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ITALIAN TRANSPLANT SURGEONS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE ENGLISH DEBATE ON OPTING-OUT TO PUT ITALIANS UNDER EVEN MORE PRESSURE

Forcing explants by tricking citizens wasn't enough for Italian transplant surgeons - despite the fact that there is already an average of 21 explants per million citizens against the 14.9 per million in England, they want to increase it still further. They exploited the British debate which is regularly triggered by the transplant lobby in those countries where presumed denial is law except where consent to donation is specifically expressed. They are trying to convince Italians that opting-out is now law in England in order to put the Italians under even more pressure.

The puppet journalists wrote an article entitled "**London, organ explants without the patient's consent.**" (*Corriere della Sera* 14.1.08 - an important Italian daily newspaper). Remuzzi, nephrologist, transplanter and Director of the Negri Institute in Bergamo started off his article with: "**Bravo Gordon**" and continued, in the mode of the tyrant that he is, "**...letting organs be used for transplants after death (with a beating heart, Ed) cannot be considered to be a 'donation', a person's will is required to donate an organ and a corpse can't make that choice. (a corpse with a beating heart? Ed) ...In England people will no longer be able to refuse (unless they clearly opted out when alive)**".

When asked if he was in favour of the opt-out principle, Ignazio Marino transplant surgeon and president of the Senate Health Commission replied "**Yes, I have an Anglo-Saxon take on it**".

They want us to believe this lie so they can slowly take away even the right to oppose. At the same time the decree on article 5 of law 91/99 regarding the expression of will has never been issued. According to Senator Ignazio Marino "...it proved to be costly ... 10 euros for each notification". But the transplant surgeons have shared out millions and millions amongst themselves. Waiting for the decree, we have presumed consent unless there is written opposition.

In contrast, the English have risen against the threatened State coercion. Opting-out was rejected in June 2004. It was a smarting defeat: 307 votes against and 60 in favour. Gordon Brown himself voted against it. It was a sensational victory for one's civil right to not belong to the State. Now Prime Minister Brown is supporting the proposal but he has been badly advised. David W. Evans MD and other opposing physicians tell us that there has been an immediate and powerful negative response which rules out any chance of success for the proposal. In her article entitled "**Organs of coercion**" (*daily Mail* 14.01.08), **Melanie Phillips** writes: "*If this is supposed to assist Mr Brown's New Year campaign to restore his waning political fortunes, it's a pretty rum way of going about it... If Mr Brown really imagines that he will win popular acclaim by saying that the State will whip out people's heart or kidneys without their consent, his advisors undoubtedly need a brain transplant... There is no more fundamental human right than control over our own bodies and what is done to them, both in life and death*". Joyce Robins of Patient Concern declares "...they are relying on inertia and ignorance to get the results that they want".

There is room for debate in England but in Italy we have censorship and deception.

Individual liberty is closely connected to the truth of information. Without this we have only degradation and institutional violence.



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