

# **We Are Against Abortion Because We Are Left-wing**

*The manifesto "We Are Against Abortion Because We Are Left-wing" that the Christian Cultural Movement launched in 1982 was signed by militant socialists and federations, local political, social and labour associations that called themselves left-wing, such as PSOE, UGT, CNT, CCOO, Spanish Communist Party and Juventudes Socialistas.*

*Only "Ya" newspaper published the whole text on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1982, including the names of all the signatories and parties, unions and cultural and apostolic organisations which it belonged to. "El País" newspaper censored it, once again serving the powerful in a formal democracy, asking for 500,000 pesetas (approximately 3.000 €, more than 30 years ago) for the text to be published so that it did not come to light. In 1985 the first law of abortion was passed under Felipe Gonzalez's rule.*

## -----MANIFESTO-----

**All the political parties in the Spanish Parliament, both left and right-wing, stand up for the current capitalist system, and all of them are pro-abortion. During the 8 years of the former government under the "PP" (Popular Party) –1996-2004– abortion increased by 37%, reaching almost 80,000 abortions a year. PP's policy about this issue resulted *in fact* in free abortion practice during the first 3 months of pregnancy. Zapatero's PSOE legalised abortion as a human right. By defending abortion, Zapatero explicitly put forward a neoliberal political and economic capitalist program.**

**We are against abortion and its legalisation because we are socialist. Likewise, we are against any assault on life, such as death penalty, torture, hunger, armament, war, destruction of the environment...**

**We therefore proclaim that these are values the Left must vindicate. We are left, socialist and self-managed, because we defend the socialization of means of production, because we fight against any form of exploitation of human beings, because we are against the oppression of people by any imperialist power. Also, because we defend human life as a supreme value.**

**In world history, abortion has been legalised by totalitarian, communist, Nazi and liberal capitalist regimes. People, such as Robert McNamara –from Vietnam– and the World Bank, have goaded abortion acceptance. They have imposed it as something convenient for multinational capitalist dominance. Hitler rejected it for his aria "race" but enforced it for those under his rule.**

**There's life, a unique human life in the fertilised human ovum of the mother's womb. This life is destroyed by using the cruellest methods. It is not just another part of the woman's body; it is a unique individual; as well as elderly people, the handicapped, the mentally disabled, the terminally ill. All those people that would be included on a list of future targets by accepting abortion, because they might not be considered human beings with a right to live, but instead bothersome, unwanted members of a society that does not regard them as "productive."**

**Despite whatever may be said, there is not any more reactionary claim than a person demanding a right over an unborn child. It is the most inconceivable claim of property, still worse than claiming a master's right to enslave. It is a shame that the Left should defend this so-called right. Moreover, in doing so, they are letting the Right hypocritically monopolise the opposition to it.**

**We absolutely reject this shameful vindication, and considering the currently existent knowledge about embryology, the Left should not support this position. We are not only left-wing and we reject abortion, but we are against it because we are left-wing. Human life is a supreme value from its conception to natural death. In line with this, we must take measures against abortion by fighting its causes, by assisting single mothers socially and legally in an efficient way, those who want to keep their children as well as those who decide to give them up for adoption.**

**Abortion is an atrocious violent act against unborn children and their mothers. The Left should fight to make women's wombs the safest place for children because this is naturally so. Likewise, society as a whole should protect mothers and children, before and after their birth.**

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