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CDA verwelkom uitspraak oor dokter met gewetensbesware teen aborsies

Die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA) is verheug oor die uitspraak van 'n arbiter in 'n Bloemfonteinse saak waar 'n dokter met gewetensbesware teen aborsies in ere herstel moet word.

"Selfs onder 'n liberale grondwet vind ons dit vreemd dat geoordeel kan word dat iemand se opvattinge spruitende uit sy reg op godsdienstvryheid ondergeskik gestel kan word aan die liberale waardes onderliggend aan die reg op aborsie op aanvraag," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die CDA.

"Die CDA het nog deurgaans sy teenkanting teen aborsies op aanvraag uitgespreek en wil graag Suid-Afrikaners se aandag vestig op die ongeveer 1 miljoen aborsies wat reeds sedert die wettiging daarvan uitgevoer is."

CDA welcomes judgment on doctor who conscientiously objects to abortions

The Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA) is overjoyed with the judgement of an arbitrator in a Bloemfontein case where it was ruled that a doctor who conscientiously objected to performing abortions must be reinstated.

"Even under the most liberal constitution we find it strange that one's beliefs resulting from the right to religious freedom, must make way for the liberal values underlying the right to abortion on demand."

"The CDP has consistently expressed its opposition to abortion on demand and would like to draw the attention of South Africans to the plus minus 1 million abortions that have been performed since its legalisation," says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and acting chair of the CDA.