

Contraceptives: We've Been Had!

A recent judgment by a judge in Argentina said that contraceptives **violate women's rights**:

The judge in question, Cristina Garzon de Lascano of Cordoba province, on Thursday ruled in favour of a conservative Catholic organisation which argued that oral contraceptives and intrauterine devices (IUD) violated women's health rights.

The judge agreed that such contraceptives were "abortive" and banned their production and sale. She also ordered the destruction of existing supplies.

Abortion is illegal in Argentina and can be punishable by prison...

Women's and health organisations also condemned the ruling.

Some said it would increase the number of clandestine abortions carried out in Argentina - already the country's primary cause of maternal death.

What has not been reported is that the learned Judge went on to don red inquisitorial robes before explaining that these contraceptives constitute a health risk to the immortal souls of the women concerned: "They may think that not having access to contraceptives constitutes a health risk in this life, but at least their souls won't burn in hell for all eternity. Having Satan shove a spit up your arse and roast you slowly over an open fire for ever and ever is significantly more dangerous than doing the nasty without an IUD," she declared.

Well, it is, isn't it? Anything wrong with that argument?

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A still another reminder of what used to be true

through most of the human history: that the organized religion has always tried to use the coercive powers of the state to deprive people of their freedoms, property, and life. The robed quack in question has also been derelict in the discharge of her duties: she should have sentenced every contraceptive user, male or female, to be burned at the stake, to save their immortal souls.

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This would be funny if it were not so appalling.

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