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Group to fly abortion pills into Poland by drone



The so-called "Abortion Drone," an unmanned aerial vehicle carrying medical abortion pills, is tested by the Dutch women's rights group Women on Waves, in a handout photo. / **WOMEN ON WAVES**

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LONDON -- Holland-based women's rights group Women on Waves is set to fly packages of abortion pills into Poland by drone, to raise awareness of the lack of abortion rights in the country, which is one of just three in Europe that severely restrict the practice. The other two are Ireland and Malta.

Women on Waves was founded in 1999 by Dutch doctor Rebecca Gomperts to provide abortions to women who cannot get them legally in their home nations. Until now, they've worked primarily aboard ships at sea.

"I think it's extremely important because within Europe there's so much inequality and difference in how women's rights are being respected," Gomperts told British daily "The Telegraph."

"We're very interested in the new developments around drones," she said in the interview, published on Monday, six days before the planned flight over the Germany-Poland border. "In a sense it's a campaign to call attention to the reality for women in Poland. But there's a future for it as a delivery model. We might do it in Ireland."

Gomperts hopes the drone, which is to fly from Frankfurt an der Oder, Germany into Slubice, Poland, will help women on a practical level and raise awareness about the varying European abortion laws.

The delivery involves several different women's groups, including Coccia Basia, a Berlin-based pro-abortion support group for Polish women, and Polish women's

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Due to Poland's restrictive legal requirement for getting an abortion, the World Health Organization estimates that around 50,000 underground abortions are performed each year in the country, and thousands of Polish women fly to England to get the procedure.

While the delivery itself will not be illegal, women who take the pills may be in violation of the law if certain legal thresholds are not met. In Poland, women may only have an abortion if the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest, or if the woman's health is in danger because of the pregnancy.

Women who get illegal abortions generally face no punishment under the law, but doctors can receive up to two years in prison for performing illegal procedures.

"We can't stop pointing out the lack of safe access to abortion and medical abortion pills," said Gomperts in the interview with The Telegraph. "It's a violation of women's rights. We have to make every effort to make sure they get that access."

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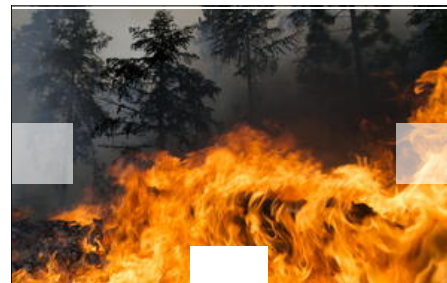
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Maybe drones in years to come will fly in pills for assisted suicide.

If you want to suffer, that's your choice.

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The saddest thing about pro-abortion activists is that in their extremist attacks on the developing life in the womb they have chosen to take a completely selfish and self-centered approach, giving their own life a higher level of importance than the lives of the unborn.

Since Roe vs Wade, some 58 million lives have been snuffed out by abortion in the

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United States, a loss of life that is many times higher than what this country has experienced in all of the wars we have participated in combined.

The abortion industry in the U.S. is not interested in "choice" at all, since women who come to abortion clinics are never given any choice whatsoever about how they will carry out their pregnancy.

Abortion clinic personnel are only interested in two things - moving the woman as quickly as possible to the room where the abortion will take place, and taking her money. Period. That is a fact backed up by years of experience

These women are given as little medical information as possible and are never told about the options they have, like putting their child up for adoption.

Finally, the number of people currently on the planet - approximately 7 billion or so - is not the result of too many births, but instead the direct result of too few deaths, thanks to modern medicine and better food and water supplies.

Demographic experts point out that many dozens of countries are now far below simple replacement rates, meaning that in very short order the population of the earth will suffer a catastrophic collapse as people begin to die from various age related diseases.

For these reasons and many others, those in the pro-abortion industry base their extremist position on lies, distortions and a selfish desire to protect their own lives at the expense of the unborn.

I will say again, God help us.

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@LumenPraetorius Beautifully said.

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@Samantha2015

Thank you. I meant every word of it.

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@LumenPraetorius @Samantha2015 Believing something doesn't

make it true.

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@LumenPraetorius The debate is about when the FETUS becomes a human being.

We don't have to believe in 'souls'.

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@LumenPraetorius Pro-choice is not pro-abortion.

They don't encourage it.

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@ed-words @LumenPraetorius Not only does planned Parenthood encourage abortion, they actually coerce and pressure women who are having doubts.

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STRONG-ENVIRONMENTAL-LAWS June 23, 2015 4:4PM

Wonderful news! 7 1/4 billion of us, the entire planet groaning painfully with every new birth; our species incinerating the world via global warming; and now having learned this week that we're in the throes of Earth's sixth major extinction (this one caused exclusively be humans), and that homo sapiens may well be among the early species to be made extinct. It's extraordinary to me that we're so backward as a nation that we still consider every sperm, egg, and zygote sacred.

Thank you, Women on Waves, for moving smartly in the world.

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@strong-environmental-laws Hear, hear! . "Beautifully said!"

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JUSTME-123 June 23, 2015 3:3PM

I do find it interesting that the anti-choice extremists insist that an abortion is the murder of a child, but they don't seek to punish the woman who gets one. If a woman pays to have her toddler murdered, she can be executed for "murder for hire" in my state. Why the difference?

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We'll soon need this kind of program in Texas and other states as the anti-choice extremists succeed in forcing clinics to close.

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@justme-123 Thank God for the wonderful people in Texas who support and value life.

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@Samantha2015 @justme-123 Life? Beginning when?

Life is a vague word if not defined.

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@ed-words @Samantha2015 @justme-123
Scientifically, life begins at conception.

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LUMENPRAETORIUS *June 23, 2015 0:12PM*

So now this Dutch feminist group will use drones to kill the unborn in Poland. How criminal and how sick this culture of death has become.

God help us.

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EMILY3451 *June 23, 2015 3:3PM*

@LumenPraetorius making abortion illegal does not stop it, it simply makes it unsafe. Women die and leave behind orphans. Typically it is poor women who seek this service out of desperation. No woman ever became pregnant and exclaimed "yay! I get to have an abortion!"

No woman wants to do it, and it is between her and God.

If men could carry babies abortion would be legal, readily available and state funded.

How many children born of unwanted pregnancies are you currently raising in your home?

None I would guess.

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@emily3451 @LumenPraetorius Actually, I am the product of an unwanted pregnancy. I thank God daily that my mother chose life. She worked hard and created a better life for both of us. She is my hero.

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@Samantha2015 @emily3451 @LumenPraetorius
That's great.

Each woman makes her own decision.

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SAMANTHA2015 *14 hours ago*

@ed-words @Samantha2015 @emily3451 @LumenPraetorius Yes, everyone in this country is free to make their own choices within reason. Murder is not an acceptable choice.

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WITNESSTACRIME *June 23, 2015 11:11AM*

Applause to these heroes!

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SCOTTPATRICK1234 *June 23, 2015 1:1PM*

@witness2acrime Killing your unborn child is far from worthy of applause.

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@witness2acrime Facilitating the death of unborn Babies is nothing to be celebrated.

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@Samantha2015 @witness2acrime You mean to say 'fetus' right? FETUS!

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@ed-words @Samantha2015 @witness2acrime A fetus is simply an unborn baby.

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