

Dear President,

I would like to submit a couple of thoughts for the new Constitution.

## **Chapter 2**

**(2) The authorities of the Roman Catholic Apostolic Church have the duty and the right to teach which principles are right and which are wrong.**

**(3) Religious teaching of the Roman Catholic Apostolic Faith shall be provided in all State schools as part of compulsory education.**

I believe that these have been outdated. (2) By giving the Catholic Church the power of DUTY and RIGHT it makes us citizens who have no freedom to choose who will FORM us into what is right and what is wrong. What if the Catholic Church have some wrong principles which she believes are right? Why should I be brainwashed in their principles? I do believe that this article is very wrong and should be eliminated completely. To give you an example I was thought that masturbation is a sin. I lived my teen hood in fear and guilt. The Church through this teaching has robbed me of an important aspect of my childhood. I cannot sue the Church for this because she had the Duty and the Right to teach what is HER right or wrong.

(3) We have realized that children under 8 years old should not be educated but FORMED. If we educate these toddlers we are creating Robots and not individuals. We know that their brains are not capable to comprehend ABSTRACT notions. All that is religious is abstract and we are forming or creating not only robots but Zombies. Religious Education of all sorts should be removed from all Public and Private schools till they are over 7 years old. Art, 3 should cover: Religious teaching shall be provided in all State schools from age 8 as part of compulsory education. Religious teaching means education on Religions, stating the history of all big religions, of what belief means, what is reincarnation, afterlife, heaven or hell. Teaching Religious matter is not converting or forming the student into a believer but educating them in this very important subject. It is not promoting a belief but putting all beliefs and Cults on the table to instruct and educate the student. The student should not be thought religious values or morality, that will be covered in Civics class as Values and morality. Religious morality and values is to be thought in Churches and Church halls not in schools. We teach Maths to children not to convert them onto Mathematicians, same with Religious study should be just that without Commandments, Bible and Doctrine of any Church but the substance of what belief is and what different Faiths rely on, the effect of Religion, why does all Governments accept particular Churches and what is the role of religious belief in a society and more.

**45. (9) A requirement, however made, that the Roman Catholic Apostolic Religion shall be taught by a person professing that religion shall not be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of this article.**

As if it passes that no Roman Catholic Apostolic Religion shall be taught.... Then 45 (9) will also be omitted.

**Chapter II 20A. The State shall facilitate the participation of Maltese citizens who live abroad in the political, social, economic and cultural life of Malta.**

And yet they have to travel to Malta to vote. Now-a-days all Maltese living abroad are well abreast with the happenings in their beloved country for the media is everywhere and they should be able to vote from wherever they might be especially Australia and Canada and USA.

Chapter III 32. Whereas **every person in Malta is entitled to the fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual**, that is to say, the right, whatever his race, place of origin, political opinions, colour, creed, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, but subject to respect for the **rights and freedoms** of others and for the public interest, to each and all of the following, namely - (a) life, liberty, security of the person, the enjoyment of property and the protection of the law; (b) freedom of conscience, of expression and of peaceful assembly and association; and (c) respect for his private and family life, the subsequent provisions of this Chapter shall have effect for the purpose of affording protection to the aforesaid rights and freedoms, subject to such limitations of that protection as are contained in those provisions being limitations designed to ensure that the enjoyment of the said rights and freedoms by any individual does not prejudice the rights and freedoms of others or the public interest.

40. (1) **All persons in Malta shall have full freedom of conscience and enjoy the free exercise of their respective mode of religious worship. (2) No person shall be required to receive instruction in religion or to show knowledge or proficiency in religion if, in the case of a person who has not attained the age of sixteen years, objection to such requirement is made by the person who according to law has authority over him and, in any other case, if the person so required objects thereto:** Provided that no such requirement shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of this article to the extent that the knowledge of, or the proficiency or instruction in, **religion is required for the teaching of such religion, or for admission to the priesthood or to a religious order, or for other religious purposes, and except so far as that requirement is shown not to be reasonably justifiable in a democratic society.** (3) Nothing contained in or done under the authority of any law shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of subarticle (1), to the extent that the law in question makes provision that is reasonably required in the interests of public safety, public order, public morality or decency, public health, or the protection of the rights and freedoms of others, and except so far as that provision or, as the case may be, the thing done under the authority thereof, is shown not to be reasonably justifiable in a democratic society.

\* **No person shall be required to receive instruction in religion** You see here we are talking of Religion. The Roman Apostolic Catholic Church has disappeared from script. I believe that Religion should be compulsory from age 8 and up but as I explained 'religious study' and not the Roman Catholic Church. Muslims, Hindus and Buddists should be educated in the essence of what religion is, how and why it exists, evolution of society in a religious world, and so much more. No Masses should be held at schools, no sacraments or preparation of sacraments and this applies to all schools even Church Schools. If the Catholic Church wants to educate our children thus build and run schools, its purpose should be to educate and not to brainwash and make believers. All churches have plenty of churches to do just that.

**public morality or decency**, We can educate our students in the Civics class.

**public health.** Public Health is in the hands of Pharmaceutical Companies and its doctors. It does not hold dear the Citizen's health but mostly its profits. PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE THE FREEDOM to purchase and medicine he believes is good for him as in Cancer, herbal medicine as in CBD for pain and even experimental medicine. The Public should not have his freedom hindered or restrained from acquiring medicine which the 'Medical Board' has not passed. The Medical Board is in liaison with the Pharmaceutical Companies and is always blocking medicine which will otherwise lower their profits on their medicine. The Constitution is trying to protect the public health but it has criminals controlling the health.

41. (2) Nothing contained in or done under the authority of any law shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of subarticle (1) of this article to the extent that the law in question makes provision - (a) that is reasonably required - (i) in the interests of defence, public safety, public order, public morality or decency, **or public health;** or

Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

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