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Activists Will Use Drones to Fly Abortion Pills into Poland

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Women’s rights groups will use drones to fly abortion pills from Germany to Poland this Saturday. The campaign hopes to raise awareness of Poland’s restrictive abortion laws, which differ dramatically from the majority of the European Union.

Poland has one of the most restricted reproductive rights in Europe. It’s among three countries, which include Ireland and Malta, where abortion is illegal. Women are only able to get abortions in the most extreme cases: if the women’s health is in danger, there is proof of rape or incest, or if the fetus is severely deformed.

The political stunt is a collaboration between Women on Waves and other European groups fighting for women’s reproductive rights. Inspired by the drones being tested to deliver packages by both Google and Amazon, Women on Waves announced the ‘abortion drone’ in a [statement](#). They hope to highlight the “different reality” Polish women face when trying to access “safe abortion services compared to other women in Europe.”

It’s difficult to determine the number of abortions that occur in Poland. The [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) suggests the official abortion statistics underestimate the true extent of abortion, as many women are forced to use dangerous ‘underground’ methods. The WHO also notes the ‘robust’ abortion tourism, where Polish women have to travel to neighboring countries to access abortion services.

The drone will be transporting the WHO-approved abortion pills – mifepristone and

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misoprostol – from Frankfurt an der Oder in Germany to Słubice in Poland. These pills can be taken without medical supervision for pregnancies of less than nine weeks, [Women on Waves](#) says.

The drone won't require authorization from Polish authorities as it weighs less than 11 pounds (5 kilograms) and will not be flying in controlled airspace, according to Women on Waves. The drone will also not be used for any commercial purposes and will stay within the sight of the person flying it.

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Colton · 27 minutes ago

Well personally I feel I have spent far too long on this site mindlessly babbling on a topic that, overall, is quite unimportant. To those whom put up thoughtful and debate-worthy and respectful posts, a wonderful adieu to you. To everyone else, You also have a wonderful day.

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Thomas Alan Langley · 2 hours ago

I have read that a massive dose of Ascorbic acid (Vitamin C) will cause an abortion. I don't know if this is true or not. If you take an excessive amount of Vitamin C it will not build up in you, you will just urinate it out. Whether or not you believe in abortion the fact is that women who want to will do it one way or the other. It might as well be legal.

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Colton → Rhodium · 2 hours ago

And in most cases it would kill more than one undeveloped/partially developed fetus, it could take the life of the mother and the fetus, and if the procedure is dangerous enough maybe even more

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Colton → Thomas Alan Langley · 2 hours ago

One could compare this to the "Noble Experiment", very very loosely mind you, in the way that if something is wanted, yet illegal, people will find ways to do/have that particular thing, however dangerous it could be.

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**Rose Grossi** · 3 hours ago

The way things are going in the we might need them to send abortion pills to women in the United States soon!

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**Bruce Wayne** · 3 hours ago

Rule 1: Don't feed the trolls

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**Cordelia Neil** · 3 hours ago

I hope that this can become a regular thing, if Polish laws don't change, which would be the first choice

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**Joey Chahin** · 3 hours ago

Drones

Designed for brutal slaughter by the military
being used for brutal slaughter by civilians.

Great to see women using drones for what they were made for, murder.

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**Colton** → Joey Chahin · 2 hours ago

Drones are being used for delivery, not murder. It isnt the drone that kills, its the user.

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**Aaron** · 4 hours ago

It would seem the Polish are the only ones that still have some sense of morality.

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**Wiktor Flis** → Aaron · 3 hours ago

Don't generalize. I'm Polish and this is sick for me too... even if a woman needs to get an abortion, many physicians just refuse to do it because of that "conscience clause" but they do not inform the patient where she may go to receive her abortion (while the doc is obligated to do it according to law, but the "law" doesn't really care) so many newborn babies die in agony, one woman lost her sight and the polish Catholic Church is ok with that so our government is ok aswell. If European Union would start to threaten Poland with sanctions for not obeying basic human rights, it would be a much better country. But just don't generalize, because majority of Poles are really decent people. Just those in our government are not.

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**Aaron** → Wiktor Flis · 3 hours ago

I think you read my comment wrong, and I think our ideas on morality differ slightly.

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**Wiktor Flis** → Aaron · 3 hours ago

It seemed a bit sarcastic about the polish morality...

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**Wiktor Flis** → Wiktor Flis · 3 hours ago

oh sorrv. I didn't think you were against abortion at first...

... sorry, I don't think you were against abortion at all...

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Wiktor Flis → Wiktor Flis · 3 hours ago

One's person morality is his/her business, I think they should have a choice, not to be forced to give birth to baby even in extreme cases.

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Alvin Proper → Aaron · 4 hours ago

Did you even read the article?

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Rhodium → Alvin Proper · 4 hours ago

Maybe he did read the article, and he just has a profoundly twisted sense of morality.

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Aaron → Rhodium · 4 hours ago

I care about protecting human life. Oh how evil I must be ;)

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Rhodium → Aaron · 2 hours ago

Obviously not. You know that women die when they have to perform their own abortions at home based on methods they heard through the grapevine, or when they are sent home from emergency rooms because a doctor was too "moral" to complete their miscarriage.

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Aaron → Rhodium · an hour ago

Did you know aborted babies accounted for over 20% of all deaths in 2013, within the UK.

I'm sorry some woman have to go through that, but unfortunately that doesn't justify killing unborn babies.

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Rhodium → Aaron · an hour ago

You can't die if you were never born. And no one could ever make me carry a pregnancy or give birth against my will. Ever. I'm not saying I'd never choose it, but if I did, it would be just that - a choice.

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Mina Tepes → Rhodium · an hour ago

Do you people not realize that a man called Aaron has been trolling articles for the last week!

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Aaron → Mina Tepes · an hour ago

Must be a different Aaron. This is the first iflscience article I've been on, as this is something I actually care about, being someone that used to be fully pro-choice.

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Colton → Aaron · an hour ago

"Used"?

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Colton → Mina Tepes · an hour ago

Well regardless of that, this fellow seems less trollish and has given his reasons for his side of the argument

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Aaron → Alvin Proper · 4 hours ago

Yes. Did I miss something?

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Philipp → Aaron · 4 hours ago

So you think one has the right to use the body of someone else for it's own survival? (of course against their will and for several months, effecting their body and life significantly)

Great! :) I call you in case I need a kidney or something. Agreement is not necessary.

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ikuracaitt → Philipp · 3 hours ago

Well, the person that you are condemning acquired half of its genetic material from the mother in the first place, and was technically already there (in the ovaries) and is simply growing.

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Vexs → Philipp · 3 hours ago

Seriously? I can't believe what I'm reading.

"So you think one has the right to use the body of someone else for it's own survival? (of course against their will and for several months, effecting their body and life significantly)"

WTF? Are you serious? It's human being you're talking about. Besides children are not guilty of being born for god's sake, their parents are. If you didn't want the baby, maybe you should have been more careful.

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Rhodium → Vexs · an hour ago

And if you don't want a house fire, don't ever live anywhere.

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Aaron → Philipp · 4 hours ago

Did you really just compare a kidney to a human being at a very early stage of development?

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jazz spain → Aaron · 3 hours ago

Not considered a human during early stages of development. The real issue here is the women having the choice. Would you rather a woman being pregnant and not being able to afford the essential cost of having a child..... Or a woman who could have an abortion and not bring a child into this world who would go without? As a man you have no idea what it is/ would be like for the female to not be able to make these simple choices

for herself

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Aaron → jazz spain · 3 hours ago

If it's finance people are worried about, perhaps the campaigning should be aimed at the government to provide women with more support. And none of us can truly judge what life is, or isn't worth living. Some of the greatest people in existence came from incredibly poor or orphaned backgrounds.

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Rhodium → Aaron · 4 hours ago

No. She compared a person dying of kidney failure who needs a kidney to live, to a "person" invading someone's body for months on end, having a profound impact on their life.

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Aaron → Rhodium · 4 hours ago

'invading someone's body'

Is that really how you people view this?

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Matt Clark → Aaron · 4 hours ago

actually yes. I'd never thought of it in such terms before, but that is exactly how I view it. Thanks Rhodium for the insight.

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Rhodium → Matt Clark · an hour ago

No problem!

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Mew Ashley → Aaron · 4 hours ago

I bet if I took an embryo of another species and showed it to you, you couldn't tell the difference between that and a human embryo.

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Aaron → Mew Ashley · 4 hours ago

And this is relevant how exactly?

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Rose Grossi → Aaron · 2 hours ago

Maybe since there are 7 billion humans on this planet destroying it we should start being more realistic about a woman who can't afford to care for another child, our government is unwilling to help those women, not to mention the fact that they are refusing abortions to women who will die or suffer disability from continuing that pregnancy so maybe you need to think about that for a bit before you start your "right to life" BS because guess what buddy women have a right to the life they chose to live without people like you sticking your nose into it!

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Aaron → Rose Grossi · 2 hours ago

It clearly states in the article that abortions are permitted, when the woman's life is in danger. You have to understand, that when a woman is pregnant, it's not just her she is making the decisions for. And your first argument is ridiculous. Maybe we should just kill all homeless people while we're at it, if you're really that concerned about overpopulation. If the government is unwilling to help, that's where the campaigning should be aimed.

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Mina Tepes → Aaron · an hour ago

Dude, if you've never been to Poland it's like this. Even though the law states that. It is vague in what is life threatening and so many women have died from bleed out during birth due to Catholic doctors saying they didn't "think" the women was in so much danger. Others have suffered toxic shock, embolism, etc, etc. It's a very badly written law. And in Poland the church has a lot of power and so well you read up on how my fellow Catholics acted in the middle ages.

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Rhodium → Mina Tepes · an hour ago

That's so true, and it's not just Poland. It's everywhere where abortion is illegal, even in places where there are "exceptions" for when it's life threatening. The same thing happens in places where it's up to the doctor's "morality".

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Rhodium → Aaron · an hour ago

If I ever get pregnant, it is just me I'm making the decision for. Of course, I don't know what decision I'd make, but my options are open. No one knows what decision they'd make until it happens to them, which is why I only take their opinion seriously if it could happen to them.

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Rose Grossi → Aaron · an hour ago

The difference is that homeless people are just that people while embryos are just that. They are not people they are not babies and I vote we kill people like you who think the homeless are of less worth than a bunch of tissue that is unable to live independent of another being. And no Aaron that woman who gets an abortion is also making a decision for the family she already has and for the rest of their life and future. For a potential human that she doesn't want/ can't take care of. Let me guess Aaron you probably also don't believe these same women should receive welfare to feed and provide for these unwanted children that you want to force her to carry. How many of them have you adopted? Why are African American babies having to be adopted in Canada Aaron why aren't you and all of the pro lifers adopting them? Oh I know because you're too busy trying to cut welfare/

health care/ birth control and get rid of minimum wage for the poor while listening to the racist on Fox News and dreaming of killing the homeless because they aren't as good as you and women aren't capable of making their own choices and understanding what an abortion means

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Aaron → Rose Grossi · an hour ago

'I vote we kill people like you'

Aside from taking everything I've said completely out of context, what is wrong with you?

I don't view the homeless as lesser people, the same way I don't view unborn babies as lesser people.

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Colton → Aaron · an hour ago

The same problem with all humans

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Colton → Rose Grossi · an hour ago

You definately make some good points, but the latter half is mostly assuming, which can lead to new problems of its own. perhaps ask him his stance on such topics and then follow up with the conclusion.

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Colton → Aaron · 2 hours ago

If anything a campaign should be directed at the space program but I digress

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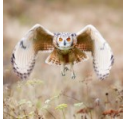
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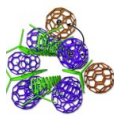
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