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## MY 100 WORD IDEA TO CHANGE MALTA

*Make society more science-oriented*

Science offers more than just the yearly cutting edge installation in a phone series or the next technological interest such as augmented reality headsets. It also offers a whole new perspective on how to view the world, from understanding how everyday things work through to the intrigue of space and the very small dimensions of the Universe. Making science more central to society can enrich every level of it from giving children the curiosity bug to creating tomorrow's next world changing idea. Such a society could have better informed national discussions. Science can make Malta a global leader.



## DO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVES CAUSE ABORTIONS?

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**T**his depends on how the words contraception and abortion are interpreted. Being scientifically correct does not mean ethical correctness for some. The facts state that if a contraceptive blocks fertilisation of the woman's egg then the contraceptive technique does not cause an abortion.

The flipside is that some believe that interfering with the natural course of things should not be done. From a scientific perspective, emergency contraceptives, like the morning after pill, retard or block ovulation. They do not cause an abortion. The egg has not been fertilised and so has no chance to become a living creature.

Other medications can cause abortions. In these cases, the matter becomes an ethical decision. However, one should not falsely claim that emergency contraceptives are abortive.

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