

**Question for written answer E-001279/2021/rev.1
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Subject: Pro-life individuals and groups singled out by political institutions

We have noticed how individuals and organisations are increasingly being singled out by the EU institutions for defending the right to life. Since the ruling on eugenic abortion by the Polish Constitutional Court in October 2020, these attacks against those of us who feel a responsibility to support women and motherhood have intensified.

In December 2020, the Greens/EFA Group published a report on anti-gender-equality movements in Europe, referring specifically to individuals and organisations. And to our surprise, on 25 March 2021 Parliament's FEMM and INGE committees organised a joint public hearing to discuss the funding of anti-abortion organisations in the EU.

In view of this ideological finger-pointing which undermines freedom of thought:

1. Does the Commission agree that pro-life supporters, MEPs and associations should have to endure being publicly singled out by political institutions?
2. Does the Commission believe these hostile approaches are consistent with political pluralism, which forms the basis of the rule of law in the Member States' constitutions?
3. The right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, as enshrined in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, is not being upheld. What stance will the Commission take on this matter?