

If they are really “pro-life”, why have they never protested against the slaughter like that in the Gulf War when thousands of people were killed?

Why do they never campaign against poverty and unemployment which make so many *born* children’s lives a misery?

The answer is that they have very little concern for people’s lives. They are self-appointed moral policemen whose policy is to oppose all moves to bring Ireland into the 1990s and to oppose any greater personal freedom.

They care nothing for the Irish women who travel to England for abortions in fear, without information or counselling.

These groups—most of whom are closely linked together—are frightened because thousands of young people saw what their policies lead to: the imprisonment of a 14-year-old rape victim—and protested about it.

They want to turn the clock back. We mustn’t let them.

If they come to your school, make sure they’re questioned about what they really stand for. And see if you can get a speaker to give an opposing point of view.

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# Before you make up your mind...

Over the next few months, school students are going to hear a lot about abortion.

Groups like the "Society for the Protection of the Unborn" (SPUC) and Youth Defence plan to campaign among you for support.

You may be shown leaflets and videos claiming to show the effects of abortion. These contain gruesome pictures and you will be told abortion is horrible murder.

It's up to you to make up your own mind. But it's worth hearing some other arguments before you do.

You might want to ask some questions of these groups. Why are they trying to drum up support now?

Is it because, after the case of the 14-year-old rape victim, many Irish people, young and old, think people should be allowed access to information on abortion, allowed to travel to England for an abortion if they wish and allowed to make up their own minds without the state interfering?

If SPUC and these other "Pro-Life" groups want to stop abortion, then surely they should be in favour of sex education in schools, contraception and access to information so people can at least get the facts.

Actually, the "Pro-Life" groups are against all these things and more, including divorce and funding for rape crisis centres. They are against *any* legislation which gives people choice in areas of sexual morality.

These groups make a lot of being "pro-life" and against "murder". Why then have they never protested about health cuts which drastically affected many people's lives?

Why are so many of their leading lights members of Fianna Fail which has implemented these cuts?

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