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Alanna Leslie (A.L.), narrator:

Today, we speak to an eleven year old Ghanaian DJ who's become a viral smash on YouTube. Abortion is now legal in Ireland, but implementing it in practise has been difficult.

Sarah Coleman:

Only nine hospitals and 200 doctors in Ireland currently provide abortion services.

A.L.:

And we'll hear about this as well as other stories from the English-speaking world.

Speaking to you from the United Kingdom, I'm Alanna Leslie - and this is Newsreel World.

Ireland: New abortion legislation

A.L.:

Welcome to Newsreel World. Let's start in the Republic of Ireland. Ten months ago, the people of Ireland voted to lift the country's ban on abortion. Health services began offering abortions in January this year. But how have things worked in practice? After all the positivity created by the referendum result, in reality it's still not easy for women to get an abortion - despite the law change.

From Limerick, Sarah Coleman tells us more.

Sarah Coleman:

Last May, 66.4% of Irish people voted "Yes" in the referendum to repeal the eighth amendment.

Unknown man:

Votes in favour of the proposal: 1,429,981!

Sarah Coleman:

However, many young Irish people believe that the service is not what they voted for.

Unknown woman:

There's going to be lots of Irish women who won't have the access that they need because they're in rural areas or they're of certain socio-economic backgrounds, especially since doctors can conscientiously object.

Sarah Coleman: Only nine hospitals and 200 doctors in Ireland currently provide abortion services. This number is expected to increase in the future.

Unknown woman:

I feel that aftercare isn't up to scratch and it's not what we were promised. But on a surface level we have achieved what we set out.



Unknown man:

I don't think that they are properly equipped. I don't think that they are gonna be properly equipped in the near future.

Sarah Coleman:

During my investigation, I contacted several doctors to talk to me but they all declined to comment. This is Sarah Coleman reporting for Newsreel World from Limerick, in the Republic of Ireland.

US and China: An AI experiment

A.L.: Artificial intelligence. Ever used Siri or Alexa, searched the internet using Google - or been in a Tesla? If so, you've interacted with AI. But could a visit to the doctor be the next thing to be taken over by AI? In a recent experiment at universities in the US and China, AI that had been fed the info from 1.3 million patient visits could diagnose glandular fever, influenza and hand-foot-mouth disease with an accuracy between 90 and 97% on cases it had never seen before. When 20 human doctors diagnosed the exact same cases, their accuracy was only between 80 and 94%.

South Africa: To vote or not to vote?

AL.:

Now, South Africa. In South Africa, from 1969 to 1994, only white people had the right to vote. However, apartheid came to an end and Nelson Mandela was elected president in 1994.

Nelson Mandela (official speech):

"... to reclaim this country as your own. And joy that we can loudly proclaim from the rooftops: Free at last!"

A.L.:

But, less than 30 years on, young South Africans are disproportionately not going to vote in May's upcoming election. We're heading to the largest city in South Africa, Johannesburg, where Carissa Cupido brings us this report.

Carissa Cupido:

Young people were the largest percentage of voters in the previous election and they seem to be the main target for every political party this year. But the number of voter registrations among young people have declined quite drastically.

Valessa Bahko:

Hi, my name is Valessa Bahko. I think that not voting is a legitimate form of protest because you're showing the parties that are, like, promoting themselves that they're not worthy for my vote. Like I'm not just gonna vote for the lesser of the few.

Carissa Cupido:

Young South Africans are not happy and are threatening to take back their votes. This has sparked a conversation about young people potentially not showing up at the polls to show their dissatisfaction with government and oppositions. But is choosing not to vote a legitimate form of protest or does it disregard the fight for the freedom and right to vote that led to the end of apartheid?

Sime:

I'm Sime. I'm a student and I will not be voting. Mainly because I do not know who to vote



for, because none of the parties resonate with what I'm looking for in a political party.

Andrea Brazenbach:

I'm Andrea Brazenbach and I'm voting to uphold our democracy.

Unknown man:

I will not be voting because I feel like I've not done enough research to see who I should vote for and I don't my choice to be chosen by someone else.

Ms Mehlo:

Hi, my name is <FIRST NAME INAUDIBLE> Mehlo and I think it's wrong that people don't vote because everyone has an opinion how they want the country to be and how the country to look, right. So, when you don't vote, you take away that right from yourself.

Name inaudible:

Hi, I'm <NAME INAUDIBLE> and I'm a student from Wits. I won't vote because I feel all these political parties are somewhat the same thing, you get what I'm trying to say? None of them is for black liberation, none of them is for black people. They're just the same thing just singing the song in different ways, basically.

Carissa Cupido:

The priority of every country, especially one that has such a young population, should be to educate and grow its young people. With South Africa's history of youth struggles, it's a great injustice that there's been no change. Not a single political party showing commitment to making free decolonized education a reality, and young people can do whatever they need to emancipate themselves.

New Zealand: Climate strikes inspire youth

A.L.:

Around the world, students are protesting the inaction of governments and businesses over climate change by not going to school. It started in Sweden, but in March children across the world joined the campaign.

Unknown student 1:

With my education growing up, finding out, you know, climate change is happening. It's happening to us in New Zealand and to our Pacific neighbours and around the world and it just really inspired me to get involved with action groups. And when the climate strikes came about I knew that in New Zealand we needed to do something as well, because currently our government isn't doing enough and we need to push them to pass a zero carbon act.

Unknown student 2:

Our future isn't secure. We have no idea whether we'll actually have a planet to live on in 40 years down the track. I've heard people talking about how, you know, they're considering not bringing a child into this world, because they don't wanna set this child out for a life of insecurity and a future that just isn't stable or safe. And if we all unite the people who are really fighting for this climate justice, then we're gonna be a lot more powerful than the people who aren't.



Ghana: A determined young DJ

A.L.:

Now, Ghana.

DJ Switch:

My name is Erica Armah Bra-Bulu Tandoh, aka DJ Switch. I'm from Ghana and I'm eleven years now.

A.L.:

Erica, is an eleven year old DJ, who's become a viral hit with millions of people watching her YouTube videos worldwide. She's also the youngest ever contestant at the country's annual DJ Awards and is seen as an important role model for girls in Ghana who are much less likely to complete high school than boys and, as a result, have fewer opportunities in life. DJ Switch took some time out of her busy schedule to have a chat with us.

DJ Switch:

I got into DJing when I was nine years old in my hometown called Suaman Dadieso in the western region of Ghana. And when I was going for the competition here in Ghana, I was going as a poet and I'm still a poet. And my parents wanted mine to be extraordinary, so they told me to try my hands on DJing. And I learnt DJing in five days. With God's grace, I won the competition and now I'm training... I'm going... God has taken me higher... I'm going international. I want to be a gynaecologist when I grow up, so I'm going to be a doctor DJ. I want to help women, because women got to support women so I want to help women. I want to build a hospital where my DJ sets will be there to help women make delivery easy. And if they can't give birth, I'll play the music so that the baby will hear the music in the womb and be like: "Who is play the music?" Then the baby will jump outside and come and watch. I want to tell all young woman around the world that they should be focus. They should try to know what they want to be, what they have in themselves. And I want to tell them to take their education very serious. I want them to believe in themselves and take leadership positions.

Hi, wonderful people! This your girl, DJ Switch Ghana, and I want to tell you to keep listening to Newsreel World.

A.L.:

Thanks very much to DJ! That's it for this episode, thanks for listening, everyone. This is Newsreel World.