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[The Catholic Church's control over abortion policy has sparked a furious backlash in Poland](#)

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[Abortion ruling is a missed opportunity to recognise the disparity in women's reproductive health rights across the UK](#)

Posted: Thu, 15 Jun 2017 by [Dr Antony Lempert](#)

Ensuring that NHS abortion services are made available, free of charge, to UK citizens travelling from Northern Ireland would be a way of mitigating the harm caused by a disparity in women's reproductive health rights across the UK, argues Dr Antony Lempert... [Read More »](#)

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[Stop pharmacies refusing prescriptions for emergency contraception on religious grounds](#)

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The new UN Secretary General must not allow religion to override human rights

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UN Secretary General designate needs to ignore Catholic pressure to row back on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and Gay Rights, writes Keith Porteous Wood.

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Channel 4's Dispatches reveals intimidating tactics of US-inspired anti-abortion campaigners

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Dr Antony Lempert of the Secular Medical Forum reacts to Channel 4 Dispatches' programme that showed the shock tactics UK anti-abortion campaigners are importing from America.

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Why "One of us", the European anti-choice petition, should be monitored and tackled

Posted: Tue, 17 Sep 2013 by [Julie Pernet](#)

*A statement on the "One of us" petition by **Julie Pernet** on behalf of the European Humanist Federation.*

Launched in May 2012, the European citizens' initiative "One of us" has reached the required number of signatures — 1 million — to be [presented... Read More »](#)

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Convictions for female genital mutilation: France - 100; Britain 0

Posted: Thu, 25 Jul 2013 by [Joan Smith](#)

Back in 1999, a group of MPs criticised the author Germaine Greer. They were astonished by her claim in a book that criminalising female genital mutilation (FGM) amounted to "an attack on cultural identity". The MPs described Greer's view as "simplistic and... [Read More »](#)

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[Conscientious objection in Scotland: a worrying precedent](#)

Posted: Wed, 19 Jun 2013 by [Louise Finer](#)

With NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde [seeking to appeal](#) the ruling for the allowance of conscientious exemption from abortion procedures, **Louise Finer** of *Reproductive Health Matters* argues that judges must not forget the rights of women – to health, autonomy,... [Read More »](#)

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[I'm grateful every day that I live in a secular society – and so should we all be](#)

Posted: Thu, 11 Apr 2013 by [National Secular Society](#)

By Anne Marie Waters

I've been hearing and reading a lot of debates recently about secularism; what it is, what it isn't.

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[Education for Choice launch report into abortion education in UK schools](#)

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Guest post by Education for Choice

Our new report '[Abortion Education in the UK: Failing our young people?](#)' reveals the extent of poor-quality education on the topic of abortion.

Some teachers and external speakers delivering lessons on abortion have been found... [Read More »](#)

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[Ireland awaits Human Rights report on its abortion law](#)

Posted: Tue, 28 Aug 2012 by [Claire McCormack](#)

By Claire McCormack

Ireland awaits a September report on its abortion laws by a European Court of Human Rights panel of experts at a time of rising political tensions over the issue and a backdrop of steep declines in the popularity of religion.

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[The Catholic push for power is failing](#)

Posted: Fri, 22 Jun 2012 by [Terry Sanderson](#)

Yesterday the Catholic Church in America began a campaign it calls "A Fortnight for Freedom" which it says is an effort to raise awareness among Catholics of the threats to their religious liberty. In particular they want to "raise awareness" about the Obama... [Read More »](#)

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[The Catholic Church is trying to flex its political muscle to humiliate Obama – but does it still have the strength?](#)

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Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York has ramped up the Catholic Church's politically motivated assault on the Obama administration by accusing the President of "strangling" religious freedom by requiring Catholic employers to provide workers with birth control... [Read More »](#)

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[Hitler, Stalin, Obama and a belligerent Catholic Church](#)

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The Catholic Church seems to be turning itself from being a religious body into being a rather unpleasant political party – one that is so reactionary it makes the Tea Party look like the Teddy Bears Picnic.

For instance, the Conference of Catholic Bishops... [Read More »](#)

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[The Catholic War on Democracy](#)

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At a Vatican meeting with Catholic bishops from the USA last month, [the Pope told them](#) that they

had a duty to apply pressure on Catholic politicians to get Catholic doctrine written into law.

Ratzinger said: "The Church has a critical role to play in countering... [Read More »](#)

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