

Most Popular Anti-Choice Advocacy Groups

According to MPs who gave them \$\$\$

**What happened
with the Canada
Summer Jobs
program?**

One feature of the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program is that individual Members of Parliament have a great deal of input into the awarding of grants.

Below are some of the most popular anti-choice organizations with MPs. In each case we have the same questions:

- What are youth learning from these experiences?
- Why should taxpayers fund it?



Number One in terms of funds granted is Campaign Life Coalition, the well-known non-charity political arm of anti-choice, often consulted by media for its rankings of politicians and candidates.

Number Two is not as well-known – the DeVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research. Its mission says that it “conducts and disseminates research on topics connected to human life in its biological, social and ethical dimensions.” It has charitable tax status in order to be Canada’s main purveyor of what is called “BAD (biased, agenda-driven) science.”

Number Three is the infamous Canadian Centre for Bio-ethical Reform, nicknamed (by us) the Fetal Gore Gang. This non-charity group stuffs gory postcards in mailboxes, hangs banners over busy highways, and stands on street corners with huge bloody placards, frightening children and disgusting everyone else.

Number Four is Priests for Life, a charity to unite Catholic priests and lay people “to fight the culture of death” – a euphemism for opposing the right to abortion and medical assistance in dying.

Number Five and Six: Guelph & Area Right to Life is a charity for the purpose of defending the imaginary rights of zygotes and embryos, while National Campus Life Network is a non-charity that seeks to inject anti-choice propaganda into higher places of learning.

In April 2017, the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada reported that many anti-choice groups had been getting federal government funding to hire summer students under the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program – about \$1.7 million since 2010! (Here’s the list with amounts and years: <https://goo.gl/4C1ZsC>)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Employment Minister Patty Hajdu quickly announced that Liberal ridings would no longer award CSJ funding to anti-choice groups, and that the government would look at ways to permanently change the program to prevent any MP from allocating public funds to anti-choice groups.

In December, an attestation requirement was announced, requiring eligible CSJ applicants to tick a box attesting that their core mandate activity and the summer job activity itself would respect Charter rights and associated human rights, including reproductive and LGBT rights. “Respect” means to not work to actively undermine those rights – it does not mean support for them.

Anti-Choice Advocacy Group	Ridings	Amount
Campaign Life Coalition	15 ridings, all in Ontario	\$238.1 K
The DeVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research	17 ridings, all in Ontario	\$198.0 K
Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform	3 ridings: 2 Ontario, 1 Alberta	\$142.6 K
Priests for Life	9 ridings: 8 Ontario, 1 Alberta	\$89.7 K
Guelph & Area Right to Life	1 Ontario riding	\$39.4 K
National Campus Life Network	6 ridings: 2 BC, 3 ON, 1 NB	\$23.0 K