

Interactive Gambling Bill 2001

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I very rarely gamble, but on occasions I do. I am not going to argue, then from the point of view of a gambler, as such. I am going to argue on the principle of the government prohibiting actions of it people, actions which are our right. It is clear to me that the Catholic Church and its approach of prohibition to things it believes we must not do, is taking over. We are also prohibited now from smoking in any restaurant. Suddenly, the private domain of the restaurant business is public, government property. I'm not even a smoker. I loathe it, myself. But it is also my right, business and responsibility to protect my rights and interests.

Our lives are gradually being taken over by the State. By the principles of the Catholic Church, the government is taking Nazi-like hold on our lives. The Church, whatever denomination, should get out of the government. The government should get out of our lives.

It is on the principles of protecting our natural, inalienable human rights, that I argue my case.

It is disgusting that the government or anyone in it believes that they can say what we can do with our time if it doesn't impose on the rights of others.

You are proposing a form of legislation to attempt to protect the problem gamblers, people who spend money they don't have and people who do not take fully responsibility over the actions of their children where gambling over the phone line is concerned. By doing this, though, you prohibit EVERYONE!!!

As adults, we must take responsibility of our own lives. Gambling effects the gambler and only effects other adults if they are willing to be effected by it, in case of excessive gamblers. You are proposing a neurotic, unhealthy solution to a neurotic, unhealthy problem and causing a far greater one. The problem has its basis in the state of our culture. It suggests the state of health of our culture, if there are many people gambling. Prohibition worsens the health of the culture and the effect will simply be expressed in other forms, perhaps in more unhealthy forms. You can't keep prohibiting us from doing things. Look back at Nazi German, Communist Russia. You'll ask for a further slow down in our economy and motivation for production wealth. We need to be left alone. Look at the economy and what you've done with it. Look at the current tax system. Look at the state of our economy caused by the heavy government interference with it and the causes it's had on the public's lack of incentive to manage their lives and money better.

Get out of our lives! Get out of our economy! Liberal government, you will not deserve another vote. I will and am using what freedom I have left to fight for my political freedom. It is clear to me, behind what ever excused or pseudo arguments you have, that the real aim of this bill is to take further control of our lives. You are slowly killing us.

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