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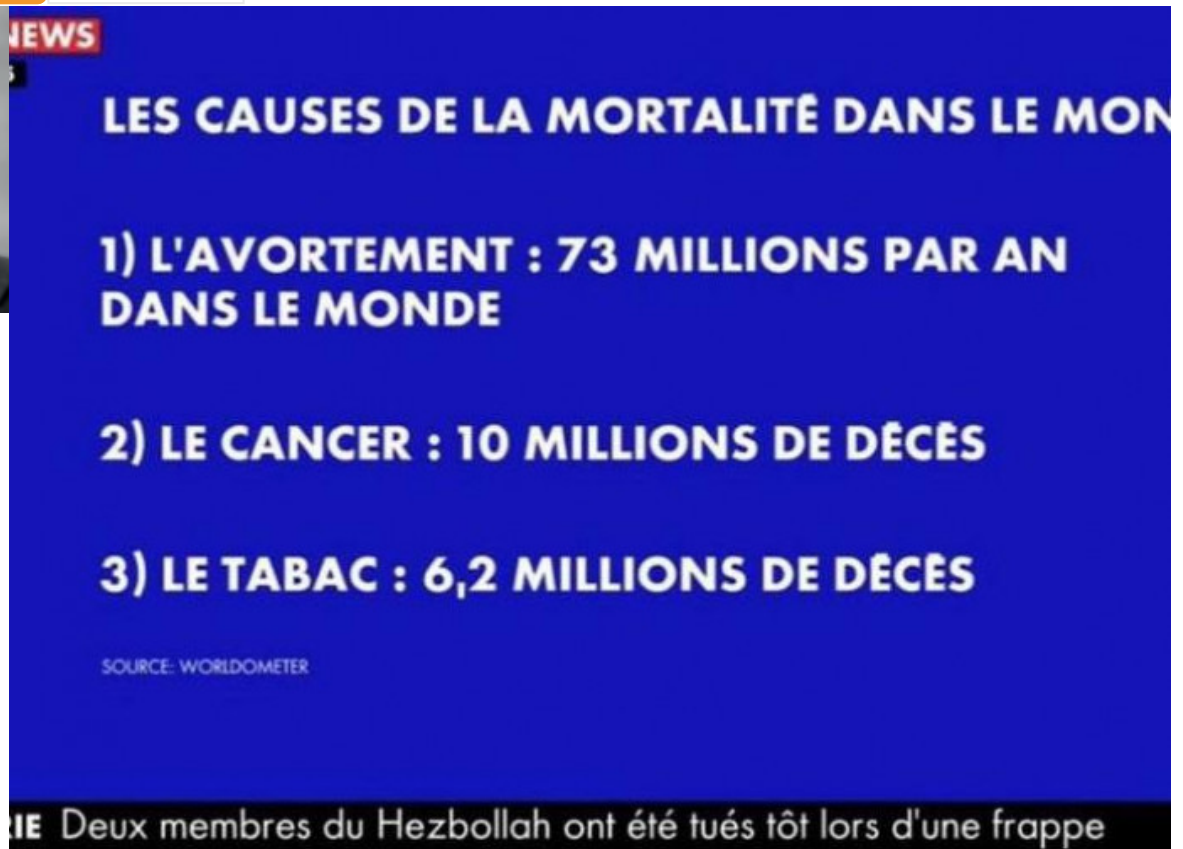
In France the truth about abortion costs 100,000 euro fine

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The French Media Regulatory Authority (ARCOM) last week **imposed** a fine of 100,000 euros on the conservative channel *CNews*, for claiming during a programme with pro-life and pro-family Catholic guests that abortion is the number one cause of death in the

world. An incontrovertible but unspeakable fact, in a republic that has placed the murder of the innocent in its tabernacle as if it were the most precious treasure.

The episode, which occurred during the programme 'En quete d'esprit' aired on 25 February, reveals how much the debate on abortion is banned in France and, after the constitutionalisation of the murderous practice on the innocent, how dangerous it is to show the facts of the genocide taking place. ARCOM ruled on 13 November that it is forbidden to reveal this truth. The 'guilt' of the television network and the presenter, Aymeric Pourbaix, was to show an infographic on the causes of death in 2022, ranking abortion as the leading cause, with 73 million deaths each year worldwide, i.e. 52% of annual deaths, far more than cancer (10 million) and smoking (6.2 million). Indeed, despite the wilful ignorance of the ARCOM, the abortion figures displayed on the [Worldometer](#) are based 'on the latest estimates of abortions worldwide published by various sources, including the World Health Organisation (WHO). According to the WHO, some 73 million induced abortions occur worldwide every year', the news website says.

The programm has been followed by a strong wave of indignation from the press and from liberal and socialist politicians, motivated by the unreal and anti-scientific assumption that abortion cannot be considered a 'cause of death' because the foetus should not be considered a living being. Having lost the light of reason, in a country that would like to deify it, again leads to total blindness. The *CNews* channel, owned by the Catholic businessman Vincent Bolloré, was violently criticised and, in the following weeks, an investigation was opened, accusing it of being a dangerous broadcaster and of broadcasting biased and non-objective information. In truth, it was only news that ran counter to the dogmas and lies of progressive thought, opinions contrary to the ideological vulgate in vogue today in 'liberal-illiberal' information.

The violence of the attacks had finally forced the TV channel to partially backtrack and apologise for what had been presented as a 'handling error' of information in the graphics that should not have been broadcast on screen. After several months of proceedings, in recent days the French Media Regulator Authority fined *CNews* 100,000 euros for this episode, because the broadcaster had allegedly failed in its 'obligation of honesty and rigour in the presentation and handling of information'.

Among the most effective and firm reactions was that of Jean-Marie Le Méné, head of the *Fondation Jérôme Lejeune*, who denounced the totalitarian nature of this decision in the magazine *Valeurs Actuelles*. Le Méné says that the ARCOM decision demonstrates the denial of the reality surrounding the practice of abortion in France and the government's desire to censor reason, science and repress freedom.

ARCOM writes that 'abortion cannot be presented as a cause of death' because equating an aborted child with a dead person would make abortion a murderous act and, Le Méné points out, 'in order for abortion to be practised with a clear conscience, it is forbidden to say that abortion takes life. Otherwise the keystone of the system collapses. But who believes this fiction?...Abortion, the leading cause of death in the world, is unfortunately a fact, not an opinion'.

Only by sheer coincidence, so common in other *liberal-illiberal* democracies in the West, the only French broadcasters to be sanctioned by the government authorities for the content they broadcast, i.e. judgments and data that did not conform to homologising thinking, were *CNews* and channel *C8*, both owned by the conservative Catholic Vincent Bolloré.