



Article 42B (WE OPPOSE 42.B TO REPLACE)

Article 42B does not place any positive obligation on the State to financially support or provide protections for carers in the home. The Article is purposively drafted this way so the State are not financially liable yet they are misleading the people in an attempt to get the Referendum over the line. Do NOT trust the government.

WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE NO?

➤ PROPOSAL TO CHANGE ARTICLE 41.1.1°:

Article 41.1.1° “The State recognises the Family, **whether founded on marriage or on other durable relationships**, as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of Society, and as a moral institution possessing inalienable and imprescriptible rights, antecedent and superior to all positive law.”

➤ PROPOSAL TO CHANGE ARTICLE 41.3.1° BY DELETING TEXT SHOWN WITH LINE THROUGH IT:

“The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, ~~on which the Family is founded~~, and to protect it against attack.”

➤ PROPOSAL TO DELETE ARTICLE 41.2.1 AND ARTICLE 41.2.2 TO INSERT A NEW ARTICLE 42B

Article 41.2.1° “In particular, the State recognises that by her life within the home, woman gives to the State a support without which the common good cannot be achieved.”

Article 41.2.2° “The State shall, therefore, endeavour to ensure that mothers shall not be obliged by economic necessity to engage in labour to the neglect of their duties in the home.

▶ To PROTECT the inalienable rights of the Irish family that are antecedent and superior to the State. Amending Article 41.1.1 to include “durable relationships” is a direct attack on the family. The Chair of the Electoral Commission recently stated that “durable relationships could be defined as a couple getting a Christmas card”. By redefining the family it is no longer a sacred institution but open to interpretation, can include anything the State decides and will be used to advance the LGBTQ and trans agenda.

▶ The inclusion of “durable relationships” will lead to an increase of immigrants into Ireland under the family reunification visa scheme, currently restricted to a spouse or child of a refugee. In 2022, Germany issued 121,000 family reunification visas after extending the qualification criteria. Ireland is already at crisis point because of the State’s immigration policy which threatens the entire social fabric of our society. Government Ministers confirmed that the “durable relationship” inclusion in our Constitution will widen the scope for family reunification visa applicants to Ireland.

▶ Article 41.2.2 places a positive obligation on the State to ‘endeavour to ensure that mothers shall not be obliged by economic necessity to engage in labour’ outside the home. It could be argued that this laid the foundation for a mother’s right to social security and work-related protections, including maternity payments and Home Caring pension contributions. By deleting this Article the State will no longer have a duty, as enshrined in our Constitution, to provide financial support and protections to mothers who care for their children at home and can remove existing rights through legislation.

▶ **Erasing “woman”, “mother” and “home” from our Constitution is not progressive but regressive**



≡≡≡8-MARCH≡≡≡ REFERENDUM

On 8 March 2024, you will be asked to vote in two referendums to change the current text of Article 41 of our Constitution. VOTE NO to protect Irish families which are the foundation stone and bulwark of our society. VOTE NO to uphold, safeguard and protect the fundamental role of a mother in caring for children at home. We CANNOT trust the State to protect the inalienable rights of "the family" if this very definition is undermined by reference to "durable relationships" NOR can we trust that the positive obligations the State has to protect and safeguard the role of a mother as caregiver to her children at home will be upheld if they delete "woman", "home" and "mother" from our Constitution.

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