Vatican agitates to keep Costa Rica under its thumb

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The Costa Rican government is under pressure from Catholic Bishops after it proposed legislation on abortion, in vitro fertilization, and homosexual unions. In their usual bullying manner, the bishops denounced these plans as contrary to "the dignity of the human person, the nature of the family, and the values of Costa Rican society."

The bishops also denounced sex education in schools that was not infused with Catholic dogma. They said it was "graphic sexual information ... devoid of moral values, with a language and methods that do not respect the natural modesty of children or the authority of their parents."

TheVaticanclaims that 83% of the nation's 4.6 million people are Catholic.

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