, well practiced and they have a well oiled media machine to do their bidding.

I think the people are a lot more intelligent than the Fianna Fail and Fine Gael hierarchy believe. Their apathy shows at least that they have become aware enough to vote for 'none of the above', but unfortunately a vote for no-one is in fact a vote for the big two. They win when we don't vote them out. So we need to find new ways to break this cosy cartel of destructive politics and awaken the sleeping majority and show them the power they actually possess. The amazingly good showing of Direct Democracy Ireland knocking out the Labour Party in Meath East last week after only 2 weeks of canvassing showed just how eager the people are to receive a new message and a new way of doing business.

We can all see that representative democracy doesn't work. It doesn't represent any of us bar the elite at the top table. We get only one chance to vote for either head of a two headed snake, and then for the next 5 years we can only watch helplessly while they do exactly what they like regardless of what we say or what they promised. Yet for all the hopelessness and apathy that this situation has created, people need to realise that they have still allowed us to have the ultimate power over them. It may not seem like much, but that one vote in 5 years is all that we need to change the entire way we govern ourselves. The 73% of the electorate could in a flash stop all the hurt, all the pain and anguish that the Irish people suffer at the hands of the establishment. They can wipe them out over night and start with a clean slate.

Ireland is not a lost cause. everyone of us has the power in our own hands to change it into whatever we want it to be, not what a small group of political elitists want. We have always had this power and now it is time to start using it. It only takes just one election to make it happen. Vote for change. Vote for none of the establishment parties. Vote yourself into government with a new system controlled by the people for the people. ■

## What is Direct Democracy Ireland?

**D**irect Democracy Ireland is a new political service whose aim is to restore the provisions of direct democracy to the people of Ireland, and by doing so:

- To provide the people of Ireland an alternative to the current model of governance which will ensure that election promises are kept and that the interests of the people of Ireland are the deciding factor in all decisions of the government.

- To create the situation whereby the people of Ireland chose their own representatives via a consultative process in local communities, and are truly represented by their government.

- To create the situation whereby the government of Ireland are truly accountable for their actions.

- To create the situation whereby the current arrangement of political parties in opposition to each other and employing the party whip system to enforce the party line becomes obsolete.

- To encourage the people of Ireland to organise a nationwide conversation on the issues facing Ireland and to work together to create proposals to solve the many problems facing Ireland and the Irish people.

- To create the situation whereby proposals approved by the people are implemented as a matter of course.

Direct Democracy Ireland's core values are:

- Equality, Justice, Transparency, Initiative, Vision, Inclusiveness, Honesty, Accountability, Clear Communications, Fairness, Direct Democracy.

### What is direct democracy?

Direct democracy is a form of democracy in which the people have the right to:

- Select their own candidates to represent them.
- Call a referendum on any topic if a sufficient number of people deem it necessary, by gathering a set number of signatures.
- Create legislation and put it to a referendum if a sufficient number of people agree with it, by gathering a set number of signatures.
- Recall, remove from office, any representative deemed to have acted in breach of their terms of employment.

### What are DDI's policies?

DDI intends, if elected, to do the following:

- Call a referendum on a constitutional amendment to Bunreacht na hEireann to **re-introduce** provisions for direct democracy.
- Launch a full independent, international **legal review of the bailout**, which we hold to be an odious debt and illegal under international law.
- Suspend all payments** relating to the bailout, capital and interest, pending the results of the legal review.
- Halt the sale of state assets.** Any contracts signed or sales completed in relation to state assets since the bailout will be treated as part of the original odious debt and fully investigated.

5. Launch a legal review of the transfer of €1 billion of assets from AIB balance sheets to the private pension fund of AIB staff.

6. Launch a legal review of the use of state assets where irregularities or corruption are suspected.

7. **Halt all repossessions and evictions** in Ireland pending personal debt renegotiations between lending institutions and citizens.

8. Support and assist in the development of a collaborative consultation process in communities nationwide to examine and discuss issues facing communities, regions and the state. Work with groups engaged in this process to create a nationwide mechanism of proposal generation via which the wishes of the people of Ireland will be determined and communicated directly to government to be implemented via direct democracy.

9. Review all sectors of local and national government via the national consultative process and implement any and all necessary reform determined by the review process.

10. Review all sectors of the economy, local and national, via the national consultative process and implement any and all necessary reforms determined by the review process.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. How many signatures would be required to initiate a referendum?**

The required number of signatures will need to be determined based on population. At present the number is 75,000, the number stipulated in the original Irish Free State Constitution of 1922. The optimum number is something that can if necessary be determined by consultation amongst the people and any constitutional amendment decided by referendum.

**2. Does this mean we will constantly have referenda on everything that happens?**

It means that we could in theory have a referendum on everything that happens. In reality this would be impractical and unnecessary. To call a referendum the initiator will need to collect the signatures of people who agree with them on their proposal. By requiring a certain number of signatures the direct democratic system will filter out unnecessary referenda.

For example, if you think that Ireland should not sell its forests to foreign private investors it is likely that you will collect 75,000 signatures quite easily, indicating that there is agreement amongst the people that the referendum you want to initiate is necessary and is something people feel strongly about, an important issue that needs to be addressed.

If you think Ireland should install blue curtains in every public building it is likely you will struggle to collect 75,000 signatures, indicating that there is a lack of interest in such a proposal, it is not something that people feel strongly about, not an important issue and not something that needs to be addressed.

**3. If direct democracy was in the original constitution how come I have never heard of it?**

The *Irish Free State constitution*, written in 1922, included two articles, 47 and 48, which gave the people the three powers listed above. These articles were never used however, as the then government suspended them. When our current constitution, *Bunreacht na hEireann*, was introduced in 1937, the then government dropped the provisions contained in articles 47 and 48 from the new text. They instead transferred these powers to the government by 'retaining' the power to initiate referenda. This was a **sleight of hand of massive proportions** as they never had these powers to retain in the first place.

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#### 4. Wouldn't it still be unworkable though? Wouldn't there be too many referenda?

Direct democracy is not solely about referenda. Direct democracy is about **putting the people of the nation in charge of what happens in the nation**. Referendums are a part of the mechanism of direct democracy, not it in its entirety. Direct democracy, to function properly, requires the engagement of the people of the nation to decide what they actually want and **instruct the government to enact their wishes**.

In our current situation we elect people to represent us in government for 5 years, based on what they say they will do when in government. Experience has shown us that no matter what they say the reality is that **when they get into government they do not fulfil their election promises**. At this moment in time it is clear that not only do they not fulfil their promises, they actively destroy, give away and sell this country, its assets and its people. The scale of the destruction and plunder of Ireland and the abuse of the Irish people has reached absolutely shocking proportions and simply cannot be allowed to continue any longer.

This activity is possible because there is no mechanism to halt the actions of government, to instruct the government, or to hold government members accountable when they act contrary to their mandate. If there were such a mechanism those in government would be aware that if they attempted anything like what they have been doing for several years now the people would immediately stop them and hold them accountable. They could not do it and if they tried they would be in serious trouble.

If introduced the direct democracy provisions would act as a deterrent to such activity. With such a deterrent in place those in government would be forced to act in accordance with the wishes of the people and as such would act as they are supposed to, which is to run the country in the interests of the people.

In this scenario the government could be left to operate in pretty much the normal way: making policy, running the ministries of state, running the economy, without the constant input of the people on every issue. The people would, however, always have the power to step in if and when necessary to stop bad policies, put forward new policies for implementation, and recall any misbehaving representatives.

#### 6. But there are so many issues. I still think there would be far too many referenda for it to be practical!

All efficiently functioning groups have a common standard procedure to ensure they are as effective as possible: deal with the biggest issues first.

Dealing with the biggest issues first reduces the significance of the subsequent issues and frees up resources to address them thus making them less problematic and easier to resolve, if not doing away with them altogether. This is particularly true in the case of governance of a nation state with a modern economy in which all the functions of government are tied to the economy. All government departments, health service, transport, gardai, welfare etc. cost money and are dependent on a properly functioning economy.

In Ireland at the present time we have the **most dysfunctional economy possible**. We have a **ridiculously large national debt** which has been criminally foisted on us which is crippling our already crippled economy. This debt is **so large that it is unpayable**. The only possible way it could be paid is if we had an economic boom. But we are in recession with mass unemployment, mass emigration, failing businesses, mortgage defaults, repossessions, evictions, suicides. These conditions do not contain the possibility of a boom of any sort. There are no green shoots, no corners being turned.

Rather there is the **guaranteed acceleration** of the recession and the levels of unemployment, emigration, business closures, mortgage defaults, repossessions, evictions, depression and suicides. Ireland is heading for **complete economic and societal collapse** unless something changes. This eventuality must be avoided. Those in government must take the necessary steps to reverse the conditions crippling the country. Are they doing this? **No**. Do the people want them to? **Yes**. So the most pressing issue, the most important one at the top of the priority list which must be dealt with first is the situation which allows the government to ignore the wishes of the people.

**This can be dealt with by re-introducing direct democracy provisions which make the government accountable to the people and allow the people to instruct the government on what to do.**

With an accountable government in place the second priority becomes the economy and the debt.

If the debt is removed from the equation the need for

austerity to pay the debt will disappear along with it and hence so will the need for the sale of state assets, the household charge, property tax, cuts for carers, cuts in children's allowance, VAT increases, car tax increases etc. These were not necessary before we were loaded up with the debts of the banks and they will not be necessary if we remove the debts of the banks. If the people decide at some point that any of these things are necessary then that will be the people's decision and the people will have the mechanism to determine where any money raised will go, but at present these things exist as a result of the debt and the Troika instructs our government on what new taxes to introduce and where to spend the money. With the debt removed the economy will have a chance to recover.

One way to help achieve an economic recovery would be to address one of the other highest priorities, one which would again reduce the severity of the subsequent issues: **the exploitation of Ireland's natural resources**. Ireland has an estimated 1.5 trillion euros of oil and gas in national waters which is being given away for free to non-national companies. A renegotiation of the terms of these contracts along the lines of other oil-rich nations, at the very least, would create a large revenue stream for the country which would massively increase our ability to address the other pressing issues which require funds, such as job creation, the health service, education, gardai, etc.

In this fashion, dealing with the most pressing issues first, the level of urgency of subsequent issues will reduce, leading to a situation in which the need for regular referenda will reduce as the main problems are addressed and economic and social conditions stabilize.

Most government decisions should not require a referendum. The most important, glaring, massive issues will. Once such issues have been dealt with all remaining issues will be dealt with in the most appropriate manner, via referendum if need be or via the day to day operation of an honest, accountable government.

#### 7. Wouldn't the cost of creating proposals and holding all these referenda be too high?

The cost of not creating proposals and holding the necessary referenda will be infinitely higher as all our natural resources, forests, oil, gas, fish and minerals, worth trillions, will be given away or sold and the Irish state and the majority of the Irish people will be permanently indebted. Our sovereignty will be permanently gone, our young people will be gone, and we will ultimately be a depressed, under-populated, ruined outer region of a federal Europe and no longer the proud, sovereign, independent nation of Ireland. If we do not address these issues there will not be an Ireland. DDI believe that is the option which is too costly, and that the benefits; economic, social, personal of engaging the Irish people in a collaborative consultation to determine what our future is to be will prove to be enormously cost effective when it begins to produce results.

#### 8. You say that a new government with direct democracy will get rid of the bank debt, how would that be done?

Direct Democracy Ireland intends to launch a full, independent, international legal review of the bank bailout upon entering office. We believe and can prove that the bailout is illegal under international law and is what is known as an 'odious' debt. As such the bailout and any payments made or pending as a result of the bailout are illegal and we will suspend all payments, capital and interest, pending the results of such legal review. Furthermore, we will demand the repayment of all money transferred under the bailout, a sum of approximately €60 billion thus far, and we will consider any sale of state assets to pay this odious debt and any contracts signed or completed in relation to it as part of the odious debt and hence illegal.

#### 9. What is DDI's position in relation to the other existing parties? Would DDI be willing to go into coalition with any of them?

Direct Democracy Ireland is registered as a political party because to enter the current system in a credible way which has a chance of success it must do so. Direct Democracy Ireland use the term 'political service' to describe the group because the members of DDI, in common with most Irish people, deplore the reality of the party political system and have no intention of operating in the same fashion as conventional political parties, i.e. the party whip system which forces members to follow the 'party line', despite what their constituents tell them they want.

This system has led to the ruinous situation in which we now find ourselves as a people and as a country. Party politics has been completely exposed in this country as a dysfunctional, corrupt and downright dangerous system which cannot be allowed to continue. DDI will not need to do anything in this regard however as the system has engineered its own demise simply by existing. It has shown itself up for what it is, and any honest member of the current political parties cannot but see this.

DDI intend to put the power in the hands of the people, and to actually do so not just say so. By re-introducing direct democracy provisions into the constitution as first priority DDI will ensure that it is held to its promises and that the people of Ireland will have the final say on all matters.

DDI believe that reintroducing direct democracy can solve the problem of party politics because with the addition of direct democracy political parties will become obsolete and irrelevant. Giving the people ultimate control means the people can overrule the party whip, prevent any party or party line becoming dominant, and prevent any actions being taken or laws passed which are contrary to the interests of the people. The era of 'left vs. right' in Irish politics will end, because it will be superseded by a better system of 'in the interests of the Irish people or not in the interests of the Irish people', as decided by the Irish people.

The Irish constitution does not mention political parties once. The original constitution on the other hand did include direct democracy. So it seems we the Irish people have been denied a means of proper governance for 91 years, contrary to the intentions of the framers of the constitution, and instead given a dysfunctional party political system, also contrary to the intentions of the framers of the constitution and the intentions of every Irishman and woman who fought for Irish freedom over the past 843 years.

Every political party and political activist group claim that they want what is best for the Irish people. If they genuinely mean this, as most party members and group members presumably do, then they cannot honestly be against the principles of direct democracy because direct democracy puts the people in charge of the nation. There is no more effective means of doing what is best for a people than to put them in charge of their own destiny and their own property. That is the definition of freedom. Anyone who is against giving people their freedom is by definition in support of their enslavement.

No sane person would choose slavery over freedom, or vote for anyone who would enslave them. DDI encourage all party members and activists to support the re-introduction of direct democracy and will be happy to work with anyone pursuing this goal and who supports the creation of a national consultation process to develop government policy from community level up.

#### 9. But democracy is 'mob rule'!

In the recent referenda which took place in Ireland a relatively small section of the population made changes to the Irish constitution.

##### The Children's Referendum:

Electorate:	3,231,027	
Turnout:	33.5%	
Yes:	57.4%	(615,731)
No:	33.5%	(445,863)
% of electorate who carried the vote: 19.42%		

##### Fiscal Compact Treaty:

Electorate:	3,144,828	
Turnout:	50.6%	(1,591,385)
Yes:	60.29%	(955,091)
No:	39.71%	(629,088)
% of electorate who carried the vote: 30.5%		

##### Lisbon Treaty II:

Electorate:	3,078,032	
Turnout:	59%	(1,816,098)
Yes:	67.13%	(1,214,268)
No:	32.87%	(594,606)
% of the electorate who carried the vote: 39.6%		

##### Lisbon Treaty:

Electorate:	3,051,278	
Turnout:	53.13%	(1,621,037)
Yes:	46.60%	(752,451)
No:	53.40%	(865,633)
% of the electorate who carried the vote: 28.4%		

It can be seen from these figures that the voting system is less than ideal. That such a small percentage of a population can make decisions for the whole population is a situation which needs to be addressed.

DDI propose the introduction of a voting majority which requires a percentage, for example 67% to 33%, for a referendum to be passed.

DDI also propose a minimum voter turnout below which a referendum will be invalid.

These are proposals, suggestions on which DDI encourage nationwide debate. What is the optimum solution to this situation? This is for the Irish people to decide.

#### 10. Could direct democracy be abused to allow special interest groups in Ireland to collaborate to create and pass referenda with which the majority of people do not agree?

At present in Ireland we participate in referenda only when the government deem it necessary. The government choose the subject and timing of the referenda, and only recently were found to have acted illegally in using public money to propagandise one side of the Children's Referendum. Also recently the government called and held a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty. The Irish people voted No and then the government, on the instructions of European Union bureaucrats, made us repeat the referendum and propagandised us into voting Yes.

It can be clearly seen that both these referenda were created and passed by special interest groups: the government and their EU masters and the financial powers standing behind both. The people did not agree with the Lisbon Treaty, as evidenced by the No vote, yet we were forced to vote again and threatened, tricked and cajoled into voting Yes. The promised outcomes of the Yes vote never materialised, in fact the opposite happened, and yet those responsible for creating and passing the referendum have not been held accountable in any way.

The turnout for these referenda were very low, especially so in the case of the Children's referendum, a symptom of the apathy, confusion, disillusionment, disconnection and lack of interest in both the referendum itself and in those pushing for it.

The Irish people have had it with politicians and their chicanery and simply stayed away from the polls. This was in many ways a vote of no confidence in the political system, but the result was not a rethink by government or an attempt to reconnect with the voters. Far from it. The result was the passing of yet another referendum which benefits the government and their financial and EU colleagues. When the result was in they turned their attention to writing the accompanying legislation for the constitutional amendment, paying no attention to the small turnout or the large No vote, which was within a few percent of the Yes vote despite the outrageous bias of the information campaign which saw the country completely covered with Yes posters and hardly a single No poster and an information booklet openly pushing the Yes argument. What would the result have been had the information campaign been balanced equally between Yes and No? The maths says unambiguously that the result would have been No. What would the government have done then? Called another vote? Going on recent history it is extremely likely. This situation is a dangerous farce, and is precisely the fear raised in the question.

Direct Democracy Ireland intend to restore confidence in the decision making process by putting the decision making process into the hands of the people, to create the situation in which any referenda held in the country are the result of collaboration between people working together to come up with ideas, refining the ideas into proposals, networking to gather the support of a significant percentage of the population, and putting the proposals to the government to put to the people at large to decide on. This method of putting ideas to the people to decide on will be very different to the current method, which under honest examination is dysfunctional and contrary to the interests of the Irish people.

#### 11. It's all very well to say the people will come up with proposals but how in reality will that ever happen? People are not interested in politics, it will be impossible to organise, how do you intend to do it?

People are not interested in politics because we the people do not own the political system. It is not working for us. We are external to it and seemingly powerless to influence it. DDI intend to change this situation by implementing the measures outlined thus far, as a start, to empower the Irish People to take back control of our political system and make it work for us, as it was intended to.

To achieve this DDI intend to initiate, encourage and support a nationwide collaborative consultation process via which the Irish people collectively discuss, debate and develop solutions to the issues facing the Irish people and the Irish nation. ■

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by Gabriel Donohoe

Necessity is the Mother of Invention, as they say, and right now some very clever and genuine Irish patriots are showing their 'inventiveness' by mounting a formidable challenge to the insidious Property Tax through a class action.

Now, class actions are not allowed in this country but this anti-tax movement has discovered that they can bring what is, in effect, a class action by using a limited liability company. The proposed company is calling for the people to join in the action by becoming shareholders of the company, i.e., by subscribing €2 for a share.

If more than 50% of the electorate subscribe to the company's legal challenge it automatically becomes law. Even the government can't go against an obvious and measurable majority decree.



Should the company not get the required electorate majority and lose the case (a distinct possibility within a corrupt, controlled court system) then there is no further liability on the company's shareholders.

This is one of the most intelligent actions this writer has seen lately in the march of the people towards financial freedom and the abolition of tyranny. I understand that the action is the brainchild of "Billy The Kid" Hynes and his 'Common Law'

colleagues. Fair play to you, Billy... I know you're fast on the draw and your aim is deadly!

Remember, brothers and sisters, if you are a party to this action (a shareholder of the company), the Revenue cannot take or demand money from you until the case has reached its conclusion in the High Court (maybe years)

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**"Opinions Are Like Ar\*eholes, in that, Everyone Has One" ... So get the facts, and keep your head on your shoulders.**

We have been traveling the towns and cities of our Island, talking with the People of the Island, from EVERY walk of life and background. EVERY Man and Woman that we have spoken to, that has critically listened to what we are explaining about the law, and more specifically about the Property Tax (Household Charge), now know that the Property Tax and Household Charge are Legally unenforceable, and more to the point, they see the scam that the State and the Puppet Government are perpetrating upon them. ALL the People that we have met ... are no longer prepared to capitulate or agree to being scammed any more. We are removing the fear that has been used by Revenue on our People, by teaching every Man and Woman how to Legally and Lawfully protect themselves and respond appropriately to any threats or harassment that Revenue might be prepared to illegally and unlawfully fire at People.

The attendance at the talks is getting bigger and bigger, and word is spreading faster and faster. We are calling on all the People that we have met thus far, to get out and talk to your friends, family, community and workmates about the law. Let your People know, that **YOU NOW KNOW THE LAW**. You know why the Property Tax (Household Charge) is legally unenforceable and unconstitutional. It now takes us about 15 Minutes (at most) to explain this. Every Man and Woman on the Island can learn this in a matter of minutes ... which means you can legally **PROTECT YOURSELVES TODAY**.

- FACT 1: The **Property Tax Act 2012** is founded upon the **Household Charge Act 2011**.
- FACT 2: The implementation of the **Household Charge Act** is prescribed by **Statutory Instruments 1 of 2012**.
- FACT 3: The **Statutory Instruments** govern the implementation of the Act.
- FACT 4: Nowhere in the **Household Charge Act** is it prescribed that you have to fill in an application form.
- FACT 5: Nowhere in the Acts or Prescriptions is it prescribed that you have to DATE a Declaration.
- FACT 6: Nowhere in the Acts or Prescriptions is it prescribed that you have to SIGN a Declaration.
- **FACT 7: Without A Date Or Signature "A Declaration" Has No Legal Or Lawful Force.**

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Below is a copy of a letter, from an understandably very upset man of 73 years of age. His name, address, Date of Birth and associated PPS number have been removed.

The letter reads as follows ...

Date: 8th. March 2013

Re: Household Property Tax.

To Whom It May Concern:

Let there be no mistake about this, under no circumstances what so ever, will I pay this unjust tax. I am not one of the people who was responsible for the financial mess that my country now finds itself in.

Politicians, bankers, the financial sector, all driven by greed, corruption and incompetence, over paid, overbearing b\*\*\*\*\*s with huge pensions and obscene severance payments, pensions ranging from €40,000 to €600,000 per year. Yet not one of them has been arrested, charged or jailed, for acts of treason against the Republic.

My income consists of my Old Age Contributory Pension, which is for my wife and myself. I bought my home 9 years ago and paid over €7,000 in stamp duty and now I am being penalised for working hard all my life, giving my children a decent education.

I had to leave school at 14 and a half years of age to get a job, to help out at home. I did not have the privilege of 2nd. or 3rd. level education, at 15 years of age I was working in England and in 1969 I returned to Ireland to raise my family. I paid my dues and have been loyal to my country. I have nothing more to give except my life but before I give that up I will take as many of you bastards with me as I can.

If there is any interference with my pension, I will take my revenge on as many of you lot as I can get.

There are thousands more pensioners in the country who are just as angry and frustrated as I am, and you will not beat us all into submission.

I am 73 years of age and I have f\*\*k all more to give or lose.

# REAL PROTEST OR REBELLIOUS COMPLIANCE

By Patrick Murphy

**A different genre of protest was always going to be required to fight against austerity. Such protest has now arrived**

**T**here have been numerous street protests against austerity in Ireland since the recession began in 2008. Almost without exception these protests have been organised either by the Trade Union movement, the Socialist Party, People Before Profit or a combination of all three.

These protests usually take the form of street marches, nearly always start at the Garden of Remembrance and end either at the GPO or Leinster House. There are many groups involved in these marches including anti household tax campaigns, anti property tax groups and national and locally based anti austerity groups. But one feature of these protests is the prominence of The Socialist Party and People Before Profit as the organising and dominant force behind them. This is to be welcomed as Sinn Fein have abandoned any involvement in national street protests. On the Dublin marches Sinn Fein are conspicuous by their absence in recent years. So the two socialist parties have been the only political parties carrying the can of street protest against austerity up until now.

The Trade Union protests are nothing but token outings "for all the family" as they are afraid to ruffle the feathers of their friends in the Labour Party. But the Socialist Party and People Before Profit now appear to be following in the footsteps of the unions with token street marches to a trailer where a few of their leaders make short speeches and then disappear. This was evident on Saturday 13th April. A march was organised by these two parties but promoted by the Campaign Against Household and Water Taxes (CAHWT), a campaign that is now fully controlled and run by these two parties. This anti household tax campaign split last September due to the dominance of one or other of the socialist parties at grass roots and national level. Dissenters in the campaign who did not wish to be lead by any political party were promptly removed with ruthless precision. This has led to the formation of many independent anti household tax/water tax groups in many parts of the country.



The two socialist parties, as it pertains to marches and protests, have now become what can only be described as controlled opposition. They, like the Labour Party's Trade Unions, hold marches and demonstrations on Saturdays when the Dail is closed. They lead people like sheep from the Garden of

Remembrance down O'Connell Street to the GPO. There the people will hear speeches by people such as David Begg, Jack O'Connor and Joe Higgins telling them what they already know, which is that the people of Ireland are suffering due to unjust austerity measures.

But there is now emerging, for the first time, a new type of protest which the Socialists and the Unions would find objectionable. It is an independent type of protest that refuses to align itself to, or be lead by any political party, trade union or vested interest group. They are representative of the ordinary people of Ireland, they come from every walk of life, they hail from urban and rural areas and they are already showing their teeth. This rapidly growing protest movement is a result of many things, but the expulsion by the Socialist Party of dissenters in the original CAHWT was one of the occurrences that inspired these people. They are a collective of groups fighting bank bail outs, property tax, evictions, fracking, the EU war on turf cutters, political corruption, political cronyism and social welfare cuts to mention

just a few. They meet regularly in a midlands location where any group or individual can attend and get involved. They call themselves 'Independent Resistance'. They are new, they are fresh and they mean business. They already have embarked on protests and pickets that even the socialists would run scared of.

This group had a 70 strong picket outside the home of Mairead Ahern in Blackrock County Louth, last October. Mairead Ahern is the Louth County Sheriff and sister in law of ex Fianna Fail Minister Dermot Ahern. Ms. Ahern had evicted a man from his home in Dundalk a few days previously on behalf of Permanent TSB. Independent Resistance have occupied revenue offices, picketed politicians clinics and disrupted local authority meetings around the country. They are presently embarking on a campaign for an all out mortgage strike and they have the necessary legal and financial expertise to carry out this action.

This new campaign group do not have a committee as they believe such bureaucracy slows things down to a point of non action. They are impatient with what they see as the tried and failed protest policies of the unions and socialists. On Saturday 13th April



Independent Resistance were in Dublin for the march to Dublin Castle in protest at the EU Finance Ministers meeting. This march was organised by the Socialist Party/People Before Profit/CAHWT. The protesters marched from the Garden of Remembrance to Dublin Castle. There was a good turnout but what would amaze even the most conservative of observers was where the march ended. It ended at a trailer about 100 yards from Dublin Castle on Dame Street. Joe Higgins and a few others made the customary speeches over a 40 minute time span and then went off. So did the most of the marchers. The hype prior to this March on social media would have people believe that a 1916 Easter rising event was going to take place. But it was a damp squib.

Contrast this with the smaller march that took place by Independent Resistance. They met at the Central Bank plaza. Entertainment was provided by County Kilkenny based singer-song writer John Kavanagh who has written many songs about austerity. They then took to the street and marched on Dublin Castle an hour before the socialist lead march. The various groups involved had their own banners. Anti Eviction Ireland, Spirit of Irish Freedom, Independent Protesters in Solidarity and IR's own banner was plainly visible. They got to within a few yards of Dublin Castle's gate, prompting the Gardai to put barriers across the street to stop the marchers getting to the gates. There were loud halers in abundance and anyone present could use them to have their say. No trailer and no top table of political celebrities. Then the main march arrived and stopped a hundred yards down the street behind Independent Resistance. Some groups and individuals that marched behind the socialists continued on their march and joined the very vocal and loud IR protest. When an EU flag was being set alight a steward from the main march objected but his controlled opposition objections fell

on deaf ears. The flag of oppression was burned to a crisp but Irish Government controlled media RTE said it was only an attempt to burn the flag. EU flags are being set on fire regularly in Greece but this was the first time it happened in Ireland. According to people with Independent Resistance it will not be the last. The socialists and the main march dispersed after 40 minutes of speeches but Independent Resistance stayed and made plenty of noise. By this stage they had been joined by dozens of others. They were first there and last to leave.

If this was not a glimpse of things to come from this protest group, they then went to the doors of the Westbury Hotel where the EU Finance Ministers were staying. They unfolded their banner, roared and shouted "Troika Out" "IMF Out". Gardai were called but as this protest was peaceful they stayed in the patrol van.

Next day Sunday 14th April Independent Resistance were back in the capital city. This time it was at the home of Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton, where a 25 strong picket was staged. This has not been done before and John McCarthy from Independent Resistance said, "This is war. They have taken this war to our homes. We are taking our war to their homes. Every Government minister, County Sheriff, Senior Banker and Senior Civil Servant is now a legitimate target".

So if this type of resistance continues we may no longer see banners on the streets of Athens with the slogan "WE ARE NOT IRELAND" on them. Let us hope these protesters with teeth are successful. God knows the resistance to austerity has been pretty feeble up to now. ■

**'Independent Resistance' can be contacted on Facebook.**

## Instructions to an Occupied nation

■ Dave Butler

**T**hose who have jobs are given an ever increasing workload while their pay and conditions get worse. Others have no work at all. In such times, the "Keep calm - Carry On" slogan has become popular in work places and at home. But what are its origins?



It was one of three posters, printed by the British Ministry of Information (Propaganda) during World War 2. They were to be deployed in the event of imminent Nazi invasion/occupation. Coming from a regime, which encouraged the French and other nations to organise resistance and sabotage the Nazi war machine; it is a peculiar instruction.

Seventy years later the poster has been fully deployed. Coincidentally, we are now under occupation by a hostile foreign power. Mainstream press has been reporting "A Financial Coup", "Goldman Sachs conquers Europe", "Banker Occupation", etc. We should be asking ourselves whether to "keep calm and carry on" is an appropriate response to the conquest and domination of our country through fraudulent debt.

Iceland took alternative action. They threw out their corrupt and treasonous government, discovered that over 93% of the "debt" belonged to criminal bankers and set about arresting them. Their poster could have been "REFUSE SLAVERY AND ARREST THE PIRATES".

While we continue to give international financiers, the power to control our money supply, we will suffer booms and busts, and ever increasing taxes to pay interest on permanent debts. The super rich people, who we allow to create and destroy money, are our adopted owners, our slave masters. They are parasites that we can shrug off as soon as we stop playing their game; a game designed so that we can never escape from debt slavery.

It is time to express your outrage at this monumental scam! Why not adopt a very different slogan from that era...

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The aim of this new Broadcast is to help the listeners understand the system that is all around them and how it affects their everyday lives. The broadcast opened up with a cracking interview with Gerald Celente and continues with an amazing array of World class guests. Some of the confirmed line up is as follows :

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The broadcast goes out live on a Thursday night at 10pm - 12am and is replayed on the dedicated stream and can be downloaded as a podcast.

The stream will run 24hrs a day, seven days a week and will have all the interviews that have been conducted replayed so you can catch some great interviews as you go through your day. The stream and player can be found on the International Community Radio Network at the following web address.

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*"The issue that has swept down the centuries and will have to be fought sooner or later is... The PEOPLE vs The BANKS"* -- Lord Acton 1875

**M**any people have heard the term "New World Order" in recent years but quite a few are still unsure what it means. To some, it represents a noble aspiration for a better and happier world for the 7 billion of us who inhabit this planet. To others, it represents a sinister plot to reduce the world's population by some 95% and to convert the remaining 350 million to the status of slaves.

As one digs deeper in an effort to find out what the "New World Order" really purposes, one finds that its underlying intent is not so innocuous as its promoters would have us believe. In fact, the more one probes beneath the surface the more one unearths some very hideous skeletons indeed.

The first public reference to the "New World Order" by a high profile figure was uttered by George Bush Sr. when he addressed a joint session of Congress on September 11th, 1990, ironically eleven years to the day before the infamous attacks in New York and Washington on that very same date, 9/11, in 2001.

Bush said:

"Out of these troubled times... a new world order can emerge: A new era—freer from the threat of terror, stronger in the pursuit of justice and more secure in the quest for peace. An era in which the nations of the world, east and west, north and south, can prosper and live in harmony.

"...A world quite different from the one we've known. A world where the rule of law supplants the rule of the jungle. A world in which nations recognize the shared responsibility for freedom and justice. A world where the strong respect the rights of the weak."

Fine words indeed, but investigation shows that Bush was being deliberately deceptive. Or to put it in plainer language, he was lying through his teeth.

Other politicians across the world also began to use the term, "New World Order"; people like Mikhail Gorbachev, Rajiv Gandhi, Margaret Thatcher, Henry Kissinger, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, and, more recently, Angela Merkel, Nicolas Sarkozy, and Barack Obama.

Parrotting Bush, all these cabalists pass off the "New World Order" as a desirable objective, to make the world a better place for all of humanity. But the less credulous among us have discovered that the real meaning and intent of the "New World Order" is not so altruistic at all but is a sinister scheme that is truly shocking and horrific.

The people of the world should be afraid, be very afraid. Some villainous, powerful overlords have something very nasty in store for the majority of us.

Before we look at the criminals who are behind the "New World Order" (NWO) let's look at the plans they have in mind for the world.

### Population Reduction

Proponents of the NWO are on record as saying that the population of the world needs to be reduced by some 90% or more. Billionaires like Ted Turner (founder of CNN) and Bill Gates (Microsoft) have stated this publicly. Gates in particular boasts that vaccines, in which his Foundation is heavily involved, will help reduce the world population by 15% or so. (That means killing over a thousand million human beings.)

David Rockefeller and the Rockefeller Foundation are also involved in vaccines as a method of depopulation. Another century-old pet project of theirs is eugenics, a euphemism for depopulation and the killing of genetic undesirables in society. The Rockefellers funded Nazi eugenicists who practised horrific medical experimentation and butchery in the concentration camps before and during World War 2.

Ironically, Wikipedia describes Rockefeller, Gates, and Turner as "philanthropists". The word "philanthropist" comes from the Greek philanthrōpos, from philein (to love) + anthrōpos (human being). If the three above-mentioned scoundrels are lovers of humanity, then Hitler was the patron saint of the Jews.

In Washington, Barack Obama is advised by Professor John Holdren, Director of the White House's Office of Science & Technology Policy, a scientist who advocates depopulation by forced abortions, mass sterilization programmes conducted via food and water, and mandatory bodily implants that render people sterile.

Holdren's influence extends to people like Professor Eric Pianka, an evolutionary ecologist with the University of Texas who received a shocking ovation from fellow scientists when he suggested that 90% of the world's population could be culled by an airborne version of the Ebola virus, a disease that liquefies the internal organs and causes an agonizing death.

The sadists behind the NWO are not shy about revealing their plans and have written their objectives in stone - literally. In 1980, in Elbert

# New World Order

## What is it? What does it mean for us?

BY GABRIEL DONOHOE - FOOLSCROW.WORDPRESS.COM

County, Georgia, they surreptitiously erected a huge granite monument promoting their aims. The 20 foot tall monument is known as the Georgia Guidestones and consists of 6 huge granite slabs which are astronomically aligned. A message consisting of 10 guidelines or principles is engraved in 8 different languages. The first guideline, or commandment, states: "Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature." In other words, 6,500 million people must be bumped off. That is their No. 1 objective.

### The Implantable Micro-Chip

Another major objective of the NWO is to have everyone on the planet tagged with a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chip which would allow the international banksters and their elitist friends control society, or rather, control the governments, industries, and economies of the entire world (as they are largely doing now).

The RFID tag is about the size of a grain of rice and can be implanted beneath the skin with a hypodermic needle. The forehead or back of the right hand are considered ideal locations. The RFID microchip contains an antenna and a transponder and can receive and transmit data very quickly to and from a reader which can easily process hundreds of tags at a time. The RFID tag will be used to monitor and control all social and commercial activity: banking and finance, cashless transactions for all goods and services, social services, medical services, tracking employees & citizens at all times, domestic and foreign travel, and a myriad of other uses.



Implantable RFID Chip

On the face of it, it all sounds like a great idea that could make life a lot easier for everyone. But what if the government abused their inordinate control over you and your tag? What if they took more tax from you than you really owed? What if they didn't like you and turned off your chip? Maybe you didn't vote for the right party, or you complained about a government department, or you discussed anti-government politics in the pub.

Without an active RFID chip you couldn't enter public buildings, use public transport, buy food or refreshment, or trade for any of the essentials of life. You would be entirely at the mercy of whoever controls the RFID technology, i.e., the government. The RFID microchip would become a singular instrument of control over the life and death of everyone on the planet.

Some say that the advent of the RFID microchip was prophesied in the bible and was at that time referred to as the "Mark of the Beast".

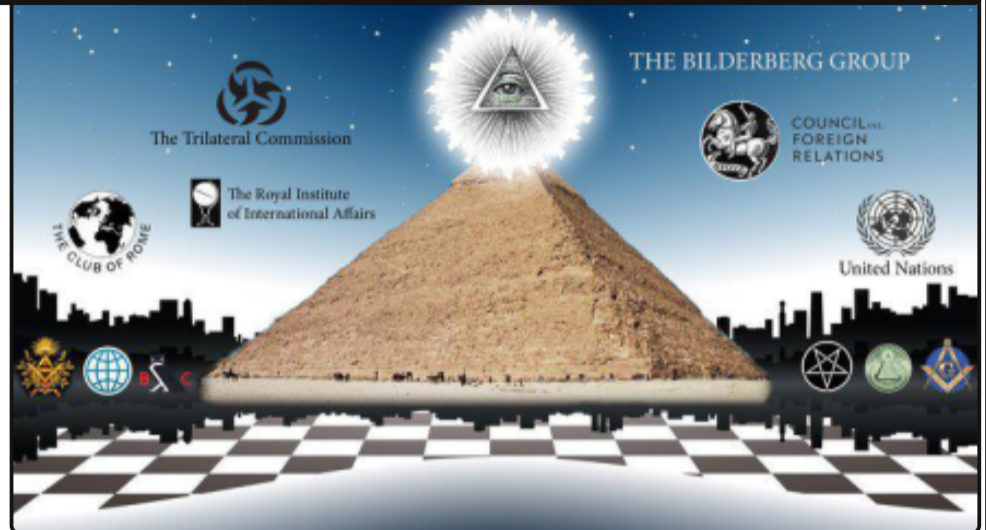
Here is what Chapter 13 of the Book of Revelations (King James version) says about the Mark of the Beast:

13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (666).

However, the NWO know that many of us won't accept this insidious tagging without a fuss. They are prepared for such defiance. In order to get us to accept tagging they will first create a major crisis such as a shortage of food, or water, or fuel - all of which will be rationed. It will be



compulsory to have a tag installed in your body in order for you to get your share or ration. People will then not only accept these tags but will clamour loudly to be tagged.

### The Money Power

The gangsters behind the New World Order generally keep a low profile and are largely unknown to the general public. In the main, they are incredibly rich international banksters, corporatists, and nobility which include people like David Rockefeller and his family, the Rothschilds, the Warburgs, the Schiffs, the Oppenheims, the Kuhn Loeb, the Lazards, the British and Dutch Royal Families, and other bankster or industrialist dynasties.

These architects of the New World Order, exert awesome global control over governments, banking, stock exchanges, and economies through hugely influential secret societies and elitist organizations like the Freemasons, Bilderberg, Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, Chatham House, the Skull and Bones, and a few others.

We know that The Money Power, run the world to further their own interests because a number of world leaders of the last two centuries have admitted this. Space does not allow us to present full quotations here but interested readers can Google little-known quotes from elected leaders about powerful financiers who secretly run governments from behind the scenes. You'll find warnings from scared or concerned statesmen such as British Prime Ministers Gladstone and Disraeli, U.S. Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, Lincoln, Garfield, Wilson, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and numerous other members of high office in America and elsewhere.

The Money Power controls important international organizations like the U.N. (which stands on Rockefeller ground in New York), the World Trade Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the IMF, and the Bank for International Settlements, to name just a few. The Money Power can count on its legion of minions to do its bidding such as Al Gore, Bill Gates, George Soros, EU Commissioners, and thousands of others in positions of authority and influence. One could certainly also include Barack Obama, David Cameron, the two George Bushes, Bill Clinton, Gordon Brown, Angela Merkel, Nicolas Sarkozy, and a host of other past and present national 'leaders'.

In Ireland, the NWO big cheese is former Attorney General Peter Sutherland of Goldman Sachs and BP notoriety. Sutherland was thrice European chairman of the Trilateral Commission, a member of the steering committee of the conspiratorial Bilderberg Group, and former head of the World Trade Organization. Lesser Irish cheeses and NWO wannabes from the despicable Bilderbergers include former Attorneys General, Paul Gallagher, Dermot Gleeson, Michael McDowell, and David Byrne. Other Irish Bilderbergers and NWO aspirants include Conor Brady, John Bruton, Lochlann Quinn, Pat Cox, Denis O'Brien, Charlie McCreavy, and Garret Fitzgerald.

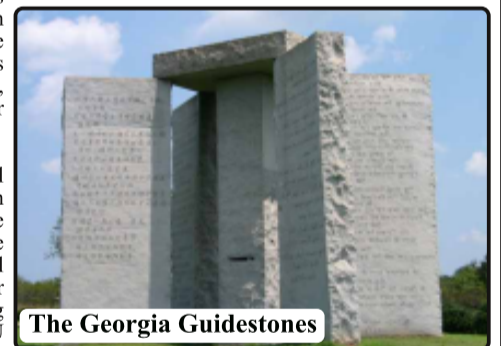
The Money Power, of course, get their power from money. This money is created by them out of thin air through the fraudulent fractional reserve system employed by most central banks and commercial banks of the world, which they tightly control. They 'loan' their counterfeit money to governments, corporations, and individuals who must pay back the principal along with interest.

But the interest is not created by the banksters; there is never enough money in circulation to pay back all debts plus the interest. Borrowers must continually

borrow more money in order to generate more cash to come up with the interest due on their present 'loans'. It is a very clever Ponzi scheme which is designed to vastly enrich a handful of powerful families who get to seize highly valuable land, property, and businesses - the fruit of many years labour and effort - for non-payment of 'loans' that were created out of nothing and which never cost the banksters a penny in the first place.

This is the most gigantic swindle of the last 300 years, a huge criminal scheme designed by banksters to defraud the people of the world. The banksters are aided and abetted, wittingly or unwittingly, by politicians, judiciary, academia, church hierarchies, and the mainstream media. The scam is so pervasive and so deeply indoctrinated into our accepted beliefs over generations that when people are first informed of it, they refuse to believe it.

The key objective of the NWO is to enslave all the peoples of the world in hopeless debt, sovereign countries as well as individuals. The NWO are well on the way to achieving this goal through the deliberate collapse of economies all around the world. In the planned transition to the New World Order they also intend to dominate us through cashless commerce and a single world currency. We must never allow them to do that. To do so is to surrender our will, our future, and our freedom to be exploited by a small cadre of criminal thugs!



The Georgia Guidestones

### How do we fight them?

Step one, we need to take away the undeserved privilege of private banksters to create the world's money. This will choke off their oxygen of unlimited power and influence. The satanic beast of private bankster debt will then wither and die.

Secondly, we need to appoint new elected representatives who will actually work for us, the people, to issue our currency without debt and without interest, a hugely desirable state of affairs that has worked to bring prosperity to the people several times in history before it was crushed by the banksters and their lackeys in government.

An incredible Monetary Bill was introduced in the U.S. Congress a few months ago by Representative Dennis Kucinich which, if adopted, would give us all freedom, prosperity, and universal peace. Google "The NEED Act 2011". This is essential reading and should be forced under the eyes of every politician, economist, teacher, student, citizen, and anyone else you can think of.

You need to do your own research. A good place to start is by visiting [www.sovereignindependent.com](http://www.sovereignindependent.com)

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**W**e rely on other people for our survival; but the quality of our lives, also depends on the quality of the people around us. Good colleagues, friends, neighbours, families and partners make our lives easy and enjoyable. Other people who enrich our lives include musicians, sportspeople, writers, actors etc. But on the other hand, we all know the damage that bad behaviour can cause to our lives. Misery and devastation are caused by the actions of addicts, burglars, murderers, rapists, child abusers, psychopaths, and warmongers.

Everything we do to encourage healthy behaviour and inhibit destructive behaviour is vitally important. Young people need to learn behaviour that helps sustain a good quality of life for their family, community and society. Children used to learn this from parents, with help from elders and spiritual leaders. Cultural morality was learned from myths and fables, which imparted a sense of justice. Stories and histories provided the tools to avoid old mistakes. Nowadays, the nurturing of our young people has mostly been taken over by professional teachers, together with the amusement industry (TV, cinema and video games).

Let's take a look at the qualities that make a good person and ask whether schools help children to develop them.

An effective citizen is observant, resourceful and quick to learn. Children learn to walk without tuition. They readily learn languages through emersion not instruction. People naturally learn to cook, garden, farm, build etc. by working alongside others. The only motivation needed is curiosity. The only skills required are observation and communication. The rewards of taking part are real. And yet we have been convinced that in order to become useful adults, children must be removed to a false environment, and given fruitless tasks by professionals. Some teachers have no experience of life outside the education system. Many teachers are talented and well meaning but the system requires them to repress curiosity, redirect observation, and stifle communication. There is no useful output to most of what school calls "work", so it must provide false motivation for the data retention it calls learning. Without tangible productivity and progress, the self-esteem of students, becomes totally dependent upon the assessments and judgements of the institution. Through relentless desk based activities, school grooms children for a life of repetitive tasks and paper pushing.

Physical work, and unsupervised outdoor play and exploration, are the time-honoured ways for children to become strong and healthy, physically resilient, self reliant and capable. Today, most children do no physical labour. They are isolated from the tasks of survival. They are transported to the school gates where they are kept inside, restrained from physical activity (even in the playground), and are continuously monitored and supervised. Even during the holidays, it's becoming rare to see unsupervised children out and about. P.E. lessons and supervised sports, cannot replace useful or self-directed activities.

Above all, good people are responsible. I don't mean culpable for blame. They must be ready and able to respond appropriately to any situation. This requires four things.

**1. Conscience** – Knowing what is right and accepting your duty to participate in its promotion. In school, authority figures decree right and wrong. Students learn to repress their own moral instincts. Children become accustomed to powerlessness and inaction. The teaching of moral relativism, group-think and consensus, undermines personal morals. Peer- pressure and the urge to be accepted can lead to the adoption of a mob morality.

**2. Perception** - The ability to assess a situation for your self and realise what is really going on. School trains children to simplify, label and classify observations in a standard way. It only rewards the adoption of the official assumptions. Children learn to distrust their own instincts and defer to authorities. Individual, critical thinking is discouraged. The Trivium Method, is not on the curriculum.

**3. Creativity** - Being able to think of several responses and selecting the most appropriate. School trains children like dogs. They learn conditioned reactions and prescribed procedures. Schoolchildren are given synthetic problems that have only one correct solution. Strict separation of subjects discourages integrated and lateral thinking.



## Does School do its job?

By Dave Butler

**4. Initiative** – Using autonomous volition to take action without being told what to do. School suppresses initiative. Children are constantly supervised and directed. They learn to wait for instruction before taking reflexive action. A "well-adjusted" child reverts to a passive state between commands.

*"education should aim at destroying free will"* – Bertrand Russell paraphrasing Fichte.

In a functioning community we all benefit; whereas in a tyranny, many must be poor so that a few can be obscenely rich. The foundation of a healthy society is co-operation, not coercion. But school is based on punishments and rewards. It teaches children that they must compete against one another; that there must be losers in order to make winners. The education system awards privileges according to its own assessment of desirable behaviour. These evoke jealousy or snobbery, repress compassion and empathy, and undermine solidarity. The academic selection process also prevents many talented youngsters from ever reaching a position where they can contribute their true potential. School operates as a production line. Like every factory, it must scrap sub-standard materials and products. School's "failures", have limited self-worth, little sense of belonging and are effectively excluded from mainstream society. Restricting their legal opportunities to attain material wealth, inevitably promotes crime.

*"Schools have not necessarily much to do with education... they are mainly institutions of control, where basic habits must be inculcated in the young. Education is quite different and has little place in school."* – Winston Churchill

So school doesn't seem to promote the development of the abilities required for participation in a healthy society. So what do our children learn during their 16,000+ hours in this institution? Here are four key lessons that the education system successfully delivers.

### Dependency.

Bereft of curiosity and volition, we rely on others to interest, motivate, and direct us. Being convinced that we have no natural ability to learn, we require professionals to instruct us in every unfamiliar activity. Having learnt that others know best we depend on "experts" to do our thinking for us. We become utterly gullible to whatever "reputable authorities" tell us. Primary education is like primer paint: it allows every subsequent layer of propaganda to adhere to our minds.

### Competition.

We become convinced that there is a shortage of routes to self-improvement and that we must compete with our peers and grab them first. This rat race ensures that all relationships are uneasy. We quickly recognise that

performance is relative and that other people's failures make ourselves look better to the all-powerful authorities. Dishonesty and sabotage are inevitable in such an environment.

### Immaturity.

Most primal cultures included a rite-of-passage during puberty. This marked the end of childhood and being told what to do. Adulthood meant embracing self-direction through a conscious understanding of how your behaviour fitted into your community. School facilitates the artificial extension of childhood by maintaining external governance and condoning a reckless absence of self-regulation. Institutions train people to play roles defined by their "superiors". Familiar retorts such as *"I'm just following procedure"*, *"only doing my job"*, *"executing orders"*, are all indications of immature behaviour and the rejection of personal responsibility. Bystanders frequently make the most effective interventions in emergencies as well as against abuses and crimes, but a passive spectator or irresponsible person is useless.

### Conformity.

Like Pavlov's dogs, pupils learn to react to bells. They must obey all the school rules and are commonly required to wear a uniform. As in prison and the military, "popularity" becomes a means of self-preservation. The pressure to conform in order to secure a "safe" position within a clique is formidable. Marks are awarded according to how precisely a student can regurgitate everything they have been told. No imagination, understanding, or critical thinking is required. Any deviation from the official dogma is met with hostility and downgrading. Cosmetic individuality is tolerated as long as observance of the core precepts is evident. Students are treated like empty vessels to be filled; initiative, resourcefulness and autonomy get in the way of this process. School relentlessly repeats that obedience is good and non-conformity is bad. Stanley Milgram exposed how most people will do monstrous things when commanded by an authority figure. A zombie is frightening because it has no conscience, mercy or ability to negotiate. A disciplined soldier is the opposite of a conscientious citizen. Having had their ability to feel empathy or compassion overridden; their capacity to be spontaneous and self-directed crushed; and their personal responsibility for murder removed; the soldier is the ultimate refinement of the craft of dehumanisation, practised in school.

*"Education is a weapon whose effects depend on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed."* – Joseph Stalin

Yes - school does its job! It produces obedient conformists, who are predictable and readily programmed. But it also inhibits the development of the vital qualities of effective adults; the conscientious people who make life good and protect one-another from abuse. ■

# The Brehon Law

By Kevin: Flanagan-Coombes

**A**ncient Ireland was home to one of the most forward-thinking systems of law of its time and possibly even today. There were NO prisons, NO police force and NO government enforcement! The laws carried force by virtue of their morality and by the will of the people who respected and revered them. Historically, the people of Ireland were renowned for their love of the Law. To them the law was truly justice in action and this attitude and desire for justice permeated the entire culture. Today we refer to them as the *Brehon Laws* but it is properly known as the *Fénechas* and is also known as the *Senchus Mór* ('the Great Ancient'). It was considered, even back then, to be as old as the rocks.



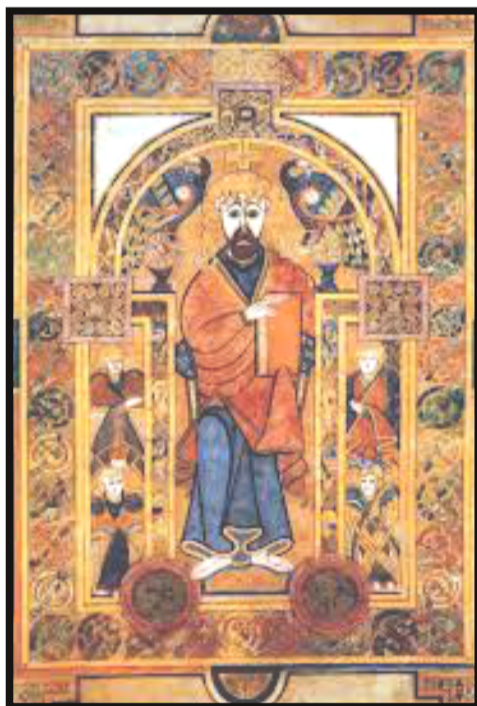
The Brehon Law is one of the oldest systems of verifiable jurisprudence. These native laws bear striking resemblance to the Vedic Laws and the customs of other native societies. While much was based on a strong oral tradition many of the principles were codified into books at a later date under the direction of Saint Patrick and King Laegaire.

## THE IRISH LOVE OF THE LAW

Attorney General Sir John Davies, a man who was instrumental in the abolishment of the Brehon Laws, once said of Ireland that:

*"...there is no nation of people under the sun that does love equal and indifferent justice better than the Irish, or will rest better satisfied with the execution thereof; [even] though it be against themselves, so that they [too] may have the protection and benefit of the law when upon just case they desire it."*

To these people the law was alive, fluid and electric; it was a part of nature and in tune with a natural order that flows through creation. The aim of these laws was to create a society based on principles of fairness, justice, truth and honour.



## WHO WAS THE 'BREHON'?

The Role of the *Brehon* (or *Breitheimh*; still used today in Irish courts to address a judge using Irish) was to impartially determine the most just and fair outcome. He was an arbiter '*desirous of settling disputes among neighbours*' rather than what we now associate as a 'judge'. Importantly there was no executive body to enforce laws or judgements upon the people; there was no police force, capital punishment, or system of imprisonment. The Brehon's opinion merely carried persuasive power and nothing was binding, in a legal sense, upon the sovereign free men and women on the land. The opinion carried respect as being true and just and for that reason the fear of solitude and stigma associated with going against the morals of the clan, and for rejecting the fair conclusions of the learned elders, amounted to these opinions having what could be described today as a '*force of law*'.

The outcome of a case was ultimately determined via agreement between the two parties and always had a view towards '*restoration*' i.e. to restore the

victim to the place they were in before the transgression occurred and it was therefore a law of compensation. The Brehon's role therefore was to impart knowledge, understanding and wisdom which merely served to guide the case towards a just and fair outcome. Judgements and opinions however could also be offered up by any member of the community and the parties would deliberate until the most favourable agreement was found. Negotiation, negotiation, negotiation.

## STAMPING OUT NATIVE IRISH LAW

The Laws of a land govern the nature of that land and are an irrefutable witness to its character. In order for the English conquest of Ireland to be truly successful it was essential to eradicate the Brehon Laws and replace it with the Courts and Laws of the Crown, bringing the land under the Kings dominion. This attack on the law spanned many years, but remnants of the Brehon Law existed up and until the 1700's when it was finally stamped out by the oppressive penal laws. The Irish old and natural love for the Law was replaced by a fear and distrust that remains to this day.

The preamble of the earlier Statutes of Kilkenny makes no excuses in outlining the importance for the English in eradicating the native Irish system stating the English settlers had for a long time been governed and ruled according to English common law *"...but now many English of the said land, forsaking the English language, manners, mode of riding, laws and usages, live and govern themselves according to the manners, fashion, and language of the Irish enemies"*.

## Why were these early settlers changing their customs and referring to the Brehon Courts for justice?

This indicates that English settlers sent here to establish a new form of governance found themselves naturally drawn to the customs and laws of the native Irish people. Settlers would revert to the Brehon system for justice and in doing so denied their allegiance to, and the 'protection' of the Law offered by the Crown.

## Item IV of the Statues of Kilkenny:

*"...whereas diversity of government and different laws in the same land cause difference in allegiance, and disputes among the people; it is agreed and established, that no Englishman having disputes with any other Englishman, shall henceforth make caption, or take pledge, distress or vengeance against any other but that they shall sue each other at the common law; and that no Englishman be governed in the termination of their disputes by Brehon law, which reasonably ought not to, be called law, being a bad custom; but they shall be governed, as right is, by the common law of the land, as liege subjects of our lord the king; and if any do to the contrary, and thereof be attainted, he shall be taken and imprisoned and adjudged as a traitor..."*

## JUSTICE NEVER DIES - IT SLEEPS

The Nation re-gained her right to govern and make her own laws after generations of struggle, but alas we see that the original system of law was never restored; that grievance was never addressed. Once independence was achieved it was perhaps deemed impractical to revive the old traditions of the native institutions and the British system of law was retained, that said, a complete resignation of the Brehon laws to the vaults of antiquity is to turn our backs on the legal aspects of our rich cultural heritage and a literal ignorance for the wisdom of elders.

The system of law in place today is relatively young compared to the system that preceded it and in the short three hundred years or so since its complete establishment in Ireland we can directly see the impact this has had on us. The modern view of the 'legal system' can be seen as a reaction and direct consequence of unjust systems of punishment and penalty.

Barrister R.W. Bentham wrote that:

*"Irish irreverence for law, however, does not stem from sympathy with crime, or wrongdoing in general, but rather from the fact that the Irish, who have a longish memory, are aware even now that the law in Ireland is not Irish law. However just it may be - and it was once most unjust - it does not command reverence as a native institution, but simply respect nowadays as an essential part of the machinery of government."*

It seems as though justice is dead, but really it is just dormant, laying patiently, waiting to be rekindled.

## KEY FEATURES OF BREHON LAW

### Restitution:

The Brehon Laws were very in tune with modern understandings of restorative justice. Damages were awarded in a similar fashion to modern tort law cases aiming to restore the injured party to the position they were in before the injury took place. This principle was seamlessly applied to injuries of a criminal nature or those with malice and intent. Debts were paid to society by actually compensating the injured party, not by imprisonment of the offender. The rationale here is to 'help alleviate the suffering' by sharing in it. This system focussed on inclusion and dialogue between the parties and was not adversarial in the same sense as our modern system – it provided a democratic means for the people to come together to find a remedy.

### Honour Price:

Damages were calculated with regards to an honour price which allowed for a much fairer, proportionate and precise means of penalty as each was fined according to his worth, according to his stock. People of a higher status were judged at a higher standard as they were deemed to have known better. A man of high rank (e.g. Politicians, Bankers, Officers or Judges) was always fined more than a man of low rank in a like case.

### Moral Code and Social Unit:

In addition to a legal code the law served as a moral code based on neighbourly respect. Social structure in Ireland consisted of groups and sub-groups of families. The social and moral unit was the family who shared a group responsibility over their kin to ensure the law was upheld and could be held liable in the second degree if an offender could not pay. Families joined together into wider family sets called septs (like modern communities), which in turn joined into tribes (like mini-states) which could become liable for a secret crime within their precincts. We develop our moral compass in the family home, we learn about compromise, negotiation, reconciliation. For this reason the family was the moral and social building block of society.

### Tort Law (Civil Wrongs):

The Brehon Laws made no distinction between crimes and tort (civil wrongs) and offences

consisted of 'a lapse from the standards of personal honour and brotherly kindness'. This reclassification of both crimes and torts to be considered 'civil wrongs' against one's neighbour' did not change the factual moral wrong of an act or society's ability to deal with it. This approach does create a distinction between moral offences and political offences (where the State is the injured party).

## WOMENS RIGHTS

Brehon Law was among the most forward thinking systems of law with regards to woman's rights. In comparison, English common law did not recognise the rights of women until the 18th and 19th centuries. Under that system women were considered to be the property of their Father's or Husband's and they could not enforce contracts or take a court case in their own name. However, under the Brehon Law's Women were viewed as equal to men and in some cases had more rights to property in the case of divorce.

Women were free to choose their husbands and were allowed to divorce them. Grounds for divorce included a husband's failure to support them, telling lies, impotence, getting too overweight or striking her causing a mark. Both partners brought their own wealth to the marriage and in the event of divorce they could reclaim their property. If the husband was the cause for divorce the wife could claim his property also.

Women could hold office and govern in the same manner as men and there are records of women Rulers, Brehons and law makers.

## SOME WORDS STILL IN USE TODAY

**Oiréachtas (or-ach-tus):** Comes from the old Irish word for a gathering and it is used today as a name for the Irish parliament.

**Breitheamh (Bre-hiv):** Comes from the old Irish word for 'judge' also known as a 'Brehon'.

**Taoiseach (tee-shock):** Comes from the old Irish word for 'chieftan' and is used today to refer to the Irish prime-minister.

**Tániste (ton-ish-ta):** Was the old Irish word for the chieftan's second in command and is used today to refer to the deputy prime minister.

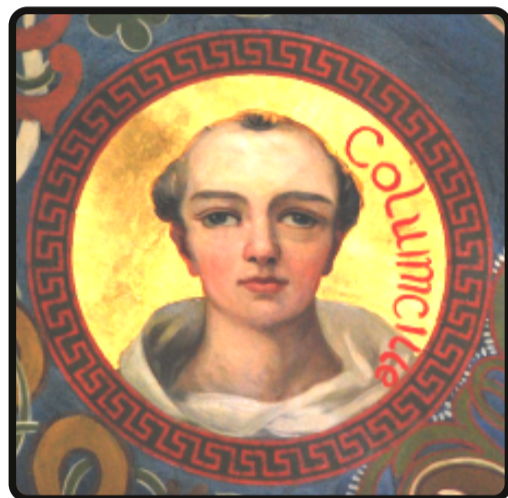


# History Of Copyright Law: Rooted In Ireland

By Kevin: Flanagan-Coombes



**C**opyright law is a hot topic these days as it is used as a means to censor the internet, but where did it all begin? It is a little known fact that the history of copyright law begins with the Brehon Laws of Ancient Ireland over 1,000 years before it appeared in legislation. Who would have guessed that it ended in a bitter and brutal dispute over royalties? It began in 563 A.D. where a disagreement arose between two of the top players in the monastic schools of Ireland: Saint Colmcille and Saint Finian, each claiming to be the original author of 'St Jerome's Psalter' manuscript.



**Saint Colmcille** (aka. St. Columba) was born in Gartán, County Donegal, a descendant of the O'Neill Clan. A wealthy man, he was the son of Princess Eithne and his Grandfather has the honour of being the man who originally brought slave boy Saint Patrick and gave him his name. Founding several monastic foundations during his lifetime, Colmcille left a lasting mark on Ireland. His first foundation was in Derry and his last; as will be revealed, was on Iona Island.

**Saint Finian** (of Clonard) was a contemporary of Colmcille from Carlow, also born to an Irish noble family. A highly educated man known as 'The Master of The Saints of Ireland', he tutored Colmcille and many other Saints of the time.

### JUDGEMENT

*'To every cow its calf, to every manuscript a creator; compensation to be paid to the original maker'*

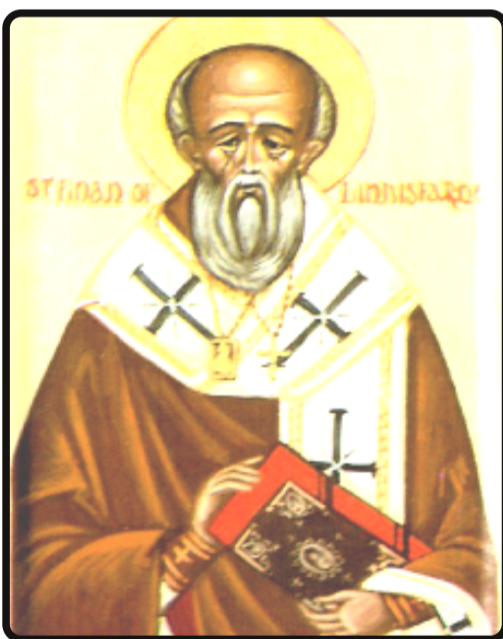
While being wise, just and poetic it was not enough to avert a battle between the two factions. Enraged at having been found guilty, a group of Colmcille's supporters rose up in battle against those who supported Finian. Ultimately Colmcille fled from Ireland and lived out the rest of his days, writing more manuscripts, on Iona Island. It is unclear whether this is because he was guilty or because he felt shame for all the bloodshed caused.

This judgement points to a principle that was naturally recognised in the world around the people of the day. That a cow gives birth to a calf, a new

creation, and that calf is inextricably and naturally linked to its mother/creator. They applied this natural principle to someone who creates a new body of original work, and reasoned they should justifiably receive compensation from those who copy it. Copyright law has been around for more than a millennium and a half, and is probably the most well known type of law on the planet.

**Copyright Protection** was not officially formalised in English law until the Statute of Anne in 1710. Prior to this the Stationers Office; a guild of exclusive printers held a very profitable printing monopoly and had the power to censor works. At this time the copyright vested with the publishers (i.e. the guild of printers) and not the actual authors. Public opinion eventually swayed and the subsequent codification allowed for a copyright period of fourteen years, copyrights were vested with the actual authors, and it laid the legal framework complete with sanctions for offenders and protections for creators that we are familiar with today. While the Statute of Anne is considered a watershed event in copyright, we should remember and appreciate that the jurisprudence and guiding principles of this highly important area were first established in Ireland about 1,200 years earlier!

**Copyright Theft:** You would be hard pressed to find someone who isn't familiar with the scope of copyright law but today copyright theft and illegal downloading are the 'issues' being peddled to justify mass internet censorship as the recent ACTA and SOPA controversies brought to light. Copyright theft law aims to protect the work of those who would create. Without it there would be a threat to the incentive to create new works and add to the body of human culture and experience. However, to use it as a means of mass censorship seems like a



return to the pre-Statute of Anne days where a bunch of printers jealously guarded their monopoly for the purposes of financial gain. Remember, this did not change until the people and authors themselves campaigned to have the law changed.

# On The Origins of the Name Ireland

(An English translation of main article on back page.)

A letter to the Irish Times 6/12/1976

by Caitlín Ní Mhadadáin

Sir,

It would appear that many are unaware that the English name Ireland is simply an Old English spelling of Éire plus the Germanic suffix land i.e. (É)ireland.

Irlande first appears in the Saxon chronicles in the year 918 – a century before the first appearance of Engalonde (1014), which did not come into use until that country became united under a Danish King.

The Gaelic element in this ugly Hybrid compound has been misspelt by the English in many different ways. In these various spellings the initial letter fluctuated between I (Ireland), Y (Yrelonde) and E (Eoraland). Irish appears similarly as Yrische, Ersche, Erse, etc.

But whatever the spelling the old English pronunciation approximated more or less to that of Éireland, the initial Yr- being pronounced as in Yric (Eric), Ir- as in mirth, Er as in Erse.

That this pronunciation continued up to at least the middle of the 16th century is shown by the spelling Erlonde which appears in the State Papers in 1550.

If the spelling of this Anglo-Gaelic hybrid had been standardised in the initial E form it would today be written Eireland and the origin and denotation would be obvious.

It is not, however, the spelling but what is called the Great Vowel Shift in English which is responsible for the present English pronunciation Eye-land and similar barbarisms such as Eye-talian, Eye-ran, etc.

Ireland is not only a hybrid – it is an irritating bastard hybrid because it is improperly formed. England means land of the English. Scotland means land of the Scots. In both these cases (as in that of almost all European countries) the name of the country is derived from that of the inhabitants.

Not so with Éire. This name is primarily that of the Goddess-Queen who gave her name to the island. Éire (the country) did not take its name from that of its inhabitants. They, irrespective of race, took their name from her. In our earliest texts several different racial groups are distinguished from the Gaedil; but all, Érainn, Gaedil or Cruithni are from the earliest times included under the common name Éireannaigh.

"Éireannaigh sinne uile" (We are all Éireannaigh) as Fionn said in that old and strange poem Oisín agus a Chorr.

The name Éire is of unique antiquity amongst the states of Europe in that its Greek form it is attested, in two different sources as far back as the 6th century B.C.

No other European country can boast a national name which has continued in unbroken use, and with the same denotation, for over 2,500 years. Ussher noted this in 1639 when he wrote that not even the Romans could produce testimony of such antiquity to their national name.

Evidence of vastly greater antiquity comes from the results of modern research into our language, literature and megalithic monuments. This shows that the name Éire in all probability stretches back to the dim prehistoric period about 2000 B.C.

For over a hundred years linguistic experts have searched for an Indo-European etymology for the name with an assiduity which is equalled only by the ingenuity of their suggestions. All in vain.

No accepted etymology for Éire has been found. Marstander (who edited the first volume of the R.I.A. Dictionary) believed the name to be pre-Celtic. So did Bergin, who suggested that the etymologists might consider whether they had "wrongly assumed that the name must be Celtic and Indo-European without reflecting that it may have been taken over from the pre-Celtic inhabitants." (Éiriú, IXV)

This is precisely what our traditional historians tell us actually happened. They also handed a legend explaining why it happened – which shows they thought an explanation was needed.

Éire first appears in the Leabhar Gabhála as the great tripple Goddess (Éiriú- Banba- Fodhla) of the pre-Galic people to whom the Gaedil ascribed the building of our great Passage Graves about 1900 B.C. (Modern archaeologists date them to about 2000-3000 B.C.)

As Éire she personified Sovereignty; as Banba Fertility; as Fodhla Learning and Science. Her symbol is the Triple Spiral, found in the Passage Graves at Cnobha (knowth) and the Brugh; also on many Bronze Age objects, and on the ornamental "carpet" pages of our most famous manuscripts.

We are told in the Leabhar Gabhála that when the Gaedil arrived Banba met them on Sliabh Mis and requested that her name should be on the island. Amirgin answered: Banba shall be the name of the island. Fodhla met them in Eibhlind with the same request and received a similar reply. Fionally they met Éire in Uisneach, one of the two most sacred places in pre-Christian days. Sha made the same request and Amirgin replied Éire shall be its chief name for ever.

No one realises that Éire has been the name of our country for over 4,000 years can fail to take pride in that name and in being able to state his or her nationality as Éireannach.

Beir Beannacht

Caitlín Ní Mhadadáin

## HOW THE É WAS REINSTATED ON THE STAMPS

**B**etween 1967 and 1978 Pádraig Ó Mathúna ran a campaign to try and impress upon the Department of Posts and Telegraphs the importance of correctly spelling the country's name on its stamps. He wrote: "ÉIRE means load or burden, whereas ÉIRE is the name of a Tuatha Dé Danann Goddess who gave her name to this country 4,000 years ago". The Dept. wrote back telling him that they had some sort of design license that excluded them from spelling it correctly. He wrote again presenting stamps from seven other European countries who managed to fit a diacritical mark on capitals without interrupting the stamp design. But he was then told that they had it on good authority

that they need not put an accent on Gaelic capital letters. When he requested the name of the 'good authority' they declined to tell him. So to raise public awareness and garner some support, Pádraig got a thousand stickers saying 'ÉIRE = Ualach' (eire = load) and stuck them on every letter he sent. This led members of the public to raise the issue in the letters' pages of the newspapers: one Seán Ó Drisceoil went as far as to make his own hand-stamp with 'Ceartú/Correction ÉIRE', which he stamped all over his letters. After 12 years of being fobbed off, Pádraig raised the

issue at the Conradh na Gaeilge Ardtheis. The next day the then President of Conradh na Gaeilge, one Pádraig Ó Snodaigh, personally contacted a senior member of the Dept. only to receive the rebuke that 'the Dept. of P,T had the authority of the government's own translation service to continue with such spelling'. He then wrote to Seán Ó Lúing, head of the government's translation services, inquiring if it was he who was responsible. Ó Lúing emphatically stated 'that no such request had ever been made by the Dept. of P,T, and had there been one, he would have given them the correct answer'. This information was promptly communicated back to the secretary of the Dept. of P,T.

To further force the Department's reluctant hand, Pádraig Ó Mathúna made contact with Monsignor Peadar Ó Siadhail who was the administrator of the Diocese of Dún Dealgan (Dundalk). He had just been nominated to the Stamp Design Advisory Board. On learning of this deliberate and continued misspelling, the Monsignor was quite exercised and let the then Minister of the Dept. of P,T, Pádraig Ó Fachtana, know that if he didn't have the name of the country correctly spelt on the stamps it would be made into an election issue and that he would be certain to lose votes. On the 15th of September 1978 the secretary of the Dept. of P,T notified Seán Mac Mathúna, then secretary of CnG, by letter stating that: The fada on the initial letter in the country's name will be shown henceforth. The next stamp – and every stamp issued since then – displayed the correct spelling of this country's name, Éire, with no interruption to the design.

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## AR ÁBHAR FHOINSE AN AINM 'ÉIRE'

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Le Caitlín Ní Mhadadáin

A Chara,

Tá sé sonrach dom nach eol don mhóraibh gur seanlitriú Sacs-bhéarla ar Éire atá san ainm Ireland. Níl ann ach Éire leis an iarmhír Gearmánach *land .i. (É)Ireland*.

Déantar tagairt do *Irlande* den chéad uair sna 'Croinicí Shacsanacha' sa bhliain 918 – céad bliain roimh an gcéad tagairt a dhéantar do *Englalande* (1014), is níor tháinig sin i réim go dtí go raibh an tír aontaithe fé stiúir rí ón Danmhairg.

Tá'n chuid Gaeilge den fhocal croschineálach gránna seo á litriú go míchruinn ag muintir Shasana ar mhórán slíte ó shin. Sna litriúcháin seo a leanas, athraíonn an chéad litir ó *Y (Yrelonde)*, *I (Ireland)* agus *E (Eorland)*. Feictear freisin Irish an lae inniu litrithe mar *Yrische, Ersche, Erse, 7rl.*

Ach pé litriú a úsáideadh, tá foghraíocht an tsean-Sacs-Bhéarla ag triall theacht ar an bhfuaim: Éireland – fuaimnítear an *Yr-* mar *Yric (Eric)*, an *Ir-* mar *mirth* agus an *Er-* mar *Erse*.

Léirítear gur leanadh leis an bhfoghraíocht seo go dtí lár an 16ú aois sa litriú *Erlond* i gcáipéisí Stát ón bhliain 1550.

Dá mba rud é gur cinneadh ainm na tíre a chaighdeánadh ag úsáid 'É' mar chéad litir, bheadh Éireland á tabhairt ar an tír agus bheadh bunús agus an tsainchiall intuigthe.

Níorb é an litriú, áfach, ach rud ar a dtugtar 'athrú mór na ngutaí' is cúis le fuaimniú Sasanach ainm na tíre seo mar *Eye-land* agus tán barbarachas céanna le clos le *Eye-Italian* agus *Eye-ran, 7rl.*

Ní hamháin gur focal croschineálach é *Ireland*, is tuilí de mhucfhocal croschineálach a bhíonn dod' chra de bharr míchruinneas a gcruthaithe. Ciallaíonn *England: land of the English*, Ciallaíonn *Scotland: land of the Scots*. Sa dá chás seo (mar a chéile le beagnach chuile tír Eorpach), siolraíonn ainm na tíre anuas ó ainm na n-áitreach.

Ní mar a chéile leis an ainm Éire. 'Baineann seo go príomha leis an mBandia/Banríon a thug a hainm don oileán. Níl an ainm Éire bunaithe ar theideal na n-áitreach. Ghlac siad chucu a hainm, cuma cioca cine. Ins na téacsanna is luaithe, idirdhealítear mórán ciní éagsúla ó na Gaedil; "Ach in Éirain uilg rannaíodh Gaedil is Cruithni, ón am is luaithe, fén ainm comónta Éireannaigh".

"Éireannaigh sinne uile" a dúirt Fionn sa sean dán ait sin 'Oisín agus a Chorr!'

Tá'n ainm Éire ina haonair ó thaobh ársaíochta de i measc tíortha na hEorpa, sa chaoi is go luaitear é in dhá fhoinsé éagsúla Gréigeacha chomh fada siar leis an séú céad roimh críost.

Ní féidir le haon tír Eorapach eile maíomh go leantar de bheith ag tabhairt an ainm céanna leis an tsainchiall chéanna gan aon bhriseadh, ar feadh níos mó ná 2,500 bliain ar a dtír siúd. Thagair Usher do seo i 1639 nuair a scríobh sé nach mbeadh fiú na Rómhánaigh in ann fianaise chomh ársa sin a léiriú ar a n- ainm náisiúnta.

Tá fianaise d'ársaíocht i bhfad níos sine ag teacht ó thorthaí taighde nua-aoiseach ar ár dteanga, litriocht agus ár dtuamaí meigiliteacha. Léiríonn siad seo gur dócha go dtéann an ainm Éire siar chomh fada leis an tréimhse ré-stairiúil diamhairdeach thart ar 2000 BC.

Le thart fá céad bliain, tá saineolaithe teangeolaíocha ag cuardach sanas Ind-Eorpach don ainm seo le dúthacht a bheadh amhán cothrom le cruthaitheacht a gcuid moltaí. Iad uilg gan toradh.

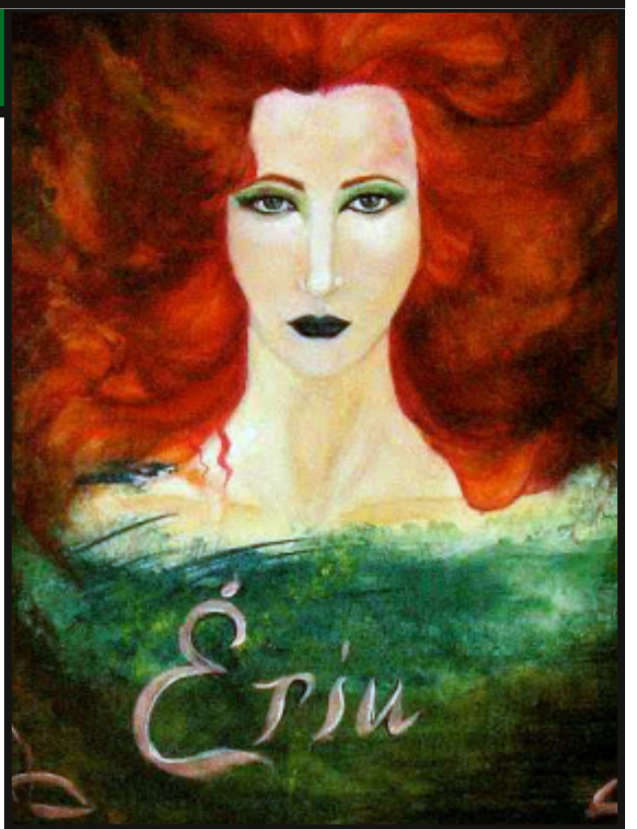
Níor aimsíodh aon sanas a bheadh inghlactha don ainm Éire. Chreid Marstander (a bhí ina eagarthóir ar an gcéad eagrán d'fhoclóir an R.I.A.) gurbh ón ré ré-Cheilteach é. Shíl Bergin seo freisin, mhol seisean dos na sanasóirí gur chóir dóibh cur faoi chaibidil go "rinneadar botún ag samhlú gur ainm Ceilteach agus Ind-Eorpach é gan ceapadh go m'fhéidir gur lean sé ó na háitreachaigh ré-Cheilteach". (*Ériu, LXV*)

Seo díreach a tharla a deir ár stairithe dúchasacha. Maireann finscéalta sa bhéaloideas – rud a deir gur shléadar go raibh míniú de dhíth.

Chítear Éire ar dtús i 'lebor Gabála Érenn' mar an Bandia-triarach (*Ériu-Banba-Fodhla*) de chuid an chine ré-Ghaelach, iad siud a deirtear a thóg na Tuamaí Pasáiste thart fá 1900 R.C. (Cuireann seandálaithe nua-aimseartha siar a n-aois go 2000-3000 B.C.)

Mar Éire seasann sí do Fhlaitheas; mar Banbha – Torthúlacht; mar Fodhla – Foghlam agus Eolaíocht. An bhís triarach a siombail atá le feiscint sna tuamaí pasáiste i gCnóbha agus sa mBrugh; feictear seo freisin ar mhórán ghiúrléid ón umha-aois agus san ornáidíocht ar leathanaigh "taipéise" ár lámhscríbhinní is cáiliúla.

Deirtear i 'Lebor Gabála Érenn' gur bhuail Banbha leis na Gaedil ar Shliabh Mis nuair a thurling siad. D'fhiafraigh sí dóibh, an dtabharfadh siad Banbha mar ainm ar an tír. D'fhreagair Aimirgin: Banbha a bheidh mar ainm ar an tír mar sin. Bhuail Fodhla leo in Eibhlind is chur an cheist chéanna is tugadh an fhreagra céanna. Ar deireadh, bhuail siad le hÉire in Uisneach, ceann den dá áit is beannaithe sa ré ré-



Chríostaí. Rinne síse an achainí chéanna is d'fhreagair Aimirgin go mbeadh Éire mar príomhainm acu ar an tír.

Nuair a fhaightear amach gur tugadh Éire ar ár dtír le 4,000 bliain anuas, ní bheitear in ann ach a bheith uabharach as an ainm sin agus as a bheith in ann maíomh gur Éireannach thú.

Beir Beannacht

Caitlín Ní Mhadadáin

## MAR A CUIREADH AN FADA AR AIS AR ÁR STAMPAÍ

Alt ón leabhar 'Our Fada' le *Micheál Ó Domhnaill* agus *Rossa Ó Snodaigh* á athchló anseo le caonchead ó na foilsitheoirí 'Coiscéim'.

Sa tréimhse idir 1967 agus 1978 reachtáil Pádraig Ó Mathúna feachtas chun iarraidh ar An Roinn Poist agus Teileagraif an síneadh fada a chur ar ainm na tíre ar na stampaí. "Brí ÉIRE ná ualach, ÉIRE ainm bandia den Tuatha Dé Danann a thug a ainm don tír 4,000 bliain ó shin" a scríobh sé. Scríobhadh siad ar ais chuige leis an fhreagra céanna arís is arís eile "Tá úsáid an tsínidh fhada ar cheannlitreacha roghnach agus fágadh ar lár é sa chás seo ar mhaithe le cothromaíocht ealaíonta ar an stampa." Scríobh sé chucu le samplaí de stampaí as tíortha eile ina raibh a n-ainm féin á n-úsáid ar cheannlitreacha gan aon chur isteach ar an dearadh. Dúradh ansin leis gur comhairle údarásach a thug an cead dóibh, ach nuair a d'fhiafraigh sít cérbh é, dhiúltaíodar insint dó.

Mar sin, chun an pobal a chur ar an eolas agus chun roinnt tacaíochta a fáil dá fheachtas cheannaigh sé míle gramáin a raibh "ÉIRE = Ualach" scríofa orthu. Is do ghreamaigh do chuile litir dá chuid iad. Mheall seo méid áirithe den phobal chun litreacha a scríobh chuig

na nuacháin agus rinne duine darb ainm Seán Ó Drisceoil stampa láimhe le "Ceartú/ Correction ÉIRE" is do stampáladh sé ar chuile litir dá chuid freisin.

Tar éis dhá bhliain déag gan aon athrú ar sheasamh na Roinne cuireadh a chás fé bhráid Ardfeis Chonradh na Gaeilge. An la dar gcionn chuir uachtarán an Chonartha, Pádraig Ó Snodaigh, scairt ar bhall sinsearach den Roinn P,T chun an cheist a phlé. Dúradh leis go grod gur thug

Rannóg Aistriúcháin an sáit féin cead dóibh leanúint de bheith á litriú mar a bhíodar. Scríobh Pádraig chuig cinnire na Rannóige sin, Seán Ó Lúing, ag fiosrú arbh é a thug an cead don Roinn P,T. Sa bhfreagra a seoladh thar n-ais chuige dúirt Seán Ó Lúing 'nár chuir éinne ón Roinn sin aon cheist air agus dá mba rud é gur dhéan go dtabharfadh sé an freagra ceart dóibh'. Sheol Ó Snodaigh freagra Uí Lúing chuig cinnire an Roinn P,T agus thuig sé go mbeadh orthu cinneadh a ghlacadh agus a gcuid bréaga nochtaithe.

Ach chun chinntiú nach mbeadh aon chúlú ar an gcinneadh a bheadh le tógáil ag an Roinn, chuaigh Ó Mathúna i dteagmháil leis an Athair ró-Oirmhinneach Peadar Ó Siadhail a bhí mar riarthóir Deoise ar Dhún Dealgan, a bhí díreach ainmnithe mar bhall den gCoiste Comhairleach um Dearadh Stampaí. Bhí an Monsignor an-chorraithe faoin síorfháil a bhí á dhéanamh ar litriú ainm na tíre ar na stampaí agus chuir scairt ar Aire na Roinne, Pádraig Ó Fachtna, agus dúirt leis mura gceartódh sé ainm na tíre ar na stampaí go ndéanfadh sé cinnte de go gcaillfeadh sé vótaí. I litir ó oifig an Aire P,T ar an 15ú Meán Fomhair 1978 chuir N.Ó Nualláin (rúnaí an Aire) Seán Mac Mathúna (rúnaí an Chonartha) ar an eolas 'go dtaispeánfar an síneadh fada ar na stampaí poist a dhearf ar amach anseo'. Táid a n-eisiúint i gceart ó shin i leith gan aon chur isteach ar an dearadh. Éire Abú!



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