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## IRELAND: A CHRONOLOGY OF DE-CHRISTIANIZATION

Ireland's rejection of Divine and Natural Law in the definition of marriage was the culmination in a series of incremental betrayals, over a period of forty-three years, which secularized the Irish State and Irish society. A chronology of these events is presented below:

- **1972---**Irish voters approve, by a referendum margin of 84%, a constitutional amendment repealing Article 44 of the Irish Constitution, which recognized "the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church as the guardian of the Faith professed by the great majority of citizens."
- **1973---**The Irish Supreme Court declares a right to marital privacy which includes contraceptive use, but declines to overturn laws prohibiting the sale of contraceptives.
- **1979---**The Health (Family Planning) Act is passed, allowing pharmacists to dispense contraceptives to those holding a prescription from a doctor.
- **1985---**The Health (Family Planning) Amendment Act is passed, allowing the over the counter sale of condoms and spermicides to anyone over the age of eighteen.
- **1992---**The Health (Family Planning) Amendment Act is passed, allowing the unrestricted sale of contraceptives to anyone over the age of seventeen.
- **1992---**In *Attorney-General v. X*, the Irish Supreme Court declares a right to abortion arising from a threat to the life of the mother, including suicidal ideation.
- **1992---**Voters in Ireland reject, by a referendum margin of 65%, a proposed amendment to the Irish Constitution which would overturn the X ruling.
- **1992---**The Thirteenth Amendment to the Irish Constitution is passed, by a referendum margin of 62%, establishing a 'right to travel' outside the country,

for the purpose of procuring an abortion. Between 6,000 and 8,000 Irish women go to England each year to kill their unborn child.

- **1992---**The Fourteenth Amendment to the Irish Constitution is passed, by a referendum margin of 59%, establishing a right to obtain information about abortion.
- **1993---**The Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act is passed, decriminalizing sodomy in Ireland.
- **2010---**The Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act is passed, without a recorded roll call, establishing civil unions for same sex couples.
- **2013---**The Protection of Life During Pregnancy Act is passed, legalizing abortion in cases of suicidal ideation by the mother.
- **2015---**The Children and Family Relationships Act is passed, allowing homosexual partners to adopt children.
- **2015---**The Thirty-Fourth Amendment to the Irish Constitution is passed, by a referendum margin of 62%, allowing two persons to contract marriage "without distinction as to their sex."