POLISH MEDIA BLASTS SPAIN'S ANTI-MALE LAW

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Polish newspaper <u>Rzeczpospolita</u> has published a <u>denunciation</u> of Spain's <u>discriminatory</u> anti-male legislation.

The article refers to the case of Jakub Chyzy, a Polish citizen who has not been allowed to see his children in years, following his ex-wife's (apparently false) allegations against him.

As Piotr Solarz, a professor at Warsaw, puts it: "After the Spanish Congress of Deputies approved its 2004 law on gender violence, it now presupposes male guilt."

This contradicts Articles 14 and 24 of Spain's constitution, specifically the principle of equality before the law and the presumption of innocence.

Among the worst consequences of this law is the de facto cover it provides estranged wives to kidnap their children and keep them from their fathers.

Indeed, there is now evidence that Spain is facing an epidemic of <u>false allegations</u> against men by their ex-partners. This can also have the insidious social effect of casting doubt on real cases of abuse in which a mother is in genuine need of separation in order to protect her children.

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