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France First Nation in World to “Guarantee” Abortion in its Constitution

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Historically, abortions were rare until the early 1800s, when medical and scientific advances reduced the death risk to mothers. As abortions began to increase, France was one of the first nations in the world to protect babies in the womb and their mothers by prohibiting abortion in its Penal Code of 1810. Then, beginning in 1975 under the influence of socialist and far left leaders, the French government increasingly authorizing abortion through a series of changes to its Penal Code. After the United States Supreme Court *Hobbs* ruling in 2022, reversing *Roe v. Wade*, France’s President Emmanuel Macron and other government leaders made it their goal to amend the Constitution of France by adding abortion as a guaranteed “right.” During the first week of March 2024, President Macron and 91 percent of the national legislators in France approved the amendment.

France Penal Code of 1810: Article “317. Whoever, by reason of substances to be swallowed, either solid or liquid; by medicines; by violence; or by any other means; shall have caused the miscarriage of a woman with child, whether she has consented to it or not, shall be punished with solitary imprisonment” (first paragraph only).

Law No. 75-17 (1975): “Article L. 162-1. A pregnant woman whose condition places her in a situation of distress may make a request to a physician for the termination of her pregnancy. The termination may be performed only before the end of the tenth week of pregnancy” (only one article quoted).

France Constitution

amendment to **Article 34:**

“The law determines the conditions under which the freedom guaranteed to a woman to have recourse to a voluntary termination of pregnancy is exercised”

(published in the revised Constitution, 10 March 2024).



France was so concerned about protecting a woman’s “right” to abortion that their leaders took this drastic action to guarantee women the “right” to intentionally take the lives of their own babies, in reality, to “legalize” murder. Now their goal is for all of Europe to do the same.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will move upon the hearts of Emmanuel, the French legislators and society, to convict them of this great deception and evil; do the same across Europe; and turn the hearts of Europeans back to the Lord and to cherishing the sacred gift of human life.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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