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THESIS BY PROGRAMME GRADUATE:

Emergency Contraception Jurisprudence in Latin America: Catholic Doctrine and Women's Rights, by Fiorella Melzi, LL.M., Thesis submitted for the degree of Master of Laws, Graduate Department of the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, 2005. Online at: <http://gradworks.umi.com/MR/07/MR07349.html>

Abstract: In this thesis, the author analyses legal challenges brought before courts in Chile and Argentina in which the challengers allege that emergency contraception is abortifacient and therefore a violation of the constitutional right to life of the unborn. Demonstrating that these courts have focused on a determination of when life begins, as opposed to when life should be legally protected, the author argues that they have based their rulings on Catholic doctrine rather than on scientific evidence. She contrasts these approaches with those taken in similar cases by courts in the United Kingdom, Spain and in international human rights decisions. The author argues that by enforcing religious norms, these courts are jeopardizing the principle of secularity that is fundamental to democracy. Most importantly, the author demonstrates that these courts have violated women's constitutional rights by ignoring women's rights, concerns and needs, thereby frustrating women's attempts to achieve equality. The author concludes with guidance for judges regarding appropriate reasoning in these cases.