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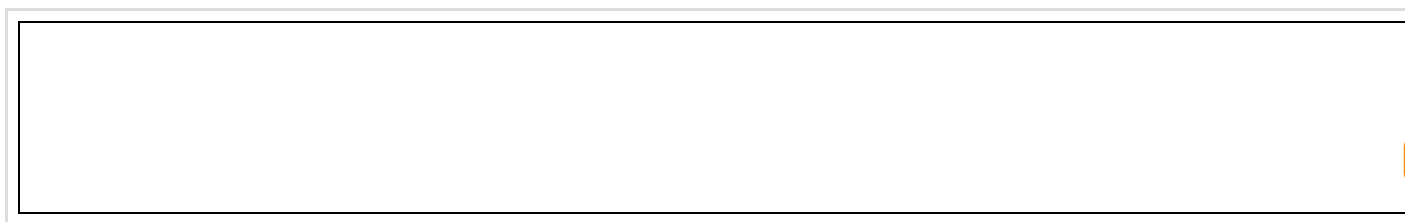
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Guatemala has detained a ship off its coast offering abortion services to women, ordering the expulsion of the vessel, owned by a Dutch non-profit organization, and its crew members.

The ship, run by Women on Waves, offers free abortions to women living in countries where the procedure is banned. The group carry out terminations in international waters for women up to ten weeks pregnant, and also offer sexual health and contraceptive advice.

The group said the abortion hotline was receiving hundreds of calls from women looking for information and hoping to schedule a visit.



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The Guatemalan army detained the boat on Friday, with four of the crew forced to remain on board. The department of immigration said the boat was in violation of Guatemalan law.

Women on Waves said it was appealing the decision in court, saying it had all the necessary papers and permits to be there, and that the ship could not be expelled before a decision had been made.

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“Our crew has been facing countless human rights violations and are bravely resisting a series of absurdities to stand in solidarity with Guatemalan women who have [been] denied their human right to safe abortion!,” Women on Waves [said](#).



Women on Waves

@WomenOnWaves_

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Estamos desde ayer en Guatemala. Gracias al apoyo que estamos recibiendo! Estamos aquí en defensa de los derechos humanos de las mujeres!

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Guatemala's navy dispatched a vessel to watch over a Dutch "abortion ship" on Thursday. The military later blocked women from accessing the boat in Quetal, San Jose, saying it was under instruction from President Jimmy Morales and that it would defend "human life and the laws of our country."

Part of the decision to take the abortion ship to Central America was due to the Zika virus.

"The Zika crisis made it very clear once more that abortion is a matter of social justice," GROUP spokesperson Leticia Zenevich [said](#). "Poor women are denied a spectrum of health services, including safe abortions."



Women on Waves members denied entrance at the pier © womenonwaves.org

Abortion is illegal in Guatemala except when the mother's life is in danger. The country has one of the highest birthrates and some of the youngest mothers in the world, with close to a [quarter](#) of all births in Guatemala by teenage mothers.

Despite the illegality of abortions in Guatemala, a 2006 [study](#) found 65,000 abortions take place in the country each year.

"We respect religious beliefs but this is a fundamental right in a democracy," Zenevich [told](#) La Hora on Wednesday.

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I for one support these individuals tully! Anyone who doesn't is just utterly, well....sigh...ignorant, I'll leave it at that then (and they should also have no right to procreate too)

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Red Cactus → Green Candy



There is nothing brave about attacking and harming an utterly defenseless little daughter or son being nurtured in her/his mother's womb.

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Blue Popcorn



Demons come in different races, color, and shape. And the goal is the same - kill, still, and destroy

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Steal (not still). Abortion as a birth control method? Sad, very sad.

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Cyan Seahorse → Franklin0



What you call "progressive" is actually degeneracy. You're advocating for a return to primitive levels of morality and social order. Also, murder is never necessary, and what you call "education" is simply propaganda for selfish individualism.

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Orange Bug → Franklin0



^{13h}
You must respect ALL life or you are murderer!

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Orange Bug → Franklin0 

^{13h}
Termination of living material, whether the matter is living standing alone or in a dependent parasitical state is scientifically a murder in fact! Destroy the organism is de facto murder!

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Blue Popcorn → Olive Fries 

^{1d}
abort them first - its ok per their rules. They haven't matured yet.

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Orange Ring 

^{1d}
Abortion is sanctioned in the Bible

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Olive Lamp → Orange Ring 

^{23h}
Care to cite the passage?

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Cyan Sushi 

^{1d}
Zika from pesticide use ? or mosquito ??

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Red Glasses 

^{12h}
It's illegal. And worse as it gets, illegal gov's and scientists experiments need be revealed and punished according to some sort of common moral

law for humans

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BenieBoy  Leader 

^{1d}
"We respect religious beliefs but this [killing humans] is a fundamental right in a democracy," Zenevich told La Hora on Wednesday.

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Cyan Seahorse  Cyan Seahorse 

^{1d} · Edited
The west has been (((infiltrated))) for well over 2000 years, and has been a willing servant of the (((chosen ones))) since the "enlightenment".

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San1219  Cyan Seahorse 

^{14h} · Edited
They are the most evil, alien race you can ever imagine. Look up the Holmodor, the Samson option, the dancing Israelis, the USS Liberty and thats the tip of the (((Iceberg))). 40% of these freaks come from teh same 4 women, they have been kicked out 109 times in less then 2000 years

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Cyan Seahorse  Cyan Seahorse 

^{3h}
Abortion harms society for purely hedonistic reasons. People, women in this case, should not be allowed any rights which harm society as a whole.

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Gold Pumpkin → Orange Turtle



Probably one of the most disgusting comments I've seen. Abortion isn't something to joke about.

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Orange Plane



USA need Guatemala navy to protect women and children from murder (ak47 abortion)

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Orange Quill



West Europeans are weird.

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Cyan Seahorse → Orange Quill



They're very selfish, and they don't respect people who need to be cared for by others.

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Olive Bee



They are undermining an independent, foreign governments. They come disguised as NGO's when they were sent.

Could be a start of changing the regime once they are opposed by the regime.

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Blue Controller



What a wonderful life. Sailing around the world, pulling fetuses out of wombs. They should be sectioned.

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Cyan Snow → Blue Controller



Absolutely...providing abortions **up to 10 weeks** for women who could never afford the lifetime of taking care of the mentally

disabled child they are mostly likely carrying due to the zika virus is pulling fetuses out of wombs. These women are heroines and the service they provide is absolutely in the best interest of Guatemala's public health and interests. And there is obviously a lot of interest from these mothers because they know the state will not support the special need their child will... [See more](#)

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Orange Bug → Cyan Snow



Please do not murder these babies, democrats will love the zika babies. they will care for them to grow up with no brain so they will vote only for liberal democrats. Democrats want more of the mixed race presidents to make US into third world jiggeboo land.

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Cyan Seahorse



What a sick bunch, how did we become so detached from the miracle of life?

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Cyan Seahorse → Cyan Seahorse



I'm not religious, so I wouldn't call it a "miracle", but I agree with the sentiment here. Innocent human life should be respected, and should never be discarded for selfish, hedonistic reasons.

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Orange Bug → Cyan Seahorse



Democrats pay premium for zika babies. They make best liberals because they no have any brain so they vote only for democrats.

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