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Calls to legalise sex selective destruction of embryos is Orwellian eugenics

Today's recommendation from the NZ Bioethics Council that couples should be allowed to destroy embryos based on their sex is frightening Orwellian eugenics, and it would see unborn Kiwis destroyed purely because of they don't happen to fit the right gender criteria.

Any change in the New Zealand law to allow such a practice would be heinously unjust, prejudice and would be expose our society to serious risks.

In China, which currently allows sex selective abortions, the male and female population have become so imbalanced that the future sustainability of their population has been placed at threat.

If the law in New Zealand is changed to allow this frightening practice, then this would simply result in the further commodification of children, turning them into products that can are made to order on the whim of adults, instead of respecting all children as gifts.

We already allow the destruction of unborn human beings based on whether they are disabled or not, a grossly inhuman practice in itself, and for years Family Life International has been warning that this practice would lead to the sex selective destruction of children, and eventually to the destruction of children who fail to meet other socially defined, or state mandated characteristics.

It's time that New Zealander's asked themselves whether they wish to live in a society where a person can be destroyed purely because they are disabled, or because they are the wrong sex, and exactly where such an inhuman practice is going to lead us to next?

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