

Lucinda Creighton and the Irish Abortion Bill Vote

Introduction

The Lucinda Creighton and the Irish Abortion
Bill Vote is a case that deals with the issues of
politics, beliefs and ethic in Ireland. Being a
member of the Fine Gael political party Lucinda
Creighton had a massive political and personal
test when the Protection of Life During
Pregnancy Bill was to be voted on in 2013.

Political Background

At that time Ireland has been hosting one of the most severe anti-abortion laws in the whole of the Europe. The Protection of Life During Pregnancy Bill was an attempt in to allow abortion where the pregnant woman's life was in danger like in cases of suicide. This law was introduced in anticipation to pressure from the International community and local incidences including that of Savita Halappanaver which exposed Ireland to the causal dangers of having no clear laws regarding abortion.

Lucinda Creighton's Dilemma

Labour AMs accused the Government of 'snatching the powers' while Creighton, the Minister of State for European Affairs, received tremendous pressure from her party to support the bill. But she could not support the legislation due to her own beliefs which in turn position her in a conflict between her career and beliefs.

Conclusion

Finally, Creighton voted against the bill which in turn caused her expulsion from becoming a member of Fine Gael Party. E Petrach '39 decision proves the conflict between individual moral and political responsibilities as well as the price that society exacts for people's adherence to their ideals.

Recommendation

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