

DEBATING CONTRACEPTION, ABORTION AND DIVORCE IN AN ERA OF
CONTROVERSY AND CHANGE: NEW AGENDAS AND RTÉ RADIO AND
TELEVISION PROGRAMMES 1968-2018

VOLUME TWO: APPENDICES

Paul Loughlin, M. Phil. (Dub)

A thesis presented in fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy



Supervisor: Professor Eunan O'Halpin

Contents

Appendix One: Methodology. Construction of Base Catalogue.....	3
Catalogue.....	5
1.1. BASE PROGRAMME CATALOGUE CONSTRUCTION USING MEDIAWEB	148
1.2. EXTRACT - MASTER LIST 3 LAST REVIEWED 22/11/2018. 17:15H	149
1.3. EXAMPLES OF MEDIAWEB ENTRIES	150
1.4. CONSTRUCTION OF A TIMELINE	155
1.5. RTÉ TRANSITION TO DIGITISATION	157
1.6. DETAILS OF METHODOLOGY AS IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS THESIS PRE-DIGITISATION.....	159
1.7. CITATION	159
Appendix Two: ‘Abortion Stories’ from the RTÉ <i>DriveTime</i> Series	166
2.1. ANNA’S STORY	166
2.2. TRACY’S STORY.....	169
2.3. TANYA’S STORY	172
2.4. NICOLA’S STORY	173
2.5. CATRIONA’S STORY.	176
2.6. PAULA’S STORY	178
2.7. PAT’S STORY.	181
2.8. GERRY’S STORY.	181
2.9. HAZEL’S STORY.....	182
2.10. VICKY’S STORY.....	182
2.11. AOIFE’S STORY	183
2.12. JOHN’S STORY	185
2.13. MARIAN’S STORY.....	186
Appendix Three: RTÉ refutes accusations of bias.	187
Appendix Four: <i>Today Tonight</i> interviews from MacGill Summer School 1987.....	191
Appendix Five: Interview with John O’Reilly, Pro Life Campaign	193
Appendix Six: Key Actors in the Controversies.....	205

APPENDIX ONE: METHODOLOGY. CONSTRUCTION OF BASE CATALOGUE

There follows a catalogue, developed by the author, of all RTÉ Radio and Television content referenced in this thesis. It uses the RTÉ Archives Database, Mediaweb, and considerably amplifies each programme citation referenced in Volume Two of this study..

The content spans the period 1964 to 2018. Material was copied to a specially created Thesis DVD Library. Televisual content was viewed on an RTÉ video playback unit in the RTÉ Archive; Radio content was provided to the author on MP3, downloaded from RTÉ *DriveTime* website, or recorded locally off-air. One TV3 programme is included.

The catalogue which follows is assembled in chronological order from 1964 to 2018.

Abbreviations used in the catalogue:

Tx = Original Transmission date

Prog. ID = RTÉ Internal Archives production number prefixed by AR, TY, IH, BA or BN

AR = Item ID

TY = Item ID

IH = Item ID

BA & BN = Broadcast News

Location = Programme Library, News Library, Library Basement, Furze Road Library Extension, Limerick Studio.

IN FUTURE THE PROGRAMME ID AND TITLE WILL BE THE MOST USEFUL PIECES OF INFORMATION TO INITIATE A SEARCH

PBH = Philip Boucher-Hayes, RTÉ Radio

DLX, LX = Beta

DLRC = Digitised Low-Resolution Copy

MP3 = Digital Audio

Net PC = Viewable only on RTÉ Network Desktop Computer

D*** =

I/V = Interview

NOTE FOR FUTURE RESEARCHERS:

The catalogue below is a record of the searches made by the author and the viewing tapes provided by the RTÉ Archive librarians. These searches took place while RTÉ was in the digitisation process so that external researchers, such as the author, relied on the availability of viewing copies retrieved by staff from several storage locations such as the Programme Library, the basement of the Studio Building or the Furze Road facility. In future, when searching for a programme, a tape's location will be required no longer because the researcher will be working from digitised programme content as well as catalogue records.

As the Head of the RTÉ Archives, Ms. Bríd Dooley, points out:

“Programme IDs are persistent in the RTÉ Archives catalogue. Technological changes, however, require the migration of formats from one carrier type to another for preservation purposes over time. References to Media ID in this document therefore are time-bound and it is the Programme ID and Title which will be the most useful when referencing such material in the future. Data in the records may also change over time. References for example to copyright and other permissions are business oriented at the time of the writing of the catalogue and should not be assumed as a validation of ownership or permissions for future use”.

CATALOGUE

Note: where the word ‘transcribed’ appears, this means that the author can provide a full transcription of the programme or programme segment.

1 ST Tx seq.	1 st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
19641027	27 Oct 1964	AR0413838	News beat	Vox pops on women’s lib (repeat because of breakup)	DLX/01332 Programme Library
19680729	29 Jul 1968	TY0081111	News Clonmel:	Bishop (Thomas Morris) of Cashel & Emly on Encyclical. Interview notes. Humanae Vitae quotes.	DLX/01412 Programme Library
19680804	4 Aug 1968	TY0086023	News NI; Armagh	Cardinal Conway preaches on Encyclical. Sermon extract transcript.	DLX/00001 Programme Library
19680927	27 Sep 1968	TY0104121	Seven Days	(Cardinal John) Heenan (of Westminster) on pill. Interview notes and references.	DLX/00001 Programme Library
19681009	9 Oct 1968	TY0070481	News: Dublin:	Interview with Cardinal (William) Conway. Interview transcript time coded.	DLX/00001 Programme Library
19701208	28 Dec 1970	TY0103768	Seven Days	Family Planning (b) Robinson Only (a) Family Planning Report. Interview notes Robinson and Loughran	LX2181 Programme Library
19710321	21 Mar 1971	TY0092230	News	Taoiseach (Jack Lynch back from USA visit). See notes Féach, Lynch on contraception.	01D04174 Furze Road
19710329	29 Mar 1971	TY0097193	Féach	Jack Lynch on Contraception. Viewing notes and news conference transcription	01D02174 Furze Road
19710406	6 Apr 1971	TY0097397	7 Days	N. Ireland Contraception. Time coded shot list & interview notes	LX00/05536 & LX00/05537 Programme Library
19710522	22 May 1971	TY0067157	News	Contraceptive Train. Transcription & shot list time coded.	BA864 Programme Library

1 ST Tx seq.	1 st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
19720517	17 May 1972	AR0214824	News	General Synod of Church of Ireland (Alan Buchanan I/V) Viewing notes	LX00/05495 Programme Library
19720517	17 May 1972	AR0214824	News	General Synod of Church of Ireland. Viewing notes	LX00/05495 Programme Library
9721015	15 Oct 1972	AR0423242	News	Calls for government to remove restrictions on contraception. Viewing notes.	14D00202 Furze Road
19730202	2 Feb 1973	TY0099403	7 Days	Adoption. Programme notes.	DLX01609
19731126	26 Nov 1973	TY0085010	News	Hierarchy's Statement on contraception (Dr Cathal Daly I/V. Viewing notes and transcription.	LX00/05537 Programme Library
19740707	7 Jul 1974	TY0155975	The Riordans	Welcome Home. Viewing notes & transcription (needs time code)	LX4767 Programme Library
19740720	20 Jul 1974	TY0075913	News	Women invade the 40 foot (Forty Foot). Transcription and shot list time coded.	BA549 Programme Library
19750502	2 May 1975	TY0070101	News	Pastoral Letter ("Human Life is Sacred") on Abortion. Viewing notes and time coded transcription.	LX3617
19750523	23 May 1975	TY0004291	News	Pastoral Letter "Human Life is Sacred". Viewing notes and time-coded transcription.	BA1070
19750527	27 May 1975	TY0155930	7 Days	Divorce. Programme notes & transcription as below.	LX4705 Programme Library
19750527	27 May 1975	TY0155930	Seven Days	Divorce (edited section – end of programme above) Transcribed	LX4705 Programme Library
19751115	15 Nov 1975	TY0125016 Trans OK	Late Late	Divorce Special. Viewing notes and partial time coded transcription.	97D01872 Basement
19760402	2 Apr 1976	TY0120416	7 Days	Church State Relations. Viewing notes and transcriptions of interview sections not time-coded.	97D00344

1 ST Tx seq.	1 st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
19760530	30 May 1976	TY0005598	News	Bishop of Limerick (Jeremiah Newman) Interview re Maynooth when President; later interview re Conor Cruise O'Brien on sectarianism. Viewing notes and transcription (not time coded)	BA558 Programme Library
19760907	7 th Sept. 1976	LQ001AL3; LQ001BL3	News at Six-Thirty	Cardinal Conway said today that the right to life was being assailed by the clamour to legalise abortion and euthanasia. He was speaking at a mass in Dublin for the European Congress of Catholic Nurses.	Mediaweb
19761126	26 Nov 1976	TY0127326	The Politics Programme	(the) Law Reform and Nullity. Viewing notes.	98D00676 Basement
19770215	15 Feb 1977	TY0147346	Survey No. 3	Marriage. Viewing notes and partial time coded Transcribed extracts.	LX2296 Programme Library
19770311	11 Mar 1977	TY0148113	The Politics Programme	Contraception after the McGee Case. Programme notes.	LX4576 Programme Library
19780623	23 Jun 1978	TY0128876	The Politics Programme	Divorce Irish Style. Viewing notes and transcribed extracts not time coded.	98D01101 Basement
19790105	5 Jan 51979 (likely)	No ident	News	Haughey I/V re FF Family Planning Bill. Partial English language transcription re contraception.	No ident
19791207	7 Dec 1979	TY0103198	Frontline No. 19	Haughey elected as FF Leader TAPE SHOWS: MR. HAUGHEY BEING MOBBED BY FIANNA FAIL SUPPORTERS AS HE LEAVES LEINSTER HOUSE FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION	LX005491

				AS LEADER OF THE PARTY: BRIAN FARRELL IN STUDIO ANNOUNCING THAT MR HAUGHEY HAS BEEN ELECTED: MR. HAUGHEY IN STUDIO AND MICHAEL WOODS (CHIEF WHIP) ANNOUNCING HIS ELECTION AS PARTY LEADER. RTE Note: Tape damaged on 24.11.2004 and removed from the Library. No film source details supplied but it is likely that this material appears again on LX00/05491 MS, Archive Project, 24.11.2004	
19800115	15 Jan 1980	TY0096667	Frontline	Abortion (Mary MacAleese report including girl to Liverpool for abortion. Programme notes, viewing notes & transcribed extracts not time coded.	LX00/05495 Programme Library
19801106	6 Nov 1980	TY0147808	Today Tonight No. 20	Family Planning Act. Programme notes, viewing notes, partial shot list & interview notes.	98D01103 Basement
19810203	3 Feb 1981	TY0085595	News	Meeting of Divorce Action Group (DAG)	LX00/05539 Programme Library
19810514	14 May 1981	LQA0001A	News at Six- Thirty Headlines	Fine Gael sees current family planning laws as unworkable and unacceptable. Senator Gemma Hussey who has introduced a working document on women sees them as sectarian and anti-woman. Hussey has also suggested the setting up of an all-party committee on divorce. FG	Mediaweb

				leader Garret Fitzgerald reiterated the all-party opposition to abortion as unacceptable.	
19810526	26 May 1981	LQA0001A	News at One-Thirty Headlines	Fine Gael spokesperson on Women's affairs, Senator, Gemma Hussey has restated her total opposition to abortion and any attempt to introduce it to Ireland. She was referring to a statement made by SPUC which asked if she had reservations about her party's opposition to Abortion.	Mediaweb
19811016	16 Oct 1981	TY0122461	Féach	Charles Haughey I/V (English translation including divorce comments in catalogue)	97D01036 Basement
19820409	9 Apr 1982	TY0096604	Féach	Tomas O Fiach Catholic Church SHOWS: CARDINAL TOMAS O FIAICH TALKS TO EAMONN O MUIRI IN AN EXTENDED NTERVIEW ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND TODAY - THEY DISCUSS DIVORCE, THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM ON THE UNBORN CHILD THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN POLITICS NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE BORDER, AS WELL AS OTHER TOPICAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE CHURCH. REPORT EAMON O MUIRI PRODUCER MICK MCCARTHY, FILM EDITOR ARTHUR MCGUINNESS FILM CAMERA ROY BEDELL, SOUND RAY HAUGHEY SHOT IN ARA COELI, ARMAGH ON 01.04.1982 16 SEPMAG COL REV	02D02154 Furze Road

				RTE Programme Notes only. Interview as Gaelige.	
19820427	27 Apr 1982	TY0004252 Trans OK	News	Abortion Referendum to go ahead. Compilation: 1 SPUC March & Patsy Buckley I/C 2 Julia Vaughan 3 Anti-amendment march 4 Pro-life demo re original wording 5 Anti-amendment press conf. Monica Barnes, Anne O'Donnell 6 Labour Women 7 Referendum day polls. NB CHECK ORIGINAL TX DATES Transcription of Patsy Buckley I/V on SPUC March. Transcription of Vaughan I/V with Kevin O'Kelly Viewing notes and interview notes of compilation.	BA105 Programme Library
19820513	13 May 1982	TY0097161	Today Tonight no. 270	POPE SHOT/DIVORCE B) THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST DIVORCE-I/V'S WITH NIAMH HOGAN,SEC.,DIVORCE ACTION GROUP; DR.SIMON O BYRNE, OFM.,DIRECTOR OF ADAM AND EVE COUNSELLING SERVICE; GERRY AND SHIELA LOWRY, WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER, CANON JAMES HARTIN, FR.ENDA MCDONAGH. ALSO, EOIN AND SUSAN BOYLE, PAULA	98D01663 Furze Road

				SCULLY SOLICITOR, FINOLA KENNEDY ECONOMIST/HOUSE-WIFE. PRODUCER CLARE DUIGNAN FILM EDITOR GRAINNE DALTON SHOT APRIL 1982 SEPMAG COL REV WITH M & E ON EDGE DURATION 40.04 A) SHOOTING OF JOHN PAUL II (0'43"). VISNEWS AND JOE WALSH TOURS FILM B) THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST DIVORCE-I/V'S WITH NIAMH HOGAN, SEC., DIVORCE ACTION GROUP; DR. SIMON O BYRNE, OFM., DIRECTOR OF ADAM AND EVE COUNCILLING SERVICE; GERRY AND SHIELA LOWRY, WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER, CANON JAMES HARKIN, FR ENDA MCDONAGH.(40'04") A: SEPMAG COL POS =11"VISNEWS 32"JWT B: SEPMAG COL REV. Extensive viewing notes and transcripts not yet time coded.	
19820604	4 Jun 1982	TY0097717	Today Tonight no. 278	ANTI PRO LIFE AMENDMENT. PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THE ANTI PRO-LIFE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION CAMPAIGN. PERSONALITIES ARE: DR ANDREW RYNNE, DR MAURA WOODS AND JIM KEMMY. Viewing and interview paraphrases.	98D01516 Furze Road

19820822	22 Aug 1982	TY0148409	In Context	Mother Teresa interview with Marian Finucane. Viewing notes & interview transcripts re abortion. Not yet time coded. NOTE: Important to find Mother Teresa at SPUC rally in National Stadium 3rd August 1982 filmed for Today Tonight but not yet found.	BA968 Programme Library
19820919	19 Sept 1982	QCC001026	This Week- Poll shows resistance to abortion referendum	Paddy Power, Minister for Defence on the Irish Marketing Surveys conducted on the anti-abortion amendment to the constitution. It shows that the country is split on the issue of the abortion vote. The poll shows that only half the electorate know anything about the possibility of a referendum on abortion. 43% think there should be a referendum while 41% think there shouldn't. Paddy Power hopes that the amendment will be brought forward in the next session of the Dáil.	Mediaweb
19820927	27 Sept 1982	QCC001277	News at One- Thirty Reaction to Padraig Flynn's attack on Dr Garret Fitzgerald regarding abortion referendum	Peter Barry, deputy leader of Fine Gael gives his reaction to Joe O'Brien about the Minister for the Gaeltacht, Padraig Flynn's speech in Mayo in which Padraig Flynn attacked Dr Garret Fitzgerald's ambivalent attitude on the abortion referendum. Padraig Flynn was speaking at a meeting of the Society for the protection of the unborn child. Peter Barry believes that Padraig Flynn is not a	Mediaweb

				serious politician, but he has achieved what he has set out to do and that is to distract people from the seriousness of the state of the economy.	
19821017	17 Oct 1982	TY0121238	Today Tonight	1982 FINE GAEL ARD FHEIS MICHAEL NOONAN 1982 FINE GAEL ARD FHEIS. MICHAEL NOONAN SPEECH. THERE IS A TRANSCRIPT FOR THIS RECORDING IN THE VT INFORMATION SHEETS FILE UNDER 'TODAY TONIGHT'. HOLD REQUESTED BY ELEANOR DONOVAN. ALSO, HOLD REQUESTED BY JOE MULHOLLAND. PRODUCER: C/O JOE MULHOLLAND. 00.30.03 START. 00.30.28 MICHAEL NOONAN,MIN. FOR JUSTICE,SPEECH. 00.55.47 VOTING ON MOTIONS. 00.57.58 NORA OWEN CHAIRS SESSION ON WOMENS AFFAIRS. 01.00.00 MOTION 1 "ILLEGITIMICY" 01.04.31 MOTION 2 "CHERISHING THE MOTHER IN THE HOME" 01.11.55 MOTION 3 "THE ABOLITION OF DEPENDENT DOMICILE" 01.15.07 MOTION 4 "FAMILY PLANNING LEGISLATION" CONTD. ----- >> 01.17.15 MOTION 5 "OPTICAL AND DENTAL BENIFIT" 01.21.38 NUALA FENNELL,MIN.OF STATE FOR WOMENS AFFAIRS.	97D00622 Furze Road

				01.26.17 END. Programme Notes Only	
19821017	17 Oct 1982	TY0129880	Today Tonight	FG ARD FHEIS ON ECONOMY PRO LIFE 01.09.52 GARRET FITZGERALD TALKING ABOUT PRO-LIFE AMMENDMENT 01.11.31 SPEAKER AGAINST AMMENDMENT 01.12.45 SPEAKER FOR THE AMMENDMENT 01.13.52 JIM MITCHELL SUMS UP PRO LIFE ATTITUDE OF PARTY 01.17.46 DELEGATES VOTE ON PRO LIFE MOTION 01.18.43 GARRET FITZGERALD 01.20.58 I/V GARRET FITZGERALD 01.31.05 END - PRESENTED BY BRIAN FARRELL, ARRANGE VIEWING COPYING	98D01386 Basement
19821103	3 Nov 1982	TY0148352	News	Hierarchy welcomes pro-life bill. Viewing notes including Dr Mary Lucey (SPUC) use of word 'unborn and Sen. Mary Robinson re Catholic Church influence.	BA1427 Programme Library
19821103	3 Nov 1982	QCC001328	News at Six-Thirty	Fine Gael has welcomed the form of the proposed amendment to constitution to protect the life of the unborn. The party would support the amendment and in government would initiate legislation with a view to holding the referendum by the end of March.	Mediaweb
19830118	18 th Jan 1983	QCC001472	News at One-Thirty - Barry Desmond's decision to	DICK SPRING[actuality] Labour Party leader speaks to reporter Charlie Bird about his party Colleague Barry Desmond, Minister	Mediaweb

			vote against abortion bill	for Health's decision to vote against abortion referendum bill.	
19830131	31 Jan 1983	QCC001488	News at One-Thirty. Protestants consider constitutional referendum on Abortion amendment sectarian	Canon JAMES HARTIN [actuality] Protestant Theologian explains to Shane Kenny why he is opposed to the referendum on Abortion since its sectarian and will alienate protestants.	Mediaweb
19830208	8 Feb 1983	QCC001801	News at Six-Thirty - Fine Gael TD opposes abortion amendment	MONICA BARNES [actuality] Fine Gael TD for Dun Laoghaire talks to Tom Savage about the constitutional amendment on abortion and says she'll vote against the bill even if there's no free vote. She refers to the legal and medical implications being expressed by professionals. They are considered about the long-term implications brought forward by a constitutional amendment. As a female, she believes that the amendment would endanger women in certain cases.	Mediaweb
19830209	9 Feb 1983	QCC001802 and QCC001806	News at One-Thirty Reaction to Dáil debate on abortion amendment and EXTENDED NEWS AT SIX THIRTY	The Dáil debate on the abortion amendment opened this morning. DR MICHAEL WOODS [actuality], Fianna Fail on the government's non-commitment to the proposed wording. He talks of confusion at Leinster House. The way in which Minister Noonan presented the bill was unprecedented. He said he was presenting the bill in principle but wasn't attaching himself to the	Mediaweb

				bill beyond this point. There are indications of the government backing off from the proposed amendment. Questions have arisen as to whether the particular wording could cause unforeseen difficulties.	
19830214	14 Feb 1983	QCC001337	News at One-Thirty Charles Haughey on the abortion referendum	Sean O'Rourke interviews CHARLES HAUGHEY, Fianna Fail leader on the confusion over the abortion amendment. He says that the government is backing away and that the government is having serious doubts about its wording. He believes that they are not bringing anything forward in terms of new wording and it seems to him that they are going to drop the referendum entirely. According to Charles Haughey, Garret Fitzgerald gave an assurance about the abortion legislation and the referendum and that he would have the legislation passed by the end of March and this has not happened. He denies that it's a sectarian amendment and says the wording was acceptable to the protestant churches when first published by his government.	Mediaweb
19830215	15 Feb 1983	TY0154144	Today Tonight	FG considers abortion referendum: Flanagan; Glenn; Dukes; Noonan; Sutherland. Viewing notes include lengthy statement from Dean Griffin. Also Vox Pops Oliver Flanagan	LX1802 Programme Library

				TD FG, Alice Glenn TD FG, Alan Dukes, Min for Finance. I/V Peter Sutherland.	
19830216	16 Feb 1982	TY0130649	Today Tonight no. 370	I/V with Dean Victor Griffin (Brian Farrell) Viewing notes and transcript partially time-coded.	99D00137 Basement
19830217	17 Feb 1983	TY0155804	Today Tonight	(abortion) Amendment Debate Part 1 Notes	LX442 Programme Library
19830217	17 Feb 1983	TY0155804	Today Tonight	(abortion) Amendment Debate Part 2 Vaughan Boyle Solomons O'Dwyer Sexton Binchy Notes	LX442 Programme Library
19830303	3 Mar 1983	TY0146848 Trans OK	Today Tonight no. 382	Origins of Pro-Life Amendment. Transcribed A SPECIAL REPORT ON WHICH TRACES THE ORIGINS OF THE CAMPAIGN TO HAVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH COULD EXTEND THE PRESENT STATUTORY PROHIBITION OF ABORTION INTO THE CONSTITUTION. PERSONALITIES APPEARING IN THE FILM ARE: SENATOR MARY ROBINSON, DR. JULIA VAUGHAN, JOHN O'REILLY, FR DENIS O CALLAGHAN, FR. GABRIEL DALY, FR BERNARD TREACY, WILLIAM TREACY, BARBARA CAHALANE. FILM ALSO INCLUDES EX. LIB. COL. PRINTS RE DR. GARRET FITZGERALD'S	LX1773

				CONSTITUTIONAL CRUSADE (1'05") OF 1981, A TT 1983 INTERVIEW WITH PETER SUTHERLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL (2'10"), A NEWS CLIP FROM 1968 REFERENDUM (57"), SPUC MARCH IN DUBLIN 1980 (1'00"), THE FOURCOURTS IN NOV. 80 (45"), MEETING OF IRISH BISHOPS TO RE-CONFIRM CHURCH'S STANDING ON DIVORCE (NEWS 1982). SEPMAG COL REV WITH M & E ON FM EDGE B/W & COL PRINT A SPECIAL REPORT WHICH TRACES THE ORIGINS OF THE CAMPAIGN TO HAVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH COULD EXTEND THE PRESENT STATUTORY PROHIBITION OF ABORTION INTO THE CONSTITUTION. PERSONALITIES APPEARING IN THE FILM ARE: SENATOR MARY ROBINSON, DR. JULIA VAUGHAN, FR. DENIS O CALLAGHAN, FR. GABRIEL DALY, FR. BERNARD TREACY, WILLIAM TREACY. FILM ALSO INCLUDES EX. LIB. COL. PRINTS FOR DETAILS OF WHICH SEE INFORMATION SHEET. SEPMAG COL REV WITH M & E ON FM EDGE B/W & COL PRINT Viewing notes and full transcript made	
--	--	--	--	--	--

	10 Mar 1983	TY0153895 Trans OK	Today Tonight no. 387 Part 1	Live OB on Abortion Referendum. Ex Note the programme ID 'TY0153895 (Part 1) LIVE O.B. FROM CORK ON THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL ABORTION AMENDMENT. DR JULIA VAUGHAN JIM SEXTON MARY HENRY ADRIAN HARDIMAN. Participating audience includes Prof. Cornelius O'Leary and John MacMenamin BL (now a judge of the Supreme Court). PART ONE 37.01, PART TWO 43.19, TOTAL DURATION 01.20.20.F REASON XFER MAR 94 ALSO ON LX1403 ORIG. NO. B90/1041 (Transcribed)	LX1403 Programme Library
19830310	10 Mar 1983	TY0153895 Trans OK	Today Tonight no. 387 Part 2	Live OB on Abortion Referendum. Ex Cork (Transcribed)	LX1403 Programme Library
19830315	15 Mar 1983	TY0146791	Today Tonight	Abortion Issue / Space Shuttle. Programme notes only. I/V with President of National Right to Life USA	99D00136 Basement
19830324	24 Mar 1983	TY0092561	News	Second stage of abortion bill passed (re FG/Lab wording): Noonan, Flanagan, Woods. Viewing notes and transcripts of Flanagan & Woods	LX00/05495 Programme Library
19830324	24 Mar 1983	QCC001373	News at Six-Thirty - Pro-life group may campaign against wording in abortion referendum	BRENDAN SHORTALL, from the Pro-life amendment group says they could end up actively campaigning against the new wording in the referendum. They would have to consider campaigning for an	Mediaweb

				amendment that achieved very little. It could be counterproductive because the very bringing forward of the amendment amounts to the withdrawal of commitment by a party to provide specific constitutional protection for the unborn. there is now a fear that the withdrawal of commitment from the party might lead the way to limited abortion.	
19830329	29 Mar 1983	QCC001379	News at One-Thirty - Church of Ireland accepts new wording on abortion	David Hanly interviews CANON JAMES HARTIN from the Church of Ireland about why they find the new wording on the abortion amendment more acceptable than the first wording. It avoids the use of a number of terms which produced a very bitter division in Ireland. Questions over what is human life? when does life begin? the rights of the mother, the meaning of the unborn person. It's a massive protection of abortion on demand.	Mediaweb
19830408	8 Apr 1983	TY0093837	News	Harney wants amendment widened. Programme notes only	05D01217 Furze Road
19830420	20 April 1983	QCC001098	News at Six-Thirty - FG TD attacks Garret Fitzgerald and the wording of abortion (amendment)	Fine Gael parliamentary party meeting discuss the wording of the proposed abortion amendment. There are now 6 TD's against the FG wording of the amendment. Oliver J. Flanagan (actuality) attacks the Taoiseach's position and says that if anyone is to be thrown	Mediaweb

				out of the party, it should be the Taoiseach himself. In conversation with Charlie Bird, he says that there are many differences between the Taoiseach and himself. 'Thou shalt not kill'	
19830420	20 April 1983	QCC001098	News at Six-Thirty - FG chief whip on the abortion amendment wording	Sean Barrett, FG chief whip (actuality) gives his reaction to Oliver J Flanagan's comments and says there'll be no free vote on the amendment. He says that the issue is too important to rush into. The issues are very complex. The two major parties are pro-amendment, so they are not in opposition. It's over the wording of the amendment which is causing the issue.	Mediaweb
19830425	25 Apr 1983	TY0004253	News	2,000 protest against abortion referendum. Viewing note re Rev Peter Tarleton & 'moral terrorists'.	BA105 Programme Library
19830426	26 Apr 1983	TY0147080	Today Tonight	Fine Gael debates amendment wording. I/V'S WITH FINE GAEL DEPUTIES ON THE ATMOSPHERE WITHIN FINE GAEL FOLLOWING THE DEBATE ON DR. FITZGERALD'S AMENDMENT WORDING WHICH THEY WILL VOTE ON TOMORROW ASKING THEM HOW THEY FELT ABOUT THE WORDING THEMSELVES, AND WHEN AND WHY THEY JOINED FINE GAEL. PERSONALITIES APPEARING IN FILM	99D00178 TY0156597 Duration:14 66.00 START TIME: 028.10 - FINISH TIME: 052.36 TY0156598 Duration:62 0.00 START TIME: 053.10 - FINISH TIME: 063.30

				ARE:MONICA BARNES, PATRICK COONEY, MAURICE MANNING, ALICE GLENN AND TOM O DONNELL. Programme notes only	
19830427	27 April 1983	QCC001817	News at One- Thirty - Free vote on abortion amendment wording in Dáil	PADDY COONEY[actuality], Defence Minister on the decision to allow Fine Gael members a free vote on the amendment wording in the Dail today. He thinks that Fine Gael has been in favour of an amendment from day one in accordance with their commitment against abortion. He says that is the party view. He resents the implications made by some opposing voices that because they used particular wording, that they are somehow less than totally committed.	Mediaweb
19830428	27 April 1983	QCC001818	News at Six Thirty - Fine Gael defeat on abortion wording vote	SEAN O'ROURKE [actuality] reports live from Dáil Eireann where the result of the vote on Fine Gael wording has been announced. The Fine Gael amendment has been defeated by 87 votes to 65. The 8 dissidents in the party stayed firmly in their seats together on the back benches. People like Frank Prendergast, Neil Blaney, Michael Bell and Sean Treacy joined Fianna Fail people in the division lobbies.	Mediaweb

1 ST Tx seq.	1 st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
19830428	28 April 1983	QCC001819	News at One-Thirty	The Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, Mr McAdoo has commented on the latest developments on the abortion issue. He said there many who regard the holding of a referendum as 'insensitive' and 'divisive'.	Mediaweb
19830504	4 May 1983	TY0147118 Trans OK	Today Tonight no. 410	Pro-Life Amendment Vox Pop George Henry, Master, Rotunda Hospital. Dermot McDonald, Master, National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street (Transcribed)	99D00085 Basement
19830601	Jun 01 1983	TY0154145	Today Tonight	Pro-Life Anti-Amendment Doctors Part 2 (needs viewing notes)	LX1803 Programme Library
19830601	Jun 01 1983	TY0154145	Today Tonight	Pro-Life Anti-Amendment Doctors Part 1 (needs viewing notes)	LX1803 Programme Library
19830601	1 st June 1983	QCC001123	News at One-Thirty - Doctors oppose proposed abortion amendment	Last night doctors formed an opposition group against the wording being used in the proposed amendment to abortion. In an interview Galway Doctor Michael Moylett (actuality) explains why he does not feel the wording is sufficient in the proposed amendment.	Mediaweb
19830710	10 th July 1983	QCC001581	This Week – Interview with Garret FitzGerald	David Davin Power interviews GARRET FITZGERALD [actuality] about (1) possibility of there being another presidential election, (2) the	Mediaweb

				referendum on abortion 'has been very fully debated' - Fine Gael will be urging a 'No' vote, but GF won't be campaigning on the issue. DDP also asks GF how he views the major reform of the Family Planning Law and Minister for Health - Barry Desmond. (8) DDP also asks GF for a reaction to criticisms of his government.	
19830817	17 Aug 1983	QCC001701	News at One-Thirty – Headlines	The Minister of state for the environment - Ruairi Quinn, has rejected the Bishop of Kerry's assertion that a pro abortion lobby is operating under an anti amendment umbrella. The anti amendment campaign said it was saddened that Bishop McNamara of Kerry, said they were pro abortion. Former cabinet minister Mr. Justin Keating said there appeared to be an attempt to build a 26-county green Catholic republic. He believed there was secret funding of the pro amendment movement in a tradition that was alien to the non-sectarian tradition of Irish republicanism. He stressed his belief that it would be possible to defeat the campaign.	Mediaweb
19830818	18 th Aug 1983	QCC001704	News at Six-Thirty - Headlines	12 consultant obstetrician gynaecologists have issued a statement saying they are opposed to the proposed constitutional amendment in relation to abortion.	Mediaweb

1 ST Tx seq.	1 st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
19830823	23 Aug 1983	QCC001709	News at Six- Thirty - Headlines	The Church of Ireland has reiterated its view that every person should vote with their conscience in the constitutional referendum. It is opposed to the abortion except in cases of strict medical necessity. The Young Fine Gael organisation has asked the Catholic Bishops, for priests not to insist that only people who vote yes in the referendum can be true Catholics. They described the referendum as dangerous and divisive. Very few of their 6,500 members backed their opposition to it. The Workers Party has welcomed what it called the half-hearted declaration of the Catholic hierarchy that people should vote according to their consciences. Proinsias De Rossa called for an end to the use of pulpits to canvass support for pro amendment.	Mediaweb
19830825	25 Aug 1983	TY0111634 Trans OK	Today Tonight	(abortion) Referendum Special Part 1 Margaret O'Callaghan report. Studio panel & participating audience (Transcribed)	LX1524 Programme Library
19830825	24 Aug 1983	TY0111634 Trans OK	Today Tonight	(abortion) Referendum Special Part 2	LX1524 Programme Library

1 ST Tx seq.	1 st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
19830825	25 Aug 1983	QCC001712	News at One-Thirty PLAC won't attend Today Tonight debate.	Representatives from PLAC say they won't go on the panel on Today Tonight this evening to discuss the constitutional amendment on abortion, because of the presence of politicians on same. Programme editor - Joe Mulholland (actuality) says that there's still plenty of pro-lifers prepared to on in their place to express the pro-life view. In at 15.52 - PLAC representative - Brendan Shortall (actuality) gives his reaction to Joe Mulholland's comments. RTE says it will go ahead with Today Tonight's programme on the abortion constitutional amendment despite the withdrawal of the PLAC representatives on the grounds that politicians were included in the panel. The ICCL (Irish Council for Civil Liberties) has reiterated its opposition to the amendment.	Mediaweb
19830901	1 Sep 1983	TY0100310 Trans OK	Today Tonight	Niall O'Brien / Pro & Anti Amendment (Transcribed)	LX00/05544 Programme Library
19830905	5 Sep 1983	TY0112464	Party Political Broadcast	Constitutional Referendum Party Political An Taoiseach (Transcribed)	

19830908	8 Sep 1983	TY0004258 Trans OK	News	NEWS BULLETIN RESULT OF ABORTION REFERENDUM DUBBED ONTO TAPE IN 1992 (MUTE AND COMMAG) I/V Brendan Shorthall, PLAC, on referendum results (Transcribed)	BA105 Programme Library
19830908	8 Sep 1983	TY0147509 Trans OK	Today Tonight No. 444 (1)	Abortion Referendum Results (Early programme) Transcribed CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION - DEBATE. RESULTS, REACTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. FILM INSERTS: P370/83 A,B,C TOTAL 1'38". PROGRAMME NO 1 - 29'42" PROGRAMME NO 2 - 26'30' JOHN MCMENAMIN (AAC) ADRIAN HARDIMAN (AAC) BRENDAN SHORTALL (PLAC) BRENDAN SHORTALL (PLAC) BRENDAN WALSH MONICA BARNES ALICE GLENN CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION - DEBATE. RESULTS, REACTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. FILM INSERTS: P370/83 A,B,C TOTAL 1'38". PROGRAMME NO 1 - 29'42" PROGRAMME NO 2 - 26'30' JOHN MCMENAMIN (AAC) ADRIAN HARDIMAN (AAC) BRENDAN SHORTALL (PLAC) BRENDAN	LX1506

				SHORTALL (PLAC) McMenamin challenges Shortall's denial that there was intimidation of voters even at the polling stations. Also asked in the confessional how people planned to vote. Approx. 20 minutes in. (See Programme Viewing notes). BRENDAN WALSH MONICA BARNES ALICE GLENN (Transcribed)	
19830908	8 Sep 1983	TY0147509 Trans OK	Today Tonight (2)	Abortion Referendum Results (Later Programme) Transcribed CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION - ANALYSIS MARY ROBINSON WILLIAM BINCHY MICHAEL NOONAN CANON JAMES HARTIN (CHURCH OF IRELAND) RUAIRI QUINN JOHN HEALY (IRISH TIMES) MICHAEL WOODS TOMAS MACGIOLLA CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION - ANALYSIS MARY ROBINSON WILLIAM BINCHY MICHAEL NOONAN CANON JAMES HARTIN (CHURCH OF IRELAND) RUAIRI QUINN JOHN HEALY (IRISH TIMES) MICHAEL WOODS TOMAS MACGIOLLA. Programme & Viewing notes. Extensive transcripts of studio panel.	LX1527 Programme Library
19830915	15 Sep 1983	TY0147513	Today Tonight	Marital Breakdown Programme Notes only	96D00266 Basement
19831023	23 Oct 1983	TY0101312	Today Tonight	Fine Gael Ard Fheis	98D01411 Basement

				VOX POPS AT THE 60TH FINE GAEL ARD FHEIS PLUS FAMILY PLANNING MOTION AND REPLY TO PROPOSAL BY FERGUS O BRIEN, MINISTER OF STATE, HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE. MARY FLAHERTY TD ALSO APPEARS IN FILM. CATALOGUED FROM INFORMATION SHEET. Programme Notes Only	
19831025	25 Oct 1983	TY0004913	News	CATHOLIC WORLD CONGRESS OPENS. I/V DR. CATHAL DALY ON LOCAL RADIO AND THE PROSPECT OF CHURCH-LINKED LOCAL RADIO; G/V BISHOPS, I/V DR. DALY ON THE GROWING GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR, AND BIG BUSINESS MOVING INTO THE MEDIA; G/V DELEGATES (10"); DR. DALY CRITICISES IRISH MEDIA FOR THEIR STANCE IN THE RECENT PRO LIFE CAMPAIGN. Programme, viewing notes & transcript of Bishop Cathal Daly.	BA1413 Programme Library
19831114	14 Nov 1983	TY0102153	Women's Programme	Ireland After The Amendment A) VOX POPS - (3'29"). B) GALWAY AND LIMERICK FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS - 3'09". C) SLIGO WOMEN'S GROUP - 5'08". SHOT NOV 83 IN DUBLIN, SLIGO, GALWAY	LX2655 Programme Library

				PRODUCERS CLAIRE DUIGNAN & NUALA O FAOLAIN, FILM EDITOR VICTOR CURTIS	
19831114	14 Nov 1983	TY0102153	Women's Programme	Ireland after the Amendment.) VOX POPS - (3'29"). B) GALWAY AND LIMERICK FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS - 3'09". C) SLIGO WOMEN'S GROUP - 5'08". SHOT NOV 83 IN DUBLIN, SLIGO, GALWAY PRODUCERS CLAIRE DUIGNAN & NUALA O FAOLAIN, FILM EDITOR VICTOR CURTIS. Programme Notes Only	LX2655 Programme Library
19840303	3 Mar 1984	TY0112031 Trans OK	Late Late Show	Divorce Discussion. Transcribed SINGERS, WITH CHRISTINE AND BILLY PATTERSON GAY INTRO PANEL: JOHN O CONNOR, (DIVORCE ACTION GROUP), DR. JOHN MASTERSON (LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY IN T.C.D.), PAULA SCULLY (SOLICITOR - FAMILY LAW), WILLIAM BINCHY (BARRISTER), ALICE GLENN T.D., FR ROBERT NOONAN (LECTURER IN MORAL THEOLOGY AND CANON LAW), FR. FEARGAL O'CONNOR. SOAP BOX 1: GOBNAIT O GRADAIGH, AGAINST DIVORCE.	LX2969 Part 1 & 2 LX2976 Part 3 & 4 Note: No Time Code

				SOAP BOX 2: CLARA CLARKE, FOR DIVORCE. GAY - SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. IGOR OISTRAKH - VIOLIN SOLO. PART 2: SONG CONTEST (5) LINDA MARTIN "TERMINAL 3" BY SEAN SHERRARD. DISCUSSION ON DIVORCE CONTINUES, GAY, PANEL, AUDIENCE - PHONE-IN. PART 3: CONTINUATION OF DIVORCE DISCUSSION. PART 4: CONTINUATION OF DIVORCE DISCUSSION. WITH FRANK MCNAMARA ON PIANO PRODUCER/PRESENTER: GAY BYRNE. Viewing notes & full transcript.	
19840303	3 Mar 1984	TY0112031	Late Late Show	Divorce Discussion GAY INTRO PANEL: JOHN O CONNOR, (DIVORCE ACTION GROUP), DR. JOHN MASTERSON (LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY IN T.C.D.), PAULA SCULLY (SOLICITOR - FAMILY LAW), WILLIAM BINCHY (BARRISTER), ALICE GLENN T.D., FR ROBERT NOONAN (LECTURER IN MORAL THEOLOGY AND CANON LAW), FR. FEARGAL O'CONNOR. SOAP BOX 1: GOBNAIT O GRADAIGH, AGAINST DIVORCE. SOAP BOX 2: CLARA CLARKE, FOR DIVORCE. GAY - SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.	LX2969 TY0154903 Duration:36 60.00 Parts 1 & 2 LX2976 TY0154909 Duration:30 60.00 Parts 3 & 4

				DISCUSSION ON DIVORCE CONTINUES, GAY, PANEL, AUDIENCE - PHONE-IN. PART 3: CONTINUATION OF DIVORCE DISCUSSION. Viewing notes & full transcript.	
--	--	--	--	---	--

19840906	6 Sep 1984	TY0099237	Today Tonight	A) TUC CONFERENCE BRIGHTON B)MARRIAG (Marriage Breakdown) B) MARITAL BREAKDOWN - I/V WITH SEPARATED WOMAN ON HER ATTITUDE TO BISHOP MCNAMARA'S STATEMENT ON DIVORCE & THE ALL-PARTY COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE (5'46").	99D0770 Furze Road
19841004	4 Oct 1984	TY0147393	Today Tonight No. 583	National Plan / Marriage Breakdown. 01.11.21 PART TWO 01.12.40 SENATOR TRAS HONAN (FIANNA FAIL) 01.13.05 SENATOR MARY ROBINSON (LABOUR) 01.13.30 PADRAIG FLYNN (T.D.) 01.15.21 ALAN SHATTER (T.D. FINE GAEL) 01.19.12 END OF RECORDING (Note: Well Woman Centre & SPUC injunction)	99D00856 Furze Road
19841009	9 Oct 1984	TY0147419	Today Tonight no. 584	DIVORCE; MARITAL BREAKDOWN. A) I/V'S WITH SEPARATED PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INTRODUCTION OF DIVORCE IN IRELAND & RELATING THEIR PERSONAL TRAGEDIES SINCE THE BREAKUP OF THEIR MARRIAGES (5'00"). B) I/V WITH WOMAN IN MAYNOOTH WHO	99D00697 Furze Road

				SEPARATED FROM HER HUSBAND IN 1982 & WAS MARRIED IN 1966. HER LIFE BEFORE & AFTER THE SPLIT & WHAT SHE WOULD HAVE TO SAY TO THE OIREACHTAS COMMITTEE WHO ARE MEETING TODAY (10.10.84) & WHICH HAS NEARLY BROKEN DOWN (16'55"). TC 01:45:30 – 02:02:28	
19841009	9 Oct 1984	TY0121913	Today Tonight	Fr Denis Faul / Marital Breakdown WE REPORT ON THE HUMAN PROBLEMS CREATED WHEN MARRIAGES BREAK DOWN AND ASK WHAT SHOULD THE DAIL DO NOW. ON FILM: JOHN GILL EOIN BOYLE JOHN DELANEY MARGARET GLINCE UNA CLAFFEY IN STUDIO: RORY O HANLON.	97D00848 Furze Road
19841010	10 Oct 1984	TY0108703	News Bulletin	Marital Breakdown (3 TAPES) Ireland: Oireachtas Committee on Marital Breakdown 3 TAPES UMATIC TAPE 1: I/C MICHELLE MC CAUGHREN on motion put through by Fianna Fail which stated that the Committee was not empowered to make recommendations to the Oireachtas (25"); I/V WILLIE O BRIEN, Chairman,	LX00/05542 TAPE 2 ONLY - SP Xfer [00.42.24 - 00.44.21] off 01D02159 on 24.06.2005

				Oireachtas Committee, on the validity of the motion (22"); I/C MICHELLE MC CAUGHREN on withdrawal of motion by Fianna Fail (28"). Note: This Umatic tape was missing and not available for transfer in 2001. Furze Road 24.06.2005 MS TAPE 2: I/V Mr WILLIE O BRIEN by MICHELLE MC CAUGHREN on Fianna Fail motion. Dur (1'57") TAPE 3: Divorce Action Group demonstrate outside Leinster House during meeting of Oireachtas Committee on Marital Breakdown. Note: This Umatic tape was missing and not available for transfer in 2001. Furze Road 24.06.2005 MS Haughey & O'Malley at FF meeting in Limerick Young Fine Gael on Marital Breakdown O'Malley Expulsion from Fianna Fail. Brendan O'Brien report I/V Mrs Pat O'Malley ref Church & State relations, Padraig Flynn, Desmond O'Malley. Emily O'Reilly report from Limerick re O'Malley support.	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				Marital Breakdown re terms of reference of Oireachtas Committee on Marital Breakdown	
1ST Tx seq.	1st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)

19850111	11 Jan 1985	TY0064140	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE ACTION GROUP PROTEST DUBLIN CITY: DEMONSTRATORS CHAIN THEMSELVES TO LEINSTER HOUSE RAILINGS SEEKING DIVORCE REFERENDUM. FILM SHOWS: DIVORCE ACTION GROUP PROTESTERS (43"); I/V HEATHER AYLWARD (IN CHAINS) ON REQUEST TO GOVERNMENT FOR REFERENDUM (23"); I/V DAVID HERMON, ON EXISTING OPTIONS (10"); I/V JEAN TANSEY ON NEED FOR LEGAL RECOGNITION OF MARITAL BREAKDOWN (40"); REPORT: GEORGE DEVLIN SEPMAG COL REV	LX1365
19850111	11 Jan 1985	TY0064140	NEWS BULLETIN	COPY DIVORCE ACTION GROUP PROTEST	LX1365 Programme Library
19850214	14 Feb 1985	(Unknown)	News	Family Planning Bill Threats	01D02470
19850306	6 Mar 1985	TY0105527	TODAY TONIGHT NO.640	DIVORCE/KNOCK AIRPORT. DIVORCE ACTION GROUP RESPOND TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S LATEST PROPOSAL (in pastoral letter). I/V'S JEAN TANSEY (CHAIR DIVORCE ACTION GROUP),	99D00929 Furze Road

				ANDREA KILLILEA AND JEANETTE DUGGAN. (2'56")	
19850309	9 Mar 1985	BN85/068	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE CAMPAIGN PROTEST. DUBLIN CITY: DIVORCE CAMPAIGNERS CAVALCADE THROUGH DUBLIN CITY. TAPE SHOWS: DEMONSTRATION AT PHOENIX PARK (17"), O'CONNELL ST. AND MOUNT ST. (29"), I/V WITH TWO CAMPAIGNERS (30"), DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE HOUSE OF TAOISEACH, DR. FITZGERALD (18"). REPORT BY CAROLINE ERSKINE. RTE TOTAL DURATION: 1'34".	BN85/068 Programme Library
19850411	11 Apr 1985	TY0155475 Trans OK	Today Tonight No. 652	Marriage Breakdown Report. STUDIO DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT OF THE DAIL COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN WITH AN INVITED AUDIENCE AND PANEL COMPOSING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. PANEL: MYRA BARRY MARY HARNEY BARRY DESMOND RORY O HANLON ALAN SHATTER AUDIENCE: MARY O NEILL (AIM GROUP FOR FAMILY LAW REFORM) JERRY COLLINS (FAMILY SOLIDARITY) JANETTE DUGGAN (MARRIAGE ANNULLED) BERNARD BRADSHAW (SEPARATED PERSONS ASSOC)	95D00516 Basement

				VIVIENNE DARLING (SOCIAL STUDIES DEPT TCD) GABRIEL KIELY (FAMILY STUDIES UNIT UCD) DOREEN MCCARTHY (MARRIAGE ANNULLED) KENNETH MCQUILLAN (KNIGHTS OF COLUMBANUS) JEAN TANSEY (DIVORCE ACTION GROUP) FR ROBERT NOONAN (MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL) MAUREEN CARMODY (MARRIAGE COUNCELLING SERVICE) BERNADETTE BONAR (FAMILY SOLIDARITY) GABRIEL KIELY (FAMILY STUDIES UNIT UCD) DOREEN MCCARTHY (MARRIAGE ANNULLED) KENNETH MCQUILLAN (KNIGHTS OF COLUMBANUS) JEAN TANSEY (DIVORCE ACTION GROUP) FR ROBERT NOONAN (MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL) MAUREEN CARMODY (MARRIAGE COUNCELLING SERVICE) BERNADETTE BONAR (FAMILY SOLIDARITY) STUDIO DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT OF THE DAIL COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN WITH AN INVITED AUDIENCE AND PANEL COMPOSING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. PANEL: MYRA BARRY MARY HARNEY BARRY DESMOND RORY O HANLON ALAN SHATTER	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				AUDIENCE: MARY O NEILL (AIM GROUP FOR FAMILY LAW REFORM) JERRY COLLINS (FAMILY SOLIDARITY) JANETTE DUGGAN (MARRIAGE ANNULLED) BERNARD BRADSHAW (SEPARATED PERSONS ASSOC) VIVIENNE DARLING (SOCIAL STUDIES DEPT TCD) TRANSCRIBED	
19850430	30 Apr 1985	BN85/120	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE ACTION GROUP. DIVORCE ACTION GROUP CALL FOR REFERENDUM ON DIVORCE TAPE SHOWS: GROUP MEETING (16"); JEAN TANSEY, SPOKESPERSON DAG, ON MRBI POLL SHOWING A MAJORITY IN FAVOUR OF DIVORCE.(1'38") TOTAL DURATION: 1'54"	BN85/120
19850926	26 Sep 1985	BN85/269	NEWS BULLETIN	LABOUR WANT DIVORCE REFERENDUM. CO DUBLIN: LABOUR PARTY CALLS FOR REFERENDUM ON DIVORCE BEFORE THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TAPE SHOWS: I/C SEAN DUIGNAN ON THE PARTY SPLIT RE TIMING OF REFERENDUM (20"); I/V SEN. MICHAELHIGGINS ON PARTY POSITION RE DIVORCE (2'02"); V/O SEAN DUIGNAN RTE CO DUBLIN: LABOUR PARTY CALLS FOR REFERENDUM ON	BN85/269 Programme Library

				DIVORCE BEFORE THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION	
19851018	18 oct 1985	TY0116850	Women's Programme	Unwanted Pregnancies. JUST HOW MANY SINGLE IRISH WOMEN GET PREGNANT EACH YEAR. WHAT DO THEY DO ABOUT IT? THE WOMEN'S PROGRAMME EXAMINES THE STATISTICS AND THE STORIES BEHIND IRELAND'S UNWANTED PREGNANCIES. P423/85 FILM INSERT APPEARING IN FILM ARE: ANNIE CAMBELL - COUNSELLOR. GEMMA ROWLEY, CHAIRPERSON, ALLY RUTH BRADSNOW. TWO YOUNG GIRLS FROM UNMARRIED MOTHERS HOME. 16mm Sepmag Col. Rev	DLX/00522 Programme Library
19851129	29 Nov 1985	TY0100565	Women's Programme	Abortion Trail TWO GIRLS GIVE THEIR ACCOUNT OF GOING TO LONDON TO HAVE ABORTIONS. ONE WOMAN IN FULL VISION AND THE OTHER MASKED BY LIGHTING. CATALOGUED FROM INFORMATION SHEET. 16mm Sepmag Col. Rev. + M&E	LX2696 Programme Library
19860205	5 Feb 1986	BN86/036	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE ACTION GROUP DUBLIN: DIVORCE ACTION GROUP STAGE PROTEST OUTSIDE TAOISEACH'S OFFICE	BN86/036

				DEMANDING REFERENDUM. TAPE SHOWS: WOMEN BURN COPIES OF THEIR SEPARATION AGREEMENT (33"), VARIOUS LEGISLATION (25"). RTE TOTAL: 58".	
19860212	12 Feb 1986	TY0122316	Today Tonight NO. 753.	US Ambassador/ (Labour) Divorce bill. 00.34.57 PART TWO 00.37.13 UNA CLAFFEY (PRESENTER) 00.37.18 MERVYN TAYLOR (CHIEF WHIP LABOUR PARTY) 00.40.40 MAURICE MANNING (T.D. FINE GAEL) 00.42.15 ALICE GLENN (T.D. FINE GAEL) 00.55.08 END OF RECORDING. MRBI Poll 52% Yes 42% No 6% DK Specific circumstances 77% Yes	97D00995 Basement
19860226	26 Feb 1986	BN86/057	NEWS BULLETIN	LABOUR DIVORCE BILL DEFEATED. DUBLIN: DIVORCE ACTION GROUP AND THE LABOUR WOMEN'S COUNCIL PROTEST AT THE DEFEAT OF THE LABOUR PARTY'S DIVORCE BILL. TAPE SHOWS: MEMBERS OF DIVORCE ACTION GROUP AND THE LABOUR WOMEN'S COUNCIL	BN86/057

				PROTESTING AT LEINSTER HOUSE (15"), I/V NIAMH BREATHNACH, LABOUR WOMEN'S COUNCIL ON THE NEED FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE ISSUE (43"), I/V JOAN TANSEY, DIVORCE ACTION GROUP, CALLS ON FIANNA FAIL AND FINE GAEIL TO MAKE A STAND ON THE DIVORCE ISSUE (27"). Also I/V Nora Owen Office of Women's Affairs. V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE. RTE TOTAL: 1'26".	
19860305	5 Mar 1986	BN86/064	NEWS BULLETIN	TAOISEACH FUTURE PLANS TAOISEACH COMMENTS ON HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE TAPE SHOWS: INTERVIEW DR. GARRET FITZGERALD T.D. ON TAX REDUCTIONS (15"); ON DIVORCE REFERENDUM (52"); ON ANY FUTURE COALITION GOVERNMENT (54"); ON ANGLO/IRISH AGREEMENT AND HOPES FOR DEVOLUTION (1'27") CH-1 TOTAL DURATION: 3'31" RTE IRELAND: TAOISEACH COMMENTS ON HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE	BN86/064
19860310	10 Mar 1986	BN86/069	NEWS BULLETIN	BISHOPS HOLD CONFERENCE CO. KILDARE: CATHOLIC BISHOPS HOLD THEIR SPRING CONFERENCE AT MAYNOOTH TO	BN86/069 Programme Library

				DISCUSS THE TAOISEACH'S INVITATION FOR TALKS ON A RANGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES. TAPE SHOWS: I/C CHARLIE BIRD ON THE TAOISEACH'S GARRET FITZGERALD, INVITATION TO TALKS AND ON THE BISHOP'S STAND ON THE DIVORCE ISSUE (28"). V/O CHARLIE BIRD RTE TOTAL: 58".	
19860312	12 Mar 1986	BN86/071	NEWS BULLETIN	BISHOPS MEET ON DIVORCE IRELAND: CATHOLIC BISHOPS AGREE TO MEET AN TAOISEACH TO DISCUSS MARITAL BREAKDOWN. TAPE SHOWS: I/C CAROLINE ERSKINE (31"), I/V BISHOP JOSEPH CASSIDY ON WHAT ADVICE THEY WOULD BE GIVING GOVT. ON DIVORCE (1'48"). V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE. CH-1 RTE TOTAL: 2'19". IRELAND: CATHOLIC BISHOPS AGREE TO MEET AN TAOISEACH TO DISCUSS MARITAL BREAKDOWN. Viewing notes	BN86/071
19860321	21 Mar 1986	BN86/080	NEWS BULLETIN	POPULATION CENSUS (first census where marital status i.e. whether separated, was covered) DUBLIN: PRESS CONFERENCE HELD FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE 1986 CENSUS OF	BN86/080 Programme Library

				POPULATION. TAPE SHOWS: G/V PRESS CONFERENCE (18"), CENSUS FORMS (13"), G/V PRESS CONFERENCE (9"), I/V TOM LINEHAN, CSO, WHO SAYS THAT MARITAL QUESTIONS WERE NOT ASKED TO FACILITATE A REFERENDUM ON DIVORCE (37"), C/V CENSUS FORMS AND COLLECTORS ID CARDS (24"). V/O MARY FANNING. RTE TOTAL: 1'44".	
19860405	5 Apr 1986	BN86/095	NEWS BULLETIN	MARITAL BREAKDOWN TALKS DUBLIN CITY: TAOISEACH MEETS CHURCH OF IRELAND BISHOPS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF MARITAL BREAKDOWN. TAPE SHOWS: PHOTOCALL, TAOISEACH, DR. GARRET FITZGERALD, MIN. FOR JUSTICE ALAN DUKES, ARCHBISHOP ROBIN EAMES, CHURCH OF IRELAND PRIMATE, DR. DONALD CAIRD, ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN AND REV. WALTON EMPEY, BISHOP OF LIMERICK (17"), I/C ALAN MCCULLOUGH ON THE TALKS (27"), I/V DR. EAMES ON THE CHURCH OF IRELAND STANCE ON DIVORCE (31"), I/V ALAN DUKES POLITELY REFUSING TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE GOVT.'S PLANS.	BN86/095 Programme Library

19860405	5 Apr 1986	BN86/095	NEWS BULLETIN	(Item Filed twice) MARITAL BREAKDOWN TALKS. TAOISEACH MEETS CHURCH OF IRELAND BISHOPS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF MARITAL BREAKDOWN. TAPE SHOWS: PHOTOCALL, TAOISEACH, DR. GARRET FITZGERALD, MIN. FOR JUSTICE ALAN DUKES, ARCHBISHOP ROBIN EAMES, CHURCH OF IRELAND PRIMATE, DR. DONALD CAIRD, ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN AND REV. WALTON EMPEY, BISHOP OF LIMERICK (17"), I/C ALAN MCCULLOUGH ON THE TALKS (27"), I/V DR. EAMES ON THE CHURCH OF IRELAND STANCE ON DIVORCE (31"), I/V ALAN DUKES POLITELY REFUSING TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE GOVT.'S PLANS. RTE TOTAL: 1'39".	BN86/095 Programme Library
19860407	7 Apr 1986	BN86/097	NEWS BULLETIN	CATHOLIC CHURCH ON DIVORCE DUBLIN CITY: AN TAOISEACH MEETS CATHOLIC CHURCH LEADERS TO DISCUSS DIVORCE LEGISLATION. TAPE SHOWS: AN TAOISEACH DR. FITZGERALD, MIN. FOR JUSTICE, ALAN DUKES, CARDINAL	BN86/097 Programme Library

				O 'FIAICH, ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN DR. MCNAMARA (15"), I/C C. BIRD (23"), I/V CARDINAL TOMAS O'FIAICH ON CHURCH'S VIEW ON DIVORCE LEGISLATION (2'30"). V/O CHARLIE BIRD. FX CH-2 RTE TOTAL: 3'11".A	
19860407	7 Apr 1986	BN86/097	NEWS BULLETIN	CATHOLIC CHURCH ON DIVORCE AN TAOISEACH MEETS CATHOLIC CHURCH LEADERS TO DISCUSS DIVORCE LEGISLATION. TAPE SHOWS: AN TAOISEACH DR. FITZGERALD, MIN. FOR JUSTICE, ALAN DUKES, CARDINAL O 'FIAICH, ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN DR. MCNAMARA (15"), I/C C. BIRD (23"), I/V CARDINAL TOMAS O'FIAICH ON CHURCH'S VIEW ON DIVORCE LEGISLATION (2'30"). V/O CHARLIE BIRD. FX CH-2 RTE TOTAL: 3'11". Viewing notes & transcription of O Fiaich I/V re opinion polls on divorce.	BN86/097 Programme Library
19860423	23 Apr 1986	BN86/113	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE REFERENDUM ANNOUNCED TAPE SHOWS: I/C DONAL KELLY (1'05"), I/V DR. GARRET FITZGERALD, TAOISEACH, ANNOUNCING GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO	BN86/113 Programme Library

				REMOVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL BAN ON DIVORCE (1'17"), I/C DONAL KELLY (17"), I/V DICK SPRING, TANAISTE, ON RESTRICTIVE MEASURES OF PROPOSED DIVORCE LEGISLATION (40"), I/C DONAL KELLY (14"). RTE TOTAL: 3'36".H Viewing notes	
19860423	23 Apr 1986	TY0146885	Today Tonight no. 781 Divorce Referenda/Hospices	Divorce Referenda/Hospices (Divorce referendum announced/Hospice Movement) 00.37.40 START 00.38.06 BRIAN FARRELL PRESENTS 00.38.27 JOHN BOWMAN PRESENTS Pat Kenny Live at Government press conference on live link covers and questions. 00.39.24 GARRETT FITZGERALD (TAOISEACH) & ALAN DUKES & DICK SPRING (DIVORCE REFERENDA PRESS CONFERENCE) 00.57.30 WILLIAM BINCHEY (BARRISTER, Anti-Divorce Campaigner) Reacts to live press conference 00.59.55 END OF PART ONE 01.00.35 PART TWO HOSPICE ITEM	97D01032 OFF AIR VERSION PART ONE Archive Digibeta [00.37.40 - 01.48.50] off B90/238 on 17.06.1997 [Dur 1.10.20] 97D01056 OFF AIR VERSION PART TWO Archive Digibeta [00.37.40 - 01.07.35] off B60/1708 on 19.06.1997 [Dur 29.55] Furze Road

				01.36.32 END OF PART TWO 01.37.12 PART THREE 01.37.48 GARRET FITZGERALD (TAOISEACH) Live in studio 01.48.50 END OF RECORDING TY0146885 Today Tonight no. 781 Hospice. Referendum Announcement. Tx Apr 23 1986. Viewing Notes: Today Tonight had produced a full programme-length item on the Hospice Movement shot mainly at Our Lady's Hospice (formerly the Hospice for the Dying) in Harold's Cross, Dublin. On the evening of transmission the Government called a news conference to announce the details of the proposed referendum on divorce. Having arranged extra time RTÉ transmitted the news conference live at 9.35PM, then transmitted the Hospice item after the news conference and followed that with the Taoiseach, Garret FitzGerald, live in studio followed then with an interview with William Binchy criticising the Government plans on behalf of the Anti-Divorce Campaign (ADC).	
19860423	23 Apr 1986	BN86/113	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE REFERENDUM ANNOUNCED	BN86/113 Programme Library

				DIVORCE REFERENDUM TO BE HELD. TAPE SHOWS: I/C DONAL KELLY (1'05"), I/V DR. GARRET FITZGERALD, TAOISEACH, ANNOUNCING GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO REMOVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL BAN ON DIVORCE (1'17"), I/C DONAL KELLY (17"), I/V DICK SPRING, TANAISTE, ON RESTRICTIVE MEASURES OF PROPOSED DIVORCE LEGISLATION (40"), I/C DONAL KELLY (14"). RTE TOTAL: 3'36".	
19860423	23 Apr 1986	TY0146885	Today Tonight	Copy Divorce Referenda/ Hospices	97D01032 97D01056 Furze Road
19860424	24 Apr 1986	TY0122513 Trans OK	Today Tonight no. 782	Divorce Referendum Viewing notes & transcription.	
19860425	25 Apr 1986	BN86/115	NEWS BULLETIN	FF NOT TO OPPOSE DIVORCE BILL DUBLIN CITY: FIANNA FAIL NOT TO OPPOSE DIVORCE REFERENDUM BILL. TAPE SHOWS: I/C DONAL KELLY ON FIANNA FAIL STATEMENT (1'04"), I/V PADRAIG FLYNN, T.D. ON HIS PLANS TO CAMPAIGN ON A PRIVATE BASIS (28"), I/V DAVID ANDREWS, T.D. ON HIS VIEWS ON THE BILL. REPORT BY DONAL KELLY AND JOE O'BRIEN. RTE	BN86/115

				TOTAL: 1'58".O	
19860425	25 Apr 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860425	25 Apr 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 2	Letters	

19860428	28 Apr 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860430	30 Apr 1986	TY0096407	Today Tonight NO. 784.	Marital Breakdown A CASE STUDY TYPE REPORT ON MARITAL BREAKDOWN IN DUBLIN, CORK & LIMERICK, WHEREIN FOUR PEOPLE SPEAK FRANKLY ABOUT THE BREAKUP OF THEIR MARRIAGES. OPENING TEASER MUTE POS B/W 28" PHILIP BYRNE - IN DUBLIN KATHERINE A LYNCH - IN CORK THERESE HASKETT BERNARD KELLY - IN LIMERICK REPORTER PAUL BLANCHFIELD PRODUCER DEIRDRE YOUNGE FILM EDITOR RAY ROANTREE SHOT MARCH/APRIL 1986 IN DUBLIN, CORK AND LIMERICK SEPMAG COL REV INCLUDES EX LIB FOOTAGE FROM DICKIE - PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST	DLX/00200 Digital transfer off 99D01495 Programme Library
19860501	1 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860502	2 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860506	6 May 1986	BN86/126	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE ACTION GROUP RALLY FIRST PUBLIC RALLY IN THEIR CAMPAIGN IN DUBLIN.	BN86/126 Programme Library

				TAPE SHOWS: G/V OF MEETING (18"); Monica Barnes TD FG and Brendan Howlin TD Lab. At top table. I/V JEAN TANSEY, CHAIRPERSON, D.A.G., ON HER BELIEFS THAT THE REFERENDUM WILL BE CARRIED (1'29") V/O CONOR FENNELL TOTAL DURATION: 1'47"	
19860506	6 May 1986	BN86/126	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE ACTION GROUP RALLY. DIVORCE ACTION GROUP HOLD FIRST PUBLIC RALLY IN THEIR CAMPAIGN IN DUBLIN. TAPE SHOWS: G/V OF MEETING (18"); I/V JEAN TANSEY, CHAIRPERSON, D.A.G., ON HER BELIEFS THAT THE REFERENDUM WILL BE CARRIED (1'29") V/O CONOR FENNELL TOTAL DURATION: 1'47"	BN86/126 Programme Library
19860506	6 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860507	7 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show	Letters	
19860509	9 May 1986	BN86/129	NEWS BULLETIN	ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN TAPE SHOWS: G/V'S PRESS CONFERENCE (MUTE), (18"), I/V BERNADETTE BONER - ON THE CAMPAIGN (18"), G/V'S CONFERENCE (MUTE) (18"), I/V WILLIAM BINCHEY - BARRISTER WHO SAYS THAT THE DIVORCED FAMILY WILL LOSE PROTECTION UNDER ARTICLE 41 AND THE	BN86/129 Programme Library

				NEW FAMILY WILL HAVE LEGAL RIGHTS (53"), G/V CONFERENCE (06"), I/V BERNADETTE BONER WHO WOULD PREFER THAT NO PARTY WOULD SUPPORT OR OPPOSE PROPOSED CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION (23"). CONOR FENNEL REPORT. RTE TOTAL: 2'10".	
19860513	13 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 2	Letters	
19860514	14 May 1986	BN86/134	NEWS BULLETIN	DAIL DEBATE DIVORCE REFERENDUM THE DAIL DEBATE TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ENABLE A DIVORCE REFERENDUM TO BE HELD BEGAN TODAY TAPE SHOWS: I/V MICHAEL WOODS FF ON WORDING OF THE AMENDMENT. Note: Woods made the 'Constitutional Frankenstein' reference in the House though not on camera. Also comments on major implications for the first family (echoing Binchy) (1'18"); I/V MARY FLAHERTY FG ON DIVORCE GIVING PEOPLE THE OPTION TO RE-MARRY (20"); HUGH BYRNE, FF ON WHETHER DIVORCE IS THE SOLUTION TO MARRIAGE PROBLEMS (26");	BN86/134 Programme Library

				OLIVER J FLANAGAN FG ON DIVORCE AND IRISH SOCIETY "Irish people young and old have made up their minds that divorce is not in the interest of Irish society." (6"); MARY HARNEY PD ON CATHOLIC CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN DIVORCE ISSUE "I always thought it would be difficult particularly if the Catholic Church got involved in the debate. One would hope at this stage that it would be a meaningful and rational debate and that the issues would be discussed and that matters that aren't involved would not be presented to the people in a dishonest way." (17"); I/V PROINSIAS DE ROSSA WP ON DAIL DEBATE BEING INFLUENCED BY CATHOLIC CHURCHES CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE AMENDMENT "I'm sure it (the debate) will be influenced to some degree. Certainly the speeches will be influenced. No doubt those who oppose the whole idea of civil divorce will be strengthened in their opposition in the Dáil and for myself, those of us who are concerned about the separation of Church and State on this island will be more committed than ever that	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				this referendum succeeds.” (26”); V/O CHARLIE BIRD TOTAL DURATION: 3'07"	
19860515	15 May 1986	BN86/135	NEWS BULLETIN	DAIL DEBATE DIVORCE DAIL DEBATE ON DIVORCE CONTINUES TAPE SHOWS: I/V BRIAN LENIHAN, DEPUTY LEADER F.F. ON FIANNA FAIL'S POSITION ON THE DIVORCE ISSUE (2'00"); I/V DICK SPRING, LEADER LABOUR PARTY ON HIS RESPONSE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S POSITION ON DIVORCE (1'39") V/O CHARLIE BIRD TOTAL DURATION: 3'53" Transcriptions of Lenihan's response when asked about Woods' 'Constitutional Frankenstein' comment and Dick Spring's comments on the Catholic Church.	BN86/135 Programme Library
19860515	15 May 1986	BN86/135	NEWS BULLETIN	DAIL DEBATE DIVORCE DAIL DEBATE ON DIVORCE CONTINUES TAPE SHOWS: I/V BRIAN LENIHAN, DEPUTY LEADER F.F. ON FIANNA FAIL'S POSITION ON THE DIVORCE ISSUE (2'00"); I/V DICK SPRING, LEADER LABOUR PARTY ON HIS RESPONSE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S POSITION ON DIVORCE (1'39") V/O CHARLIE BIRD	BN86/135

				TOTAL DURATION: 3'53" Lenihan questioned re Michael Woods' "constitutional Frankenstein" quote	
19860515	15 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860515	15 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 2	Letters	
19860516	16 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860518	18 May 1986		This Week		
19860520	20 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 2	Letters	
19860521	21 May 1986	BN86/141	NEWS BULLETIN	CHURCH OF IRELAND ON DIVORCE THE CHURCH OF IRELAND SYNOD AT THE RDS IN DUBLIN HAS BEEN DISCUSSING DIVORCE TAPE SHOWS: G/V OF ATTENDANCE (12"); I/V DEAN VICTOR GRIFFIN, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON THE CHURCH OF IRELAND'S STANCE ON DIVORCE (24"); G/V OF ATTENDANCE (17"); I/V BISHOP WALTON EMPEY, MEATH AND KILDARE ON NECESSITY FOR DIVORCE IN MODERN DAY LIFE (40"); V/O ALAN MC CULLOUGH	BN86/141 Programme Library
19860521	21 May 1986	BN86/141	NEWS BULLETIN	CHURCH OF IRELAND ON DIVORCE. THE CHURCH OF IRELAND SYNOD AT THE RDS IN DUBLIN HAS BEEN DISCUSSING DIVORCE TAPE SHOWS: G/V OF ATTENDANCE (12"); I/V	BN86/141

				DEAN VICTOR GRIFFIN, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON THE CHURCH OF IRELAND'S STANCE ON DIVORCE (24"); G/V OF ATTENDANCE (17"); I/V BISHOP WALTON EMPEY, MEATH AND KILDARE ON NECESSITY FOR DIVORCE IN MODERN DAY LIFE. Empey says he wants to nail the 'lie' that the COI was full of permissiveness while morality was the sole possession of the Catholic Church. The Roman Catholic Church has a right to present their own teaching to their own people. (40"); V/O ALAN MC CULLOUGH	
19860521	21 May 1986	BN86/141	NEWS BULLETIN	CHURCH OF IRELAND ON DIVORCE (recut) THE CHURCH OF IRELAND SYNOD AT THE RDS IN DUBLIN HAS BEEN DISCUSSING DIVORCE TAPE SHOWS: G/V OF ATTENDANCE (12"); I/V DEAN VICTOR GRIFFIN, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON THE CHURCH OF IRELAND'S STANCE ON DIVORCE (24"); G/V OF ATTENDANCE (17"); I/V BISHOP WALTON EMPEY, MEATH AND KILDARE ON NECESSITY FOR DIVORCE IN MODERN DAY LIFE (40"); V/O ALAN MC CULLOUGH	BN86/141

1 ST Tx seq.	1 st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
-------------------------	-------------------------	----------	-------------------------------------	--	----------------------------

19860521	21 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860522	22 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 2	Letters	
19860522	22 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860526	26 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 2	Letters	
19860528	28 May 1986		The Gay Byrne Show Disc 1	Letters	
19860529	29 May 1986	BN86/149	NEWS BULLETIN	NOTE: TWO REPORTS ON SAME CATALOGUE NUMBER FINE GAEL DIVORCE CAMPAIGN FINE GAEL CAMPAIGN ON THE DIVORCE REFERENDUM WAS LAUNCHED IN DUBLIN TAPE SHOWS: C/U PETER BARRY, MIN FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (7"); I/V BARRY WHO IS IN FAVOUR OF DIVORCE (21"); G/V OF MINISTERS DIRECTING THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDING MICHAEL O'LEARY, CAMPAIGN'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MICHAEL NOONAN, MIN FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, ALAN DUKES, MIN FOR JUSTICE (7"); C/U DUKES (5"); DUKES ON RIGHTS OF FIRST FAMILY (20"); C/U BARRY AND O'LEARY (14"); G/V CONFERENCE (17"); BARRY	BN86/149

				ON ROLE OF CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DIVORCE CAMPAIGN (25"); V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE TOTAL DURATION: 2'12" ITGWU CONFERENCE IN CORK DEBATE THE DIVORCE ISSUE TOTAL DURATION: G/V OF CONFERENCE (9"); I/V DERMOT TOBIN, DUBLIN NO. 2 BRANCH ON THE FIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS FOR DIVORCE (33"); C/U NOIRIN GREEN, UNION EXECUTIVE CALLS ON ALL MEMBERS TO PLAY THEIR PART (25"); G/V OF ATTENDANCE (14"); I/V SEAN BUCKLEY, LIMERICK NO. 1 BRANCH OPPOSES DIVORCE (30"); V/O PAT SWEENEY TOTAL DURATION: 2'07" Transcription of Alan Dukes and Peter Barry.	
19860603	3 Jun 1986	TY0154301	Today Tonight NO. 797	Galway discussion on divorce LIVE IN GALWAY, A PANEL OF EXPERTS AND THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE TOGETHER WITH AN AUDIENCE OF INTERESTED PARTIES DISCUSS THE ISSUES CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CONSITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT DIVORCE IN IRELAND. ALAN DUKES MICHAEL O KENNEDY WILLIAM BINCHY (ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN)	LX2032 Programme Library

				JEAN TANSEY (DIVORCE ACTION GROUP) PART 1: 25.56, PART 2: 29.47, DURATION 56.03.	
19860604	4 Jun 1986	BN86/155	NEWS BULLETIN ICTU VOTE YES DIVORCE	ICTU VOTE YES DIVORCE ICTU CALL FOR 'YES' VOTE IN DIVORCE REFERENDUM. TAPE SHOWS: ICTU PRESS CONFERENCE ADDRESSED BY DONAL NEVIN, GEN. SEC. (53"), 1982 ANNUAL CONFERENCE EX LIB. (10"), I/V DONAL NEVIN ON THEIR CALL FOR 'YES' VOTE (51"). V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE. RTE TOTAL: 1'55".H	BN86/155 Programme Library
19860605	5 Jun 1986	BN86/156	NEWS BULLETIN LABOUR WORKERS PARTY DIVORCE	LABOUR WORKERS PARTY DIVORCE LABOUR AND WORKERS PARTIES LAUNCH THE 'VOTE YES' CAMPAIGN IN DIVORCE REFERENDUM. TAPE SHOWS: AN TANAISTE, DICK SPRING, LABOUR LEADER, FLANKED BY HIS MINISTERS AND SENIOR PARTY MEMBERS ADDRESSING PRESS CONFERENCE (1'47"), WORKERS PARTY LEADER, TOMAS MCGIOLLA, FLANKED BY PRIONSIAS DE ROSSA AND SENIOR PARTY MEMBERS ADDRESSING PRESS CONFERENCE (1'07"). V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE. FX CH-2 RTE TOTAL: 2'55".	BN86/156 Programme Library

				IRELAND: LABOUR AND WORKERS PARTIES LAUNCH THE 'VOTE YES' CAMPAIGN IN DIVORCE REFERENDUM. TAPE SHOWS: AN TANAISTE, DICK SPRING, LABOUR LEADER, FLANKED BY HIS MINISTERS AND SENIOR PARTY MEMBERS ADDRESSING PRESS CONFERENCE (1'47"), WORKERS PARTY LEADER, TOMAS MCGIOLLA, FLANKED BY PRIONSIAS DE ROSSA AND SENIOR PARTY MEMBERS ADDRESSING PRESS CONFERENCE (1'07"). V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE. FX CH-2 RTE TOTAL: 2'55". Note: Dick Spring launches Labour campaign. Note Michael D. Higgins and Maire Woods (Labour Women's Group). Tomas McGiolla and Proinsias de Rossa at Workers' Party.	
19860606	6 Jun 1986	BN86/157	NEWS BULLETIN	PDS LAUNCH DIVORCE CAMPAIGN. THE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS LAUNCH THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR A 'YES' VOTE IN THE DIVORCE REFERENDUM TAPE SHOWS: G/V'S NEWS CONFERENCE. SHOTS OF MARY HARNEY TALKING ON THE NEED FOR DIVORCE IN IRELAND.	BN86/157 Programme Library

				REPORT BY CHARLIE BIRD TOTAL DURATION: 1'39"	
19860609	9 Jun 1986	BN86/160	NEWS BULLETIN	FAMILY LAW REFORM FOR DIVORCE FAMILY LAW REFORM GROUP BACKS 'YES' VOTE IN DIVORCE REFERENDUM. TAPE SHOWS: FAMILY LAW REFORM GROUP PRESS CONFERENCE. I/V MAURA MURRAY, ON NEED FOR 'YES' VOTE. EXT. WOMEN'S AID REFUGE, DUBLIN (13"); V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE TOTAL DURATION: 1'29"	BN86/160 Programme Library
19860610	10 Jun 1986	TY0154370 Trans OK	Today Tonight NO. 799	Cork discussion on divorce. AS THE DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION CONTINUES, WE GO TO A CORK AUDIENCE OF INTERESTED PEOPLE TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS AND DISCUSS THEM WITH PANELISTS. DICK SPRING MARY O ROURKE SEN CATHERINE MCGUINNESS JOE MCCARROLL (ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN) TRANSCRIBED	LX2134 Programme Library
19860611	11 Jun 1986	BN86/162	NEWS BULLETIN	BISHOPS ON DIVORCE REFERENDUM ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS SAY THE ULTIMATE DECISION RESTS WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE DIVORCE REFERENDUM.	BN86/162

				TAPE SHOWS: BISHOPS INCL. CARDINAL O'FIAICH STROLLING THROUGH GROUNDS OF MAYNOOTH COLLEGE DURING THEIR JUNE MEETING. I/V BISHOP JOSEPH CASSIDY ON DIVORCE REFERENDUM WHO SAYS A CATHOLIC WITH AN INFORMED CONSCIENCE CAN CONSCIENTIOUSLY VOTE YES TO REMOVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL BAN. V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE RTE TOTAL: 2'30".	
19860612	12 Jun 1986	BN86/163	NEWS BULLETIN	ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN. : ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN BELIEVE THE AMENDMENT WILL BE DEFEATED. TAPE SHOWS: ANTI-DIVORCE CAMPAIGN PRESS CONFERENCE ADDRESSED BY ITS CHAIRMAN SEN. DES HANAFIN (29"), I/V WILLIAM BINCHY ON THE LEGALLITIES OF MAINTENANCE AND SUCCESSION RIGHTS (1'06"), COVER OF LABOUR PARTY LEAFLET ON DIVORCE (21"). FX CH-2 RTE TOTAL: 1'57". Note: Actuality Senator Desmond Hanafin FF denies using scare tactics in campaign against proposed divorce amendment. Says: "One	BN86/163 Programme Library

				many cannot support two families”. Note: William Binchy denies ADC are using scare tactics.	
19860615	15 Jun 1986	QCC003527	This Week Part 1	Issues in both sides of the divorce campaign Viewing notes and transcripts or precis.	LQA0018A Limerick
19860615	15 Jun 1986		This Week Part 2	Divorce campaign continued) Viewing notes and transcripts or precis	
19860616	16 Jun 1986	BN86/167	NEWS BULLETIN	NOTE TWO REPORTS UNDER SAME CATALOGUE NUMBER: OPEN FORUM ON DIVORCE CORK CITY: AN TAOISEACH ADDRESSES OPEN FORUM ON DIVORCE. TAPE SHOWS: ATTENDANCE AT OPEN FORUM. AN TAOISEACH, DR. GARRET FITZGERALD AND FOREIGN MINISTER, PETER BARY ON STAND. DR. FITZGERALD ADDRESSING FORUM (47"). V/O TOM MCSWEENEY RTE TOTAL: 1'20". TAOISEACH ON DIVORCE POLL: AN TAOISEACH BELIEVES DIVORCE REFERENDUM WILL BE CARRIED BY SMALL MAJORITY	BN86/167

				TAPE SHOWS: AN TAOISEACH ADDRESSING PRESS CONFERENCE IN CORK (1'32") V/O TOM MC SWEENEY TOTAL DURATION: 1'32" Notes: Open Forum on Divorce. June 16 1986. NOTE There are two related items on this tape. The first is an interview with Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald who says he believes the divorce referendum will be carried by a small majority: (the amendment) "likely will be carried but the polls are on the optimistic side" The second item is a more elaborate report by Tom McSweeney on the Open Forum with FitzGerald, Peter Barry TD FG Minister for Foreign Affairs; Jim O'Keeffe TD FG. FitzGerald refers to a comment by an anti-divorce vox pop 'bad luck' I/V on the previous weekend edition of RTÉ Radio 1 This Week (Sunday 15th June 1986)	
19860617	17 Jun 1986	TY0154044 Trans OK	Today Tonight NO. 800	Fitzgerald V Binchy on divorce. AS THE DIVORCE REFERENDUM ENTERS ITS FINAL STAGES, WILLIAM BINCHY OF THE ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN PUTS FOWARDS THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST DIVORCE AND THE TAOISEACH OUTLINES THE DETAILS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S	LX1651 Programme Library

				DIVORCE PROPOSALS AND ANSWERS QUESTIONS THAT HAVE EMERGED IN THE COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN. TRANSCRIBED	
19860619	19 Jun 1986	BN86/170	NEWS BULLETIN	LAWYERS AGAINST AMENDMENT 'LAWYERS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT' CALL FOR REJECTION OF DIVORCE TAPE SHOWS: LAWYERS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT PRESS CONFERENCE TOTAL DURATION: 1'21" CH-1 RTE IRELAND: 'LAWYERS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT' CALL FOR REJECTION OF DIVORCE Note: A group of lawyers hold a news conference to denounce the amendment saying that “the cure is worse than the disease” (i.e. marriage breakdown) and that “people are being asked to buy a pig in a poke” because everything depends on legislation to be passed after the referendum. NOTE: William Binchy (ADC) made the same point in many appearances i.e. that the proposed amendment lacked provisions regarding property rights and rights of succession.	BN86/170 Programme Library
19860619	19 Jun 1986	TY0122533	Today Tonight no 802	Major public information set piece pre-recorded	

			Divorce Debate	interviews with different panels for each issue. Contributions transcribed	
19860620	20 Jun 1986	BN86/171	NEWS BULLETIN	Note: Two reports on same catalogue entry. 1. DIVORCE CAMPAIGN UPDATE CAROLINE ERSKINE REPORTS ON THE UP TO DATE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN, INCL NEW DETAILS FROM GOVERNMENT ON PROTECTION FOR SPOUSES. TAPE SHOWS: CAROLINE ERSKINE IN STUDIO, INTERCUT WITH SHOTS OF PRESS CONFERENCE OF LAWYERS FOR THE 10TH AMENDMENT AND S/S OF DR. FITZGERALD AND SEAN MC BRIDE. TOTAL DURATION: 2'47" 2. PREVIEW OF LATE LATE SHOW SPECIAL ON DIVORCE AND WITHDRAWAL OF MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, PATRICK COONEY, FROM SHOW TAPE 1 SHOWS: SCENES IN STUDIO DURING PREPARATION FOR SHOW, CHARLIE BIRD EXPLAINS STORY OF MR. COONEY'S WITHDRAWAL, AND INTERVIEW GAY BYRNE (3'34")	BN86/171 Programme Library

				TAPE 2 SHOWS: TAOISEACH, DR. FITZGERALD, NEWS CONFERENCE DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PRESSURE ON MR. COONEY TO WITHDRAW FROM SHOW. (1'56") CHARLIE BIRD REPORT TOTAL DURATION: 5'00 Viewing notes on the above and several other stories on same tape.	
19860620	20 Jun 1986	TY0111704	Late Late Show	Divorce Special A SPECIAL LATE LATE ON THE REFERENDUM TO AMEND ARTICLE 41 OF THE CONSTITUTION. POLLING DATE IS 26/06/86 CONTINUED ON TAPE 94D000187 WITH A 1 MIN. OVERLAP. ORDER OF SEATING COUNSEL AND ADVISORS (LEFT TO RIGHT) MARY LAFFOY, JAMES NUGENT, HAROLD WHELEHAN, ELIZABETH DUNNE, GERRY DURCAN. PART 1: JUDGE (THE HON. H.R. MCWILLIAM (HE READS AMENDMENT AND EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCE) HAROLD WHELEHAN S.C. COUNSEL FOR OPENS... PART2: MARY LAFFOY BARRISTOR AT LAW COUNSEL AGAINST OPENS...	LX2575 Part 1. LX2574 Parts 2 & 3. Programme Library

				PART TWO CONTINUED WITH WITNESSES AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, VALERIE RICHES.NATIONAL SECRETARY FAMILY AND YOUTH CONCERN, JIM BEHAN M.D. D.P.M. M.R.C.PSYCH. JUDGE LEADS TO COMMERCIAL BREAK PART THREE JAMES NUGENT S.C. COUNSEL AGAINST CLOSES... HAROLD WHELEHAN S.C. COUNSEL FOR CLOSES... JUDGE SUMARISES GAY CLOSES PART 1 01.17.26, PART 2 RUNS FOR 48.22 WITH THE LAST 19.02 ON 94D00187 /CONTD. WITNESSES CALLED BY HAROLD WHELEHAN S.C. RINA HOWARD.PSYCHOTHERAPI ST AND MARRIAGE COUNSELLOR, PAULA SCULLY.SOLICITOR; SPECIALISING IN FAMILY LAW, MAUREEN GAFFNEY.SENIOR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, JOHM HUME M.P. M.E.P., WITNESSES CALLED BY JAMES NUGENT S.C. SEAN MACBRIDE S.C., IARFLAITH O'NEILL.BARRISTER AT LAW, JOAN O'BRIEN.FOUNDER MEMBER OF A.I.M., CHAIRPERSON OF WOMEN AGAINST DIVORCE,	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				VALERIE RICHES.NATIONAL SECRETARY FAMILY AND YOUTH CONCERN,	
19860621	21 Jun 1986	BN86/172	NEWS BULLETIN	DUBLIN ANTI DIVORCE RALLY IRELAND: ANTI DIVORCE RALLY IN DUBLIN ORGANISED BY WOMEN AGAINST DIVORCE TAPE SHOWS: G/V OF ATTENDANCE AT RALLY AND SPEAKERS INCLUDING ALICE GLENN, FINE GAE TD. TOTAL DURATION: 0'54" RTE IRELAND: ANTI DIVORCE RALLY IN DUBLIN ORGANISED BY WOMEN AGAINST DIVORCE TAPE SHOWS: G/V OF ATTENDANCE AT RALLY AND SPEAKERS INCLUDING ALICE GLENN, FINE GAE TD. TOTAL DURATION: 0'54"	BN86/172 Programme Library
19860622	22 Jun 1986		This Week		
19860623	23 Jun 1986	BN86/174	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE CAMPAIGN ENDS. TAPE SHOWS: THE TAOISEACH, DR. GARRET FITZGERALD ADDRESSING HIS PARTY'S FINAL REGIONAL RALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE DIVORCE AMENDMENT, ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGNERS GIVE THEIR FINAL NEWS CONFERENCE ADDRESSED BY THEIR CHAIRMAN SEN. DES HANAFIN	BN86/174 Programme Library

				AND CAROLINE ERSKINE FROM STUDIO. V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE. RTE TOTAL: 4'21" Note: Package also includes Cardinal O Fiaich, DAG, Lawers in favour, FLAC, pickets. Transcript of Hanafin interview.	
19860624	24 Jun 1986	TY0097329	Today Tonight NO. 803.	Divorce Amendment Proposal. DIVORCE: YES OR NO? IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE CAMPAIGN ON THE TENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, TODAY TONIGHT REPORTS FROM SLIGO, CARLOW, LIMERICK & KILKENNY. THE DEBATE FROM THE GRASSROOTS, THE ARGUMENTS FOR & AGAINST. WITH KIERAN CROTTY TD FF, MARTIN GIBBONS PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS, VINCENT JENNINGS CHAIR - LIMERICK DIVORCE ACTION GROUP, JACKIE FOX YOUTH AGAINST DIVORCE, WILLIE O DEA TD FF, MICHAEL D HIGGINS TD LABOUR, JIM KEMMY, REV PAT STANDUN. Notes: Filmed report on the ADC and DAG campaigns in several locations including Limerick. Location reports on:	LX1365 Programme Library

				ADC and DAG canvassers.. ADC information meeting with prayers and emotional invocation of Constitution “we are being asked to shred”. DAG committee meeting. Vox pops outside catholic church. Michael D. Higgins and Jim Kemmy speeches. Catholic priest in favour of amendment – Rev. Patrick Standún, Tuam, who was later silenced by his bishop. Anti-Divorce criticism of bias in Irish Times, Irish Independent and Irish Press 7:1. Not like the Limerick Leader. I/V Willie O’Dea TD FF Limerick – not taking part in the campaign but he personally opposes divorce. REPORTER GARY AGNEW PRODUCER CON BUSHE SHOT JUNE 1986 SEPMAG COL REV Arrange transcript	
19860624	24 Jun 1986	BN86/175	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE ACTION GROUP THE DIVORCE ACTION GROUP HELD ITS FINAL NEWS CONFERENCE BEFORE THE REFERENDUM SAYING IS CONFIDENT THE AMENDMENT WILL BE CARRIED. TAPE SHOWS: I/V JEAN TANSEY, CHAIRPERSON D.A.G. RTE TOTAL: 1'03".	BN86/175 Programme Library

1 ST Tx seq.	1 st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
19860624	24 Jun 1986	TY0097329	Today Tonight NO. 803	Divorce Amendment Proposal DIVORCE: YES OR NO? IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE CAMPAIGN ON THE TENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, TODAY TONIGHT REPORTS FROM SLIGO, CARLOW, LIMERICK & KILKENNY. THE DEBATE FROM THE GRASSROOTS, THE ARGUMENTS FOR & AGAINST. WITH KIERAN CROTTY TD FF, MARTIN GIBBONS PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS, VINCENT JENNINGS CHAIR - LIMERICK DIVORCE ACTION GROUP, JACKIE FOX YOUTH AGAINST DIVORCE, WILLIE O DEA.TD FF, MICHAEL D HIGGINS TD LABOUR, JIM KEMMY, REV PAT STANDUN. Notes: Filmed report on the ADC and DAG campaigns in several locations including Limerick. Location reports on: ADC and DAG canvassers.. ADC information meeting with prayers and emotional invocation of Constitution "we are being asked to shred". DAG committee meeting. Vox pops outside catholic church.	LX1365 Programme Library

				Michael D. Higgins and Jim Kemmy speeches. Catholic priest in favour of amendment – Rev. Patrick Standún, Tuam, who was later silenced by his bishop. Anti-Divorce criticism of bias in Irish Times, Irish Independent and Irish Press 7:1. Not like the Limerick Leader. I/V Willie O’Dea TD FF Limerick – not taking part in the campaign but he personally opposes divorce.	
19860624	24 Jun 1986	TY0097329	Today Tonight NO. 803	COPY Divorce Amendment Proposal	LX1365 Programme Library
19860625	25 Jun 1986	BN86/176	NEWS BULLETIN	DIVORCE LABOUR PARTY THE LABOUR PARTY'S FINAL NEWS CONFERENCE BEFORE THE DIVORCE REFERENDUM. TAPE SHOWS: I/V DICK SPRING, LEADER LABOUR PARTY ON FIANNA FAIL'S LACK OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE CAMPAIGN. V/O CAROLINE ERSKINE. RTE TOTAL: 2'28". Notes: Tánaiste and labour Leader Dick Spring criticises FF Leader Charles Haughey for failing to discuss his own views on divorce. Spring also criticises Labour’s coalition partner, Fine Gael, for not doing more to support the Government’s own proposal. He mentions North/South implications	BN86/176

				in that the (Southern) Irish electorate may seem ungenerous and Unionists will seize the opportunity to characterise the Republic as intolerant.	
19860627	27 Jun 1986	TY0155448 Trans OK	Today Tonight NO. 806.	Divorce Referendum results/Spanish Royal visit. TRANSCRIBED SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAMME DUE: 1HR 20' PARTICIPANTS (VTR): SENATOR DES HANAFIN, ANTI-DIVORCE CAMPAIGN. JEAN TANSY, CHAIRPERSON, DIVORCE ACTION GROUP. CHARLES J. HAUGHEY, TD. AN TAOISEACH, DR. GARRET FITZGERALD. MOST REV. LAURENCE RYAN, R.C. BISHOP OF KILDARE & LEIGHLIN. RIGHT REV. WALTON EMPEY, C. OF I. BISH. OF MEATH & KILDARE EX BELFAST: JOHN CUSHNAHAN, LEADER OF ALLIANCE PARTY. EX WATERFORD: JOHN O'CONNOR, MUNSTER EXPRESS. JOHN CUNNINGHAM, EDITOR, CONNAUGHT TRIBUNE. BERNADETTE BONNER SEPERATED PEOPLE: STEPHEN MC CARTHY, AILBHE SMYTH, MAIRE DOYLE. SPOKESPERSONS FROM THE PRO AND ANTI	LX3726 Programme Library
		TY0155443 Trans OK			

				AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAIN POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE CHURCHES ANALYSE THE SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE REFERENDUM. PARTICIPANTS: (STD) ALAN DUKES, FG. DICK SPRING, LAB. MICHAEL WOODS, FF. JOE MC CARROLL, ANTI-DIVORCE CAMPAIGN. SENATOR CATHERINE MC GUINNESS VTR: MRS. LYLIE DOYLE, SEPERATED. PRIONSIAS DE ROSSA, TD, WORKERS PARTY. DESSIE O'MALLEY, TD. MICHAEL D. HIGGINS, TD. RICHARD SINNOT, POLITICAL SCIENCE LECTURER, UCD. FR. PATRICK STANDUN. REPORTERS: PAT BUTLER, GARY AGNEW, UNA CLAFFEY, PAUL BLANCHFIELD.	
19860628	28 Jun 1986	BN86/179	NEWS BULLETIN	BISHOP (Donald) CAIRD ON DIVORCE VOTE. DR. DONAL CAIRD, THE CHURCH OF IRELAND ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN, HAS SAID THE ANTI DIVORCE VOTE WILL AFFECT THE ANGLO IRISH AGREEMENT. Note: Says that Church of Ireland bishops in the Republic will be less able to persuade their counterparts in Northern Ireland that the Republic is a pluralist society.	BN86/179 Programme Library

				TAPE SHOWS: I/V DR CAIRD, I/V DR LAURENCE RYAN OF KILDARE AND LOUGHLIN ON UNIONISTS NOT SEEING THE VOTE AS REFLECTING THE INFLUENCE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. Note: Says the result will not affect Unionist opinion. V/O KIERON WOOD TOTAL DURATION: 1'57"	
19860630	Jun 30 1986	BN86/181	NEWS BULLETIN	UNIONISTS DIVORCE REFERENDUM UNIONIST REACTION TO DIVORCE REFERENDUM. TAPE SHOWS: JAMES MOLYNEAUX SPEAKING AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH DR. FITZGERALD WAS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO USE THE DIVORCE REFERENDUM AS A DRY-RUN FOR A REFERENDUM AIMED AT DILUTING THE REPUBLIC'S TERRITORIAL CLAIM OVER NORTHERN IRELAND. RTE TOTAL: 1'59". Note: Unionists criticise the referendum and its outcome. Unionist Party Leader James Molyneux uses the outcome as a "stick to beat the Irish" and says that the divorce referendum was meant to be an "easy" task for Taoiseach Garret	BN86/181

				Fitzgerald's government and was intended as the forerunner to removing the territorial claim – Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Constitution. The reference is to the Constitution as it existed from 1937 to 1999 when Articles 2 & 3 were amended to remove the territorial claim over Northern Ireland. Catalogue notes only	
19860704	Jul 04 1986	BN86/185	NEWS BULLETIN	GOVT WILL SERVE FULL TERM. TAOISEACH GARRET FITZGERALD STATES THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL SERVE ITS FULL TERM IN OFFICE DESPITE DEFEAT IN DIVORCE REFERENDUM TAPE SHOWS: I/V GARRET FITZGERALD (55"); Note: reference to days of alliance numbered – setting up with PDs, FG & Lab.	BN86/185 Programme Library
19870111	Jan 11 1987	BN87/011	News: Abortion Referral Demonstration	May Gordon on why she is willing to break the law by unfurling a banner showing the telephone number of an abortion clinic. Gordon says that clinics such as this can offer abortions under safe conditions and that every woman should have access to that information. Notes	DLRC
19870112	12 Jan 1987	BN87/012	News: Abortion Referral Issue	Ruth Riddick, Open Line Counselling and Mary Lucey, SPUC, interviews. Transcripts	DLRC

1 ST Tx seq.	1 ST Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
19870207	7 Feb 1987	BN87/038	News: Defend the Women's Clinics March	Anne Conway interview. Notes	DLRC
19870217	17 Feb 1987	BN87/048	News: defend the clinics' campaign	Kadar Asmal. Transcript.	DLRC
19870316	16 Mar 1987	BN87/075	News: Galway: Row over abortion posters	Viewing notes and transcripts. Deirdre Manifold.	DLRC
19870321	21 Mar 1987	BN87/080	News: AGM of Divorce Action Group	Programme and viewing notes – not much content.	DLRC
19870625	25 Jun 1987	BN87/176	News: Divorce Action Group – A Shatter	Alan Shatter addresses DAG on 1 st Anniversary of Divorce Referendum of 1986 Limited content and viewing notes	DLRC
19870730	30 Jul 1987	TY0132443	Today Tonight NO. 923	Ballymun	BP30/01446 Basement
19871014	14 Oct 1987	BN87/287	News: Students advise on abortion	Row over students' welfare guide. Interview with Mary Lucey. Notes and transcription	DLRC
19871124	24 Nov 1987	BN87/328	News: Abortion Information Campaign	Viewing notes and transcription of Anne Conway interview.	DLRC
19871127	27 Nov 1987	BN87/331	News: Census figures on broken marriages	Viewing notes	DLRC
19871231	31 Dec 1987	TY0114098	Late Late Show	New Year's Eve Special. After all those Late Late Shows	LX3629 LX3699 LX3670 Programme Library
19871231	31 Dec 1987	TY0114128	Late Late Show	New Year's Eve Special	LX3629 Programme Library

				Panel: Bertie Aherne, Anne O'Donnell, Pat Kenny, Fr Brian Darcy	
19871231	31 Dec 1987	TY0114128	Late Late Show	New Year's Eve Special (conclusion)	LX3629 Programme Library
19880120	20 Jan 1988	TY0124557	Today Tonight no. 977	New Archbishop/ Abortion/ Middle East. The Alton Bill. Tape 1 of 2 Handicapped & abortion, abortion of Downes Syndrome child	BP30/01006 Basement
19880120	20 Jan 1988	TY0132567	Today Tonight no. 977	New Archbishop/ Abortion/ Middle East. New Archbishop of Dublin Monsignor Desmond Connell. Admits his lack of pastoral experience is a problem. Law: when the law is put aside the autocrat steps in. Declining mass attendance. Secularisation. Changes in the law and attempts to change the constitution. Profound theological issues re the ordination of women. Tends to follow A/B McNamara. Policy: Mobilise the resources of the diocese to help young people, the poor, lonely, and AIDS sufferers.	BP30/00224 Basement
19880316	16 Mar 1988	BN88/076	News: women's clinics appeal refused	Viewing notes. Transcripts of Marie Vernon, SPUC & Ruth Riddick, Open Line Counselling.	DLRC
19880716	16 Jul 1988	BN88/198	News: Dublin Pregnancy Counselling to resume	MAGGIE O KANE (reporter) ON HOW THE CLINIC HOPES TO RESUME COUNSELLING ON PREGNANCY WHILE STAYING WITHIN THE LAW FOLLOWING A PREVIOUS RULING BY THE SUPREME COURT	DLRC

				PREVENTING THEM FROM DOING SO. Notes: BN88/198 News: Pregnancy Counselling to resume. In April 1988 the Well Woman Centre and Open Line Counselling lost a Supreme Court appeal to overturn a High Court judgement banning them from assisting pregnant women seeking abortions. See BN88/076.	
19920218	18 Feb 1992	TY0137745 Trans OK	Today Tonight NO. 1409	Abortion case (soon to be referred to as the X case) TODAY TONIGHT ABORTION - INSERT INSERT Transcribed MIRIAM FITZSIMONS REPORTS ON THE CASE OF THE 14 YEAR OLD GIRL WHO WAS STOPPED BY THE IRISH COURTS FROM GOING ABROAD FOR AN ABORTION. THIS REPORT ALSO LOOKS BACK TO THE BITTER ABORTION AMENDMENT OF 1983. THERE ARE NO STILLS AVAILABLE. TRANSCRIPTION REQUESTED Viewing Notes: Dr Mary Henry analyses SPUC and PLAC strategy. Mary Holland re Costello High Court Decision. Reference to hysterical arguments. Not the Irish way to go after individual women. Dr Mary Lucey – the important thing is that life exists. Dr Mary Henry comments as a mother – understand the way X’s mother must feel. Lucey:	HX60/02801 Basement

				the law of this country forbids abortion following rape. Helen Axby, Pregnancy Advice Centre (UK); William Binchy vs Michael McDowell – William predicted this. It's a major miscarriage of justice (Costello). Binchy: it's not a criminal act to go abroad for an abortion. Pregnancy testing at the airport? AG could have exercised discretion but did not. No balance. Wrong for the High Court to direct the child not to leave the country for 9 months. SPUC and PLAC overplayed their hand and deceived the people. Jim McDaid FF, Anne Kennedy, Life Pregnancy Counselling Service. Baby needs help. Life offered safe haven to the girl in order to have the baby. Alan Dukes re Costello. TRANSCRIBE DUKES LIST OF COUNTS. Fr Brian McKeivitt (editor ALIVE! Matt Cooper, the Last Word¹), Women Hurt by Abortion. Abortion is violence – should help the girl recover from the rape and care for the child. McDaid – we did not face up to issues in the past. Kennedy – every life has a right to life. McKeivitt – no exceptions – harmony between the rights of the mother and the child. TRANSCRIBED	
--	--	--	--	---	--

¹http://www.todayfm.com/player/podcasts/The_Last_Word_with_Matt_Cooper/The_Last_Word_with_Matt_Cooper/18630/0/fr_brian_mckevitt

1 ST Tx seq.	1 st Tx Cat.	Prog. ID	Series (as per RTE catalogue entry)	Title (as per RTE catalogue entry) plus catalogue and other viewing notes.	Tape & Location (Media ID)
19920219	19 Feb 1992	TY0137816 (1) Trans OK	Today Tonight NO. 1410	Abortion / Workers Party PART 1 Transcribed THE CONTINUING ABORTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL DILEMMA IS DISCUSSED IN VOX POP FROM DUBLIN AND MULLINGAR AND IN STUDIO BY TOM COONEY, IRISH COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES, MARY MCALEESE, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE LEGAL STUDIES, QUB; DEIRDRE CURTIN (EX BRUSSELS), PROFESSOR OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF UTRECHT: DR. PATRICIA CASEY, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY, MATER HOSPITAL/UCD: MAIRE GEOGHEGAN QUINN TD, MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TOURISM & COMMUNICATIONS; MARY HARNEY T.D. PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS; MADELEINE TAYLOR QUINN, TD, FINE GAEL. Viewing Notes: Both critical of judgement. Cooney re pregnancy testing. McAleese accuses Cooney of hysterical outburst then backs off as Cooney suggests legislation to uphold European running on freedom of travel to obtain services in another	HX60/03142 Bay 12 Basement

				country. Abortion is considered a service. Harney – invasion of the child’s privacy. Taylor Quinn – any woman could be asked is she going abroad for an abortion. MGQ – the state intervened in the free movement of a person. Both MGQ and Harney voted for the 8th amendment wording. Harney – unless the Supreme Court overturns Costello we need another referendum. Olivia: Consensus: What about those who can’t travel? TRANSCRIBED	
19920219	19 Feb 1992	TY0137816 (2) Trans OK	Today Tonight NO. 1410	Abortion / Workers Party PART 2 Cooney & McAleese, then Harney, Taylor Quinn and MGQ TRANSCRIBED	HX60/03142 Bay 12 Basement
19920222	22 Feb 1992	TY0009665	Today Tonight	Today Tonight: Abortion demo (insert) Protest against unlawful information as per Eighth Amendment. Crowds chanting “679 4700”	BP20/04940 Basement
19920225	25 Feb 1992	TY0137815	Today Tonight no. 1411	Abortion / Workers Party REPORT ON THE IMPLICATIONS FROM AN E.C. POINT OF VIEW ON THE SUPREME COURT RULING ON THE ABORTION CRISES . INTERVIEWS BY INGRID MILEY ON ASPECTS OF EUROPE AN LAW WITH M.E.P'S AND LEGAL EXPERTS. THIS REPORT DEALS WITH THE IMPLICATIONS FROM AN EC POINT OF VIEW ON THE CURRENT	HX60/03141 Bay 12 Basement

				ABORTION CONTRAVERSY AND THE WAY IT IS VIEWED BY CERTAIN MEP'S. CONTROVERSY: T.J. MAHER IN STUDIO IN BRUSSELS AND WILLIAM BINCHY S.C. AND GERARD HOGAN, LAW LECTURER, TCD, IN STUDIO IN DUBLIN DEBATE THE ISSUE WITH OLIVIA O'LEARY. TY0137815 Viewing Notes: Deirdre Curtain, Professor of International Law, University of Utrecht. Mary Banotti, FG, T.J. Maher on link.	
19920226	26 Feb 1992	TY0137313 Trans OK	Today Tonight no. 1412	Abortion / Incinerators. TODAY TONIGHT OFF AIR ABORTION/INCINERATORS Transcribed BRIAN FARRELL REPORTS LIVE FROM LONDON WHERE THE TAOISEACH HAS BEEN MEETING THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR (01'00'"): THE SUPREME COURT DECISION LIFTING THE HIGH COURT BAN ON A 14 YEAR OLD RAPE VICTIM TRAVELLING TO ENGLAND FOR AN ABORTION IS DISCUSSED IN STUDIO BY ALAN SHATTER TD, FINE GAEL SPOKESPERSON ON JUSTICE, WILLIE O'DEA TD, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ANNE O'DONNELL, FORMERLY THE RAPE CRISIS CENTRE AND DR. MARY LUCEY, PRESIDENT, SPUC WITH SEAN O'ROURKE.	HX60/01074 Basement

				Viewing Note: Lucey never wanted to restrict travel. Best thing is for X to keep the baby and be cared for. 8th amendment forbids direct killing. The double effect is in line with Catholic teaching. Also Anne O'Donnell we are exporting the problem, Willie O'Dea, Alan Shatter, counselling as per what students were doing is not lawful. TRANSCRIPT ORDERED	
19920310	Mar 10 1992	TY0137704	Today Tonight no. 1419	Pro Life Campaign TODAY, A GROUP CALLING THEMSELVES 'THE PRO-LIFE' CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED CAMPAIGN FOR ANOTHER ANTI-ABORTION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION. THE GROUPING GAVE WHAT IT CALLED THE FORMAL RESPONSE OF THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT TO THE SITUATION CONFRONTING THE GOVERNMENT AFTER THE SUPREME COURT JUDGEMENT (X case). ITS AIM WAS TO CLOSE OFF ANY POSSIBILITY OF LEAGALISED ABORTION IN THE REPUBLIC. PICS OF PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE START OF CAMPAIGN FOR REFERENDUM BY PRO LIFE CAMPAIGNERS.. AND FEATURING SEN DES HANIFIN	HX60/2557 Basement

				Viewing Notes: Hanafin says no abortion through the Oireachtas or the courts. Demand for a new referendum. Eamon O'Muiri report on the RC tradition at Linacre Centre for Health Care Ethics: conceptus is in the process of becoming a human being. However, note the concept of the double effect. Kenneth Kearon COI, Baroness Warnock, Dr Catherine Bannon, Padraig Flynn Minister for Justice.	
19920325	25 Mar 1992	TY0050497 Trans OK	Today Tonight NO. 1425	Abortion/Somalia Transcribed THE GOVERNMENT AGREES AN ABORTION PROTOCOL SO WILL A REFERENDUM FOLLOW? OLIVIA O LEARY DISCUSSES IN STUDIO WITH SENATOR DES HANAFIN (10'00"), MARY HARNEY TD MINISTER OF STATE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (EX DAIL: 05'00") AND EMILY O REILLY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT THE IRISH PRESS. Viewing Notes: Comment re voice of PLAC within FF ranks. Live: Hanafin wants another referendum to counter X case and make 8th amendment acceptable under Maastricht. Supreme Court judgement extraordinary because it did not take the spirit of	HX60/03046 Basement

				the people (in 1983) into account. Asks what lawful information is. Mary Harney, Min of State Dept of Envir takes Government policy to mean that the giving of information about abortion is lawful. Mr Justice McCarthy was critical of the Government for not legislating for the 8th amendment. TRANSCRIBED7745	
19920331	31 Mar 1992	BN92/091	NEWS B)	SOME FF CALLS FOR ABORTION REFERENDUM TX 9.00 THE FIANNA FAIL PARLIAMENTARY PARTY MEETING TOMORROW WILL FACE A MOTION CALLING FOR A SEPARATE REFERENDUM ON THE ABORTION ISSUE BEFORE THE MAASTRICHT TREATY REFERENDUM. FORMER MINISTER MICHAEL NOONAN HAS CRITICISED THE TAOISEACH'S HANDLING OF THE SITUATION SHOWS: EX LIB VINCENT BRADY WHO YESTERDAY CALLED FOR ANOTHER ABORTION REFERENDUM (09") I/V MICHAEL NOONAN - MAASTRICHT TREATY IMPORTANT, SHOULD NOT BE ENTANGLED WITH ANY OTHER ISSUE, IRISH PEOPLE SHOULD NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DECISION ON ABORTION AS THEY DID IN 1983, UNHAPPY ABOUT	BN92/091 Programme Library

				TAOISEACHS HANDLING OF THE SITUATION (1.20) WALKING SHOT AND I/V DES HANAFIN - ENCOURAGED BY SUPPORT OF TWO FORMER MINISTERS, NEVER LOBBIES SO CANNOT JUDGE SUPPORT (1.58) I/V TOM MCELLISTRIM - THERE HAS BEEN LOBBYING, ATTENDED LOCAL KERRY MEETING OF PRO LIFE CAMPAIGN, MANY TELEPHONE CALLS AFTER IT (2.55) REPORT CHARLIE BIRD NEWS C) FINE GAEL MEET ON MAASTRICHT / ABORTION TX 6.01 9.00 THE FINE GAEL FRONT BENCH MET TODAY TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF THE MAASTRICHT PROTOCOL ON ABORTION AND SAID LATER THE APPROACH TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT GIVE A CLEAR AND CERTAIN RIGHT FOR WOMEN TO TRAVEL FOR ABORTIONS AND RECEIVE ABORTION INFORMATION. THEY ARE CONSIDERING SEPARATE REFERENDA FOR MAASTRICHT AND ABORTION. SHOWS: FINE GAEL FRONT BENCH MEETING, JOHN BRUTON AND PAN AROUND TABLE (50") NATSOFO AN TAOISEACH ALBERT REYNOLDS HAS TOLD THE	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				DAIL THAT THE MAASTRICHT PROTOCOL ON ABORTION CANNOT BE CHANGED AT ALL WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE OTHER ELEVEN MEMBER STATES SHOWS: TAOISEACH IN DAIL - GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THE RIGHT TO LIFE (27") DICK SPRING - URGES MEETING OF PARTY LEADERS TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE, TAOISEACH - WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO FIND POLITICAL CONSENSUS, TREATY WAS SIGNED LAST FEBRUARY FOR THE POSITION AS IT STOOD, ANY CHANGE CAN ONLY BE EFFECTED BY AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHER ELEVEN STATES (1.46) JOHN BRUTON - FINE GAEL CONCERNED TO ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS (2.17) TAOISEACH IN DAIL - WITH V/O UNA CLAFFEY (2.39) REPORT UNA CLAFFEYA SPUC IS SEEKING A PERMANENT HIGH COURT ORDER PREVENTING A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM PUBLISHING ABORTION INFORMATION IN IRELAND. A TEMPORARY INJUNCTION HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED. SHOWS: EX LIB EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, FOUR COURTS, FORMER ATTORNEY	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				GENERAL JOHN ROGERS (25") KIERON WOOD I/C - BRIEF EX LIB ATTORNEY GENERAL HARRY WHELEHAN DURING REPORT (43") REPORT KIERON WOODI	
19920408	8 Apr 1992	TY0137423 Trans OK	Today Tonight NO. 1431	Abortion / UK Elections Transcribed MIRIAM FITZSIMONS REPORTS ON THE LAUNCH OF A CAMPAIGN TODAY TO REPEAL THE EIGHTH AMENDEMNT TO THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH LED UP TO THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES. URSULA BARRY, REPEAL THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN; TOM COONEY, IRISH COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES THE COMPLETE PROGRAMME IS RECORDED ON HC60/1390	HX60/01390 Basement
19920409	9 Apr 1992	TY0137842	Today Tonight NO. 1432	South Africa / Abortion. CAROLINE SIMON, SOLICITOR, PTO LIFE AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN; CATHERINE MCGUINNESS, SENIOR COUNSEL. STATEMENTS FROM TWO INTERVIEWEES ON THEIR POSITION ON ABORTION REFERENDUM. THE COMPLETE PROGRAMME IS DEPOSITED IN THE LIBRARY ON HX60/3289 TY0137842 Viewing Notes: Desmond O'Malley TD PDs: the right of the mother is paramount. The PDFs would oppose	HX60/03289

				FF if they tried to keep the 8th amendment provisions regarding the equal right of the mother and the unborn. (Need transcription)	
19920414	14 Apr 1992	TY0137797 Trans OK	Today Tonight NO. 1434	Abortion Debate Transcribed TODAY TONIGHT INSERT - ABORTION REPORT ON THE ABORTION DEBATE RE MAASTRICHT Viewing Note: The Government adjourned with no clarity on pro-life issue. SHANE MCELHATTON REPORTS ON THE DEBATE IN RELATION TO ABORTION ON THE MAASTRICHT TREATY INTERVIEWEES INCLUDED: BERNADETTE BONNAR - THE RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY. TY0137797 Viewing Notes: Live: Bonnar says 'information' as in the 'right to information' should mean that abortion is about killing babies. Claims there is evidence that the Government is preparing abortion legislation. Wants a pro-life referendum to overturn X before Maastricht. TOM COONEY - IRISH COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES: "don't know what wording there will be to make 8th	HX60/03051 Off-air copy

				amendment harmonise with Maastricht". Refers to anti-Maastricht farmers and pro-lifers. ISEULT O'MALLEY BL - FLAC DURATION; 7.53 Live: Frances Fitzgerald, Chair, Council for the Status of Women and Michael McDowell, Chair PDs. Fitzgerald worries that Irish women still will be injuncted, as in the X case. McDowell says what is being sought is a protocol which weds Maastricht with pro-life issues. Says Hanafin and Bonnar are not being told 'no' i.e. no pro-life referendum before Maastricht. Says Bonnar and Hanafin will extract concessions from FF. McDowell: Conditions where we must break with FF. Brigid Laffan, Professor of European Politics, UCD. Olivia: Start building up. Bishops – right to life of unborn not on the Government agenda. Maastricht on 18th June. Will give an indication re right to travel and info plus indication on main (substantive) issue Olivia's panel: Brendan Howlin, TD lab.; Gay	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				Mitchell TD FG; David Andrews TD FF. Mitchell the travel and information issues should be settled before Maastricht. FF is ambivalent. Not saying no to Bonnar and Hanafin. Howlin: the Government wants us to believe they will sort out travel and information before Maastricht. Protocol is enshrined in Maastricht. Andrew: the government will legislate but not in the sense she (Bonnar) means. Need transcript.	
19920505	5 May 1992	TY0137400	Today Tonight no. 1441	Apple Jobs/Right to Travel. BRIAN INTRO - RIGHT TO TRAVEL ISSUE - PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE MAASTRICH MAASTRICHT REFERENDUM AND THE CURRENT CASE OF ANOTHER INJUNCTION BEING BROUGHT A GAINST A WOMAN - PROHIBITING HER FROM TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE STATE.... Viewing Notes: Des O'Malley PD speech re PDs are a right to life party but see irreconcilable conflict may arise between foetus and mother. Albert Reynolds re upcoming referendum. No more injunctions from AS (X case). Vote no = more injunctions from	HX60/01295 Basement

				AG. Yes = no more injunctions. Very strong anti-abortion vox pops. No right to travel abroad for abortion. Howlin, Frances Fitzgerald Council for the Status of Women, Shane Murphy barrister pro-life. Right to travel OK, information may be assistance to destroy life of child. Have to re-run '83 referendum because Supreme Court (in X case) have not served the wishes of the people.	
19920505	5 May 1992	TY0137400	Today Tonight NO. 1441.	Apple Jobs / Right to travel. BRIAN INTRO - RIGHT TO TRAVEL ISSUE - PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE MAASTRICH MAASTRICHT REFERENDUM AND THE CURRENT CASE OF ANOTHER INJUNCTION BEING BROUGHT A GAINST A WOMAN - PROHIBITING HER FROM TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE STATE.... BETA - BRENDAN O BRIEN REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE THE DAIL AT AN ANTI ABORTION PICKET VOX POPS WITH PICKETEERS & DESSIE O MALLEY TD (EX LIB) AND ALBERT REYNOLDS (EX L IB) DURATION+ 4'54" [BX30/6076] BRIAN; INTERVIEW WITH FRANCES FITZGERALD, COUNCIL FOR THE STATUS OF WOMEN) SHANE MURPHY(BARRISTER AT LAW (ANTI	HX60/01295 Basement

				ABORTION) , BRENDAN HOWLIN TD,(LABOUR) DURATION; 10'00" WRAP AND ROLLER PROMO - DUR: 30" PATRIARCHY - SPECIAL REPORT BY MICHAEL HENEY FOR TX NEXT THURS. JOBS - APPLE/ COMPUTER INDUSTRY ON BX30/6828 RIGHT TO TRAVEL REPORT - ON BX30/6076	
19921001	1 Oct 1992	TY0137655	Prime Time Prog. 3	Abortion / Unemployment / Report from Brussels. THIS IS A COMPLETE PROGRAMME TAPE INCLUDING A REPORT FROM BRUSSELS BY OLIVIA O'LEARY. A REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN CLONMEL BY BRENDAN O'BRIEN AND A MAJOR REPORT BY AINE LAWLOR ON ABORTION. THERE IS ALSO AN I/V WITH DES O'MALLEY MIN FOR IND & COMM. 00.25.37 O LEARY TO CAMERA INTRODUCES ABORTION STORY. 00.26.06 ANTI ABORTION MARCH 00.26.45 AINE LAWLOR TO CAMERA INTRODUCES LEGAL POSITION ON ABORTION 00.27.29 GRAPHICS OF VARIOUS DOCTORS LETTERS TO IRISH TIMES MID 1992 00.28.42 PREGNANT WOMAN BEING SCANNED 00.29.22 DR CONOR CARR, CHAIRMAN, INSTITUTE OF	HX60/02322 OFF AIR COPY

				OBSTETRICIANS: WOMEN SHOULD PTO. BE GIVEN TREATMENT EVEN IF RISKY FOR FOETUS 00.29.40 ARTHUR TANNER, MD, FRCSI CHARLEMONT CLINIC: PREGNANCY SHOULDN'T PREVENT WOMAN FROM GETTING NECESSARY TREATMENT. 00.30.26 DR JULIA VAUGHAN, MAO. FRCOG MOUNT CARMEL HOSPITAL: CONCERNED THAT MOTHERS SHOULD BE TREATED FOR CANCER EVEN IF PREGNANT. 00.31.01 YOUNG WOMEN WALKING AND SITTING IN PARK. 00.31.20 DR CARR: LEGALLY DOCTORS SHOULDN'T DISCUSS ABORTION OPTION WITH NEEDY PATIENT. IN PRACTICE, THEY DO. 00.31.39 DR MARY HENRY, MD: SOME DOCTORS IN CONSULTATION WITH COLLEAGUES RECOMMEND ABORTION - AGAINST THE LAW. 00.32.10 PROF JAMES FENNELLY, CONSULTANT ONCOLOGIST, ST VINCENTS HOSPITAL: EVERYBODY CONFUSED BY LAW. HE INFORMS PATIENT FREELY ON ALL PTO..... OPTIONS. 00.32.45 GOOD SHOTS MOVING FEET ON PAVING. 00.33.13 DOCTOR (IN SHADOW) ON CASE OF	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				MUNSTER WOMAN WHO DIED OF CANCER HAVING RISKED NOT TAKING CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT BECAUSE SHE WAS PREGNANT. DOCTOR SAYS TODAY HE WOULD ADVISE HER TO CONSIDER HERSELF AND THE EXISTING CHILDREN FIRST. 00.35.00 BRENDAN HEDGUS, WIDOWER. HIS WIFE HAD TO STOP CHEMOTHERAPY WHEN SHE BECAME PREGNANT. HE WOULDN'T SEE AN ANIMAL SUFFER AS HIS WIFE DID. 00.36.20 PREGNANT WOMAN BEING SCANNED. 00.36.51 DR CARR: NO EASY ANSWERS. WOULD LIKE LOOSE APPROACH ALLOWING MEDICAL PROFESSION DISCRETION. 00.37.06 DR TANNER: WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE IN FAVOUR OF WOMANS LIFE. PTO..... 00.37.31 DR VAUGHAN: PLEAS FOR STOPPAGE OF PROBLEM MAKING. 00.37.57 DR HEARY: WOULD LIKE LEGISLATION TO COVER EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROBLEMS. DOESN'T WANT BLANKET ABORTION LAW. 00.38.41 AINE LAWLOR ON DIFFERING DOCTORS, LAWYERS AND POLITICIANS. 00.39.22 DOCTOR (IN SHADOW) ADVOCATES LEGAL RIGHT TO LIFE FOR WOMEN	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				00.40.02 HODGERS: HOSPITALS SHOULD OFFER FULL RANGE OF OPTIONS TO PATIENTS. 00.40.39 O LEARY WRAPS.	
19921006	6 Oct 1992	BN92/280	NEWS A)	ABORTION REFERENDUM TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER. THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO HOLD A CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM ON ABORTION AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER. IT WILL BE ONE OF THREE SEPARATE REFERENDA HELD ON THE SAME DAY, DECEMBER 3RD. TAPE SHOWS: NIGHT SHOT EXT. GOVERNMENT BUILDING (54"): DESMOND O MALLEY (LEADER PD'S) AT HIS DESK (10") : WALKING SHOT JOHN BRUTON INCLUDING FREEZE FRAME (14") : SHOT OF DICK SPRING (LEADER LABOUR PARTY)(27").....SHOTS OF GOV. BUILDING ARE INTERCUT WITH THE OTHERS WHICH ARE ALL EX LIB. REPORT: UNA CLAFFEYT NEWS B) ABORTION REFERENDUM - BACKGROUND TX 9.00 AND NN THIS WILL BE THE SECOND TIME THE IRISH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO VOTE ON THE ABORTION ISSUE. THE 1983 REFERENDUM WAS	BN92/280 Programme Library

				APPROVED BY A TWO TO ONE MAJORITY, AFTER A LONG AND HARD-FOUGHT CAMPAIGN. TAPE SHOWS: PEOPLE VOTING IN THE 1983 REFERENDUM (18"): EXT LEINSTER HOUSE INCLUDING INTERVIEWS WITH MICHAEL WOODS AND MICHAEL NOONAN IN THE SPRING OF 1983; THE FORMER IS VOICED OVER BY WALT KILROY BUT MICHAEL NOONAN SAYS "THE WORDING THE PRO LIFE AMENDMENT HAS PUBLISHED MIGHT BE THE VERY THING WHICH, INTERPRETED BY THE COURTS, COULD BRING IN ABORTION" (55"): 1983 PRO LIFE MARCH (04"): ANTI AMENDMENT MARCH (09"). REPORT: WALT KILROYE REACTIONS FROM OPPOSING VIEWS IN THE ABORTION DEBATE. TAPE SHOWS: I/V ELIZABETH O SHEA (LDUBLIN ABORTIONA AND INFORMATION CAMPAIGN) AINE DE PAOR (REPEAT THE 8TH AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN) AND WILLIAM BINCHY (PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN), ALL OF WHOM WELCOMES THE DECISION BUT WHO AWAIT THE	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				WORDING BEFORE THEY CAN COMMENT FURTHER.A	
19921109	9 Nov 1992	TY0139345	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS	O'REILLY,NOONAN,O'MALLEY,AHERN. ELECTION SPECIAL. Q4.DOES PANEL FEEL THAT ABORTION REFERENDUM IS GOING TO BE COMPLETELY OVER SHADOWED BY GENERAL ELECTION AND DO THEY FEEL THAT FOR POLITICAL PARTIES WHO HAVE NOT MADE THEIR POSITIONS CLEAR ITS VERY CONVENIENT.	HX90/04539 Basement
19940130	30 Jan 1994	TY0137741	FATHER MICHAEL CLEARY REMEMBERED	THIS PROGRAMME, PRODUCED AFTER FR CLEARY'S DEATH ON DECEMBER 31ST 1993, IS A COMPILATION OF SIX EXCERPTS FROM TELEVISION PROGRAMMES IN RTE ARCHIVES WHICH FEATURE FR CLEARY. INTRODUCED AND LINKED BY GAY BYRNE. A) THE RADHARC DOCUMENTARY 'AND NOW FOLKS FR CLEARY' FROM 1978 B) THE INCIDENT DURING THE PAPAL MASS IN GALWAY IN 1979 WHEN FR CLEARY RESTORED SILENCE AFTER A 15 MIN INTERRUPTION IN THE POPE'S HOMILY C) FR CLEARY SPEAKING ABOUT JIMMY MCGEE DURING THE LATE LATE SHOW TRIBUTE TO JIMMY MCGEE 1989 D) FR CLEARY ON THE SUBJECT OF ABORTION	HX60/02750 Basement Bay 11

				DURING THE 'X' CASE DEBATE - 1992 E) ON A PANEL DISCUSSING SMOKING ON ITS B IBI - OCTOBER 993 F) FR CLEARY'S FINAL TV APPEARANCE ON 'FOR ADULTS ONLY' DISCUSSING DEATH AND AFTERLIFE - 10TH NOVEMBER 1993	
19940130	30 Jan 1994	TY000000	Late Late Show	Hilights – Fr Michael Cleary on panel with Fr Tom Stack re X Case. NOTE: TX DATE IN COLUMN 1 IS NOT THE ORIGINAL TX DATE. THIS ITEM IS LINKED TO FR MICHAEL CLEARY REMEMBERED.	
19940414	14 Apr 1994	TY0029390 Trans OK	Prime Time Prog. 85	Abortion Information insert. Transcribed THE RIGHT TO GIVE INFORMATION IS STILL BEING CHALLENGED AND THE GOVERNMENT HASN NOT LEGISLATED. THIS REPORT IS RECAP ON THE LEGAL MAZE WHICH SURROUNDS ABORTION IN THIS COUNTRY. CAROLYN FISHER REPORTS: INTERVIEWEES: MARIA GIBBONS, WOMEN'S INFORMATION NETWORK, GALWAY; PADRAIC MCCORMACK, T.D., FINE GAEL; GERARD HOGAN, BARRISTER, LAW SCHOOL, TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN; DARINA COSTELLO, GALWAY FOR LIFE; TONY O'BRIEN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, IRISH FAMILY	BX30/08716

				PLANNING ASSOCIATION; MARY THORNTON, CHAIRPERSON, GALWAY FOR LIFE. THE OFF-AIR RECORDING OF THE PROGRAMME IS ONHX60/4784	
19940516	16 May 1994	TY0139389 Trans OK	Questions & Answers prog. 29	EAMON GILMORE / KEVIN MYERS / MARY HARNEY / SEAMUS BRENNAN Transcribed 2) WHAT DO PANEL THINK OF DR. (Desmond)O'CONNELL'S REMARKS YESTERDAY REGARDING DIVORCE? (Reference is to the Archbishop of Dublin). See: http://search.proquest.co m.elib.tcd.ie/hnpirishtime s/docview/525024926/B9 254574C6294F43PQ/167? accountid=14404 Accessed 20 th November 2016 Partial Viewing Notes: Seamus Brennan: It's the language of discord like the last time. Mary Harney: Eamon Gilmore: It was a loaded sermon referring to divorce, sex, homosexuality etc – everything liberal. Kevin Myers: Wrong footed last time. NB get Copy of O'Connell's speech at Knock:	HX90/04876

				Irish Times May 16 1994, p. 4 Archbishop denounces divorce as 'anti-social' In a strong attack on divorce and permissive attitudes in society, the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Desmond Connell, has warned that to bring in divorce because of marriage failure in some cases would be to abandon the foundation upon which family tradition depends. With the family under attack from "the increasing influence of permissive propaganda", Dr O'Connell went on: "It is time to look to our defences instead of contemplating surrender." (references to relaxed attitudes towards drink, drugs, sex in a society affected by greed and violence) Once the requirement of lifelong fidelity was removed, he said, "society promotes its own disintegration by granting its favour to a destabilising influence of the contraceptive culture, that society accepts a view of marriage that releases the married couple from all commitment to procreation, it opens the way to the final	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				debasement of marriage, the recognition of so-called homosexual marriages”. Parents today were coming under increased pressures, Dr Connell said, 2not least the influence of media support for a materialistic and permissive vision of life, not to speak of their hostility towards Catholic standards”. Another problem for parents was the permissive drift of recent legislation. It is said that it is not the function of the law to make people morally upright; but it is more profoundly true that corrupt moral behaviour can seriously injure the common good”. As the Irish State withdrew from supporting our moral tradition, Dr Connell told the congregation, 2the reason for the Church’s involvement in education becomes more pressing than ever. It was at a time when the religious vision of the public authority was unacceptable to our people that the Church fought the great education battle on behalf of the Catholic community. There is evidence enough that these circumstances are with us again, this time in	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				what concerns our moral vision". http://search.proquest.com.elib.tcd.ie/hnpirishtime/s/docview/525024926/9CA8153E496C4B81PQ/1?accountid=14404 accessed 20th November 2016	
19941018	18 Oct 1994	TY0137106 Trans OK	TUESDAY FILE PROG.3	CATHOLIC RIGHT Transcribed Contents: MIKE MILOTTE INVESTIGATES THE FEELING OF DISILLUSIONMENT AND DISENFRANCHISEMENT EXPRESSED BY MANY PEOPLE AT THE ADVANCE OF THE LIBERAL AGENDA AND THE SUBSEQUENT GROWTH OF ALTERNATIVE POLITICAL VOICES SUCH AS SOLIDARITY, MUINTIR NA HEIREANN AND THE CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY PARTY (FORMERLY CHRISTIAN CENTRIST PARTY). PRODUCED & DIRECTED BY PHILIP MCGOVERN. T.C. 00.00.00- 00.01.57 BARS & CLOCK 00.02.00 PROG. STARTS, OPENING ANIMATION. 00.02.31 EST. SHOTS OF THE 5 MAIN MOVERS IN THE CATHOLIC RIGHT: FIRST NORA BENNIS, CEANNAIRE, SOLIDARITY, ALSO A CANDIDATE IN THE MUNSTER CONST. IN THE EURO ELECTIONS WHO POLLED 25,000 VOTES,.. GERARD CASEY,	

				A PHILOSOPHY LECTURER WHO HAS JUST CHANGED HIS PARTY'S NAME FROM THE CHRISTIAN CENTRIST PARTY TO THE CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY PARTY; PETER SCULLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL (IRE.); DUN LAOGHAIRE COUNCILLOR RICHARD GREENE, CHAIRMAN OF MUINTIR NA HEIREANN, AND NIAMH NIC MATHUNA, CHAIRWOMAN, YOUTH DEFENCE.... 00.05.16 INT. RADIO KERRY STD. DURING EURO. ELECTION CAMPAIGN, SHOWS JOHN CUSHNAHAN, M.E.P., DES O'MALLEY, T.D., AND NORA BENNIS SPEAKING, (05'44") ARCHIVE FILM OF CATHOLIC CHURCH PROCESSION IN DUBLIN CITY CENTRE, RECENT GAY & LESBIAN DEMO. IN DUBLIN, CONDOMS ON SALE, CLASS-ROOM, EX LIB FILM OF DIVORCE ACTION GROUP CAMPAIGNERS (06'22") MIKE MILOTTE I/C, OUTSIDE CHURCH, (06'42") I/V NORA BENNIS, CEANNAIRE, SOLIDARITY (07'13") I/V REV. PROF. LIAM RYAN, HEAD OF SOCIOLOGY DEPT., ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH, (08'10") VOX POP OF SOLIDARITY	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				MEMBERS, (08'43") WALKING SHOT OF NORA BENNIS WITH HER POLITICAL MENTOR MAUREEN NORMOYLE, (09'41") SHOTS OF GERARD CASEY, CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY, SHAKING HANDS WITH NORA BENNIS, ADDRESSING MEETING, I/V GERARD CASEY, (10'24") W/S CAR DRIVING ON COUNTRY ROAD, SHOT OF F.F. LIMERICK T.D. MICHAEL J. NOONAN DRIVING CAR, I/V NOONAN (11'02") I/V SEAN HAUGHEY, T.D., (11'18") NORA BENNIS ADDRESSING SOLIDARITY RALLY IN GALWAY, MILOTTE I/C, (12'00") I/V GERARD CASEY (12'25") NORA BENNIS SAYING THEIR ULTIMATE AIM IS A SOLIDARITY GOVT., WITH SHOTS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ORG., MEMBERS SPEAKING (13'50") I/V DR. JIM MCDAID, T.D, IV/ MARY O'ROURKE, T.D., F.F. (14'50") YOUTH DEFENCE PROTESTERS, M.M. I/C, I/V NIAMH NIC MHATHUNA, CHAIRWOMAN, YOUTH DEF., WITH STILLLS OF PROTESTERS OUTSIDE HOME OF MIN. FOR HEALTH BRENDAN HOWLIN, T.D., (16'17") I/V DR. GABRIEL DALY, LECTURER IN THEOLOGY,	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				T.C.D., (16'51") SHOT OF NORA BENNIS WITH MAUREEN NORMOYLES OUTSIDE GALWAY COURTHOUSE, I/V BENNIS WHO REFUSES TO CRITICISE YOUTH DEFENCE TACTICS, SHOWS PEOPLE GATHERED OUTSIDE COURT, I/V GEORGE O'TOOLE, GEN. SEC., MUINTIR NA NEIREANN & NOEL GORMAN, (18'23") EXT. STH. DUBLIN PUB INT. PUB, SHOTS OF RICHARD GREENE, CHAIRMAN M NA H, ADDRESSING MEMBERS I/V GREENE (19'57") INT. OFFICES OF HUMAN LIFE INTERN. (IRE) I/V PETER SCULLY, CHIEF EXEC., INTERCUT WITH CLIPS FROM HLI AMATEUR VIDEO OF FR. PAUL MARX, OF HLI (US) ALSO QUOTES FROM LETTER WRITTEN BY FR. MARX ON IRELAND, SHOT OF SCULLY WITH DAVID MANLY, EDITOR OF 'THE IRISH FAMILY' NEWS FILM OF KILLING BY ABORTION ACTIVIST IN U.S. OF DOCTOR, (23'38") MIKE MILOTTE I/C, I/V GERARD CASEY (24'15") NORA BENNIS AT RALLY, I/V BENNIS (24'40") SHOWS NORA BENNIS MEETING WITH BISHOP OF FERNS BRENDAN COMISKEY, I/V BISHOP, INTERCUT WITH I/V	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				BENNIS (26'22") SHOWS BISHOP MICHAEL SMITH, BISHOP OF MEATH, SAYING SERMON, I/V BISHOP SMITH, CUT TO NORA BENNIS, (27'06") M. M. I/C, I/V GERARD CASEY, RICHARD GREENE, BENNIS, OUTLINGING AIMS (28'13") I/V MICHAEL J. NOONAN, JIM MCDAID, BISHOP BRENDAN COMISKEY... 00.28.57 CLOSING ANIMATION... 00.29.28 PROG. ENDS. THERE ARE NO STILLS AVAILABLE. ARCHIVE USED AS FOLLOWS: DE VALERA WITH PAPEL LEGATE, 1932 FROM "THE YEAR OF THE CONGRESS" LX1502. GAY PRIDE MARCH BN 385/93: CONDOM DISPLAY ON BSS 86/90: CLASSROOM FOOTAGE FROM "FAMILY MATTERS" ON "STAY SAFE CAMPAIGN" ON HX30/5108: DIVORCE ACTION GROUP PROTEST ON BN 36/86: PETER SCULLY AT YOUTH DEFENCE ANTI-ABORTION PRESS CONF. ON BN290/92: NEWS FOOTAGE OF MURDER OF FLORIA DOCTOR AND AIDE BY ANTI ABORTION PROTESTER WITH VOX POP PAUL HILL, WHO SHOT THEM ON RV211/94: BISHOP MICHAEL SMITH PREACHING FROM PULPIT ON BN 327/92.H	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				CLIP OF FATHER PAUL MARX ADDRESSING PUBLIC MEETING AND CARRYING ANTI-ABORTION PLACARD AT STREET DEMONSTRATION FROM AMATEUR VIDEO COURTESY OF HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL, IRELAND. STILL OF YOUTH DEFENCE PICKET ON BRENDAN HOWLIN'S CLINIC COPYRIGHT OF "PEOPLE" NEWSPAPERS, HIGH STREET, WEXFORD. FLASH FEE APPLIES. THERE ARE NO OTHER LEGAL RESTRICTIONS.A	
19941027	27 Oct 1994	TY0046843	Prime Time Prog. 119	The Abortion Debate MARIAN FINNUCANE PRESENTS THE ABORTION DEBATE - IT STARTS WITH A FILM INSERT 50,000 SECRET JOURNEYS - 3 WOMEN'S EXPERIENCE OF ABORTION 50,000 Secret Journeys is an independent production by the Picture House. In this documentary they talk to three Irish women about their abortions and how they feel about the experience. The three women travelled to England for abortions. Two had Legal Abortions and one had a "back-street abortion" THEN THERE WAS AN INSERT ON UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND THE	HX90/07676 OFF AIR RECORDING Part One - Dur 28.50 Part Two - Dur 42.27

				EXPERIENCE TODAY AS OPPOSED TO TWENTY YEARS AGO. THESE FILMS WERE FOLLOWED BY A STUDIO DEBATE WITH GERRY WHYTE, SENIOR LECTURER IN LAW, TCD, CAROLINE SIMONS, PRO-LIFE, DR CIARAN CRAVEN, DOCTORS FOR LIFE, MAXINE BRADY IFPA AND SENATOR MARY HENRY PART ONE - I/C MARIAN FINUCANE studio intro - FILM INSERT 50,00 Secret Journeys - documentary made by Picture House Productions for RTE [Dur 25.15] Note: Lurid descriptions of abortion experiences. V/O MARIAN FINUCANE concludes Part 1 PART TWO - I/C MARIAN FINUCANE introduces studio discussion panel incl:- GERRY WHYTE, Senior Lecturer in Law, TCD; CAROLINE SIMONS, Pro-Life Campaign; MAXINE BRADY, Irish Family Planning Association; Dr CIARAN CRAVEN, Doctors for Life; Dr MARY HENRY, Senator - FILM INSERT Unmarried Mothers - EAMON O MUIRI REPORT [Dur 9'39"] Incl B&W EX LIB extract from Seven Days: Unmarried mothers Tx Nov 29 1968 TY0101102 [contains footage of Abbey Actors - CHECK REUSE] - Contributors	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				incl:- I/V Dr VALERIE RICHARDSON, Department of Social Policy, UCD; I/V RITA BURTENSHAW, Chief Executive, Well Woman Centre; NOREEN BYRNE, Parents Alone Resource Centre Coolock; Sr ANNE BYRNE, Co-ordinator, CURA; SHEILA LAWLOR, Senior Social Worker; ANNE DUNNE, Senior Counsel - STUDIO DISCUSSION Partial viewing notes: Gerry White, Senior Lecturer in Law, UCD; Caroline Simon, Pro-Life Campaign; Maxine Brady, Irish Family Planning Association (IFPA). Travel issue OK Information issue – referral no, general information OK Ciaran Craven, doctors for Life: Abortion assistance information is beyond what is permissible. Senator Dr Mary Henry: women are not going to GPs. They are getting pregnancy testing kits and going to UK with no information at all. Craven: non-directive counselling OK. However, if she (the pregnant woman) gets information it is about killing in order to solve a problem. (NB it is legal for an agency to provide contact details for abortion clinics outside	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				the jurisdiction if the patient so requests see CitizensInformation: Abortion Information – the law. Abortion Information Act 1995 http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/health_services/women_s_health/abortion_information_the_law.html#rules accessed 21/11/2016) Substantive issue: Roll back X or retain X. Need legislation. Finish of ‘an Irish solution to an Irish problem’.	
19941128	28 Nov 1994	TY0054235 Trans OK	Questions & Answers	Charles MacCreedy / Mary Holland / Mervyn Taylor / Maurice Manning. Transcribed (Q4) RUTH CULLEN: AFTER LAST WEEKS DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN FF AND LABOUR ON THE ISSUE, DOES PANEL AGREE THAT THE ONLY WAY TO PROCEED WITH THE ABORTION QUESTION IS TO HOLD A REFERENDUM?	HX90/08718
19950303	3 Mar 1995	TY0138576 Trans OK	Prime Time Prog. 141	Abortion Information / Unionists. Transcribed MICHAEL MACMILLAN I/C, INTROS. TONIGHT'S MENU.. LEADS TO FIRST ITEM, ON THE NEWLY PUBLISHED LEGISLATION ON ABORTION INFORMATION... (03'18") BX20/1797... AINE LAWLOR EXAMINES WHAT THE LEGISLATION MEANS... SHOT	HX60/07460 OFF AIR COPY START TIME: 002.05 - FINISH TIME: 037.30

				OF RUTH RIDDICK, OF THE IRISH FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION, MAKING A PHONE CALL WHICH IS IN FACT ILLEGAL, MAKING AN APPOINTMENT FOR AN..... OPERATION, C/U PARAGRAPHS OF NEW LEGISLATION, I.F.P.A. POSTER.. I/V TONY O'BRIEN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, I.F.P.A., (04'15") ARCHIVE FOOTAGE OF 'PRO-LIFE' MARCH DURING AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN OF 1982, I/V DR. BERRY KIELY, (04'41") GRAPHIC OUTLINING POINTS OF GOVT. INFO. BILL... (05'14") NIGHT SHOT OF HALF MOON OVER LEINSTER HOUSE, I/V DR. LEONARD CONDREN, G.P. (06'18") W/S EXT. FAMILY PLANNING CENTRE, C/U ANTI ABORTION POSTER AFFIXED TO SIGN.. I/V TONY O'BRIEN (07'48") I/V DR. BERRY KIELY, REPEATING THAT THIS BILL PROMOTES ABORTION, (09'00") NIGHT SHOT OF LEINSTER HOUSE, EX LIB FILM OF PRIME TIME DEBATE ON THE ISSUE OF ABORTION, OCTOBER '92, IN WHICH DR. JOHN O'CONNELL, FIANNA FAIL MINISTER FOR HEALTH, EXPLAINING FORTHCOMING ABORTION INFO. LEGISLATION (09'48") STOCKSHOTS OF FERRYS &	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				AER LINGUS PLANE TAKING .. OFF, I/V DR. CONDREN, ENDING REPORT... (11'37") MICHAEL I/C, CHAIRS STD. DISCUSSION WITH LIZ O'DONNELL, T.D., PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS, CAROLINE SIMONS, PRO-LIFE AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN & MAIRE GEOGHEGAN- QUINN, T.D., FIANNA FAIL SPOKESPERSON ON HEALTH,... ON ISSUE OF ABORTION INFORMATION... BEGINS WITH M. GEOGHEGAN QUINN DEFENDING F.F. REFUSAL TO SUPPORT THE BILL, LIZ O'DONNELL SAYS THAT IT IS BETTER THERE IS A BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE, ALTHOUGH FLAWED, AND CAROLINE SIMONS SAYS THAT BILL IS ABOUT ADVERTISING.. DEBATE OVER WHAT INFORMATION & REFERALL MEAN... (22'57") MICHAEL I/C, I/V'S MICHAEL NOONAN, T.D, MINISTER FOR HEALTH, ON THE NEW LEGISLATION.. DEFENDS FACT THAT BILL BACKTRACKS ON WHAT PREVIOUS MINISTER, BRENDAN HOWLIN, WOULD HAVE DONE, NOT INCLUDING REFERRAL... MINISTER SAYS HE WAS GIVEN LEGAL ADVICE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL..	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				WOULD IT BE ILLEGAL TO MAKE A PHONE CALL TO ENGLAND ARRANGING AN APPOINTMENT FOR AN ABORTION? Viewing Notes: Liz O'Donnell, PDs: Pro-Life side need to understand the 1992 vote. Michael Noonan TD FG, there is no accepted definition of 'referral' in law.	
19950323	23 Mar 1995	TY0152208	Prime Time no. 144	X case Appeal Court judgement. Viewing note: Sentencing in the X Case. Mr. Z had illegal sex with a 14-year-old girl. Miriam Fitzsimons report. Studio: Breda Allen, Rape Crisis Centre & Tom Cooney, Faculty of Law, UCD.	HX60/08169
19950504	4 May 1995	TY0150676 Trans OK	Prime Time no. 149	Pornography/Divorce Transcribed PROPOSAL MADE THIS WEEK BY THE MIN. FOR EQUALITY & LAW REFORM MERVYN TAYLOR THAT THE TERMS UNDER WHICH DIVORCE CAN BE GRANTED SHOULD BE WRITTEN INTO THE CONSTITUTION... 2725 SET UP REPORT BY INGRID MILEY.. BX21/3478... ON THE LESSONS LEARNT BY PREVIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL BATTLES.. EX LIB FOOTAGE FROM THE 1983 ABORTION	HX30/05436 Off-air copy

				AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN & THE 1986 DIVORCE REFERENDUM. 2804 GRAPHIC, SHOWING HOW SUPPORT FOR DIVORCE IN 1986 EVAPORATED.. 2821 STOCKSHOT OF PEDESTRIANS. 2832 I/V MERVYN TAYLOR, T.D., MIN. FOR EQUALITY & LAW REFORM. 2856 STOCKSHOTS OF VOTERS ENTERING POLLING STATION, INT. POLLING STATION. 2918 MICHAEL CHAIRS STD. DISCUSSION WITH GUESTS MARY HARNEY, T.D., LEADER, PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS, JOE MCCARROLL, FAMILY SOLIDARITY... DISCUSS THE >>> PROPOSAL BY MIN. TAYLOR TO PUT THE TERMS INTO THE CONSTITUTION.. MARY HARNEY SAYS WE MUST LEARN LESSONS FROM THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE ABORTION AMENDMENT.... THREAT TO ALL-PARTY CONSENSUS ON DIVORCE. TY0150676 Viewing Notes: Mary Harney TD, Leader, Progressive Democrats. Joe McCarroll, Family Solidarity. Mags O'Brien. Harney: Lessons of 1983 were that these were complex moral issues and not for the Constitution.	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				5 people in the Supreme Court to decide what is 'irretrievable breakdown'. "Politicians can't be trusted". Politicians themselves are responsible for this view.	
19950727	27 Jul 1995	TY0151797 Trans OK	Prime Time Prog. 162	Euthanasia / Divorce. Transcribed IN THE RUN UP TO THE DIVORCE REFERENDUM IN NOVEMBER THE BATTLEGROUND IS LIKELY TO FOCUS ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND THEIR SUFFERING ASW A RESULT OF DIVORCE. CATHY MOORE REPORTS: INTERVIEWEES: DON LYDON, HEAD OF DEPT. OF PSYCHOLOGY, ST.JOHN GOD OF HOSPITAL; MAURA WALL MURPHY, CO-ORDINATOR, FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICE; JOHN POWER; LISA POWER; AGNES EDWARDS; RICHARD BARCOE. THE OFF-AIR RECORDING OF THE PROGRAMME S ON HX60/1794. Viewing Note: Mags O'Brien, DAG & Joe McCarroll, ADC. 48% increase in marriage breakdown according to census - claimed	HX60/1794 Off air copy
19950914	14 Sep 1995	TY0151820	Prime Time Prog. 170	Dungarvan AIDS Scare / Divorce. 2129 SIMULATION OF COUPLE ARGUING IN PARK/ GRAPHIC GIVING FIGURES FOR RATE OF	HX60/02302 Off-air copy

				MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN SINCE 1986/ RATE OF MARRIAGE/ BIRTH RATE. 2227 I/V NORA BENNIS. 2251 I/V MAGS O'BRIEN. 2312 SIMULATION OF COUPLE ARGURING/ GRAPHIC GIVING FIGURES FOR SUPPORT FOR DIVORCE IN POLLS SO FAR. 2332 I/V PETER WARD. 2349 I/V JOE MCCARROLL. 2358 I/V BERNIE BRADLEY, JANE MURPHY. 2410 VOX POP ON VOTING INTENTIONS IN REFERENDUM. 2452 MIRIAM I/C, IN STD, CHAIRS DISCUSSION WITH MERVYN TAYLOR, T.D., MINISTER FOR EQUALITY & LAW REFORM AND LOUIS POWER, ANTI-DIVORCE CAMPAIGN... >>>>>> MARVYN TAYLOR DEFENDS THE GOVT. INFORMATION CAMPAIGN/ LOUIS POWER REJECTS FIGURE QUOTED FOR MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN. Viewing Notes: FitzGerald –‘a dishonest campaign’. Joe McCarroll ADC ‘honest’. FitzGerald re Church. Mags O’Brien re local radio, property and ??? in 1986. Taylor live. Louis Power, ADC, queries 75,000 breakdown figure. Real figure is lower indicating	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				marriage stability in Ireland. Taylor: 1/6 marriages breakdown. Policy for divorce was in the election.	
19950918	18 Sep 1995	TY0153058	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PROG.2 CURRAGH	Patricia McKenna MEP, Green Party; Emmet Stagg TD, Lab., Minister of State Department of Transport, Energy and Commerce; Charlie McCreevy, TD, FF; Patricia Casey, Professor of Psychiatry, UCD. 3) SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT GIVE HALF OF THE TAXPAYERS' EXPENDITURE TO THE ANTI-DIVORCE LOBBY TO CONDUCT THEIR CAMPAIGN? Partial Viewing Notes: Stagg TD Lab: IR£500,000 not being spent on the campaign. Charlie McCreevy TD FF: Referendum Commission Patricia Casey: Gerry (questioner) Don't give the opposition sticks to beat you with. Woman in red: no taxpayers' money should be spent.	HX90/01731
19950926	26 Sep 1995	TY0152178	Prime Time Prog. 172	Michael Lowry / Divorce. 2727 CUT TO MICHAEL, WHO PREVIEWS NEXT ITEM ON DIVORCE.. WITH FOOTAGE OF DAIL.. PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS	HX60/07865

				SHOULD ONLY HAVE SEPERATION IN IRELAND 1612 I/V CIAN O TIGHEARNAIGH. 1716 I/V DR. JOHN H TRIPP/ I/V DR. MICHAEL FITZGERALD. 1809 ACTORS POSING AS FAMILY... (AS HAS BEEN INTERCUT THROUGHOUT REPORT)... MIKE I/C,. 13'19; MICHAEL INTERVIEWS JOE MCCARROLL - ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN, ALAN SHATTER, TD FG Viewing notes: "Divorce and Marital Breakdown: an update" Catholic Bishops Conference 1994. Martin Richards, Centre for Family Research, Cambridge. NB Exeter Research on Children by Tripp & Crockett. Richards questions report. Cian O Tighearnach, ISPCC Childline. Already have the circumstances for divorce in Ireland. It's what has been going on beforehand. 75,000 people separated.	
19951031	31 Oct 1995	TY0152196 Trans OK	Prime Time Prog. 181	Divorce / Quebec Referendum. Transcribed 00.42 MIRIAM INTROS. DIVORCE BETA.	HX60/08109 Off-air copy

				TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME IS ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. Note: This follows the revelations about clerical child abuse which had begun to be reported. PART 1 - OPENS WITH AUDIENCE DISCUSSION THEN GAY INTRODUCES THE PANEL - DR WILLIE WALSH, BISHOP OF KILLALOE/PATRICIA COYLE, JOURNALIST/FR. BRENDAN HOBAN/PRIEST IN THE DIOCESE OF KILLALOE & SR. MAURA CLUNE, SISTER OF OUR LADY OF SION. DURATION OF PART 1 = 26'50". PART 2 - THE DISCUSSION CONTINUES WITH PANEL AND AUDIENCE. DURATION OF PART 2 = 31'46" Note: Cardinal Cathal Daly in the final part of the show in heated exchange with Fr Brian Darcy.	
19951107	7 Nov 1995	TY0152308 Trans OK	Prime Time Prog. 183	Prime Time Prog. 183 Pro Divorce Campaign / Northern Ireland Peace Impasse. Transcribed IN THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME: JERRY O'CALLAGHAN REPORT ON THE PRO-DIVORCE CAMPAIGN: BX21/8137; NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS: BX32/5689. PROGRAMME PRESENTED BY MIRIAM O'CALLAGHAN.	HX60/08826 OFF AIR COPY

				ROBERT MALONE, WHOM SHE MARRIED IN NORTHERN IRELAND. 10.41 'RIGHT TO REMARRY' CAMPAIGN HOLDING PRESS CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND THE FAMILY/ I/V DR. SHEILA GREENE, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, T.C.D.. 11.40 WALKING SHOT OF EMMA BYRNE, RIGHT TO REMARRY CAMPAIGN, WHOSE PARENTS SEPERATED WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD/ I/V EMMA. 13.07 RIGHT TO REMARRY CAMPAIGN PRESS CONFERENCE/ I/V PETER WARD, RIGHT TO >>>>> REMARRY CAMPAIGN. 13.51 ELEVATES SHOTS OF CORK QUAYS & CITY, WITH VOICES OF MICHAEL O'CONNELL AND MARGARET MALONE, SUNSET. 14.53 MIRIAM I/V'S TERRY REILLY, EDITOR, THE WESTERN PEOPLE, EX LINK MAYO, WHO DESCRIBES LEVEL OF CAMPAIGNING THERE.. FOLLOWED BY STD. DISCUSSION WITH JIM HIGGINS, T.D., GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP AND EANNA JOHNSON, ANTI-DIVORCE CAMPAIGN.	
19951109	9 Nov 1995	TY0153114	Prime Prog. 184	Northern Ireland / Drugs / Divorce Opinion Poll. IN THIS WEEK'S PROG: MORTHERN IRELAND (BX20/2334), FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION.	HX90/02510 OFF AIR COPY

				JAMES NUGENT, CHAIRMAN, BAR COUNCIL OF IRELAND/ I/V MARY O'MALLEY, SOLICITOR/ I/V GERRY DURCAN.. ALL OF WHOM DESCRIBE A STRAINED & OVERWORKED FAMILY COURT SYSTEM.. 07.50 INT. SHOTS OF RUNDOWN COURT BUILDINGS/ I/V MARY O'MALLEY, ON COURTS IN THE COUNTRY, EXT. ONE ROOM WITH SIGN ON DOOR SAYING 'MALE PRISONERS ONLY' 08.26 I/V GERRY DURCAN, ON COURT 21, DUBLIN CIRCUIT COURT WHERE FAMILY LAW CASES ARE HEARD. 09.11 EXT. & INT. SHOTS OF GALWAY FAMILY CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING, WHICH >>>>>>>> HAS RECENTLY BEEN REFURBISHED/ I/V EAMON MURPHY, GALWAY FAMILY GUIDANCE INSTITUTE. 09.58 I/V JAMES NUGENT. 10.41 I/V GERRY DURCAN, ON HOW THERE WILL BE INCREASED PRESSURE ON THE COURTS IF DIVORCE COMES IN. 11.24 I/V MERVYN TAYLOR, T.D., / I/V MARY O'MALLEY. 11.59 I/V GERRY DURCAN, INTERCUT WITH I/V JAMES NUGENT, TALKING ABOUT THE INADEQUACIES OF THE SYSTEM. 13.25 MIRIAM I/V'S ALAN SHATTER, T.D., FINE GAEL	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				AND BEN O'FLYNN, LAWYERS AGAINST DIVORCE, IN STD., IN DEBATE WHICH FOCUSSES ON THE LEGAL ARGUMENTS IN THE DIVORCE ISSUE. 21.58 MIRIAM I/V'S JOHN BROMLEY, EDITOR, DONEGAL DEMOCRAT, EX LINK DONEGAL>>>>> ON LEVEL OF ACTIVITY THERE IN CAMPAIGNING COMING UP TO REFERENDUM. Viewing notes: Unpreparedness of courts to process divorce cases. (15th Amendment passed 25th November 1995) Shatter: Judicial Separation and Family Law Reform Act 1989. Beno Flynn John Bromley, Editor, Donegal Democrat on link. Very little activity in Donegal. Organised 'yes' campaign & 'Right to Remarry' – Labour Party. Last time (1986) Donegal had the highest 'no' vote.	
19951116	16 Nov 1995	TY0062434 Trans OK	Prime Time Prog. 186	Divorce Debate (ex Limerick) Transcribed PRIME TIME - DIVORCE DEBATE - OB EX LIMERICK PRESENTED BY MIRIAM O'CALLAGHAN PANELISTS - LIZ MCMANUS TD - MINISTER OF STATE, DEPT OF ENIVRONMENT (YES CAMPAIGN)	HX60/08985 (TY0152333)

				NORA BENNIS - NO DIVORCE CAMPAIGN AUDIENCE OF 48 PEOPLE - 24 YES CAMPAIGNERS - 24 NO CAMPAIGNERS NO LOBBY. MONICA BONNAR(ANTI), MAIRTIN O DROMA (ANTI), PAT LYNCH (NO DIVORCE), JOE ASHTON (ANTI), NORMA CAHILL (NO DIVORCE), SHARON RAY (ANTI), MARGARET KELLY (ANTI) MRS FLYNN (ANTI) BENEDICT O' FLYNN BL (ANTI), MAUREEN NORMOYLE (NO), JOHN DEVANE GER HEALY(ANTI), DERMOT O'REILLY (ANTI), PADRAIC MAHER (CORK NO DIVORCE) IDE MCLOUGHLIN, LAURA BREEN (CORK NO DIVORCE) DENIS O'CONNOR (MUINTIR NA HIIREA NN) MARTIN HAYES (ANTI), DAVID BLAKE (PHILOSOPHY LECTURER) KIRSTIN FULLER MICHAEL REILLY (MUINTIR NA HIIREANN) SEAN BUCKLEY, MICHAEL LEAHY (ANTI), TERESA HEANEY (WEST CORK ANTI) DAVID LEACH (LAB), MARY GUILFOYLE (RIGHT TO REMARRY), MAGS O'BRIEN (RIGHT TO REMARRY) JACKIE O'BRIEN (RIGHT TO REMARRY), JANE POWER (GREEM PARTY) ?? DEMPSEY, TADHG KEARNEY (PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS), DAN BOYLE (GREENS)	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				CATHY HURLEY (RIGHT TO REMARRY) HELENA CLOSE (DL) JOHN GILLIGAN(RIGHT TO REMARRY GERALDINE SHERIDAN (LAB), MARIE O'CONNOR (FG), DAN O'GORMAN (FG), ANNE LEDWIT H (RIGHT TO REMARRY), JOHN RYAN, GERRY MCMAHON (FF), SIOBHAN FAHY (FG), SEN. JAN O' SULLIVAN (LABOUR) JOHN RYAN (DL), RON MCCOY, SEN. MADELEINE TAYLOR-QUINN (FG) MARY GLYNN, DECLAN WALSH (LAW LECTURER). THERE IS A TEASER OF 23" DURATION, FOLLOWED BY CLOCK. PROG. STARTS. 00.00.00... PROG. ENDS. 40.47 [PROG. STARTS: 03.49, PROG. ENDS. 44.36 - TIMECODE] Viewing Notes: Liz McManus (Lab) and Nora Bennis (Solidarity and No Divorce Campaign) Woman – Edith re Ron McCoy “It’s no fault divorce” John: complacent – central question is ‘will we allow those people to remarry?’ Sean Buckley: ferociously against divorce. ‘If a man walks away is it compassion to let him remarry?’	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				Nora Bennis re Ron McCoy – not good law. Must be for the common good (i.e. not just for a minority of people who want to remarry). There are women who don't want divorce. Mary Glynn believes in marriage and the right to marry again. Teresa is a Catholic and believes to remarry is adultery against the law of God. Madeleine Taylor Quinn: Do we as Catholics have to impose our views on the minority? Mags O'Brien: We are failing to say that the first family is protected. Padraic Meaghar: What right have you to tell Mags she doesn't have the right to remarry. We have seen a society that has accepted no fault divorce over a generation. Sheridan: Ireland very different to the US. Women as 'pathetic victims'. Martín O Droma: We are hiding the real truth – that many other rights have to be sacrificed such as the right to have a permanent marriage; the right not to be divorced against your will.	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				Liz McManus: Sometimes marriage doesn't work out. Rights to be sacrificed. State cannot force people together or apart. Nora Bennis: Women will be divorced against their will. Also children. Older man: No fault divorce is divorce by force. Declan Walshe: Right of first family does not disappear. Anne: Woman are not constantly victims. John Gilligan: Abuse Academic: Short term contract. Man: The other side is forcing on us something that doesn't work in any other country. Man: Divorce leads to a list of evils – not compassion – barbarism. Madeleine Taylor Quinn: Stay safe. Man: You are contributing to marriage breakdown. May Guilfoyle re Kirstin – child of separated parents?	
19951120	20 Nov 1995	TY0017210	Prime Time	DIVORCE CAMPAIGN POSTERS (GRAPHICS)	BX11/02218
19951120	20 Nov 1995	TY0062510 Trans OK	QUESTIONS AND	DIVORCE REFERENDUM Transcribed	HX90/07968

			ANSWERS PROG.9	PANEL RORY O HANLON ROSEMARY SWORDS MICHAEL NOONAN PETER WARD DEIRDRE BROSAN; (1) DO THE PANEL THINK THAT PATRICIA MCKENNAS COURT VICTORY WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE REFERENDUM? MARTINA SHERIDAN: (2) SINCE THE NO CAMPAIGN IS OBVIOUSLY VERY WELL FUNDED, SHOULD WE BE TOLD WHO'S PAYING? EANNA JOHNSON: (3) DOES THE PANEL BELIEVE THAT DIVORCE WILL LEAD TO IMPROVERISHMENT OF THE FIRST FAMILY? CLARA CLARKE: (4) WE ARE BEING ASKED,BY THE ANTI-DIVORCE SIDE, TO VOTE NO IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE FAMILY. THERE ARE MANY OCCASIONS WHEN HE SECOND FAMILY PROVIDES A SECURE HAVEN FOR THE SPOUSE AND THE CHILDREN FROM A BROKEN MARRIAGE YET THE SECOND FAMILY HAS NO LEGAL STATUS OR PROECTION WHATSOEVER. WILL THE PANEL PLEASE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.? PAUL BURTON: (5) DOES THE PANEL THINK THAT THE DECISION BY JOHN	
--	--	--	---------------------------	---	--

				HUME TO PUBLICLY SUPPORT A YES VOTE WILL BE SEEN AS A DEFINING MOMENT IN THIS CAMPAIGN PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HIS UNRIVALLED RECORD DEFENDING MINORITY RIGHTS. Viewing notes: McKenna victory (Patricia McKenna is a former MEP and is responsible for the successful 1995 Supreme Court challenge to government use of public funds to secure a Yes vote in referendums, which established the “McKenna principles”. See The Irish Times http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/patricia-mckenna-referendum-commission-s-original-role-should-be-restored-1.2209827 Michael Noonan: worried because if misinformation being spread especially by the ‘No Divorce@ campaign. Money from outside the state – The Moral Majority. O’Hanlon: the law is the same now as it was before. Peter Ward: Right to Remarry campaign has no money. Fear is the issue. Swords: Anti Divorce Campaign (ADC) are just people on the ground.	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				Brosnan (Yes voter) there have been some untruths. Gross misrepresentations. Government very clear. Will the 'No' side open their books. Who is paying? O'Hanlon: finance is 99% voluntary according to Peter Scully (campaign secretary). Small amount came through from US. Ward: Massive funding behind 'No Divorce' campaign. Posters to create social panic £50,000. Swords: Ordinary people funding. Ward: Let's all publish our accounts. Noonan: Yes and No leaflets – cost of billboards – Catholic Church. You are poor-mouthing. If Government has to be fair to Yes and No so should the Church. Government – Liberal agenda. Muintir na hEireann – only got \$100. Noonan: should apologise to Mr. Shatter. Letter from Human Life International requesting	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				\$60,000 – American fundamentalists. O’Hanlon: would accept funds from any source in the world but not aware of any. This is a smear campaign. Johnson: the first family will be impoverished. Ward: rights denied by 1986 Noonan: re scare O’Hanlon: illegitimate children Swords: support will be moved from one (family) to another. 15 O’Hanlon: divorce escalates – US 52% - UK 40 – 50%. Breakdowns in Ireland much less. Clara Clarke: living in a second relationship. Man in audience anti no-fault divorce. Paul Burton: John Hume support. O’Hanlon: Divorce destroys the common good.	
19951121	21 Nov 1995	TY0152319	Prime Time Prog. 187	Divorce Debate – Clifden OB. MIRIAM INTROS PROGRAMME & GUESTS STUDIO DEBATE MIRIAM WRAPS CLOSING CREDITS	HX60/08887 Off-air copy

				GUESTS - MERVYN TAYLOR TD MINISTER FOR EQUALITY & LAW REFORM - JOE MCCARROLL - ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN INVITED AUDIENCE OF FORTY FOUR - TWENTY TWO ANTI - TWENTY TWO PRO PRO-DIVORCE - JOE STANLEY (FORMER PRIEST), NIAMH NOLAN (GREEN), PATRICK FITZPATRICK (GREEN) CLIONA MURPHY (RIGHT TO REMARRY) ANGELA MCGUINNES (DEMOCRATIC LEFT), JACKIE O'DOWD (DL), STAN MCKEOWN (DL), MICHAEL GIBBONS PATRICIA GIBBONS (FF), JIMMY BRICK (DL) NUALA KERR, GERRY CONNELLY , MARY LARKEN (LAWYER), KENNY POLLINGTON, SIOBHAN FITZMAHONY (GALWAY FOR DIVORCE), TRESSAN DOOLEY KELLY (SEPARATED LAWYER), PHILIP DONOGHUE, CHARLIE BURKE, P K JOYCE, KATHLNN O DONOVAN (SEPARATED), HER SON, HELEN GREELY (PSYCHOLOGIST), ANTI DIVORCE JOHN JOE HOLLERAN (FARMER), CLARE DUIGAN, SHEILA HANLEY (CHRISTIAN), FRANK FLANAGAN (CHRISTIAN), JOHN WOOD (CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY), SEAN O'DOMHNAEL (CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY), SEAMUS GRIMES, CIARAN MADIGAN, MARY LOU DOHERTY,	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				ALAN GANON(LAWYER), MARGARET CLAMPET (SEPARATED), CRAIG SIEMENS, LIZ DONNELLY (ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN), STEVE MOORE (ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN), EDEL CROSBY (ANTI DIVORCE CAMPAIGN) SIOBHAN O'HAHD, BRIDIE FINN, LIAM MADDEN, IMELDA GALLAGHER, IMELDA GALLAHER, MIRIAM KELLY, EAMON O'DWYER, DEIRDRE MANIFOLD Viewing Notes: Mervyn Taylor, Minister for Equality and Law Reform, Joe McCarroll, ADC. Siobhán – The introduction of divorce causes marital breakdown. Taylor: we have had 18 pieces of legislation since 1986 addressing the problems. Marital breakdown has escalated since 1986. At that time (1986) the anti divorce side said ‘keep the prohibition and it will stop breakdowns’. Treasa (VG on pro side) John Joe: land is what matters? Cliona: child of unhappily married parents. Joe McCarroll challenges Taylor. Joe (former priest)	
--	--	--	--	--	--

				No proof that divorce causes marital breakdown. Sheila Hanley: married women in urban areas. Says that boy (in the audience) said he would love for his parents to be reconciled. The boy says that he didn't say that. Frank Flanagan: 'Til death do us part'??? Will be 4 or 5 years union. Quotes constitution. Supreme Court re spending on Government campaign. Miriam Kelly Taylor re funding counselling. Joe McCarroll re his own life. Separated. Moral issue. He made a promise and feels that he should stick to it. Woman who is 17 years separated. Now in second relationship with two children. Lawyer re the wife-beater and others who misbehave. Siobhán: O'Donoghue: Amendment is a fraud. (Craig strong). No fault divorce. It will be like America.	
--	--	--	--	---	--

				TO PRESS/ I/V JOAN BURTON, T.D., MIN. OF STATE, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WHO IS CRITICAL OF FIANNA FAIL/ EX LIB FILM/ I/V STEVE SHANAHAN, ON 'HELLO DIVORCE, GOODBYE DADDY' POSTER/ PRO-DIVORCE CAMPAIGNERS AT COUNT CENTRE...	
19990929	29 Sep 1999	IHI6003	Prime Time	The Catholic Church. Prog. 1	
19990930	30 Sep 1999	IHI6004	Prime Time	The Catholic Church Prog. 2	
19990930	30 Sep 1999	IHI6004	Prime Time	The Catholic Church Prog. 2 (end part 2)	
20060827	8 Aug 2006	PTF0047	Garret FitzGerald at Eighty Prog. 1	John Bowman interview re childhood and early life. Note: Recorded just prior to the death of Charles Haughey.	PXD6/02021
20060903	3 Sep 2006	PTF0047	Garret FitzGerald at Eighty Prog. 2	Vincent Browne interview re political aims and achievements.	PDX6/02022
20060910	10 Sep 2006	PTF0047	Garret FitzGerald at Eighty Prog. 3	Marian Finucane interview re liberal reforms and personal life.	PDX6/02023
20060917	17 Sep 2006	PDF/0047	Garret FitzGerald at Eighty Prog. 4	Martin Mansergh interview re Northern Ireland.	PDX6/02024
20120723	23 Jul 2012	IH00027989 7	TV-50 Battle Station Ep. 1	Transcribed (partial)	Uploaded by RTÉ to author
20180313	13 Mar 2018	AR2425081	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Anna's Story Transcribed	MP3
20180314	14 Mar 2018	AR2425139	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Tracy's Story Transcribed	MP3
20180315	15 Mar 2018	AR2425159	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Tanya's Story Transcribed	MP3
20180318	18 Mar 2018	AR2425334	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Paula's Story Transcribed	MP3
20180320	20 Mar 2018	AR2425244	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Nicola's Story Transcribed	MP3

20180321	21 Mar 2018	AR2425288	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Catriona's Story Transcribed	MP3
20180410	10 Apr 2018	AR2425701	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Pat's Story Transcribed	MP3
20180411	11 Apr 2018	AR2425764	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Gerry's Story	MP3
20180417	17 Apr 2018	AR2425915	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Hazel's Story	MP3
20180418	18 Apr 2018	AR2425915	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Vicky's Story	MP3
20180419	19 Apr 2018	AR2424981	Drivetime/ Abortion Stories	Aoife's Story Transcribed	MP3
20180508	8 May 2018	AR2426643	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Aoife's (?) Story	https://rte.ie/r.html?rii=b9_2136283_2_83_08-05-2018
20180509	9 Apr 2018	AR2426444	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Linda's Story	https://rte.ie/r.html?rii=b9_2136519_4_83_09-05-2018
20180510	10 Apr 2018	AR2426505	DriveTime/ Abortion Stories	Emily's Story	https://www.rte.ie/radio1/drivetime/programmes/2018/0510/962640-drivetime-
20180514	14 May 2018	IH00035424 8 Trans OK	Claire Byrne Live Referendum Special	Transcribed Orla O'Connor, Co-Director, together for Yes; Dr Peter Boylan, Chair, Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (Yes); Mary Lou McDonald, Sinn Féin (Yes) Maria Steen, The Iona Institute (No); Dr John Monaghan, Consultant Obstetrician, Gynaecologist (No); Mary Butler, TD, Fianna Fáil (No)	Recorded off-air

20180516	16 May 2018	AR2426657	DriveTime/Abortion Stories	John's Story Transcribed	https://www.rte.ie/radio1/drivetime/programmes/2018/0516/963995-drivetime-wednesday-16-may-2018/?clipid=102815082#102815082
20180518	18 May 2018	AR2426671	DriveTime/Abortion Stories	Marian's Story	https://www.rte.ie/radio1/drivetime/programmes/2018/0518/964483-drivetime-friday-18-may-2018/?clipid=102818512#102818512
20180522	22 May 2018	IH000361586 Trans OK	Prime Time Abortion Referendum Debate	Transcribed (partial) Simon Harris TD, Minister for Health (Yes); Peadar Tóibín, TD SF (No). Presenters: Miriam O'Callaghan and David McCullagh.	Recorded off-air
20180523	23 May 2018	TV3 Trans OK	Pat Kenny Show – Referendum Debate	Transcribed (partial) Colm O'Gorman, Executive Director Amnesty Ireland (Yes); Regina Doherty TD, Minister for Employment and Social Protection (Yes); Maria Steen, The Iona Institute (No); Senator Rónán Mullen, Independent (No)	Recorded off-air
20180526	26 May 2018	IH000366060 Trans OK (partial)	Abortion Referendum 2018 Results PM Programme	Transcribed (partial) Bryan Dobson & Panel - Gary Murphy, Professor of Politics DCU, Olivia O'Leary, Writer and	Recorded off-air 4hrs

				Broadcaster, Mattie McGrath TD, Ind. Tipperary. Retain the Eighth supporter. Keelin Shanley and David McCullagh with Exit Poll. Commentators – Theresa Reidy, Political Scientist UCC and Johnny Fallon, Political Analyst Carr Communications.	
--	--	--	--	--	--

I.1. BASE PROGRAMME CATALOGUE CONSTRUCTION USING MEDIAWEB

The RTÉ catalogue utilises a search engine, Mediaweb, but the archive had never been interrogated to the degree of complexity this study demanded. Research for an M.Phil dissertation on the first Divorce Campaign in 1986 began in 2010 with the help of a former RTÉ colleague, Razib Chatterjee, inserting one word in the keywords box in Mediaweb – ‘divorce’ – and a date range that ended in December 1986. Mediaweb produced a vast range of programme references which were then filtered by programme genre, date ranges etc.

On embarking on research for the subsequent PhD thesis with the aid of Mediaweb it quickly became clear that three separate searches under ‘contraception’, ‘abortion’ and ‘divorce’ would yield three separate strands, each having vast quantities of information. Not only would this be unmanageable, but it would not reflect the evolution of the various controversies in relation to each other. The realisation that the controversies over contraception, abortion and divorce were coterminous dawned over several weeks of developing experience with Mediaweb, advice from Archive staff and contract staff doing preliminary research for future programmes. Experimenting with Mediaweb and examining the ways producers, production assistants, researchers, reporters and others entered programme information into the system eventually led to a Boolean search strategy applied to the PhD research project.

Because Radio and Television programmes are contained in separate databases, identical Boolean searches had to be carried out in both databases. Radio and Television programme lists then had to be merged manually to produce master lists for each period.

This search project was commenced and effected well before the process leading to the eventual repeal of the Eighth Amendment was initiated.

The search date ranges were 01/01/1962 to 31/12/1983; 01/01/1984 to 31/12/1986; 01/01/1987 to 31/12/1992; 01/01/1993 to 31/12/1995. These corresponded to Humanae Vitae to Eighth Amendment; Eighth Amendment to Divorce 1; Divorce 1 to X Case; X Case to Divorce 2.

Master Lists were compiled for each period. During the process much trial and error ensued. The example below is the first few pages of the third and final master list for

the first period; *Humanae Vitae* to the Eighth Amendment. The three other master lists are similar. During the research, master lists were reviewed; notes, partial transcriptions and other details added from time to time; and the date of the last review edited in.

Further complications arose when it was noted that individual programme staff members might have entered data differently in the documentation which accompanied film or tape transferred to the custody of the Library staff of the time. One might enter 'anti-amendment'. Another might enter 'Anti Amendment'. To ensure that as few as possible programmes were missed, a second search would be carried out. Thus, the Boolean search carried the term 'family-planning' in the list of terms. A further search sought only 'Family Planning' and the results, if any, merged with the main, Boolean search.

It is important to note that Library/Archive staff possess only what programme staff have provided them with over the years. The level of training in library procedures programme staff received over the years may have varied.

1.2. EXTRACT - MASTER LIST 3 LAST REVIEWED 22/11/2018. 17:15H

RTE Television, RTE Radio:

Humanae Vitae to Eighth Amendment Oct 27 1964 to Nov 14 1983

Search Date Parameters: 31/12/1961:31/12/1983

Boolean Search Keywords: abortion OR anti-amendment OR family-planning OR birth-control OR contraceptive OR contraception OR divorce OR nullity OR feminism OR pro-life OR PLAC OR SPUC OR termination.

Merge Search: Birth Control

Merge Search: Family Planning

Merge Search: Anti Amendment

Merge Search: Pro Life

Merge Radio: News at 1.30; News at 6.30; This Week

1.3. EXAMPLES OF MEDIAWEB ENTRIES

When the Television and Radio searches had been completed, the resulting lists of programmes were merged consecutively. Overleaf are some examples of entries.

TELEVISION ENTRY

Programme ID		TY0067157		REQUESTED	
Title		News: Contraceptive Train		Programme No.	1
Item Title	News: Contraceptive Train SUMMARY				
Slot			Duration	00:02:20	
Series Title	News		Series Number		
Episode Title	Contraceptive Train		Episode Number		
Trans. History	First: May 22 1971				
Channel			Date	May 22 1971	
Prog. Warnings			Prog. Copyright	RTE News	
Item Warnings			Item Copyright	RTE News	
Contents	Ireland: Members of Irish Women Liberation Movement travel to Belfast to buy contraceptives as a protest against the law which forbids importation and sale of contraceptives in the Republic of Ireland. Film shows: Women buying contraceptives in Belfast Shop; I/V MRS PAT LEDWITH; Demonstrators with placards at Connolly Station welcoming home the Irish Womens Liberation Movement [IWLM] / Womens Lib members; CIE Personnel; Crowd chanting "Let Them Through"; Crowd pushing barrier; Woman refuses to hand over her bag to officials; Crowd chanting; Triumphant contraceptive purchasers leaving station; includes brief shot NELL MCCAFFERTY . Report EDDIE BARRET				
Contents	SHLD 27.09.2010 MS				

RADIO ENTRY FOR SAME DAY

70 Prog ID AR0016455		Programme No. IDLPROC	
Title	CONTRACEPTIVE TRAIN		
Item Title	CONTRACEPTIVE TRAIN		
Slot		Duration	2.04
Series Title		Series No.	
Episode Title	BB2942	Episode No.	
Production Date			
Transmission History	First: May 22 1971		
	Channel	Date	
		May 22 1971	
Programme Warnings			Copyright
Item Warnings			Item Copyright
Production Company			Date Catalogued
Contents	CONTRACEPTIVE TRAIN WOMENS LIB MEMBERS (SIC) TRAVEL TO BELFAST TO PURCHASE CONTRACEPTIVES, CONDOMS, PILLS, SPERMICIDAL JELLY ETC., WHICH ARE LEGALLY BANNED IN THE REPUBLIC. SOUND FX: FROM AMIENS ST (CONNOLLY) RAILWAY STATION AS " CONTRACEPTIVE TRAIN " RETURNS. I/V WITH MRS PAT LEDWITH BY EDDIE BARETT, ONE OF THE SHOPPERS. CROWD CHANT "LET THEM THROUGH" WOMAN REFUSES TO OPEN HER BAG FOR CUSTOMS OFFICER, CHEERS. SOUND OFF RTE NEWS FILM. FILM ARCHIVE REF NO: N142/71/D CAN NO 1348.		
Notes			
Media			
	Barcode	Heading	Shelf No
1	BB2942		BB2942
			Storage Location
			SOUND ARCHIVES

LATER RADIO ENTRY

35 Prog ID AR0010087

Title HERE AND NOW FR MARX, AN TATH.O FIANNACHTA

Programme No. IDLPROC

Item Title	HERE AND NOW FR MARX, AN TATH.O FIANNACHTA		
Slot		Duration	0.41
Series Title		Series No.	
Episode Title	AA5306	Episode No.	
Production Date	Jan 16 1973		
Transmission History	First:		
	Channel	Date	
Programme Warnings		Copyright	
Item Warnings		Item Copyright	
Production Company		Date Catalogued	
Contents	1. FR MARX, AMERICAN ANTI-ABORTIONIST PRIEST, TALKS TO LIAM NOLAN. SAYS HE'S AWARE THAT NEARLY 600 IRISH GIRLS WERE GOING TO BRITAIN FOR ABORTIONS AT THE START OF THE 70'S. SAYS THAT ANTI-ABORTION PHILOSOPHY APPLIES TO ALL RELIGIONS. TX. 16.1.73. OUT 07.36"		
Notes			
Media			
	Barcode	Heading	Shelf No
	1 AA5306		AA5306
			Storage Location
			SOUND ARCHIVES

NEXT TELEVISION ENTRY

Programme ID	TY0099403	REQUESTED	
Title	Seven Days. Adoption	Programme No.	1
Items			
Item Title	Adoption SUMMARY		
Slot		Duration	00:26:20
Series Title	Seven Days	Series Number	
Episode Title	Adoption	Episode Number	434
Production Date			
Trans. History First: Feb 02 1973			
Channel		Date	Feb 02 1973
Prog. Warnings		Prog. Copyright	RTE
Item Warnings		Item Copyright	RTE
Production Company		Date Catalogued	
Contents	FILM SHOWS: ORPHANAGE (DUBLIN), I/V WITH BOYS. I/S UNMARRIED MOTHERS, SHOTS OF CHILDREN, INCLUDES BABIES IN COTS, YOUNG WOMAN PICKS UP BABY, I/VS PRIESTS I/VS ADOPTIVE PARENTS ABOUT ABORTION YOUNG BOYS IN PLAYGROUND, BOY WITH RABBIT, BOYS WITH DOG, BOYS ON SWINGS AND PLAYING IN PLAYGROUND I/VS BOYS IN CONCRETE PLAYGROUND SHOTS OF THE WALLACE FAMILY - THREE CHILDREN, TWO OF WHOM ARE ADOPTED. ENDS WITH SHOTS OF ROWS OF TINY BABIES IN COTS,WOMAN PICKS UP		

ONE BABY, SHOTS OF BOYS IN
PLAYGROUND.
REPORTER JOHN FEENEY
SEPMAG NEG

RTE

FOR PAYMENT DETAILS SEE
PAYMENT SHEET ON FILE
FOR MUSIC COPYRIGHT DETAILS
SEE SHEET ON FILEE

Contents

I.4. CONSTRUCTION OF A TIMELINE

At the conclusion of this phase four large catalogues of television and radio programmes had been assembled thus forming a timeline for the period covered by the thesis. The timeline also contained a basic narrative of the period which was linked to developments in the issues of interest to the thesis.

Access to television programmes at this stage of the research was straightforward as viewing copies were kept either on the RTÉ complex in Donnybrook or its storage facility on Furze Road in the Sandyford Business Park. However, access to radio programmes for the non-staff researcher at this time was more complicated. The smaller sound archive staff in Limerick had to locate the original transmission tape, copy it to a compact disc and send it to the researcher. While sound archive staff were very helpful and accommodated as many requests as they could in the time available, the number of radio programmes transcribed is necessarily tiny compared to television. As digitisation of the Sound Archive continues future studies such as this, hopefully, may be advanced to include Radio's vast array of News and Current Affairs programmes of the era covered in this study.

Where an appreciable narrative was absent from a Mediaweb entry or series of entries around a particular subject, individual, group or event, the Trinity College Library's access to the ProQuest Historical Newspapers online search facility was resorted to.

Some Mediaweb entries contained partial transcripts or relevant quotes. Where actual content was particularly valuable transcripts were made by the author. Preference was given, as far as possible, to long segments of comment from interviewees, panellists in live discussion programmes and live debates of which the earliest were *The Late Late Shows* on divorce. A major departure came with the birth of *Today Tonight* in 1980 when it adapted *The Late Late Show* model to its own requirements and began producing live studio and outside broadcast debates with panels and participating audiences.

As the transcribed content of the thesis increased so did the focus of the thesis. The task now involved a closer examination of the visual content and, perhaps more importantly, a closer reading of the programme transcriptions. Inevitably this meant a far greater investment in commissioned transcription as well as transcriptions by the author personally. This re-focussing of the project to the actual broadcast content took place following the End of Year Two Review.

For the record – much transcription had been undertaken by the author prior to the second review. Most of this was partial transcription of what likely would be the most useful segments of programmes from the beginning of the Mediaweb research – tape acquisition – viewing/copying procedure to date.

The task now turned to the generation of a far greater undertaking in transcribing much larger quantities of content than envisaged originally.

When this project has been completed each transcription along with useful programme notes will be provided to the RTÉ Archives staff to be filed for future programme research.

When all the Mediaweb searches were complete, the radio and television searches merged, and the collected data combed to identify the most useful content, the next task was to assemble a catalogue of the programmes most likely to be included in the finished work. This consisted largely of television programmes simply because tapes and viewing tapes of these programmes, housed within RTÉ itself, or the Furze Road facility, were easily accessible. Original tapes of radio programmes, prior to digitisation, were housed at the Limerick Studio. Non RTÉ production requests for access had to await the availability of Sound Archive staff time to copy programmes from the original quarter-inch tape to CD and ship to the recipient.

Although fewer radio than television programmes were transcribed for direct quote, the information contained in the radio programme Mediaweb entries was very useful and, in many cases, more comprehensive than television entries. No criticism is intended here. It may just be that Radio Éireann, as the senior service, had the benefit of a longer, perhaps more traditionally established filing system.

1.5. RTÉ TRANSITION TO DIGITISATION

It is important for future researchers to understand and internalise the technological advances which are continuous and, inevitably, bring procedural changes in their wake. The experience of this researcher bears out this reality. The principal research of primary source material for this study was consulted on viewing copies of original transmission videotapes and recordings of filmed items. Viewing copies were made to avoid any possible damage to original tapes.

In common with broadcasters elsewhere in the world, RTÉ has moved towards a complete digitisation of its radio and television catalogue. The purpose of this was to streamline the access for programme-makers to the entire programme archive across all genres.

This researcher may be among the last of the pre-digitisation researchers or programme-makers. Prior to digitisation, programme-makers seeking programmes, sequences from programmes, shots or quotes from individuals or stock shots, had to search *Mediaweb*; then, having identified the tape or film, submitted a request to a member of the Library staff to access the tape or film.

If a film had not been transferred to tape already, such transfer would have to be initiated and this is a delicate, difficult and expensive process especially where the programme's age has rendered the edit splicing tape or adhesive fragile.

However, items originated on tape could be accessed more easily and a viewing copy with time code made available. The programme-maker then had to make an appointment with Library staff to view the copy on Library videotape playback machines. There were various formats requiring different playback machines such as Beta, Digi Beta and Video-8. Viewers had to take notes of content, cues and time code in real time unless they were certain of what they sought and where it was located on the tape. Having selected the required item(s) the programme-maker then requested

a broadcast standard copy of the master tape(s) to be provided for the video editing suite so as to be edited into the new programme.

Digitisation dramatically short-circuits that procedure. Programme-makers, having accessed *Mediaweb* on their networked desktop computers, may identify programmes and call up copies with time code to their desktops. Viewing copies are of low resolution, non-broadcast standard but complete in all other respects.

Having made their programme decisions, programme-makers may now arrange for high-resolution, broadcast standard copies of the original shots, sequences or entire programmes to be electronically routed to the video editing suite for assembly into the new programme.

Digitisation did not take place at RTÉ itself. Instead, original programme tapes were packed and sent to facilities in France and Holland. These were returned along with digital medium copies to be accessed into the RTÉ Computer Network.

This development is very good news for all those making programmes including researchers, reporters, directors and producers. It also helps those whose interest lies in academic research. However, digitisation of the RTÉ Archive came as the selection, viewing and copying to DVD process for this study was en route to completion although some fifty items including long-form programmes were outstanding. The digitisation process had an implication for this thesis as many programmes of interest to the author were scheduled for digitisation.

From the outset all the programmes selected from the Archive for whole or partial transcription for this thesis had to be copied to digital versatile discs (DVD) for the purpose of review and, where necessary, transcription.

During mid-June 2016 RTÉ staff advised that some 4,000 tapes across all genres including Television Current Affairs had to be assembled, packed and shipped to digitising facilities in France and Holland and that a decision had been made to accelerate the project. Part of this project entailed the removal of viewing copies from circulation which meant that no longer would it be possible to make DVD copies for review and transcription. Conscious that the RTÉ Archive phase of this project was not yet complete, Archive staff made viewing and DVD copying time available for this study on every occasion where facilities were not required for current programme

needs. Tapes were speedily accessed so that all 290 programmes selected from the *Mediaweb* catalogue were processed for this thesis by late 2016.

1.6. DETAILS OF METHODOLOGY AS IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS THESIS PRE-DIGITISATION

At the conclusion of this phase In 2011 when preparing the M.Phil in Modern Irish History dissertation on divorce a member of the RTÉ Archive Sales staff helpfully compiled a Mediaweb list of all television programmes across all genres up to and including the Divorce Referendum of June 1986. The author then made a selection of programmes for viewing, copying, note-taking and transcription to be used in the dissertation.

The current project entailed a far greater scope and depth and so required continued access to the RTÉ campus, more complex research protocols and a considerably greater provision of access to Mediaweb via the RTÉ network, access to the Archives staff, their assistance and access to their equipment. This access and the research work thus enabled spanned the greater part of two years including the work on the M.Phil dissertation which was used in this thesis.

1.7. CITATION

On the advice of the Head of RTÉ Archives, the citation adopted followed the British Universities Film and Video Council (BUFVC) Referencing Style Guide.

Example from RTÉ television archive based on above style (time codes to be inserted if available):

O'Byrne, Fr. Simon, Director, Adam and Eve Counselling Service in *Today Tonight* no. 270 *Pope Shot/Divorce*, Prod. RTÉ Tx 13/05/1982, RTÉ 1. Dur. 00:40:47. 00:00:00-00:00:00. RTÉ internal archives, production no. TY0097161, viewing copy ref. 98D01663

Time code is measured and appears as hours: minutes:seconds:frames and appears as the example - 01:45:31:20 Its use is akin to providing page references in a book. So, the precise location on the tape or digitised original would appear as 01:45:31:20-01:52:15:49. The author, in transferring from viewing copy to DVD occasionally keyed in settings that were in error and time codes often did not transfer to the DVD copy. Consequently, a future researcher examining this thesis and seeking precise access to a transcribed item as it appears would have to go through the whole original

programme. Digitisation has made this process far speedier, especially where the programme has been carefully shot listed. What follows is a segment from the shotlist of TV50 *Battle Station*, a series of two hour-long programmes referenced in this thesis.

1	Programme ID	IH000279897	Duration	00:56:27
	Title	TV50: Battle Station	Programme No.	1

Contents	TIMECODES SHOULD BE USED AS AN APPROXIMATION ONLY WHEN VIEWING THE MASTER TAPE 00.00.01 G/Vs Kippure mountain and RTÉ mast SUPER "RTÉ Factual" V/O SOUND FX engineers'/producers' voices from the 1960s as they talk to each other in advance of programme transmission 00.00.15 B&W ARCHIVE FOOTAGE cameraman looking into camera and adjusting lens © UNKNOWN. NO RE-USE. 00.00.17 G/V old television set showing RTÉ test card from the 1960s, mountain furze covered with snow in B/G 00.00.19 B&W ARCHIVE FOOTAGE engineer pulls out television monitor from its casing Ex Lib P84/00062 NETWORK CONSTRUCTION RTE TRANSMITTERS Tx 20.11.1962 © RTÉ V/O JOHN BOWMAN (fifty years ago) 00.00.20 B&W ARCHIVE FOOTAGE two unidentified TDs walk up stairwell in RTÉ Television building, other men follow them in B/G
-----------------	--

Ex Lib N283/00063 NEWS DUBLIN CITY: 70 T.D.'S VISIT RTE STUDIOS Tx
19.06.1963 © RTÉ
V/O BOWMAN (Irish politicians)

00.00.21 B&W ARCHIVE FOOTAGE L/A cameramen adjusting cameras in
television
studio

Ex Lib LX1891 NEWS DUBLIN CITY: MINISTER VISITS MONTROSE Tx
26.02.1962 © RTÉ
V/O BOWMAN (created a service)

00.00.22 B&W ARCHIVE FOOTAGE man working control desk and looking at
monitors

Ex Lib N283/00063 NEWS DUBLIN CITY: 70 T.D.'S VISIT RTE STUDIOS Tx
19.06.1963 © RTÉ
V/O BOWMAN (which many of them)

00.00.24 B&W ARCHIVE FOOTAGE group of unidentified men standing in
television
control room

Ex Lib N283/00063 NEWS DUBLIN CITY: 70 T.D.'S VISIT RTE STUDIOS Tx
19.06.1963 © RTÉ
V/O BOWMAN (came to dislike)

00.00.25 B&W ARCHIVE FOOTAGE man working control desk and looking at
monitors

Ex Lib N283/00063 NEWS DUBLIN CITY: 70 T.D.'S VISIT RTE STUDIOS Tx
19.06.1963 © RTÉ
V/O BOWMAN (and mistrust)

00.00.26 G/Vs RTÉ transmitter mast at Montrose

00.00.28 C/U DESMOND O'MALLEY
I/V (he was foaming at the mouth almost about it)

00.00.29 C/U studio lights

00.00.30 B&W ARCHIVE FOOTAGE C/U Conor Cruise O'Brien
Ex Lib N159/0073A NEWS CHANGES IN BROADCASTING ACT ANNOUNCED
Tx 08.06.1973 © RTÉ

00.00.32 C/U UNIDENTIFIED MAN
I/V (he said, if you ever do that again, you're out)

00.00.32 B&W ARCHIVE FOOTAGE Academy leader

00.00.34 C/U studio light being lit

00.00.36 B&W ARCHIVE Charles Haughey [young]
Ex Lib N236/0066A News: Ireland - Farm Incomes to Increase Tx 26.05.1966
© RTÉ
V/O BOWMAN (at times the relationship between television and
government
could be menacing)

Availability of time code on the Mediaweb shotlist filed by the production team makes sourcing particular scenes or quotes far more efficient.

Each radio and television programme or programme insert was viewed or listened to at least twice by the author. The first step was to select the programme or insert from the *Mediaweb* list, then view or hear it all or in part. Having selected items for use the author viewed television programme or inserts during transfer to DVD. Radio items, where digitised, were heard on RTÉ Network PCs or requested from the Sound Archive. Items selected for transcription were either transcribed by the author or commissioned from an independent facility.

Many *Mediaweb* entries, especially on the Radio side, had detailed content and other information such as current political, social or other contexts. These were most useful in constructing the timeline and narrative.

Mediaweb, the Archive Database, has colossal amounts of data. Technology has made the retrieval of data simple and immediate. For these and other reasons regulations protecting data have come into being. For example, a *Mediaweb* entry for radio or

television from the 1960s might contain personal, perhaps sensitive information about a named contributor which might have been relevant to RTÉ programme-makers of the time and entirely legitimate for them to have. But that does not mean that this information may be used sometime in the future in another context such as an academic work which may be published or otherwise accessible to others. Academic researchers, exploring media databases such as *Mediaweb* would do well to consult the Data Protection Officer of the institution in which they are pursuing their degree as well as the regulations and derogations, if any, pertaining to the database they are consulting. In some cases, legal advice may need to be sought where researchers wish to reproduce data from the RTÉ Archives *Mediaweb* database.

Transcripts made by the author or commissioned outside were made more or less sequentially and woven into the narrative which binds them together. As the narrative, together with transcripts, content from newspaper, newsletter, journal and other sources came together so did patterns emerge. Arguments took shape. Word patterns began to appear. A simple example is the use of the word “killing” in the transcripts. The word “killing” is more likely to be used by speakers on the anti-abortion side throughout though Dr George Henry supporting the Anti (1983) Amendment Campaign does not shy away from the use of the word “killing” in describing accepted procedures where the death of the foetus is inevitable. The use of the word “termination” is used extensively by advocates of repeal in 2018. By contrast, anti-amendment campaigners in 1983 tended to avoid any reference to “abortion”, “termination” and certainly not “killing”. The example just given is very basic and obvious in the context. Yet it bears out the analysis of Evan Davis discussed earlier where he points out that opposing sides in a campaign chose their words carefully so as to “take their argument to a terrain that favours them.”²

The decision to include an additional chapter on the process leading to the repeal of the Eighth Amendment came too late to conduct a *Mediaweb* search, acquire digital recordings and arrange transcripts to cover a complicated and often abrasive period. The period included the Citizens’ Assembly, its report to the Oireachtas Committee and the eventual framing of the heads of legislation that were to accompany the referendum proposal put to the people on 25th May 2018. The author fell back on the

² Evan Davis, *Post-Truth. Why We Have Reached Peak Bullshit and What We Can Do About It* (UK:: Little Brown, 2017) 152.

cuttings file and the only broadcast programmes which were included in Chapter Five were the *Claire Byrne Live Debate* on RTÉ 1 on 14th May, the *Prime Time Abortion Amendment Debate* with Miriam O'Callaghan and Dr David McCullagh on 22nd May on RTÉ 1 and *The Pat Kenny Show – Referendum Debate* on TV3 transmitted on 23rd May. The three debate programmes chaired by three very different sets of presenters provided viewers an 'up-to-the-minute' display of the various competitors' persuasive techniques as well as their arguments. On occasion too, particularly in the first and third programmes, debate gave way to crude verbal attacks which had to be limited by the presenters as far as they could in live situations.

The final elements contributing to this study were the RTÉ Results programme the day of the count and the accompanying Exit Poll with its extensive qualitative analyses.

Finally, a valuable piece of advice is offered by Dr John Bowman who presented *Battle Station* among other programmes included in this thesis. The researcher is advised to cluster searches around specific dates. So, if researching the immediate runup to and aftermath of the Anglo-Irish Agreement signed by the Taoiseach Dr Garret FitzGerald and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on 15th November 1985 a researcher might set the date parameters as 01/11/1985:30/11/1985 having already inserted 'FitzGerald', 'Thatcher' and any other relevant keywords.

Access to television programmes at this stage of the research was straightforward as viewing copies were kept either on the RTÉ complex in Donnybrook or its storage facility on Furze Road in the Sandymount Business Park. However, access to radio programmes for the non-staff researcher at this time was more complicated. The smaller sound archive staff in Limerick had to locate the original transmission tape, copy it to a compact disc and send it to the researcher. While sound archive staff were very helpful and accommodated as many requests as they could in the time available, the number of radio programmes transcribed is necessarily tiny compared to television. As digitisation of the Sound Archive continues future studies such as this, hopefully, may be advanced to include Radio's vast array of News and Current Affairs programmes of the era covered in this study.

Where an appreciable narrative was absent from a Mediaweb entry or series of entries around a particular subject, individual, group or event, the Trinity College

Library's access to the ProQuest Historical Newspapers online search facility was resorted to.

Some *Mediaweb* entries contained partial transcripts or relevant quotes. Where actual content was particularly valuable transcripts were made by the author. Preference was given, as far as possible, to long segments of comment from interviewees, panellists in live discussion programmes and live debates of which the earliest were *The Late Late Shows* on divorce. A major departure came with the birth of *Today Tonight* in 1980 when it adapted *The Late Late Show* model to its own requirements and began producing live studio and outside broadcast debates with panels and participating audiences.

As the transcribed content of the thesis increased so did the focus of the thesis. The task now involved a closer examination of the visual content and, perhaps more importantly, a closer reading of the programme transcriptions. Inevitably this meant a far greater investment in commissioned transcription as well as transcriptions by the author personally. This re-focussing of the project to the actual broadcast content took place following the End of Year Two Review. For the record – much transcription had been undertaken by the author prior to the second review. Most of this was partial transcription of what likely would be the most useful segments of programmes from the beginning of the *Mediaweb* research – tape acquisition – viewing/copying procedure to date.

The task now turned to the generation of a far greater undertaking in transcribing much larger quantities of content than envisaged originally.

When this project has been completed each transcription along with useful programme notes will be provided to the RTÉ Archives staff to be filed for future programme research.

Although fewer radio than television programmes were transcribed for direct quotation, the information contained in the radio programme *Mediaweb* entries was very useful and, in many cases, more comprehensive than television entries. No criticism is intended here. It may just be that Radio Éireann, as the senior service, had the benefit of a longer, perhaps more traditionally established filing system.

APPENDIX TWO: 'ABORTION STORIES' FROM THE RTÉ *DRIVETIME* SERIES

Philip Boucher Hayes Abortion Stories

RTE

Drivetime

Tx Pre-Referendum 2018

2.1. ANNA'S STORY

20180313. She became pregnant some 40 years ago at 13. Could not tell parents. Wanted to keep baby. When parents learned of pregnancy they insisted on an abortion. Could not challenge parents & keep baby. Taken to England. Did not know what was to happen. Nurse or other staff member described procedure which involved cutting baby up and suctioning out. Deeply affected. Still thinks of abortion.

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-03-13&rte_mt_prg_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%231%20%22Anna%22&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0313%2F20180313_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21333159_21333164_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0313%2F20180313_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21333159_21333164_232_.mp3

at 00:40 IN CUE: "Anna, and that's not her real name

At 10:18 OUT CUE: ... having my son."

Anna, and that is not her real name, remembers tiny details about the day that she found out she was pregnant.

I was wearing wide flannel grey pants trousers, pair of tan platform shoes with big heels and a little polo neck sweater. It was over 40 years ago.

And you have that vivid a memory of it?

Yes.

Why?

I think it was one of the most significant days of my life when I found out I was carrying a child at the age of 13.

How had that happened?

I had met a boy. I was 13, he was 18 and he was a real looker, everybody, all the girls liked him, I couldn't believe he was paying me attention.

Anna says it wasn't violent, but it definitely wasn't consensual. Afterwards he walked her home but only half the way and she did her best to suppress the memory of the whole affair. Too good a job of suppressing it as it turned out.

Yes, I knew the facts of life. I'd known about menstruation and stuff since I was 11. Actually, ten and a half because I started menstruating when I was 11 so my mum didn't tell me as much as she gave me a little book, I think, and told me the facts of life but I really didn't equate that ... I didn't think when you'd had sex once you could get pregnant. I didn't know any of that. I knew that about the ovaries making eggs, I knew about sperm and all the rest of it, but I didn't put that together.

You'd had this traumatic introduction to sex. I assume it was something that you probably suppressed or buried or tried to put out of your mind.

Yes. I started being sick and throwing up all over the floors of the school in my classroom, at home, and my parents thought that I was seriously ill. Took me to doctors, hospitals, I had X-rays and I even had one overnight in hospital, in a bed, in a ward and they still, nobody ever thought to give me a pregnancy test. Nobody even asked me is there a possibility, have you had sex, could you be pregnant? Nothing. Nobody even asked that question until my mother once, one evening, she just asked, she was at the end of her tether as she would put it and she said is there any possibility you could be pregnant? Of course, I said no and then I went up to my bedroom and I remember vividly sitting on the edge of my bed rocking back and forwards and thinking could I be pregnant, oh, my goodness and it all just came crashing down around me.

And there was never any doubt about what Anna was going to have to do.

I wanted somebody to tell me what was going to happen next. I wanted it to be a good outcome. I suppose hindsight's a great thing, but I wish now that – my biggest regret in all my life is that I didn't get to keep my baby. I had no choice. I had no choice whatsoever. It was never ... alternatives were never discussed. Keeping the baby wasn't discussed, adoption wasn't discussed. Only abortion. Getting rid of it.

And was there any consideration of your future? Might they have thought her prospects or her horizons are going to be very altered, very changed if she has this child?

I don't know. I couldn't answer that question because I never, ever had a conversation with my parents about reasons why. Which is a shame.

Had anybody asked her for her opinion, she says she would have had no hesitation about wanting to keep her baby.

On that boat that night, I remember going into the toilet and I remember holding my stomach with my two hands, like hugging my stomach and knowing there was a baby in there. And knowing what was going to happen the next morning when I got off that boat. And it was just a fait accompli. It had to happen. My parents had told me it had to happen. I had no choice. I couldn't go ... I couldn't ever have gone in and said to my mum turn this boat back, I can't go through with that. I had to go through with it. They were making sure I had to do it. And that was it.

If that 13-year-old girl had been given an input, had been allowed to make a decision, do you know now with any certainty what you would have said then?

Yes, I do. Without a shadow of a doubt, I would have kept my child. I would have kept my baby.

But you just weren't in a position to, you weren't able to tell your parents that's what you wanted to do.

No.

And what kind of an emotional impact did the abortion have on you?

My schoolwork started to deteriorate. I went a bit wild. I started drinking more heavily alcohol. I used drugs for recreation. I was hooked on Valium. I felt very lonely in a crowd, felt lonely because I couldn't share my experience with anybody. I couldn't share my grief. I was grieving desperately.

In the clinic before the abortion was performed, Anna had an encounter which she believes explains why her life slipped out of focus for so many years afterwards.

This lady told me exactly what would happen. She said to me do you know what's going to happen to your baby and I said no. And she said well, they're just going to – this was when I was in pre-meds, outside the theatre, about to go in for a proper anaesthetic and she said well, what they do is they just put an instrument inside you and cut the baby up and then suck it out into a bag and then that bag goes in the bin. And she said did you know any of that? And I said no, I didn't know what was going to happen, so ...

Was that knowledge more traumatising than the actual procedure itself?

After, when I thought about it afterwards and after I'd been to see psychologists and asked them what happened to my baby, what happened to me, they could never tell me, I realised that she was the only one with guts who had the guts to tell me the truth.

As Anna had her abortion in the 1970s, it's most likely that she received a procedure called D&C, dilation and curettage in which a curette is used to clean the walls of the uterus.

Nowadays the most common form of surgical procedure up to 15 weeks of pregnancy is a vacuum aspiration using a manual syringe or an electric pump. We can't confirm how remains were disposed of in this clinical 40 years ago, but today in the UK they are treated in line with the mother's wishes.

Now, why she did that, I don't know. Was she being cruel? I haven't a clue. But I do know that she told me that and I do believe it was the absolute truth about what happened to Michael, my son.

You named him Michael?

I did.

Did that help?

It did, because nobody understood what I was going through. Nobody knew how to deal with it. Nobody knew how to cure it or how to heal me so, but I always had hope that one day that healing would come, and it did through an eight-week bible study called Surrendering Secret. I went through that and by week four I was ready; I'd hit the wall. I was ready to give up, but I

persevered and I went through the eight weeks and during those eight weeks I was able to name my son and I was able to forgive all those involved in my abortion experience.

You're clear in your mind that it was the procedure itself.

Yes, I promise you that. I'm sitting here today and I'm telling, I'm being as honest as I possibly can with you and that's my honest answer. That's my final answer is that it was the abortion that caused my trauma and not the trip to England. Not the rape. You can't undo ... you can get help with the rape, you can get help if you were traumatised ever by the trip but you can't undo the abortion.

Do you ever think about what if you had done things differently, maybe your life wouldn't have been as full as it is, that you might not have completed school or gotten any form of third level education or whatever, that your horizons would have been diminished if you had kept baby Michael?

No. Because my life was ruined by the abortion. My life couldn't have been any worse than the post-abortion life that I had. It wasn't worth living. And I say that – I was a very successful business-woman. I had a fantastic salary, company car, you name it, but behind all of that, was this great feeling of grief and loss and regret and so I wasn't down in the mouth and I had loads of friends, went to loads of parties but I felt lonely in a crowd. I felt there was something missing and I hadn't dealt with it. My life couldn't have been any worse. My life would have been enriched by having my son.

2.2. TRACY'S STORY

20180314. After a scan she was told that Grace (the name she later gave the child) had skeletal deficiencies which mean that she would be crushed. The prognosis would be 'respiratory failure'. Doctor mentioned 'travelling' option but did not elaborate. She contacted Liverpool Women's Hospital but they were inundated with Irish women. Went four weeks later. Hospital staff were very kind. They knew the situation in Ireland.

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-03-14&rte_mt_prgr_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%232%20Tracey&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0314%2F20180314_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21333801_21333854_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0314%2F20180314_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21333801_21333854_232_.mp3

There is a nervous moment, that every parent remembers. That silent pause from the person doing a 12 or 20 week scan of a baby, before they say 'Everything is good...'

So, she said, 'If there is silences, ignore it, I am measuring' and that was fine. But the kind of atmosphere changed in the room and she switched off the monitor and then I went 'Okay...' and she said 'I need you to go in and chat to the consultant because you are going to have to go and see a foetal specialist in Dublin, as soon as possible.'

The consultant told them that Grace's skeleton wasn't developing the way it should be. This meant that if she was born, her first breath would be her last because her ribcage would

crush her heart and lungs. She would be pain free while in the womb but would suffer a distressing death when born.

So, I asked him when could I be induced and he kind of blankly looked at me and he said 'You can't be induced'. I had packed a bag with me the night before and in it I put a nightdress, some maternity pads and if I had an outfit for the baby, if I had one bought at the time, I would have put it in. Thinking that I would be induced, very naively, looking back. He said 'Look, you can continue to be monitored here or you can go to the UK'. And he didn't go any further with that. So, I went back that same day, very confused, still really not knowing why I couldn't be induced, it wasn't made clear to me, the laws. I suppose, as a mother of three, I should have known but I didn't because it never occurred to me, I didn't have any experience of it.

Tracy says that Liverpool Women's Hospital were inundated with Irish women seeking abortions, that the earliest they could accommodate her was four weeks later. She had no choice but to put a brave face on in public.

That was horrendous, my closest friends knew. They had all obviously texted me the day of the scan, asking how it went. And I just said 'Look, this is what it is'. And my mother knew and my brothers, sisters...

But at the school gate, presumably you are dealing with loads of questions?

People that you meet every day in town. Always questions, always questions. And they had knew that I had twins before, so it was 'Is it twins again?' It is always going to be questions - 'Did you get your pram yet? Is your daughter excited? Is it a girl or a boy?' and I would have to say 'It's a girl', because we found out it was a girl. And then there would be more excitement because there was such a gap between my first daughter and this baby. And always the questions. And the same with my husband, always the questions where he worked and just smile and nod and go a bit crazy.

It must have seemed like four very long weeks?

It was like four years and four weeks.

During this time, she weighed up the pros and cons of going to term, versus getting an abortion.

I didn't just decide 'Yes, I have to induce the pregnancy, I did obviously weigh up my options and what was right for me, for her and my kids. And for the first week I was 'Will I just - it was just for me it was probably easier if I stayed pregnant and continued. But it wasn't the best option for me and my family and Grace. And I had to just realise that the hardest decision was probably the best one for me.

How was your mental health?

After the second week, it was really failing. I was just a shell really of a mum. I got up, done the usual things, sent the kids to playschool. But those couple of hours that you have on your own, you just, you just fall apart. Even though Grace was very ill and dying and ultimately her prognosis would be respiratory failure, by being inside me, it kept her - the umbilical cord gives foetuses life and you know, she was kicking away and she was happy out and being attached to her and feeling her, was comfort, for me. It wasn't painful, I didn't wish it to be over.

And as long as she was in there, you could protect her in some way.

She was - as long as she was there, she was - yeah... But the thing was, we knew the prognosis, we knew what was going to happen. And I needed to start grieving because... I just needed to start grieving, I needed...

And did it seem more merciful that she should be stillborn at 25-26 weeks, rather than born alive at 40 weeks and take the first few painful breaths and die?

For her condition, absolutely, yeah. With her condition, her first breath would be her last and her most painful. And that is what was - what I was thinking of all the time.

And your other kids as well. Presumably you had to have an eye to them...

Mm-hmm, absolutely.

Watching this bump grow and then you not coming home from the hospital with a baby.

Yeah. My daughter was - she was 10 or 11. And the twins were two or three, but they visibly could see that mum was having a baby. They knew the baby was sick and they knew that, as much as I could simplify it to them, that they were never going to see the baby. The twins just got on with it, because, 'Okay, if you say so, that's what it is, that it is'. Being two or three, that is fine. My daughter being the age she was. I had to keep, I had to just watch her all the time during those four weeks and the years after. And try and explain as best I could. But it was very hard for me to explain because I did go into myself a lot. So, I suppose my husband took over that part of it. That is one of the reasons why I chose to induce early. It was the kids, me and Grace.

At Liverpool Women's Hospital, Grace entered the world quietly, stillborn. Her parents had 12 hours with her.

And we held her for hours on end and we talked and laughed and we talked about how she would fit into the family, how she would be spoilt and the boys would be jealous, you know, just things that couples talk about. And then, we had a very early flight back in the morning and I thought I would have more time but her labour went on so long that I didn't. We were there since the Sunday and this was now Wednesday evening. We kissed her goodbye and we told her we loved her and we went and we left her and the midwives took over her care. And, we were walking down the corridor and the midwife was holding her because she took her out of the cot. And I said 'I can't turn round' but I did before I went out the door and it was the last time we would ever get to see her.

Was it important time, those 12 hours?

Hugely important. I knew Grace, the minute I became pregnant with Grace. I knew who she was. Even though I didn't know it was a girl but I knew who she was. And when we spent that time with her, it was so important because it was just the happiest and the saddest 12 hours I have ever experienced in my life. Those 12 hours and those 28 weeks, I wouldn't change for the world.

Tracy says that she can accept that Grace had to die. She is angry though about having to travel to England. She is also angry that she couldn't afford to travel back to England ten days later, for Grace's cremation and that she had to sit at home, waiting for a courier company to deliver her ashes.

I think I probably used them, the Christmas before for presents.

Was it as undignified as 'is it going to be morning or afternoon, I need to know because I want to be at home, I don't want this package being left on the doorstep?'

Well, only for the hospital in Liverpool, it would have been. They make sure you have a tracking number and they ask you to be at home all day, so that you don't get a text to say 'Oh, I am outside the door, will I throw it over the fence?', you know. I was at home all day and I was waiting for the door to knock. It was undignified and unnecessary. Her condition was

always going to be her condition, that is just written in the stars. If you look at it that way. But, what happened after, didn't have to happen and it makes me angry that it had to happen that way. That I couldn't have her here and go through the normal process of burying. It was horrendously lonely, it was stigmatising, there was no need to be feeling like that. When we were going through such a horrendous experience anyway. We felt like the only two people on the planet, until we walked into the Liverpool Women's Hospital and they took over our care. And that is when I didn't feel so lonely anymore.

You found more support in a foreign country.

Massive support, huge support and they just knew Irish women. And the fact that they know that the Irish, the government or the hospitals can't help us, their hands are tied. They have even more empathy than they might have for their own patients, you know, that they have to travel to do this. Ah, they are complete, they are angels and if I ever had to take a positive out of this whole experience, it would be the midwives in Liverpool Women's Hospital. Absolutely. They have earned their wings.

2.3. TANYA'S STORY

20180315. Expecting twins. Went to hospital for a scan. Scan revealed that one baby was curled up and that there was anencephaly – part of her brain was missing. A 'life-limiting condition' (her words). Could not bring herself to end the baby's life. She called her Lily and the healthy baby Kayley. She was doing a mother's job and not giving up. Went to term. Lily born with 'beautiful imperfections' and died.

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-03-15&rte_mt_prg_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%233%20Tanya&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0315%2F20180315_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21334344_21334350_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0315%2F20180315_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21334344_21334350_232_.mp3

at 6:24 IN CUE: "I don't think that would be an issue

At 9:19 OUT CUE That was my daughter."

I don't think that would have been an issue because, if I had aborted Lily, I would still be grieving my daughter. This just gave me the extra time with her and the memories with her and knowing I was one step closer to meeting her.

You knew, in your heart of hearts that all the odds were against Lily but by going to term with the pregnancy you knew you had done the best that you possibly could, for her.

I think so. It was a healing process. I wouldn't - I think me, as a mother, I wanted to give her every chance. So, I gave her, as I said, I left it up to her.

But you knew that this was going to be the outcome. Can you explain to me why you went there?

I think that she, for me, to know that she would know that she had nothing - there was no harm done to her and that she was loved throughout her life and that she was wanted. And,

her having a disability, didn't mean anything less to me, or make her any less important to me. But to have her and to be with her, all her life, and to know that Mammy was with you, all your life.

Have you ever reflected on what the impact on your mental health might have been like, had you gone against your instincts and had her aborted?

To be honest and I hate to say this but I probably wouldn't be here, if it wasn't for my kids. I feel that strongly against not ending my child's life because I would feel terrible and that is me personally. I couldn't live with myself.

Tanya delivered Kayley and Lily by C-Section. Kayley was healthy but premature and was taken straight to ICU. Tanya got to spend two hours and 10 minutes with Lily.

Physically, she had a cleft lip and a cleft pallet. She had the curved spine and her brain was protruding out of the nape of her neck. But, she looked perfect. She had dark, curly hair and big long eyelashes and I could see my side of the family even in her as well. And it was just - it was lovely to get the image to her, not the fate, but the face, the name to the face and...

And it is the eyelashes and the little button nose and the hair, that you saw, and you remember?

Yes, that is my, that is all Lily, that is how I saw her. I didn't see her condition. I just saw my daughter.

2.4. NICOLA'S STORY

20180320. In similar condition to girl in X case, according to her. Prior to realisation of pregnancy she regarded herself as pro-life. She was at a convent school so that was the norm. Following discovery of pregnancy immediately thought of abortion. The father of the child was not interested. Did not go to parents. Attempted suicide. Parents then involved. Had abortion in UK. Sometimes wonders about that potential life. But there was silence and secrecy about abortion at the time. Was she a 'bad person'? The judgements of others resulted in low self-esteem. Life is complicated.

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-03-20&rte_mt_prg_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%234%20Nicola&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0320%2F20180320_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21336132_21336138_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0320%2F20180320_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21336132_21336138_232_.mp3

In 1992, Nicola was 15 years of age and coincidentally, the country as in the grip of another abortion referendum campaign.

I knew that it was going on, I knew that there had been a case of a young girl needing to travel and not being allowed. I didn't relate to it too much because I just didn't think it affected me.

You though, were, in effect, Ms X. you were in the same situation at that time?

I know, so it turns out, later on in the year, yeah. I became pregnant and I was 15.

Insofar as she had a position on abortion at 15, it would have been that of her teachers.

I attended a convent school and we were taught about abortion and we were all provided with the little gold foetus feet. I think it was a foetus at 10 weeks or 12 weeks and every girl in the school wore them, on our jumpers. So, I guess I would have considered myself pro-life, at that point. But not having any great understanding of what that meant. Except for what the school would have thought of us.

It was a reflexive thing, it was part of the gang, everybody was doing it, was it?

Yeah, well it was just what we were taught and what we were told and what we were handed out and you know...

Would you have described yourself as being pro-life and not being able to have an abortion?

Yeah, I think at that point, when I wore the little badge on my jumper. I think yes, at that time I did fully believe I was pro-life.

In spite of this grounding or background, when she found herself pregnant, Nicola knew which course of action she had to take.

I instinctively thought 'I need to have an abortion'. I really did, I just thought it straight away and I took those little - that little pin off my jumper, straight away. It was my gut reaction, my gut feeling, everything about it was not right for me. Nothing about it could have gone right, as far as I was concerned.

Because everything in your upbringing and in the formation of you, as a moral agent, by your teachers and by your religious instructors had been to do the opposite.

Yeah, I don't know why, I don't know how. But the minute I realised I was pregnant. I knew I wanted to have an abortion.

And you never wavered or wobbled from that decision, from that moment, did you?

Of course, I thought about, you know, could I remain pregnant, could I bring a child into the world. But everything I thought about that, led me to believe that I couldn't do a child any kind of good service, as a parent.

And of the various factors at play here, the stigma and the shame of being pregnant, the fact that it was going to almost certainly determine the rest of your life and your ability to parent, at that stage. What was the most important of those factors?

My ability to parent and knowing that I could provide a better life somewhere down the line. I had much more to learn in terms of my education and my life.

I want to be a parent, but just not now?

Exactly.

I will be a better parent, 10 years from now.

Yeah.

Nicola hadn't told her parents or friends, the father of the child made it clear he wasn't going to be involved and she found herself more alone than she had ever been.

I guess I should have went to my parents straight away, but I was really afraid of upsetting them. And letting them know what I had done. There was no internet, there was no access to any information online. So, I guess, I had done what I thought, you know, in a panicked state, I decided that I would possibly be better off dead.

And you made an attempt on your life then?

I did make an attempt on my life, yeah. I don't know, I mean I think at the time I genuinely wanted to end my life.

Do you think that the 15 year old you, understood the finality of ending your own life?

Yes, I definitely do. That was the best way out for me.

It is quite shocking isn't it that a happy, healthy, presumably well adjusted, teenage girl can go from being that state to teetering on the brink, in such a short space of time.

I guess, it must be everything in terms of how everything about pregnant, young girls or women and abortion was portrayed in society and the media and the schools and at home and it just had this huge, huge shame.

Her parents then took her under their wing. They discussed all her options, but Nicola still felt that abortion was the only choice for her.

I knew it was the right decision, I don't know how I know. I just know that that is the decision I wanted to make, and I just knew that that is what I wanted to do. I wasn't troubled, in terms of my decision. I was just troubled in terms of how society might view my decision.

And have you had any regrets since?

No, I have never regretted my decision to travel, never.

Some women talk about knowing that it was the right decision but still they will have their moments there will be those days where they will say 'As a parent now, I sometimes wonder about that potential life' - that is not something that troubles you, it is not something that is with you, no?

Well, I don't know if troubles is the right word. But I mean certainly I have thought about that over the years. What if I had had that child, what age that child might be now, or something - it doesn't trouble me that I followed through with my decision. I think, what caused me the biggest anguish, even after that was there is so much silence and secrecy about abortion and the way that you know, we as a country and as a society have been, you know, taught about it. That that troubled me because it made me feel like 'Oh, am I a bad person, was I a bad person' and at 15-16, that can get into your subconscious brain, that you have done something wrong.

Nicola says she has never regretted her decision, but it is the judgement of others she says, who don't know the psychological turmoil that her crisis pregnancy threw at her, that still hurts and gave her feelings of low self-worth. That, and having to travel to England, rather than being able to get an abortion at home.

I guess they made it worse because it kind of put pressure on my family and pressure to be even more secret and the finance and the going away and the secrecy of it all. Yeah, I think if it could have happened in Ireland, I think it would have made it all a lot more easier.

Did you have brothers and sisters that this had to be hidden from?

Absolutely, yeah.

That can't have been easy?

Yeah, yeah. I had...

This 'I am not a good person' complex. That all developed from the circumstances of the pregnancy and the abortion?

Yeah, I think so because I was trying to figure out when I developed that. And, in thinking and talking with the psychotherapist I see now, I see that it all stemmed from there. That that is how I internalised, even at a subconscious level, that I had done something. While I wasn't - while I have never regretted it, I internalised that I had done something wrong.

That is funny, isn't it? How you can rationalise something, positively re-imagine it and say 'Look, this was what I needed to do for that 15 year old girl at that time'. Yet, you still carry this 'I am not a good person' complex for as long as you have?

Well, I suppose your core is developing at those ages and the messages that I was getting from wider society was that someone who had done that, isn't a good person.

Does it make you angry that you still carry that?

I think I have left it behind now. I have managed to get rid of that in the last couple of years. But looking back, yeah, I guess so. Look, I guess it is not an easy decision and it is not something that you ever want to do in your life. And if it happens to you once, you never want it to happen again. But I definitely think being able to speak about it helps.

When she says speak about it, she means speak without being judged.

I find that other people's judgements can be quite judgemental, I guess. Nobody really knows what is going on in anybody else's life. And why they have to decide to do what they do. And I think life is very complicated and complex situations arise. So really, I just don't think that people should stand in judgement of others unless they know their full story.

2.5. CATRIONA'S STORY.

20180321. She was 18 years old in fifth year secondary school. Big shock. Friends said her life would be taken over by the child, no life, no college, no travel, no one would want a woman with a child. Mother 'hit the roof'. She said Catriona could not have an abortion because 'there's another person in there, but it's going to be okay'. She left school and the family home living by herself on welfare. It was very hard, and she was very sick though there were visits from the family. The birth was a big turning point and there were waves of emotion. She went back to school, did the leaving cert, went to college, became a nurse and travelled the world with another little person. Met her husband-to-be and had another child.

At 3:55 IN CUE: "Over the next few weeks ...

At 8:14 OUT CUE: It was worth it"

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-03-21&rte_mt_prg_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%235%20Catherina&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0321%2F20180321_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21337110_21337116_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0321%2F20180321_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21337110_21337116_232_.mp3

Over the next few weeks, it was decided that Catriona would leave school, moved out of the family home, leave alone on social welfare and take sole responsibility for her pregnancy. 18, pregnant, no friends in the town anymore, it must have been a pretty lonely place?

It was lonely, it was very lonely. It was sad and it was lonely and it was frightening because I didn't know what was going on from one day to the next. And I was very sick when I was pregnant and a lot of the time that I was on my own, so, yeah, it was hard. It was definitely hard but...

So, you were housebound, living on social welfare presumably, getting visits from your mum, anybody else seeing you?

My sister and my brother, yeah.

And what were the thoughts going through your head about that baby, at that stage?

After I had seen - after the first scan and I had made my decision to carry on with the pregnancy, at times I would get really excited and then at other times, I would get really frightened and upset. I can remember coming up a few nights and just sitting on the couch, in the dark and just crying my eyes out and just thinking 'What am I going to do?' And I had said to myself, I said, I just - give her up for adoption, give her up for adoption. But my God, when you are handed that baby then, every bit of, every tear, you just think is so wasted and all that fear is just gone from you. It is probably the best feeling in the world.

Really, so it was a complete turning point, the birth, all the nine months of the loneliness and the despair were just wiped off the board, yeah?

And when I think back to when I was pregnant, it still upsets me, you know. And I still have an old cry about it because I just think - I was lonely and then, you are handed this baby and it is just like, no feeling could ever, ever compare to it. It was wasted, it was a waste of fear and it was wasted emotion.

Yes, but now you have a baby and excuse me for being very male about this point of view, but the real work is only actually beginning.

Oh 100%.

And you are still on your own.

I am not though, because I had her.

As soon as the baby was born and still living on her own Catriona's mind turned to getting her Leaving Cert and putting her life back on track.

I don't know what it is, Philip, but when you are handed this person and you are looking at this person and they are so small and tiny and they are relying on you for absolutely everything,

you just think 'I have to better myself. I have to make this person proud, I am going to give absolutely everything to this child that I never had'. It does sound very hard, but it wasn't. You just got on with it and you adapted your way of life, you know. When I went back to college, I met my husband and we ended up having another child and people always say to me 'Oh my God, how did you go to college and you had two kids'. And I knew no different and it was just as easy for me to have two kids as it was for me to have none. It was hard at times but it was worth it and we just got on with it, you know.

The other view is though that these were your salad days, you should have been footloose and fancy free, sowing your wild oats, enjoying yourself and then going on to take on the responsibilities that you have now, later on. In your late 20s, early 30s.

Philip, I definitely wasn't someone that was staying in every Saturday night, believe you me. I was out on the town, just as much as anybody else was. So, you know, people say that 'Oh, your life is over, you won't be able to do this, you won't be able to do that'. By god, you are able to do it if you want to do it. You can do it. So, I was out on a Saturday night and I was enjoying myself and I was up the Sunday morning early, bright and early with a small little lady but it was worth it.

2.6. PAULA'S STORY

20180323. She was in a very bad relationship. Man was just 'stringing her along'. She had two girls from a previous relationship. His attitude was 'you're the problem'. When she became pregnant again, she realised he would never be the person she had hoped for. She couldn't bear the thought of carrying his child. 'I do not want this piece of him in me.' Went to UK with friends. Encounter with disapproving taxi driver who knew immediately what was going on. At the centre the recovery room was full of (Irish) women crying. 'But it was such a relief.'

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-03-22&rte_mt_prg_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%236%20Paula&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0322%2F20180322_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21338021_21338028_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0322%2F20180322_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21338021_21338028_232_.mp3

At: 3:36 IN CUE: "All of a sudden I had this visceral need ...

At: 8:47 OUT CUE: ... such a relief."

All of a sudden, it was like, I had this visceral need to be quit of him. To never see him again, to have nothing more to do with him. Like I realised it was like all the past 10 months, just came crashing over me and I thought - we are done. I am finished here, I can't. I don't want to look at you anymore.

And a child would be a bond that would never end.

Never end. All I could think was - my daughters deserve not to be connected with him for the next, however many years. They deserve better than that.

What options did you contemplate here, was abortion the only thing that you thought about, or did you think about giving the baby up for adoption.

Well, I...

Or giving him custody of the baby, as well?

No, never, never, never. Never, never... i would still have been connected to him, even if the baby wasn't in my custody. And, he couldn't show me even the smallest modicum of love or respect. The fact that I, pregnant with his child, would say to him 'I need you here' and he would blow me off. I could never have given him a baby, up to him.

Why not adoption?

Why not adoption, because I didn't want to be - I didn't want to have this piece of him inside me, was most of it. But then the other part of it was, how could I gestate my daughter's half sibling and then give it away? How could I put them through watching me, you know, growing and growing with their half-sister or brother and then, see me give the child away. And I wouldn't have wanted to have any - I mean I don't even think it is possible - I don't know really, but to give it away and be finished and have no contact and no responsibility and no - I couldn't do that to them though. Like it wouldn't be wrong to bring that common thread between them into the world and then snap it.

What is interesting about your situation at that time though, was that you had given birth to two children, with whom you had formed this amazing bond, as a mother. And, you were contemplating and went through with saying 'Okay, I am prepared to end this potential life and not do that a third time over'. That must have been a difficult situation when you looked at the two girls that you had raised?

In part, it was because I knew exactly what it would entail. I mean, my daughters were planned and wanted, with a man who, I am not together with him anymore but I respect him, you know. The reasons for our breakup didn't have anything to do with a major breach of trust. I knew exactly what would be involved with another baby.

Was it a decision easily reached though? Did it trouble you?

In that moment, in that moment, it was like 'Oh, I know what I have to do'. This is the only option that is going to lead to a positive outcome.

You never wobbled or deviated from that?

No, I did not. I did not. And I still, I have no regret, I have no - I wouldn't change a thing.

Except the experience of having to travel to England. She went with a friend for moral support which she needed for the taxi journey, in particular.

We got off the flight and we got into a taxi. And the taxi driver - it was horrific, he knew exactly why we were there and he made it clear from his grilling of us, that he didn't approve. That he - I mean he wasn't going to come out and say it and ask us, you know. So 'Where's your clinic?' or whatever, 'No really girls, why are you here? But really why are you here?' And my friend just made up a story about why we were there, auditions for some show or something, but he was having none of it and it made my miserable. I know in my mind, I am doing nothing wrong. But so many other people think I am. And that was kind of crushing you know. When I woke up first, the first thing that I noticed around me, was that, myself included, everyone in the recovery room was sobbing, crying. Just wailing, sobbing, crying. And I was as well. And in my

case, it was out of relief. And, like I had been holding so many emotions in and all of a sudden, I could just let everything out. I don't presume necessarily that that is what everyone else is going through.

Just this outpouring of presumably pretty raw emotion?

Just I imagine pure emotion, yeah, it was something I will never forget, waking up to that sound.

Any regrets? Or is she 100% happy that this was the right thing to have done?

Yes, 100%. I have never had a moment of regret, only relief. Like I still can feel the visceral relief when I imagine how it could have been, how it could have been if I had had that baby. It makes me, like I can feel myself like clenching in anxiety. And then to think about 'Oh, but that is not the case. It is not the case'. [Sighs] It is such a relief.

2.7. PAT'S STORY.

20180410. A video of an ultrasound scan during an abortion was shown at his school when he was young and had a deep effect on him. Married later. Following the breakup of the marriage he learned that his wife had had an abortion. Began having panic attacks and disturbing dreams wherein the abortion scene he had witnessed on the video at school was repeated. He felt he had failed to save the child who was aborted. He joined a Church-run post abortion group and has come to terms with memories. Does not regret seeing the video.

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-04-10&rte_mt_prgr_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%237%20Pat&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0410%2F20180410_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21347750_21347756_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0410%2F20180410_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21347750_21347756_232_.mp3

Long before he ever thought about being a father, Pat was shown a video in school that shaped his views on abortion. What did you see?

An ultrasound of a surgical abortion, where there was maybe 20 people in the class. I think I was the only one that picked up on it, and saw, basically the video was a video distributed by Mother Teresa, to Western Europe I guess and it basically a child, screaming in pain as there was a surgical abortion performed on them.

Drivetime can't account for what Pat saw in that video or why the foetus appeared to him to be in pain. Whatever was or wasn't in the video, it had a profound effect on Pat. When you think back on it now, was it right to show that to a group of teenagers?

Yeah, that is the dilemma I have thought about. For me, in one way, I was glad I saw it.

2.8. GERRY'S STORY.

20180411. Following a scan, he and his wife were taken to what he calls 'the bad news room'. They were told the baby had anencephaly. They were expecting a solution to be produced or options to be suggested but there was nothing. No prospect of a happy ending. There was reference to limited options 'in this jurisdiction'. There was no reference to any other service in the state or outside. Eventually found a service in Belfast. 'Joshua' was delivered silently. Throughout the experience Gerry and wife resented the secrecy with which they had to proceed. They also had the 'bad people' feeling mentioned by others. Resent 'the cruelty' of Ireland.

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-04-11&rte_mt_prgr_name=test-

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-04-17&rte_mt_prg_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20story%20%238%20Gerry&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0411%2F20180411_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21348334_21348340_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0411%2F20180411_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21348334_21348340_232_.mp3

2.9. HAZEL'S STORY.

20180417. Hazel herself was an unplanned pregnancy and grew up unloved in a cold and sometimes abusive household. Grew up with delicate mental health. Married young but marriage replicated her own home life and continued to feel rejected. However, she loved being pregnant and had two children. When she became pregnant a third time. Marriage was breaking up – separation – divorce. Could not manage a third child. Travelled alone. Recalls one bright spot – the kindness of strangers. Phoning her husband from UK she was overwrought, confused the coins, but the operator did not cut her off. She felt relief after the abortion and never regretted it.

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-04-17&rte_mt_prg_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%239%20-%20Hazel&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0417%2F20180417_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21351291_21351298_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0417%2F20180417_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21351291_21351298_232_.mp3

2.10. VICKY'S STORY.

20180418. Was told pregnancy incompatible with life. Consultant: 'I'm sorry but it looks like Trisomy 18'. Suggestion was that the only option was England. However, her intuitive position was to protect the child, that the baby was sick and going to die. The girls at work were considering a 'baby shower'. Vicky asked them to give the baby a present. They gave her a mantle with the baby's name on it – Leodhán. She and the rest of the family regularly visit Leodhán's grave and celebrate her birthday. She feels she could never do that had she 'stopped her heart'. She would have been four this August.

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-04-18&rte_mt_prg_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%2310%20Vicky&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0418%2F20180418_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21352679_21352680_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0418%2F20180418_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21352679_21352680_232_.mp3

2.11. AOIFE'S STORY

20180419. Diagnosis of *haemophilus influenzae*, then rupture of amniotic sac. The waters broke, and pregnancy became impossible. The options were discussed. There was a risk of infection and sepsis. There was a heartbeat. Intervention was not possible. Hospital was very kind but could do nothing because of laws. Describes travelling to Liverpool with no luggage and feeling very self-conscious and ashamed.

http://www.rte.ie/cspodcasts/media.mp3?c1=2&c2=16951747&ns_site=test&ns_type=clickin&rte_vs_ct=aud&rte_vs_sc=pod&rte_mt_sec=radio&rte_vs_sn=radio1&rte_mt_pub_dt=2018-04-19&rte_mt_prg_name=test-drivetime&title=Abortion%20stories%20%2311%20Aoife&c7=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0419%2F20180419_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21353396_21353402_232_.mp3&r=http%3A%2F%2Fpodcast.rasset.ie%2Fpodcasts%2Faudio%2F2018%2F0419%2F20180419_rteradio1-drivetime-abortionst_c21353396_21353402_232_.mp3

AT 4:01 IN CUE: "Did you argue your case ...
AT 9:44 OUT CUE: ... did do much."

Did you argue your case?

I did and they were sympathetic as they could be, and they were so kind. But they were just, they couldn't do anything, and they were restricted by the way the laws are here and it was frustrating for them, as well as just horrible for me. It was - it just felt, I don't know, it...

At a point where you are at your most vulnerable, that in order to get the care that you wanted, you had to get sick?

Which seems crazy, yeah, I felt let down. I felt like I wasn't a priority in this country that I wasn't cared about. That what happened to me was irrelevant, because the baby - or not even the baby, it was the possibility of hits baby, it was more important than me. And this possibility was no longer. But yet, because there was a heartbeat, he was put ahead of me. And, never mind the physical, my mental health was deteriorating rapidly. Like I wasn't sleeping, I was full of anxiety and my poor one-year-old had no idea what was going on, do you know? And, how was I supposed to be the mother I was supposed to be to my child that was there? I just wanted to crawl into a shell.

Aoife's dilemma was acute. She needed her baby to die, so that she could avoid the risk of life threatening sudden onset of sepsis. But this was also a wanted, planned, second child.

The nurse hadn't looked at the file and so cheerily announced 'Oh, the heartbeat is still there'. And I just broke down. I couldn't, you know, it should be good news, it should be amazing news

that there is a heartbeat. But I was in this awful situation where I wanted my baby's heart to stop. Where I mean, no one should have to want that.

It goes against every, single natural instinct?

No. Yeah, you shouldn't want that.

Did you feel bad about wanting it, needing that to happen?

Oh, awful, awful. I mean, I think I was conflicted because I knew that this wasn't going to end in any good way. And, I felt awful that I couldn't bring this baby to a healthy term. Do you know? I couldn't bring him to life essentially. And I couldn't.

But rationally, you had absolutely no hand, act or part in that failure, it was nothing to do with you?

No and yet, I had to make the decision to end it. And go somewhere else to do that. I had to feel like I was going against what is morally the correct thing to do. Morally, you should be able to stand by the baby and the baby comes first. And for me, my baby that was already here came first, do you know? He is here, he needed me.

Is there an implicit feeling here that, in going to England to have an abortion you were doing the 'bad thing'?

Yeah, yeah... Well, I felt shame, I felt like - when I was getting on the plane, when I was going there. And I am worried about security, I am worried about what other people are going to think. 'Oh, she is going to Liverpool, she has no bags, I wonder what she is doing? Is she one of those - the 12 that travel every day?' Or, you know, and I was on the plane and I was crying and I didn't want the air hostess to see that I was crying, because then she might know. I resented that. I resented feeling like I needed to hide what I was doing. I needed to try and find a story. I needed to try and keep up this facade of 'everything is normal, everything is fine'. When actually, I just wanted to crawl into my bed and yeah, cry.

Four years on from an abortion she didn't want, but was forced to have - Aoife is still angry that she wasn't able to have the procedure done, in Ireland.

It would have made me feel like I wasn't being a criminal. That there was no shame in what I was doing. That my country cared about me, do you know? That I was going through hell and

that I was treated appropriately. That I was treated with the compassion that someone who is going through hell deserves. And, that if I was in this country that maybe there would be a way that I could talk to somebody, there would be facilities set up for me afterwards. Like how to grieve, how to come to terms with this. I would be able to have my mum there, my sister, my husband, everyone around me, do you know? And it made me angry, it made me angry that I should feel like this. Because why? Why should I feel shame? There is no reason I should feel shame. I did all I could do. I did everything I could. And this was very much a wanted baby and yet, I was made to feel like I was doing something wrong. Like there was something wrong about how I behaved. Like, I wasn't doing enough. That I should be doing more, do you know? That I didn't care enough, that I didn't love enough. But I did, all of those things. So much.

2.12. JOHN'S STORY

20180516. 'John' speaking on behalf of his wife who cannot bear to talk about story. On visit to Holles Street they were told amniotic fluid was leaking. Transpired that amniotic sac was mostly gone at 18 weeks – 6 weeks to viability. In the absence of a sac the baby would be crushed in the uterus. Holles Street did not give graphic detail of the predicament, but John and wife had the impression that they wanted to say more about options than they could. Christmas night – contractions – in labour. Induced. Baby born in cubicle. Died 30 minutes later. 8th amendment resulted in prolonged suffering for wife and did not protect the child.

<https://www.rte.ie/radio1/drivetime/programmes/2018/0516/963995-drivetime-wednesday-16-may-2018/?clipid=102815082#102815082>

at 4:48 IN CUE: "Every time she went to the bathroom ...

at 8:27 OUT CUE He's passed now."

Every time she went to the bathroom she would wonder was she bleeding now, was it going to end now. Or every time she would go into the hospital, which was a couple of times a week, she got there herself. Because again, I had to work. So, she would do that herself. The walk to the hospital on crutches, in pain, due to the normal pain of a normal pregnancy. And then, seeing buggies and prams and newborns, took its toll on her. Although I had to do everything and I did have to drive everywhere and manage our daughter in the house, I still got to escape. There was an hour and a half of a commute every day but there was still time when I could pretend I was normal. I could be angry with other cars on the M50, rather than angry at what was going on.

She was anchored to this unfolding tragedy, every hour of every day?

Yeah, she was at home, alone, with - and that is all there was to think about for her. Which, I can't imagine.

On Christmas night, John's wife started experiencing contraction like pains. I need to say here, that John's description of what happened next, is distressing to listen to.

Early in the morning, we called an ambulance. Left our daughter crying because Mummy was leaving again and this time, in an ambulance which no 2-year-old should have to see. And, we went to Holles Street, and because labour had started, they were able to induce. And hours later, eventually, our son was born. After lots and lots of pain and my wife getting sick, due to the induction medication. All these perverse things that you go through, you go through the pain for your child. You go through the discomfort for the family that you are going to have. My wife has destroyed her body three times, so we could have a family. But this time, she has put herself through all this pain and all this agony, for a horrible ending. There is no good news to this there is no good ending in this story. And, it is purely down to the limitations of the Eighth Amendment puts on doctors, that they are not allowed help us in that situation, because the risk to her life wasn't immediate enough.

What happened when your son was born, describe it?

It wasn't a pretty or a beautiful experience. The induction took hours and hours and eventually, my wife needed to use the bathroom and he was born in the cubicle in the toilet, the women's toilets in Holles Street. He was tiny, he hadn't grown in the four weeks, he was the size of an 18 week old baby. I haven't let myself think whether or not he felt pain. I don't think he did, but I don't know if that is just me not wanting to think about that. When I was holding him in my hands, because he fit in two palms. He seemed comfortable, he seemed relaxed. He wasn't breathing because his lungs hadn't formed. But, he was alive and he looked like my wife. I could see - I had a brief glimpse of what he was going to look like and after about 30 minutes, he passed away. The nurses who were checking on us periodically came in and said 'Yeah, he's passed now.'

2.13. MARIAN'S STORY

0180518. After second child was born became pregnant again. Did not wish for third child. Family and financial issues. Took abortion pill. Felt shame because it was against the law, Could not discuss with others. Kept getting positive pregnancy results after pill(s). But could not go to GP who was strongly pro-life. Did not regret abortion for a second.

[3https://www.rte.ie/radio1/drivetime/programmes/2018/0518/964483-drivetime-friday-18-may-2018/?clipid=102818512#102818512](https://www.rte.ie/radio1/drivetime/programmes/2018/0518/964483-drivetime-friday-18-may-2018/?clipid=102818512#102818512)

APPENDIX THREE: RTÉ REFUTES ACCUSATIONS OF BIAS.

Pro-Life Campaign assertions against RTÉ *Prime Time* and responses by David Nally, Managing Editor, Current Affairs TV, RTÉ. Assertions against RTÉ Radio dismissed by RTÉ Radio spokesperson.

The author attended the Pro-Life Campaign's national conference on 8 October 2016. At it, he was given a booklet entitled *Ireland's Pretend Abortion Debate*, which made several assertions of bias in RTÉ's coverage of the abortion issue on *Prime Time*.

In an email to Cora Sherlock, Secretary of the Pro-Life Campaign, dated 21 December 2016, the author explained that he was researching both a PhD thesis and an article entitled 'The Eighth Amendment - a short history' for *Search, a Church of Ireland Journal*.³

1. I attended the Pro-Life Campaign's national conference on 8th October 2016.
2. I was given a booklet published by the Pro-Life Campaign, entitled *Ireland's Pretend Abortion Debate*. In it, assertions are made about RTÉ's coverage of the abortion issue on *Prime Time*, which I put to RTÉ and which elicited the responses I include below. I should very much appreciate your comments on the question at the end of each point.

PLC Assertion: "Government's abortion legislation given zero scrutiny. In the 10 weeks from the publication of the Government's highly controversial abortion bill in 2013 until its passage in the Dáil, there was not a single debate on RTÉ's Prime Time scrutinising the contents of the proposed legislation."

RTÉ Response:

Prime Time covered this subject six times in 2013.

On January 10th, the programme debated the subject of whether suicide should be included in the bill as grounds for an abortion. The item lasted approximately 20 minutes and the panel consisted of, on one side, Maria Steen (Iona Institute) & Dr Jacqueline Montwill and, on the other side, Prof Veronica O'Keane & Ailbhe Smyth

³ 'The Eighth Amendment – a short history' by Paul Loughlin in *Search: A Church of Ireland Journal*. Vol. 40.1. Spring 2017.

(Action on X). RTÉ suggested watching the programme on the RTÉ website and notice how the arguments on each side are almost exactly the same as the arguments made on the July 10th programme (a contributor to the January 10th VT refers to “two psychiatrists and one obstetrician” as the likely test to be applied, accurately foreshadowing the actual bill by several months).

On 19th April, following the conclusion of the inquest into the death of Savita Halapannavar the programme interviewed Praveen Halapannavar and the question of whether new legislation was needed to avoid a recurrence of this kind of case was debated for approx. 10 minutes by a balanced panel of Prof John Bonnar and Dr Peter Boylan

On 30th April the programme devoted 40 minutes to the bill, heads of which were published later that night. There were two panels, one consisting of Senators Ronan Mullen and Ivana Bacik and the other consisting of, on one side, Jacqueline Montwill & Wendy Grace and, on the other side, Susan McKay & Veronica O’Keane. Audience contributions were balanced as well. Although the heads of bill - which had been expected to be published earlier that day - were delayed and finally published after the programme was finished, all of the relevant information was already in the public domain and the delay in publication did not prevent the programme from holding a fully-informed debate which again concentrated mainly on the issue of the suicide clause.

On May 2nd the issue of whether fatal foetal abnormality should be included as grounds for abortion in the bill was debated for 10 minutes by Sarah McGuinness (in favour of its inclusion) and Dr Berry Kiely (against its inclusion).

On May 27th the question of whether the Constitution does or does not allow fatal foetal abnormality to be included as grounds for abortion in any such bill was debated for 10 minutes by two academic lawyers - Jennifer Schweppe (who argued that it does) and Prof Gerry Whyte (who argued that it doesn’t).

On July 10th the programme devoted one hour and 50 minutes to the bill, largely concentrating again on the question of the suicide clause. There were two panels; one consisting of Senator Ronan Mullen and yourself on the pro-life side and Susan McKay & Emer Costelloe (later replaced by Ivana Bacik) on the pro-choice side and a second panel consisting of Veronica O’Keane and Jacqueline Montwill. On the website the viewer will notice how the arguments on each side are almost exactly the same as the arguments made on an earlier programme (a contributor to the

January 10th VT refers to “two psychiatrists and one obstetrician” as the likely test to be applied, accurately foreshadowing the actual bill by several months).⁴

Author’s question to Ms Sherlock: RTÉ’s account seems at variance with the booklet’s statement above. Do you accept that, and how would you respond?

Although Ms. Sherlock indicated that she would like to respond her email came too late for the *Search* deadline. She did not reply to further requests to respond to the RTÉ comments on PLC’s published assertions.

PLC Assertion: ‘Prime Time’s open bias: RTÉ has been openly pushing abortion where unborn babies have a terminal illness. In the past few years Prime Time held five decidedly biased studio discussions on the issue. The *Late Late Show* and the *Saturday Live Show* have also conducted highly emotive one-sided interviews on the issue.’

Author’s Question: I’m sure you have records supporting your comments on RTÉ’s open bias. Would you consider letting me have sight of these?

No response.

The PLC-approved website www.hearbothsides.ie contains the following accusation directed at RTÉ Radio:

From June – July 2016, RTÉ Radio 1 gave 81 minutes airtime to those pushing for repeal of the 8th Amendment and a ridiculous 4 minutes to the pro-life side. There was nothing unusual about this one-month period. It’s the same every month on RTÉ. And still RTÉ claim they are equally fair to both sides! The coverage in question was from June 9th – July 8 2016.⁵

Specifically, regarding the Hearbothsides.ie allegation Brian Dowling, Head of Editorial Standards and Compliance, RTÉ made the following statement:

- there is no reference or listing of what programmes they allegedly relate to;
- there is no identification of the author(s) of these figures;

ending ⁴ David Nally, Managing Editor, Current Affairs TV, RTÉ, in a series of emails to the author. on 10 December 2016.

⁵ <http://hearbothsides.ie/evidence-bias/> re-accessed 19 March 2019

- there is no detail or information on the methodology used to arrive at the figures;
- there is no indication as to why particular dates were mentioned or selected as opposed to any other set of dates;
- the figures, as contained on the website, are entirely unattributed and anonymous.⁶

Following the referendum to repeal the Eighth Amendment of 2018, Cora Sherlock, addressing the McGill Summer School on 28 July 2018, repeated the above allegation of bias in an attack on the mainstream media, including RTÉ (although without specifying which one-month period she was referencing):

Regrettably, the case for repeal was amplified and aided at every turn by large sections of the mainstream media while the arguments put forward by the pro-life side were constantly ridiculed, ignored or treated with suspicion. There's a lot of statistical evidence to support this claim – for example the one-month period on RTÉ Radio 1 when 81 minutes were devoted to the pro-repeal side and just 4 minutes to the pro-life side. And there are countless other examples. Over a single week on Newstalk, there were 52 minutes given to the pro-repeal side and just 20 minutes for keeping the Eighth.⁷

Ms. Sherlock's allegations were reported in *Alive! The Catholic Monthly Newspaper* which is distributed door-to-door and in Catholic churches. It claims a circulation of 250,000 nationwide.⁸

Asked to comment on Ms Sherlock's published allegations Brian Dowling, Head of Editorial Standards and Compliance, RTÉ, said that neither Ms Sherlock nor the Pro-Life Campaign had provided or published any figures to support her assertions. He said that it would be reasonable to expect that a complaint as serious as Ms. Sherlock's would have been made to the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland and likely upheld. But no complaint against RTÉ's referendum debates has been upheld. Neither did Ms

⁶ Brian Dowling, Head of Editorial Standards and Compliance, RTÉ, email to the author 19 March 2019.

⁷ Extract from transcript of Cora Sherlock address to MacGill Summer School: <https://loveboth.ie/25-07-18-address-by-cora-sherlock-to-the-macgill-summer-school-glenties-co-donegal/> re-accessed 18 March 2019.

⁸ Speaker details appalling bias of media before referendum in *Alive!* No. 247, September 2018.

Sherlock nor the Pro-Life Campaign approach RTÉ with a breakdown to support the claimed figures.

Complaints to the BAI were made about *Claire Byrne Live – Referendum Special*. But none had been upheld against it or any other RTÉ referendum programme by the BAI.

Neither was any complaint against Pat Kenny on *Newstalk* upheld. Commentating on Ms. Sherlock's remarks Patricia Monahan, Managing Editor of *Newstalk*, wrote:

I reject completely the allegation from Cora that our coverage of the repeal the 8th referendum was anything but fair, impartial and objective. Having carefully monitored our coverage throughout the campaign I can say with certainty that there was no such disparity in minutes allocated to each side of the campaign on *Newstalk*. Furthermore, I reject any suggestion that *Newstalk* was part of a media that either 'aided' the case for repeal or 'ridiculed' the pro-life side. *Newstalk* takes its obligations in terms of fairness, objectivity and impartiality as outlined by the BAI very seriously and as our record shows have never had a complaint upheld against us with regard to our coverage of this issue.⁹

Ms. Sherlock has not replied to a request from the author to see the evidence she claims exists.

APPENDIX FOUR: *TODAY TONIGHT* INTERVIEWS FROM MACGILL SUMMER SCHOOL 1987

These records are transcripts of interviews recorded for the RTÉ TV current affairs series, *Today Tonight*, in an episode marking the 50th anniversary of the 1937 Constitution. The interviews were taped on location at the Summer School in Glenties, Co. Donegal, in August and September 1987, four years after the *Right to Life* Referendum and one year after the *Dissolution of Marriage* Referendum. The programme was for transmission on 4th November 1987.¹⁰

Most of the interviews were taped at the Summer School whose subject in 1987 was the 1937 Constitution in the light of developments in the Ireland of the 'eighties.¹¹ The

⁹ Email from Ms. Patricia Monahan, *Newstalk*, to the author 19 September 2018.

¹⁰ *Today Tonight NO. 949. The Constitution*, Prod. RTÉ Tx 4 November 1987, RTÉ 1, RTÉ Internal Archives production no. TY0037155.

¹¹ MacGill Summer School, Glenties, Co. Donegal, 16 – 22 August 1987. Director Dr Joe Mullholland

Today Tonight programme was to be an hour-long special. Its baseline agenda was to explore the history of the 1937 Constitution and de Valera's role in its design. Then it was to examine how well the Constitution had served Ireland 50 years on. The presenter/interviewer was Dr Brian Farrell, one of three *Today Tonight* presenters and Associate Professor of Politics, U.C.D.; the producer/director was the writer of this thesis; the researcher/writers were Brendan Leeson and Feargus O'Raghallaigh, later special advisor to Pat Rabbitte as Minister for Science and Technology in the Rainbow Coalition.¹²

The normal length of a *Today Tonight* interview at the time was between five and fifteen minutes. The Constitution interviews were unusually lengthy, some running for 30 minutes or more.¹³ The transmitted programme on the Constitution contained edited segments of these long interviews. However, transcripts were made of most interviews in their entirety. Rushes were not normally kept and, unfortunately, records such as transcripts were often lost. Fortunately, the Constitution interview transcripts survived in the possession of one of the production team and have now been deposited in RTE's paper archive.

The surviving transcripts are of interviews and workshops including, among others, the following with their titles at the time (those marked with an asterisk (*) did not attend the Summer School and were interviewed separately):

1. Prof. Kevin Boyle, Professor of Law, U.C.G.
2. Ruairi Quinn, T.D., Labour Party Spokesman on Environment & European Affairs.
3. Prof. John A. Murphy, Professor of Modern Irish History, U.C.C.
4. Dr Dermot Keogh, Lecturer in Modern History, U.C.C.
5. Michael D. Higgins, T.D., Statutory Lecturer in Political Science and Sociology, UCG
6. Sr Benvenuta (Margaret MacCurtain) OP, Department of History U.C.D.
7. Senator Catherine McGuinness BL, Member, Church of Ireland Synod.
8. Mary Harney, T.D., Progressive Democrats Spokesperson on Social Reform & Justice.
9. Alice Glenn, Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, formerly Fine Gael T.D., Dublin Central. Anti-abortion and anti-divorce activist.

¹² See list of the *Today Tonight* Constitution programme interviews.

¹³ 30 minutes was the duration of a standard Beta videotape at the time.

10. Liam McHale, State Solicitor Co. Mayo, Supreme Advocate of the Knights of Columbanus.
11. Hon. Justice Niall McCarthy, the Supreme Court (speech followed by Q&A).
12. Revd Enda McDonagh, Professor of Moral Theology, Maynooth College.
13. Mr Justice Tom O'Higgins, President of the Supreme Court 1974-Jan 1985. *
14. Cllr Raymond Ferguson, Official Unionist, Fermanagh.
15. Very Revd.V.B. Griffin, Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. *

Interviews with Brian Lenihan, T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Very Revd. James Kavanagh, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, were included in the programme now filed in the RTÉ Archives. However, there was not time to make transcriptions of these two interviews as they were taped very close to transmission.

The contents of the transcripts listed above reflect the recollections and opinions of these individuals, several of whom campaigned in or regularly commented upon the 1983 and 1986 referendums. The transcripts may be regarded as primary source material for academic researchers and may be viewed by application to RTÉ Archives.¹⁴

Interviews with Brian Lenihan, T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Very Revd. James Kavanagh, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin were included in the programme now filed in the RTÉ Archives. However, transcriptions were not made of these two interviews.¹⁵

APPENDIX FIVE: INTERVIEW WITH JOHN O'REILLY, PRO LIFE CAMPAIGN

Secretary, The Second Look Project; formerly Editor, *Is Contraception the Answer* (1974), *Contraception - The Baited Hook* (1977), *The Gift of Life* (1978), *Response, Journal of the Responsible Society* (1982 – 2010); Secretary, Pro-Life Amendment Campaign; Secretary, The Anti-Divorce Campaign. Interview recorded 25th March 2019.

¹⁴ RTÉ Document Archives Ref. No: CA/P/TT/056.

¹⁵ The then Fianna Fáil Press Officer, P.J. Mara, at first refused Fianna Fáil participation in a *Today Tonight* programme about the 1937 constitution. He later changed his mind and put forward Brian Lenihan, T.D., then Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Lenihan and Kavanagh interviews were taped a short time before transmission, but too late for transcription.

What motivated you to embark on the path you took to oppose contraception, abortion and divorce. Was it the case that you left your career as an engineer behind you in order to take such an entirely different path?

O'Reilly: No, I certainly did not leave my career of engineering behind me. I worked at it until I reached the age of 65. I had a great admiration for our constitution and our laws inasmuch as they reflected the values of the time, and also reflected family values and I was rather annoyed at various groups, some of them motivated from abroad, who were flouting the law here by importing contraceptives into Ireland and also abortifacients like the intrauterine device. I consulted with a few friends and we decided to do what we could to oppose it.

And how did these various groups such as the Irish Family League and the Council for Social Concern later the Responsible Society, Family Solidarity and others, how did they come about?

O'Reilly: Well, the first one that came about was the Irish Family League. I met a number of people there including a couple of engineering friends and we formed the Irish Family League and we worked with them until sometime after 1974 when the first contraception bill was defeated in the Dáil with (Taoiseach) Liam Cosgrave voting against it. And after that, I got in touch with Niall Darragh who had a group around him as well and we formed the Council of Social Concern. And later on, we had (the late) Mrs Valerie Richies over from the Responsible Society in England. And we formed a group here ... but we didn't form that until about 1980. And then in 1982, we started the magazine *Response*.¹⁶

And what were the key factors which inspired and united these and similar groups and was it, as you said a little earlier, was it because there were certain groups in Ireland, perhaps inspired by overseas groups, who were flouting the law?

O'Reilly: Yes.

Simply that, flouting, the case of them flouting the law. Were there not moral concerns of your own as well?

O'Reilly: O'Reilly: Well they were flouting the law. There were moral and social concerns and at that stage it was early on. There was a certain political correctness too at the time that you didn't criticise something publicly but when you met a few friends and sounded them out and found that they had the very same reservations about the whole thing as you did, that led to forming groups, forming organisations that we must do what we can to intelligently oppose it.

¹⁶ *Response*, the Journal of the Responsible Society in Ireland

When you talked about a number of groups flouting the law, are you including in that for example the Irish Family Planning Association?

O'Reilly: Well the Irish Family Planning Association was founded and funded by international Planned Parenthood which is a universal organisation associated with Planned Parenthood in America. They were also smuggling, they were deliberately smuggling contraceptives into the country and selling them, ostensibly for free donations.

Turning to the McGee case. It hinged on a particular couple's personal situation which included Mrs McGee's health. What was in that Supreme Court judgement that convinced you and others that the Irish Supreme Court might go the way of Roe versus Wade in the United States?

O'Reilly: Well really our fears on that were number one, we didn't know the judges or what they were capable or not capable of at the time. But the main thing, you know, the main thing that the Roe versus Wade thing hinged on was the right to marital privacy. And then in the McGee case that again was quoted, the right to privacy and the right to privacy in their marriage. It seemed that it was copied straight, you know, from the US Supreme Court decision in Roe versus Wade. That did cause alarm.

Right. And in *Response*, there are references to an abortion lobby in Ireland in the late 1970s, early 1980s and reports from the time as well as comments from Ailbhe Smith whom you may know of who was most recently involved in the Together for Yes campaign, and another woman, Goretti Hogan who was formerly with Women's Right to Choose, they suggest that there was in existence quite a small group, mainly of women in the late 70s, early 80s. Ailbhe Smith says the first meeting she was at was attended only by about six people. And Goretti Hogan says that she agreed with a published report of about 100 women meeting at Trinity around about 1980 but yourselves and Bishop McNamara in particular were quite sure that there was a growing abortion lobby. Now, at the time, what evidence did you have?

O'Reilly: Well you had the Dublin Well Woman Centre was founded and it was more or less openly referring women to England. I have no knowledge whether the Irish Family Planning Group was doing the same. But early in 1981 a Woman's Right to Choose was founded. And they held their first meeting down in Liberty Hall with about ten speakers, all speaking from the same platform, no opposition, and Mary McAleese, who was then a lecturer in Trinity, chairing them. And a lot of us heard about it and went to the meeting and there were more people who disagreed in the hall with them than there were people who agreed. And it ended up quite chaotic because during the campaign that followed the 1983 PLAC referendum campaign

took off a couple of weeks after that meeting. And any future meetings that group held, you had to sign that you were opposed to an amendment before they'd let you in.

Okay. I get the picture.

O'Reilly: Yeah.

Okay. Can you describe how PLAC came into being? Now, as you know, I've got Tom Hesketh's book so I have the list of the constituent groups that joined you, but if you could articulate the motivation for what I describe in the thesis as the largest grassroots movement the country has seen probably since the 19th century, what was the motivation to gather so many people together?

O'Reilly: Well, the motivation was to make sure that we didn't have abortion in Ireland because it looked like you were starting off with contraception, use of abortifacients and eventually abortion probably would follow. And since 1967 we had abortion in our neighbouring island in England. Now the situation in the rest of Europe ... France had already succumbed, Italy hadn't, Spain hadn't, but they all seemed to be going. So, there was no reason to think that we wouldn't follow suit if something wasn't done.

Simple as that.

O'Reilly: Yeah.

The aim of the pro-life amendment campaign was, as you just said, to prevent abortions taking place in Ireland and that Ireland might go the way of other countries, such as UK and France. Now, PLAC was not about seeking to look at or ameliorate the situation of the growing number of Irish women ... women giving Irish addresses seeking abortions in Britain, and their situation was rarely articulated in the campaign other than during debates when the Anti-Amendment Campaign was present, they did bring up that particular issue and they often would say this amendment will not prevent a single abortion taking place outside of the state. By contrast though, in 2018, there was quite a lot of coverage about women seeking abortion in Britain, for example, the abortion stories that Philip Boucher-Hayes did on RTÉ Radio in Drivetime and then the RTÉ exit poll of about 4,000 people listed the stories of personal experiences learned through the media as the most influential factor for 43% of respondents which gives you an idea anyway of how important people regarded the issue of women going abroad for abortions was. Now, in retrospect, looking back to 1983, do you not think that the Pro-Life Amendment Campaign and the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and others, might have given some attention to women seeking abortions as well as the campaign to get a constitutional amendment.

O'Reilly: Well, we did encourage counselling groups to which the women could refer and we were concerned, I mean we certainly were concerned with it, and I mean the thing is they're babies conceived in Ireland, their lives being taken from them, it is as much a problem as it (the abortion) being done in Ireland. Though a worse problem if it's being done in your own country because it's being managed and everything by you, it's a deliberate act for which a nation is guilty.

In an interview that you did in 1983 with *Today Tonight* called the Origins of the Pro-Life Amendment Campaign, you were being interviewed by Margaret O'Callaghan and she asked you why you thought there was an opposition to the proposed amendment and your answer was:

O'Reilly from *Today Tonight*: "I think the reasons actually for opposing the amendment are because the amendment would not allow abortion in the case of rape or incest or in the case of the life of the mother and that it would forestall future legislation on abortion. Well now if they are the reasons for opposing the amendment, it is obvious that the people who agreed on those reasons for opposing the Amendment, must be in favour of abortion under those circumstances."

Now, could you clarify what you said on that where you said that the amendment would not allow abortion in the case of the life of the mother, because people might understand that the PLAC position was that interventions to save the life of the mother in the case of ectopic pregnancy or cancer of the uterus would not be prevented.

O'Reilly: I think there's a misunderstanding there, because I think I was asked more or less what proof I had that people were seeking abortions and the anti-amendment campaign, they were the reasons they gave. And during the amendment campaign groups seeking abortion, became remarkably silent. And they were actually articulating ones that they thought would be politically correct, that everybody would go along with. Now, at the life and death of the mother, nearly all the obstetricians have indicated that under the direct-indirect ethical code it doesn't really happen anymore that the life of the mother is except in very rare circumstances that one couldn't forecast. Rape ... it's still an unborn baby ... very unfortunate and very tragic and its DNA is half the mother's, as well. So, also in law, rape can be very difficult to prove. So, the Rape Crisis Centres tell me that women that come to them pleading rape, most of them keep their babies strangely enough. And what was the third case?

Rape and incest were two but then the question really is about the principle of double effect. And that was that the main principle or issue or factor that enabled you to tell the public that this amendment would make no difference whatever to issues where the life of the mother was concerned.

O'Reilly: That's right, yeah.

Simple as that.

O'Reilly: Yeah.

All right. People in the anti-amendment campaign often said that although they opposed the amendment, they were not themselves pro-abortion. People like Dean Griffin said in New Ross that abortion might in some cases be the lesser of two evils but that he was definitely himself pro-life. And then others, including the then chair of the Labour Women's Council, Marie Woods, said that while they would not choose to have an abortion themselves, they were pro-choice. She said: "Well, for me, pro-choice was that if somebody wanted an abortion, they had the right to have it. But it was not the first option for birth control".

I asked if she were pro-abortion, to which she replied that she wouldn't be pro-abortion but was very much pro-choice. When I commented that she clearly differentiated between the two positions, she responded, 'Oh, yes.'

O'Reilly: Well, I mean I find that rather puzzling. If you wouldn't choose to have an abortion yourself, obviously you feel that the unborn child is something worth saving. But then why would you okay somebody else doing it. Would it not be a little like in Germany in the Nazi period? the Germans were killing Jews and you say I wouldn't choose that myself, but the Germans have a right to choose, putting it crudely.

Moving on to the first divorce referendum, a number of government spokesmen claimed at the time that the anti-divorce campaign ran a fear campaign. What's your comment on that assertion?

O'Reilly: No, I don't think we ran a fear campaign. As a matter of fact the Amendment was launched on us actually fairly suddenly, we drew up straightaway what our objections to it were, and no I don't think we, certainly I would object to saying that we raised any fear campaign. I think that was a charge actually made by the leader of the Labour Party at the time after the referendum was over.

In an interview for this thesis Alan Shatter, an FG backbencher in 1986, said with respect to William Binchy's warnings that the first family would lose all constitutional protection (maintenance, succession, family home etc.):

Shatter Interview: "What Binchy said was predictable coming from that source. The issues he was raising as spectres that would befall the women of Ireland should we have divorce were already the difficulties the women of Ireland whose marriages had broken down and

indeed men in Ireland were experiencing with simple marriage breakdown. These were all the issues that needed to be addressed whether we did or didn't have divorce and they're the issues that the Oireachtas committee recommended be addressed and which were ultimately addressed in the judicial separation legislation that I published after the divorce referendum in 1987. So, what Binchy had to say about this was entirely predictable".

O'Reilly: I would say that what Mr Shatter is saying is entirely predictable too.

Moving on to the X case, what's your feeling now about the Supreme Court judgement in 1992?

O'Reilly: Well, it's very complicated. First of all, the government introduced a tripartite referendum. One was on what they call the substantive issue of abortion, another was on information and another one was on the right to travel. Now, it's sort of ... what happened was we looked at the thing, we didn't feel very happy about it. The Catholic bishops had taken a sort of a peculiar stance on the thing, a wait-and-see stance and then Dr Julian Vaughan, who had led the Pro-Life Amendment Campaign assembled about 18-20, I forget the exact number, obstetricians and they sent a letter into the newspaper that what the government had there, and the legal advice on this, was going to open the door to abortion. It wasn't doing away, ostensibly it was doing away with the Supreme Court decision. In matter of fact it was going farther than the Supreme Court decision. This was again taken up by the late Cardinal Connell. And the poll, as regards the substantive issue, up to that nearly looked like it was going to pass. Nearly two weeks afterwards it certainly didn't look like it was going to pass, it certainly had an effect. Now, there were polls taken, it was interesting that referendum how it did go.

Is there anything further you want to say about the 1992 result?

O'Reilly: Well, the only thing I have to say is that whatever got into the government, they gave us the referendum that they had and it didn't come their way but it left the law on the substantive issue exactly the same as it was in '92 and it weakened (the restrictions on abortion) information. I'm not that concerned about the right to travel because there would have been no realistic way of enforcing it anyhow. But information? It meant that referral agencies were quite free to dish out information and refer people to abortions in England.

Some commentators remarked that 1992 was the beginning of a sort of a sea change among Irish voters. Whereas you had very strong votes going your way in 1983 and 1986. With 1992, things begin to turn. Would you agree with that commentary?

O'Reilly: No. You see the whole issue is very complex. And you're dealing with a voting system where people ... their own lives are hard enough, and they just can't be bothered with these

things. To sit down and understand it would take a lot of work and now the only thing you could do is probably insist that the judicial commission that sits down and gives sound advice, even if politically incorrect, on exactly what the effects will be. I mean if this thing had gone to – I forget exactly what the ...

Result was?

O'Reilly: Judicial commission would have advised at the time, but they could have advised as the Cardinal and the obstetricians did, if you go ahead with this, you're going to (have) very wide-ranging abortion. And they could have said as regards information - that'll leave abortion by referral agencies free to send people abroad for abortions. If you agree with that, vote yes, and if you don't agree, vote no, you know, this sort of thing. But I've looked at even some of the more recent referendums and I think the judicial commission itself tended to become politically correct as well and just give some legal arguments or something like that without going into the bread and butter issue that the people, that the person on the street can understand.

Looking at the second divorce referendum, some commentators point out that public opinion in 1986 tended to have favoured divorce in certain circumstances. But that the government of the time was unclear as to what those circumstances would be which was constantly pointed out by William Binchy. In 1995, Mervyn Taylor, as Minister for Law Reform, did not make the same mistake in that he provided clear definitions as to the circumstances in which divorce would be granted. Would you agree with that?

O'Reilly: Well he kept saying that this would only apply divorces where a breakdown had taken place many years before. Now, what I'd like to say about that ... the result was very, very close as a matter of fact.

It was only a few thousand.

O'Reilly: There was only a couple of thousand. And I tell you other things that happened too which would give one, make one wonder about the result as well, that there was a recount given actually all right, but it was only a recount of bundles, it wasn't a complete recount. Now, before the ... in the weeks actually there, prior to voting day, nearly up to the last week before voting, the government had gone overboard and they were passing out leaflets directly from the government, there all round the country. And then just a week before voting day, you had the McKenna judgement, taken by Miss McKenna the same thing had happened to her before. And the judges ruled actually straightforward that this was illegal.

This was the expenditure of government money.

O'Reilly: The government should not be spending money on one side of a referendum unless they were going to give an equal amount of money to the other side to propagate their views. Now, they stopped straightaway with the judgement. But the damage I think had already been done. (Senator) Des Hanafin went to court afterwards and sued that the referendum should be scrapped, because it was marginal. It was marginal and all this government effort had gone in to propagate the result it wanted. Now, Des lost the case. At least they didn't cede it to him, but they gave him full expenses. They didn't ... it didn't cost our side anything for the challenge. But we much preferred to have paid something and won, you know.

Moving on to the 2018 referendum, during the period leading up to it, during the Citizens' Assembly and the Oireachtas committee which followed that, did you at any time feel that the 8th Amendment could be lost?

O'Reilly: Well, I felt that they were taking an awful lot of trouble, to put it crudely, and in non-politically correct language to brainwash the people. They invited people at random there, people who obviously probably didn't understand the problems or anything like that. And then the people who were selecting the speakers, there were at least two of them which we would have had grave doubts about and whereas there were some reliable speakers appeared, there were an awful lot whose views you would have known before you brought them in there. You had somebody from the Guttmacher Association and Planned Parenthood in America. You had people from the abortion clinics in England, and naturally you were going to get, you were going to get ... and I'd seen the ... you need a sort of a fair amount of education ... of facts what does take place in an abortion. What are the ethics of it which I'm sure the mass of people on the streets don't have? And they weren't going to learn them there at the Citizens' Assembly. And the odd thing about it was because I'd a lot of correspondence with the Citizens' Assembly myself; they started off first and they wanted people to feed in no more than a couple of hundred words. And the thing was so abstruse you couldn't articulate it in a couple of hundred words. And then I found out afterwards that the letters that people are writing in on the pro-life side, as a matter of fact, had about 70% of all the contributions that were made by mail but they never reached the man in the pews and you weren't allowed write to the man in the pews. You had to write in and they put them up on the screen and they put them up on the screen very, very slowly and sometimes people who wouldn't be *au fait*, you know, with computers and that sort of thing would probably never have seen them. So, I don't think it was a very rational method or a very fair method. If you intended to be fair and objective, that wasn't the place, you weren't going to get it there.

So, you think that for that, the Citizens' Assembly was stacked against the pro-life side?

O'Reilly: I think it was, yes.

And would you say the same of the Oireachtas committee which followed it?

O'Reilly: Well, you could see how they voted.

What is your opinion then of the size of the majority to repeal the 8th Amendment which took place, which was two to one?

O'Reilly: Well, I tell you, in that sort of debate about ... Liam Weeks now, he is a professor I think in the politics down in UCC in Cork, and he wrote an article which I can show you afterwards and he maintains that the people who actually voted yes in the campaign were a minority of the electorate, believe it or not.¹⁷

It was said, now, that it was the largest turnout, seventh largest turnout I think that we'd had since the State was founded.

O'Reilly: Well, it may be, but then he (Weeks) was talking about the quality of our certification of people who were on the register, that a lot of work has to be done on the register, that we're something like 135th in the OECD statistics with a couple of African states below us, I think, or above us, so I mean certainly an awful lot of work has to be done on that.

Turning now to your own *Second Look Project*, the abortion statistics for 2015 released by the British Department of Health, and this is quoting your own *Second Look Project*, these 2015 statistics show that abortions on Irish women in clinics in England and Wales had dropped for the 14th time since 2001. A peak figure of 6.673 abortions in 2001 has shrunk to 3,451 in 2015 which you pointed out was a decrease of 48.3 percent.

O'Reilly: Yeah.

And this decline was despite an increase in population and an increase in women age 15 to 44. Now looking at that, looking at the decline that has been taking place now for going on 19 years, do you expect any change following the repeal of the amendment in abortion taking place in Ireland?

O'Reilly: I think definitely because if you're able to get it here, and the state is going to pay for it, which it doesn't in England and I understand that Mr Harris (Minister for Health) has put down 12 million for this year and 20 million for next year on abortions, and it's a problem, you see, there's an effort being made I think to normalise abortion. To make it that people won't

¹⁷ The people have spoken, but our voting system fails to tell us the complete story by Liam Weeks, *The Sunday Independent* 11 November 2018: <https://www.independent.ie/opinion/comment/liam-weeks-the-people-have-spoken-but-our-voting-system-fails-to-tell-us-the-complete-story-37515194.html>. Accessed 29th March 2019.

be ... up to now ... people will not admit that they had an abortion, generally would not admit that they had an abortion and probably will be glad enough to go to England where nobody would know them, you know. But I don't know how it will work out, how much the population has changed. Or how much the effect of this legislation is going to have. We will have in a couple of months' time, about May or June, we'll have the figures for 2018, actually ... we have it I think up to 2017 I think there at the moment.

These are the British figures.

O'Reilly: The British figures, yeah. But we'll have, we won't have the Irish figures until the end of 2019 but we should have the British figures as a matter of fact in a couple of months. And we'll see whether there's any change in that.

Right, but given the decline that you were speaking about in the *Second Look Project*, if fewer women are contemplating abortion, for whatever reason, maybe access to contraception or use of contraception is more effective, for whatever reason, the abortion figures are declining, might that continue to decline, notwithstanding the fact that abortion is available here, now.

O'Reilly: Well we won't know that for probably halfway into 2020.

But what's your own gut feeling?

O'Reilly: I don't know. I don't know.

What direction now, do you think that the *Pro-Life Campaign* and the other associated or un-associated anti-abortion groups should take now?

O'Reilly: I have nothing to do with the Pro-Life Campaign. But I think that there are a lot of groups there and they're pulling together and there are a lot of counselling agencies, I think we would need more counselling agencies actually there, and we'd also need to be a bit more militant about it, I think, because there's a danger that political correctness closes in and you don't talk about it, well you don't talk about the unborn child that's going to be the ultimate sufferer. So, while I think it should be aired positively and we'll see.

When you say militant, what are you thinking of?

O'Reilly: I didn't (mean) militantly in that way, but political correctness is a frightful affliction. As a matter of fact it's an enemy of free speech and there are a number of subjects which are politically correct that people would feel strongly about it, but they're afraid if they articulate

them they're going to be hounded as one thing or another, you know, so I think people should not be afraid to speak out if the thing is important enough to speak out about.

It's interesting you should say that because I recollect views, something similar to that expressed by Father Marx, in his second book, *The Confessions of a Pro-Life Missionary*. And he, having visited Ireland, was not impressed by the quality of the various priests and bishops that he encountered, and he formed the opinion that they didn't want to upset the apple cart.

O'Reilly: Yes, there is that.

Still?

O'Reilly: Yes. There are some ... well there are some who won't and some afraid that they'll offend some people in the flock, you know.

But the bishop of Elphin would not be included in that number.

O'Reilly: Well, I don't know, I don't know who would or who wouldn't. There's a way of doing things. There's a subtle way of doing things, a positive way of doing things, there can be an offensive way of getting across a good message too, you know, and I think it should be done as delicately as possible, you know.

Hmm. Are there any other things that you feel that you would like to say for the record?

O'Reilly: I'd like to see the electoral system changed ... the certification of voters changed. We've had a few elections and people were appalled actually at people getting free rides over in aeroplanes provided they voted a certain way and there were doubts of course about the accuracy of the electoral and the accuracy of the certifications actually there at the moment. The accuracy of the registers. But I'd like to see all that taken care of. I'd also like to see that if judges or whoever's appointed to stand out and explain it to the people that they would explain it in down-to-earth terms, whether the people accept it or not. I mean I've heard a story in the past, the government want to get a certain thing through, there was some opposition to it, they got a very honourable set of people out that wanted to give the truth of the matter, no matter what and they were accused of giving arguments that even the opposition had never heard before and they were more convincing than the opposition's arguments. So, you may want to get something through but there has to be fairness to the public as well. If you're asking them to judge or adjudicate you must inform them properly.

Right. Thanks very much, John.

APPENDIX SIX: KEY ACTORS IN THE CONTROVERSIES

A close reading of the timeline and transcript content sheds light on the main actors on all sides, thus leading to a greater framing and understanding of the narrative.

‘Traditionalists’

- One of the principal architects of PLAC’s eventual success was John O’Reilly, editor of many lay Catholic publications, campaigner against contraception, the IFPA, and a former Knight of St Columbanus. O’Reilly played a key role from the earliest manifestations of what became the Pro-Life Movement in Ireland. To PLAC he brought not only his organisational skills but also the support of Family Solidarity whose members worked the PLAC campaign on the ground, parish by parish, with its impressive membership standing, at the time of writing, at 2,200. Her was most influential in deciding whether PLAC would take part in programmes, which PLAC spokespeople would give interviews or take part in debates. O’Reilly helped navigate PLAC to its victory in having the Eighth Amendment inserted in the Constitution. He and Senator Des Hanafin, together with many of the PLAC members, later established the ADC, (Anti-Divorce Campaign), and successfully fought the Fine Gael/Labour Coalition’s 1986 attempt to remove the constitutional ban on divorce; again aided by Family Solidarity. Following the X Case Supreme Court judgement in 1992 to permit abortion in certain cases O’Reilly and Hanafin reconstituted their PLAC forces as the Pro-Life Campaign (PLC) but failed to overturn the Supreme Court ruling. This was the first defeat the PLAC/SPUC axis and their Family Solidarity allies had suffered. In the RTÉ results programme on the 2018 repeal vote Professor Gary Murphy had labelled this event as “the march of the Irish Nation from 1992 onwards”.
- William Binchy, then and now was a supporter of and legal advisor to PLAC and its successor, the Pro Life Campaign.
- Dr Julia Vaughan, a former nun and an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the National Maternity Hospital. Vaughan took the Chair of PLAC.
- Senator Des Hanafin of Fianna Fáil was a deeply religious supporter of traditional Catholic values. He was PLAC’s principal fund-raiser.

- Brendan Shortall of the Catholic Young Men's Society acted as the new organisation's main spokesperson. PLAC also included SPUC, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, and its President Dr Mary Lucey.
- The Knights of St Columbanus had been in existence since 1915 with its motto aiming "to restore all things in Christ" and was open to practising Catholic males aged 21 years and older. The Irish Family League and the Responsible Society were newer and had some women members as well as men. The common concern of the lay organisations was their perceived danger to the Irish moral character, the Irish family and Irish society. The Knights stood ready to help them in practical ways such as providing workspace when needed and assistance in publishing their warnings. The publications above and their contents form an early part of the timeline of this study. The Council for Social Concern and the Responsible Society were among the 13 Catholic groups who joined forces in the foundation of the Pro-Life Amendment Campaign (PLAC) at a meeting in Mount Carmel (private) Hospital on January 24, 1981 chaired by a leading Knight.

'Modernists'

The Anti-Amendment Campaign, though a late starter, attracted strong campaigners.

Among these were:

- Dr George Henry, Master of the Rotunda Hospital in Dublin.
- Dr Mary Henry, a vascular physician at the Rotunda, the Adelaide and Sir Patrick Dun's Hospitals who later became an independent senator.
- The barrister and later Supreme Court Justice, Adrian Hardiman, was the AAC's leading panellist in broadcast debate programmes preceding the referendum.