

## NO to abortion ban! In Solidarity with Polish Women\*!

Saturday, 31.10.2020

Where: Stadtmusem Tübingen (Kornhausstraße 10)

When: 12:00 - 13:00 Uhr

Dear human rights supporters,

us, three Polish women from Pomerania, Silesia and Greater Poland living in Tübingen: Hania (since 2013), Kasia (since 2016), Oliwia (since 2017) call for an act of solidarity with Polish women! Since we cannot bear the current situation in our country silently any longer, we would be very happy to see you participate in our initiative. All photos of this action and the solidarity protest will be given to women's rights organizations in Poland, to show our local commitment and international support for their work!

## #WECANTBELIEVEWESTILLHAVETOPROTESTTHISSHIT

In the night from Thursday to Friday (22.-23.10.2020) the Polish Constitutional Court in its judgement declared the abortion of disabled fetuses unconstitutional by a large majority. Such abortions would violate the protection of life guaranteed by the constitution. In the future, abortion will only be legal if the woman's health is at risk or if the pregnancy is the result of a criminal act. This is not the first such conclusion and not the first attempt to limit women's\* rights to decide about their bodies and their lives.

The law from 1993, commonly called "the abortion compromise", it allows a termination of pregnancy in three cases:

- 1) The pregnancy is a threat to the pregnant person's.
- 2) The pregnancy was caused by a criminal act (rape or incest) .
- 3) The fetus has serious, irreversible or lethal defects (embryopathological premise) **now deleted**

Poland was already one of the European countries with the least access to abortion facilities. The Federation for Women and Family Planning states in its report that in 2019, 1100 legal abortion procedures were performed in hospitals in Poland. As many as 1074 of these procedures, or 98%, were performed due to the discovery of serious and irreversible defects of the fetus.

The constitutional court that made the decision is considered illegitimate by the Polish opposition because the judges were chosen by the PiS party and placed under government

control. The European Commission views the ruling party's takeover of the court system as a violation of the rule of law.

We do not agree with the withdrawal of the right to self-determination about our body&life! We do not agree to live in fear!

We do not agree for anyone to take away our self-determination and decision-making!

We demand the withdrawal of the motion from the Constitutional Court!

We demand respect for human rights in Poland!

We demand the legalization of abortion and sufficient perinatal care!

We appeal for international solidarity with Polish women\*!

The black umbrella has become a symbol of resistance to the intentions of fanatics in Poland to restrict women's\* rights.

To express our solidarity:

- take a selfie with a black umbrella and use the hashtags
- Put a black umbrella on the balcony, in the window, in the garden
- Hang a poster with a black umbrella in the window PUBLISH YOUR PHOTOS IN OUR FACEBOOK-EVENT https://www.facebook.com/events/2948358628597348

\*we acknowledge that not only cis-women can get pregnant and in our fight, we include people of other genders who also might get pregnant

We will appreciate your support! Hania & Kasia & Oliwia

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#FreeSafeLegalAbortion
#WomensRightsAreHumanRights
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