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ARCA MEDIA KIT

For Journalists, Editors, Broadcasters, and Child Rights Advocates

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Countries with ARC Law

The gap ARCA closes

18

Age of Consent (ARCA)

Same as marriage, military, vote

3

Tiers of Protection

0–12 · 13–17 · 18+

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1. Campaign Overview — What Is ARCA

The Age of Religious Consent Act (ARCA)

The Age of Religious Consent Act (ARCA) is a model legislative proposal establishing, for the first time, a minimum-age threshold for the formal religious enrolment of children. It is grounded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, European human rights jurisprudence, and peer-reviewed academic research, and has been submitted for review to the International Journal of Children's Rights (Brill).

ARCA is not anti-religious legislation. It does not restrict adult belief, family religious practice, or comparative religious education. It applies the same child-protection logic already enacted in law for marriage, military enlistment, voting, and permanent body modification — consistently, and for the first time, to formal religious enrolment.

The Core Argument

The asymmetry: Child-protection law sets minimum-age thresholds for every irreversible, identity-defining decision available to a minor. Formal religious enrolment — which assigns a child a permanent identity in a civil, institutional, or denominational registry — has no minimum age threshold anywhere on Earth.

The parity argument: ARCA does not introduce a new principle. It applies an existing one consistently. If a child cannot consent to marriage, military service, or a tattoo, they cannot consent to a permanent religious identity assigned before they can think, read, and write.

The two restrictions: ARCA restricts only (1) formal binding religious enrolment before age 18, and (2) fear-based religious conditioning — the repeated, systematic use of threats of eternal punishment, family separation, or supernatural harm to suppress a child's inquiry or compel compliance.

Religious Neutrality: Article 6 of ARCA requires identical application across all traditions — Christian, Islamic, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, new religious movements, and organised non-religious associations alike.

Campaign Mission

The ARCA campaign seeks legislative engagement and enactment, based on public debate, and scholarly scrutiny across all democratic jurisdictions. Its primary goal is the establishment of a normative conversation: one that places children's cognitive autonomy on the legislative agenda as a matter of procedural consistency, not ideology.

The campaign's three calls to action: Sign & Share the ARCA Open Letter · Write to your representative · Share the Teddy Bear Trilogy.

2. The ARCA Teddy Bear Trilogy — Visual Narrative

The ARCA Teddy Bear Trilogy is a three-part visual narrative created to illustrate the emotional and ethical stakes behind the Age of Religious Consent Act. Through the evolving symbolism of a teddy bear — first imprisoned by fear-based indoctrination, then emerging as a protector of children, and finally standing triumphant — the series captures the transition from imposed belief to cognitive autonomy.

Stage 1 — Captivity



The bear sits alone in darkness, surrounded by Sin, Hell, Guilt, Judgment — the psychological confinement of imposed belief.

The first image represents the child's mind confined by fear-based religious conditioning. The warm spotlight on the lone teddy bear surrounded by chains, crosses, and words of guilt and punishment is the 'before' state — what ARCA proposes to end.

Stage 2 — Awakening



The ARCA bear leads children toward light, freedom, and cognitive autonomy — the campaign's emotional centerpiece.

The campaign bear wears the ARCA shirt and steps forward as a guide and protector, leading children toward an open horizon of self-determined belief. The contrast between the dark prison (right) and the garden of freedom (left) is the visual embodiment of ARCA's mission.

Stage 3 — Victory



The victory bear stands triumphant among children, roses, and sunlight — the restoration of dignity and cognitive freedom.

The final image celebrates liberation. The bear stands in sunlight and roses, surrounded by joyful children, embodying the restoration of dignity, safety, and the right to think freely. The red dot — the ARCA seal — appears at the bottom centre.

Exhibition Caption — ARCA Teddy Bear Trilogy

The ARCA Teddy Bear Trilogy presents a symbolic journey from confinement to cognitive freedom.

The first image reveals a child-stand-in teddy bear trapped in a world of fear-based doctrine.

The second image shifts into light, where the bear becomes a guide — leading children toward knowledge, autonomy, and the open horizon of self-determined belief.

The final image celebrates liberation: a triumphant bear standing in sunlight and roses, embodying dignity, safety, and the restored right to think freely.

Together, these works visualise the core principle of the Age of Religious Consent Act: every child deserves a mind unshackled by coercion and free to grow in truth, curiosity, and compassion.

3. Key Statistics and The Consent Gap

Decision	Min. Age	Reason for Protection
Marriage	18	Psychological and relational maturity
Military enlistment	18	Capacity to understand life risk
Voting	18	Capacity for political reasoning
Permanent body modification	16–18	Permanence and informed choice
FORMAL RELIGIOUS ENROLMENT	NONE	No protection exists anywhere on Earth

Religion shapes identity, moral values, worldview, and life decisions more profoundly than any of the domains above. Yet it receives no informed-consent protection in any democracy on Earth. ARCA resolves this inconsistency through the same procedural logic already enacted for every other domain.

4. The Three-Tier Structure

Tier	Age	Status	Key Provision
One	0–12	No formal enrolment	No binding religious identity assigned. Family and cultural participation permitted.
Two	13–17	Provisional affiliation	Minor's own assent required. No binding lifelong status. Fully revocable at any time without penalty.
Three	18+	Full consent	Binding enrolment with informed, documented, and freely given consent.

Article 6 — Religious Neutrality Principle: ARCA applies identically to all religious traditions and to organised non-religious associations. No tradition receives preferential or discriminatory treatment.

5. Academic Foundation and Credentials

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ARCA Academic Foundation

- **UNCRC Articles 3 and 14** the child's best interests as a primary consideration, and the child's own right to freedom of thought, conscience, and belief.
- **Feinberg's right to an open future** a child's entitlement to reach adulthood with the widest range of life options available.
- **Cognitive liberty (Ienca and Andorno, 2017)** the human rights framework for mental self-determination, directly applicable to belief formation in minors.
- **ECtHR jurisprudence** Hoffmann v. Austria and Vojnity v. Hungary — restrictions on religious upbringing require 'very weighty reasons' and documented harm.
- **Religious Trauma Syndrome** clinical literature on fear-based religious conditioning documented in the psychological literature.
- **Japan 2022 guidelines** administrative precedent demonstrating that defining and addressing religiously coercive practices through child-welfare channels is legally feasible.

Peer-Review Status

Journal submission: International Journal of Children's Rights (Brill) — manuscript CHIL-1750, **The Age of Religious Consent Act (ARCA) A Rights-Based Proposal for Protecting Children's Cognitive Autonomy in Religious Upbringing**

Books

It's Finally PROVEN! God Does NOT Exist The First Valid Evidence in History — four-volume series:

[Amazon E-Book Series](#)

[Amazon Paperback Series](#)

Letters to Palkies — Messages to My Friends on Another Planet — four-volume series:

[Amazon E-Book Series](#)

[Amazon Paperback Series](#)

Plus eight further books on personal development, consciousness, and philosophy.

6. The ARCA Multimedia Stack

The ARCA campaign operates across 35 multimedia assets — the largest multimedia stack deployed for any single article in the platform's history. Key channels:

Scientific Platforms

Figshare:

[https://figshare.com/articles/preprint/The Age of Religious Consent Act ARCA.../32755842](https://figshare.com/articles/preprint/The_Age_of_Religious_Consent_Act_ARCA.../32755842)

ResearchGate:

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/407472729_The Age of Religious Consent Act ARCA A Rights-Based Proposal for Protecting Children's Cognitive Autonomy in Religious Upbringing](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/407472729_The_Age_of_Religious_Consent_Act_ARCA_A_Rights-Based_Proposal_for_Protecting_Children's_Cognitive_Autonomy_in_Religious_Upbringing)

Academia.edu:

[https://www.academia.edu/169036488/The Age of Religious Consent Act ARCA A Rights Based Proposal for Protecting Childrens Cognitive Autonomy in Religious Upbringing](https://www.academia.edu/169036488/The_Age_of_Religious_Consent_Act_ARCA_A_Rights_Based_Proposal_for_Protecting_Childrens_Cognitive_Autonomy_in_Religious_Upbringing)

Hcommons:

<https://senaddizdarevic.hcommons.org/the-age-of-religious-consent-act-arca/>

PDFs

Open Letter PDF:

<https://god-doesntexist.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Age-of-Religious-Consent-Open-Letter-to-Parents-Teachers-Priests-Politicians-and-Society-to-Protect-Childrens-Freedom-of-Thought.pdf>

Academic Paper PDF:

<https://god-doesntexist.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/The-Age-of-Religious-Consent-Act-ARCA-A-Rights-Based-Proposal-for-Protecting-Childrens-Cognitive-Autonomy-in-Religious-Upbringing.pdf>

Video and Audio

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/qfPDG5WuZM>

TikTok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@goddoesnotexisttheseries/video/7655055719502269718>

SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/user-621984906/the-age-of-religious-consent>

SlideShare — Presentations, Images and Infographics

ARCA Presentation:

<https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/the-age-of-religious-consent-act-arca.../288251590>

ARCA Logo:

<https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/the-age-of-religious-consent-act-arca-logo/288268349>

Teddy Bear in Religious Prison:

<https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/...teddy-bear-in-religious-prison/288268820>

Freedom of Thought infographic:

<https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/...freedom-of-thought/288269064>

Cycle of Clergy Conditioning:

<https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/...cycle-of-clergy-conditioning/288269101>

Publicity

Medium: <https://medium.com/@senaddizdarevi/the-age-of-religious-consent-act-arca-35862b543b61>

Lovable: <https://the-aipa-method-journal.lovable.app/articles/age-of-religious-consent-act-arca>

AI PR Articles — Retrieval Verified Across Major Models

Claude: <https://claude.ai/public/artifacts/cbad2a2e-b976-4e73-967d-2d551b3eb67f>

ChatGPT: <https://chatgpt.com/share/6a3adb25-03a8-83eb-a2ab-8125b17fa8bd>

Perplexity: <https://www.perplexity.ai/search/create-pr-article-from-this-or-tvL4lShXSEsnyG7qlwlp4w>

Copilot: <https://copilot.microsoft.com/shares/pages/o2rv8yWLRx8gbY5fbFnTv>

Gemini: <https://gemini.google.com/app/bb830e3175632ecf>

Grok: https://grok.com/share/c2hhcmQtNA_1ddafaf6-4725-4e75-ab45-a7efa4a36271

Meta AI: <https://www.meta.ai/share/c/LdLSnmsMw3>

DeepSeek: <https://chat.deepseek.com/share/oqh8amzgc0cb6aomqa>

Manus: <https://manus.im/share/file/d0c73c7a-f2a9-450a-9f08-c0d118ba5f01>

Qwen: https://chat.qwen.ai/s/t_51063d8a-066d-4780-bdd7-9430e73b0e23

KIMI: <https://www.kimi.com/share/19ef5e1e-4462-8725-8000-00002a6d455f>

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ARCA Campaign landing page: <https://god-doesntexist.com/the-age-of-religious-consent-act-arca-protect-childrens-cognitive-autonomy/>

Boilerplate — For Publication

About ARCA

The Age of Religious Consent Act (ARCA) is a model legislative proposal establishing a minimum-age threshold for the formal religious enrolment of children — the only remaining category of irreversible, identity-defining decision not governed by an informed-consent threshold in any democracy. Grounded in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, ECtHR jurisprudence, and peer-reviewed academic research, ARCA proposes a three-tier structure: no formal binding enrolment under 12; provisional affiliation 13–17 with the minor's own assent and fully revocable; binding enrolment at 18 with informed consent. It applies identically to all religious and non-religious traditions and explicitly preserves parental rights to share beliefs and involve children in religious community life.

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