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## Why Didn't Michelle Obama Defend Chinese Women? Forced Abortions and Sterilizations Still Rampant in China

Steven W. Mosher

**W**HEN MICHELLE OBAMA arrived in Beijing last month with her two daughters, Sasha and Malia, she was the envy of millions of Chinese women. Not only does she have two children—most urban Chinese are only permitted to have one child by the government—but she has two daughters.

In today's China, this is almost unheard of. Women and girls have been the primary victims of China's thirty-five-year-long population control program. Women who are pregnant with illegal children are targeted for abortion. Because of the Chinese cultural preference for sons, preborn baby girls are hunted down by ultrasound and selectively eliminated. Millions die each year.

China, of course, has a long and unfortunate history of trampling on the rights of women, from foot-binding and



*Chinese women continue to suffer from their government's relentless war on population.*

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concubinage in imperial days, to forced abortion and forced sterilization in the present day.

But Michelle Obama ignored the tragedy that was apparent all around her.

She met with China's First Lady, Peng Liyuan, who only has one child. But she didn't ask her why she had an only child. Nor did she ask her to do something about the plight of her fellow countrywomen.

She posed on the Great Wall, built to keep so-called "barbarians" out of China.

But she was apparently oblivious to the fact that the world's most barbaric population control program was being carried out within that very wall, inside of China itself. China's one-child policy has eliminated some 400 million people from China's population. A quarter of China's rapidly aging population is already over fifty, and deaths will soon exceed births. Goodbye, economic growth.

She visited schools and spoke on the uncontroversial topic of education (who's against education?) but failed to

# Strange Times

Steven W. Mosher

WHAT STRANGE TIMES we live in. Marriage as the union of a man and a woman is under attack. The definition of a family is broadened into meaninglessness. A man and his dog, some say, are a family. And it will soon be possible, in some states at least, for him to “marry” his dog. What nonsense.

Few societies have ever questioned the bedrock institutions of marriage and family, and none that has done so has thrived. Those who say that homosexuality was accepted in ancient Greece generally neglect to mention- if they even know- that the Greek birthrate fell so low in consequence that it was soon absorbed by the Roman Empire.

Another example of an effort to abolish these bedrock institutions comes from Communist China. During the 1950s Chairman Mao sought to undermine marriage and family by ordering men and women to live in separate dormitories, eat in communal kitchens, and have their children cared for in state-run nurseries. Massive famine followed, in part resulting from this attempt to dissolve the family. Mao was forced to reverse himself, but not before 42 million people had died of starvation.

The anti-life, anti-family movement is trying to use the coercive power of the state- largely through the decisions of unelected judges- to undermine marriage and family. But neither is a creation of the state. Both exist prior to the state and both possess an inherent dignity and rights that states are morally bound to respect and protect.

It was not so long ago that everyone understood this. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which dates from 1948, asserts that “The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.” Similar language

appears in many international treaties and national constitutions.

But people today, confused by the culture’s celebration of all manner of “alternative arrangements,” need to be reminded of these immutable facts. So PRI has joined with dozens of other pro-life, pro-family organizations around the world to ratify what is called the World Family Declaration. I want to share with you part of this world-wide declaration:

“We declare that the family, a universal community based on the marital union of a man and a woman, is the bedrock of society, the strength of our nations, and the hope of humanity. As the ultimate foundation of every civilization known to history the family is the proven bulwark of liberty and the key to development, prosperity, and peace.

“The family is also the fountain and cradle of new life, the natural refuge for children, and the first and foremost school to teach the values necessary for the well-being of children and society. The family truly is our link to the past and bridge to the future.

“Children are our future .... and, as stated in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, every child should, ‘wherever possible, grow up in the care and under the responsibility of his [or her] parents.’ We declare that a functional, nurturing family founded on marriage between a man and a woman provides the surest safeguard of the special care and assistance to which children are entitled.

“Gravely concerned by the escalating calamities afflicting children and society due to the rapid decline of marriage and family, we recall the sobering observation that ‘throughout history, nations have been able to survive a multiplicity of disasters— invasions, famines, earthquakes, epidemics, depressions— but they have never been able to survive the disintegration of the family.’ We affirm the ancient



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wisdom that the world cannot be put in order without first putting in order the family.

“We call for a culture that honors and enables faithful, fulfilling, and resilient marriages; that recognizes and protects the uniquely valuable contributions of both mothers and fathers to the lives of their children; and that encourages the values and vision necessary for young people to look forward to and prepare for successful marriage and parenting.

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# Launching A Mother’s Ordeal, 2nd Edition

PRI Staff

Editor’s Note: We at the Population Research Institute are pleased to announce the launch of the 2nd Edition of A Mother’s Ordeal. In the space of two weeks our Facebook page generated nearly 20,000 likes. You can also see our Facebook page and join in the discussion of China’s one-child policy at: [www.facebook.com/AMothersOrdeal](http://www.facebook.com/AMothersOrdeal)

To order your copy call PRI at (540) 622-5240 or order online from either PRI at: [pop.org/store](http://pop.org/store), or from Amazon.

A MOTHER’S ORDEAL is the gripping tale of Chi An, a Chinese woman who experienced firsthand China’s brutal one-child policy, both as an enforcer and as a victim. Steven Mosher helped Chi An win asylum in the United States when she rebelled against the Chinese government’s attempt to force her to abort her second child. Then he found out that she, herself, had been a member of the infamous population control police.

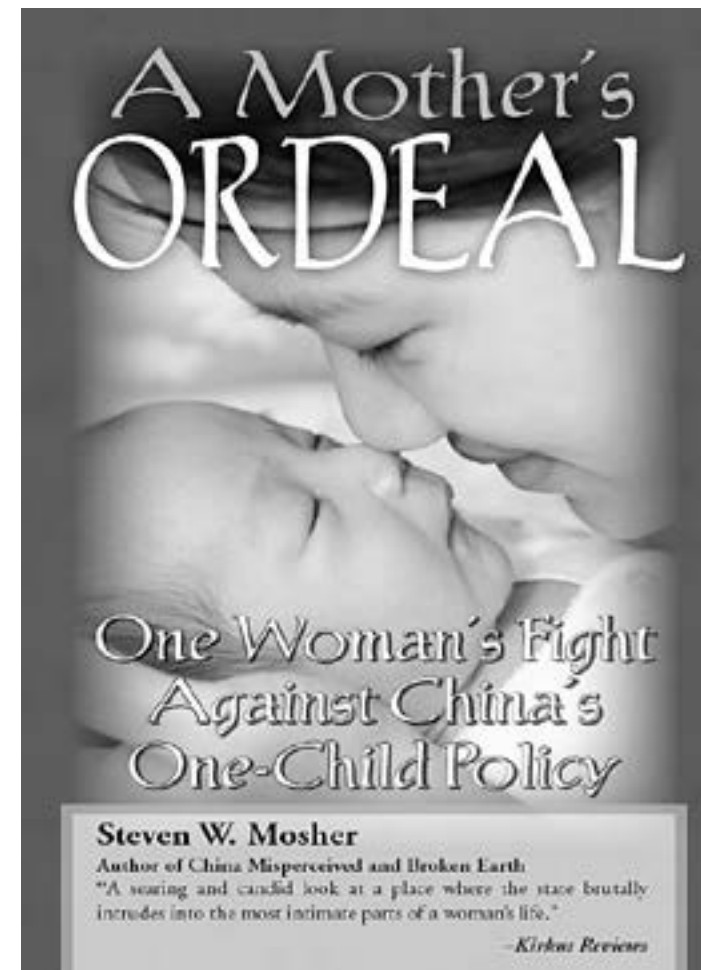
Trained as a nurse, Chi An assisted the government in its efforts to enforce the one-child policy, enforcing a strict quota for births in the factory where she worked. She justified her participation in the program by accepting the government’s claim that China was overpopulated. She described the tension she felt between her maternal desires and the supposed specter of overpopulation: “Following my own forced induction into the ranks of one-child mothers, I had repressed my earlier qualms about the morality of the new policy. It made good economic sense to me that China had to control its population in order to modernize. But at the same time I remained generally sym-

pathetic to what these sad-faced women were going through. Had I nourished the slightest hope that one day I might be permitted a second child, I would have been more so. As things were, I was convinced that I was doing them a kindness by helping them to accept, as I had, the inevitable.”

The catalogue of horrors wrought by China’s inflexible population control regime, as described by Chi An, is noth-

But the most striking thing about A Mother’s Ordeal is not the terror and brutality caused by the Chinese government’s inflexible policies, but the basic humanity of the Chinese people which even the horrors of Communism could not erase. Throughout A Mother’s Ordeal, Chinese mothers engage in elaborate and desperate deceptions to outwit the Communist authorities and bear a second child, often at very great personal risk. Chi An herself repents of her involvement with the program, and bears a second child despite the machinations and pressure of the Chinese government.

The Wall Street Journal declared that “Chi An and Mr. Mosher have not only told the story of one mother’s ordeal; they’ve recounted a nation’s ordeal too.” The San Francisco Chronicle noted that “A Mother’s Ordeal presents a nightmarish vision of Chinese practices under the “one family, one child policy.” And indeed, A Mother’s Ordeal is not sparing in its graphic depiction of what happens when a government takes the mantra of overpopulation seriously and tries to control future



ing short of terrifying. One graphic tale describes a family who murdered their daughter in cold blood in order to bear a son- only to repent and be executed by the government for their crime against the state. Another tells the story of “the-little-boy-who-wouldn’t-die”- a child in the ninth month of pregnancy, who survived half an hour despite the lethal efforts of An and two doctors.

generations. But there is light even at the end of the darkness of murder that the Chinese government wrapped itself in, A Mother’s Ordeal is a story of the triumph of basic humanity against even the most heartless of regimes.

# # #



Music industry giant reveals amazing conversion story . . . immense family tragedies . . . the trust in God that pulled him through . . . and much more!

IF YOUR FAITH in God’s plan for you ever wavers, or if there are times when you think you’re burdened with more suffering that you can bear, then you need to read this book. Or if you know someone who’s experiencing spiritual crises like those, then get this book and give it to them . . .

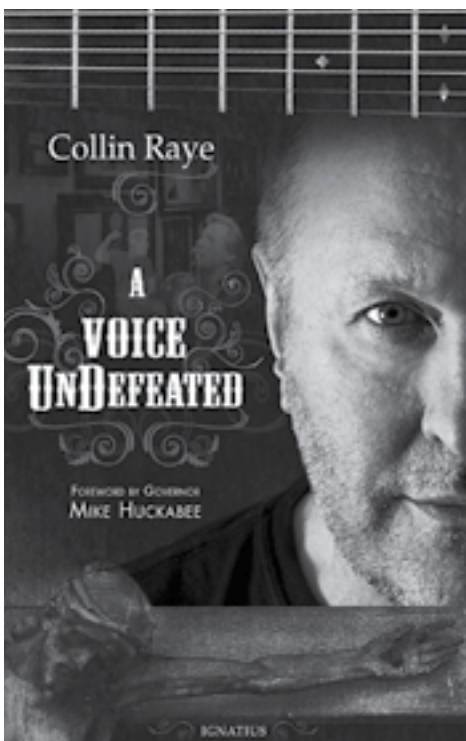
It’s *A Voice Undeclared* by country and western music giant Collin Raye. No matter that you might not be a country and western music fan because this is first and foremost a powerful story of conversion to the Church . . . loss of family to incurable disease . . . and immense faith in God’s plans for us.

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*A Voice Undeclared* is an intensely moving book in which Collin Raye talks candidly about . . .



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. . . the negligence of the hospital in which his wife came *this close* to dying while carrying their son and what he felt as she lay in a coma for nine weeks, enduring eleven surgeries in those weeks . . . the cruelty of the doctor who suggested that he euthanize his wife . . . the suffering and death of his granddaughter, Holly, from a disfiguring neurological disease that hospitals around the country could not diagnose . . . the politician who stepped forward and persuaded a research hospital – one that *might* be

able to help the child – to admit the little girl . . . the humble 20-word prayer Collin Raye said when he finally realized that his granddaughter was close to death . . . the kindness shown by Mike Huckabee as he told Collin’s story on his Fox News program, asking for prayers . . . Collin Raye’s involvement with the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network plus much more that is absolutely certain to strengthen your faith!

**Bonus gift:** This hardback edition of *A Voice Undeclared* includes a DVD with a never-before-seen personal interview of Collin Raye plus three songs written and performed by Collin – songs that are intimate to his story of great suffering and immense Catholic faith.

**Rave reviews are piling up for *A Voice Undeclared* . . .**

**“A must-read book. . .”**  
- Raymond Arroyo, EWTN

**“(Colin Ray’s) heartfelt story of perseverance and ongoing conversion is sure to encourage anyone striving to live by faith in a secular world.”**  
- Marcus Grodi, Host of EWTN’s “The Journey Home”

**“Collin’s story is heartrending and heartwarming . . . a witness of how the goodness of God can work miracles in anyone’s life.”**  
- Fox News Host & Former Governor, Mike Huckabee

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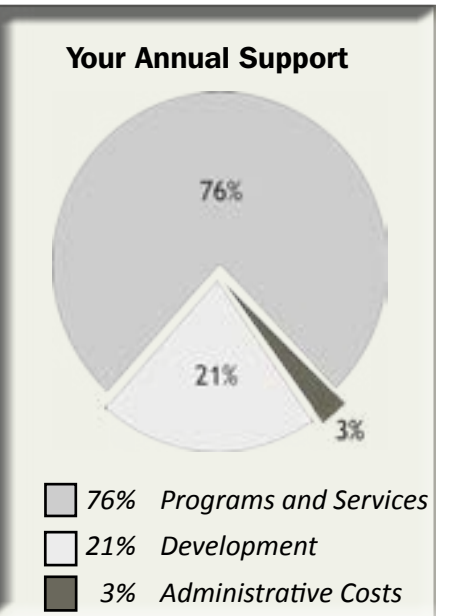
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notice that male students significantly outnumbered female students in every classroom that she visited. Why? Because so many little girls have been killed before and after birth. The sex-ratio at birth in China is now so skewed that there are 111 males born for every 100 females, and there are now almost 30 million more men of reproductive age than there are women. Sex-trafficking is rampant, and the female suicide rate is the highest in the world.

In all, Michelle Obama spent seven days in China, during the course of which we estimate that some 250,000 Chinese women underwent abortions. Many would have been brought to abortion clinics under threat of heavy fines or even by physical coercion. Many would have been sterilized afterwards so that they would never again trouble the authorities be becoming pregnant with

an illegal child. This is what the real war on women looks like.

We are not big fans of Hillary Clinton,

**“Hillary condemned forced abortion... Michelle Obama, however... remained utterly silent...”**

who is as anti-family and anti-life as they come, but she, too, once went to Beijing. The occasion was the UN-organized Beijing Women’s Conference in 1995, and Hillary was a featured speaker.

In the weeks leading up to the event, we insisted that the American First Lady should not go to China and address women’s issues without mentioning the plight of Chinese women. Hillary (and the U.S. State Department) were furious, afraid that our “good relations” with China would be upset.

Still, at the end of the day, at the podium in Beijing, Hillary condemned forced abortion. She didn’t mention China, but everyone present knew the target of her criticism. Chinese officialdom was embarrassed- deservedly so- and the one-child policy was relaxed for a while.

Michelle Obama, however, who is just as much of a radical feminist as Hillary at heart, remained utterly silent on China’s abysmal human rights record in general, and on the targeting of women for forced abortion in particular.

She missed a golden opportunity to educate the Chinese people by telling them that it was time for China’s party-state to stop dictating who reproduces and who remains barren.

The next time she, or her husband, mentions the “war on women,” they should be reminded of this fact.

# # #

# PRI Organizes March for Life in Peru

## 500,000 Young People Take to the Streets in Defense of the Unborn

Carlos Polo



HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of people marched through the streets of Lima, the Peruvian capital, and other cities on March 25. The occasion was the Day of the Unborn Child and the crowds were there to publicly defend the right to life from conception to natural death of all their fellow Peruvians, both born and unborn. The March has been growing since 2002, when the Peruvian Congress passed Law No. 27654, which established this holiday and reaffirms the constitutional protection of the unborn from conception.

In Lima alone, over 250,000 people gathered to hear Cardinal Juan Luis Cipriani, the Primate of Peru, declare that “We are here in the streets to peacefully march in defense of life. We are a people who love life. We unconditionally respect the right to life from conception to natural death. That’s why my tribute today is to the women, the mothers of families, and to all who remember your mothers and say, ‘Thank you for the gift of life.’”

Pope Francis also sent his greetings to the participants, thanking them for this “praiseworthy initiative” and “inviting them to continue to strive to welcome

all human life from the first moment of its existence, caring for this new life with respect and tenderness- always promoting life, because life is the basic, the fundamental right of every man and woman.”

The media estimated that the large crowd stretched along some 40 blocks of Brazil Avenue, one of Lima’s main thoroughfares. Reporters also commented on the evident joy of the marchers, who represented a broad cross-section of Peruvian society, including citizens groups, various movements, and a number of religious denominations. Leading political, cultural, sports, and TV personalities also took part.

The theme of this year’s march was “Everybody is pregnant. Everybody has a child inside”. It was chosen to help people identify with, and reach out in solidarity to, pregnant women. Such women are, in a literal sense, the heart and soul of our cause of Life. They are living exemplars of the Culture of Life, carrying within themselves souls called to eternal life and love in the person of their unborn babies whom they are called to protect, nurture, and nourish.

Anyone who wants to build a Culture of Life and protect the unborn must appreci-

ate and support all pregnant women. The mother is the icon of what we want: a society open to life. Seeing her we also feel the preciousness of human life, and even discover again the child that we once were. The Lord Jesus told us that unless we become as little children, we shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

The March for Life has saved babies. Witness the testimony of Cristina Barreto, a young mother who last year conceived a child. She was intent upon getting an abortion until she saw last year’s March for Life. In that moment she realized the preciousness of the life she carried within her and decided to keep her child, whom she named Avarito.

Cristina was present at this year’s March for Life and told her story. The crowd went wild when she held up Alvarito- the baby they had saved- for everyone to see. Then she asked for a moment of silence for all the children who had been aborted.

The March for Life 2014 Lima concluded with a musical concert. Two popular singers performed the official song of the March, called “We have to March!” Then they took a selfie with Cardinal Juan Luis Cipriani to post in commemoration of the record-breaking event.

I myself served as the official spokesman of the March for Life. It was a joyous celebration of life, featuring entire families- fathers, mothers, and children-who marched carrying balloons and banners, and wearing t-shirts on which were printed words of love and hope. They left their comfort of their homes to march on the streets to say “no” to legal abortion. This year’s March for Life was the largest peaceful demonstration in Peru’s history.

# # #

# Justice Denied in Peru’s Sterilization Campaign

## Former president will not be tried; radical feminists grandstand

Steven W. Mosher and Anne Roback Morse

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori, with the strong encouragement of the Clinton administration, ordered a nationwide sterilization campaign. At least 300,000 women were sterilized by “mobile sterilization teams” on a Chinese model, many under duress. Some died.

PRI sent a team of investigators into the country, documented the abuses, and held press conferences and congressional hearings in the U.S. and Peru. Because of our work, the sterilization campaign ground to a halt.

But Fujimori and his health ministers have never been called to account for these human rights abuses. And now it appears that they won’t be. The Peruvian state prosecutor Marco Guzman dropped the charges last Friday, because he was not convinced that the enforced sterilizations were “widespread or systemic.”

In fact, they were both.

Elected to a second presidential term in mid-1995, Fujimori, with the encouragement of the Clinton State Department and the U.N. Population Fund, ordered his Ministry of Health to focus its efforts on sterilizing women by tubal ligations. He set national targets for the number of sterilizations—100,000 in 1997 alone—and demanded weekly progress reports. These targets and quotas alone are prima facie evidence of serious problems, since they were banned by the 1994 Cairo population conference on the grounds that they always lead to abuses.

PRI investigators found that the mobile sterilization teams were comprised of doctors and nurses who often had no previous training in obstetrics or gynecology, but were nevertheless sent out to the countryside to sterilize women at grotesquely misnamed “ligation fes-

tivals.” Officials brought women to the sterilization sites by subjecting them to harassment, verbal abuse, and threats. Among other things, they told the indigenous Peruvian women that, unless they submitted, their children would be denied medical care or food assistance.

Fujimori was originally prosecuted for genocide, which under international law is defined as “any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, such as:… (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group” (emphasis added).

The case can certainly be made

that the Peruvian sterilization campaign was genocidal, since it pitted the ‘haves’—the largely urban descendants of Francisco Pizarro’s conquistadores—against the ‘have-nots’—the largely rural descendants of the ancient Incas. The majority of the sterilization teams were sent to the altiplano, or the Andean mountain valleys, and the majority of the sterilizations were done on the Quechua-speaking inhabitants of those regions. This concentration on the impoverished Indios, living a hardscrabble existence on mountain plots, is why these crimes could rightly be characterized as genocide.

After the Peruvian prosecutor dropped the charge of genocide, human rights groups then tried to convict Fujimori for crimes against humanity. Crimes against humanity are defined as: “any of the following acts when

committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack:…(g) Rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity....” (emphasis added).

Despite the evidence, Guzman dropped these charges against Fujimori as well. We agree with the director of the center for legal studies at C-FAM, Stefano Gennarini, that this move “is indicative of how much currency population control still has, and how countries don’t value the rights of poor and marginalized groups.”

Fujimori’s case was the first criminal trial for systemic forced sterilizations since the Nuremberg trials. And it is important because it could have set a precedent. After all, those who do not remember history are doomed to repeat it, and we do not want other women to have to go through the pain that many Peruvian women suffered.

Some of the families of women who died from being sterilized under duress still have not received the compensation promised them. Mamerita Mestanza died as a result of a botched tubal ligation in 1998. Her husband and seven children were promised 120,000 USD in compensation in 2003, but they still haven’t received a penny.

Meanwhile, the radical feminists who control the Ministry of Women’s Affairs continue to draw their salaries while continuing to push poor Peruvian women into “Reproductive Health” programs that have nothing to do with reproduction and sometimes damage their health.

Fujimori light, you might call it.

# # #



## FROM THE COUNTRIES

### Kenya

Cardinal John Njue of Nairobi, Kenya raised concerns about a government program to vaccinate women of child-bearing age against tetanus, stating after Mass that there was “something fishy about [the vaccines].” His concerns were echoed by the Catholic Health Association of Kenya, which put out a press statement asking why the vaccination campaign specifically targeted women of childbearing age. The Commission noted the similarities between the Kenyan vaccination program and efforts employed in other developing countries to use vaccination as a method of birth control.

Public health officer Dr. Samuel Muthengi downplayed the Church’s concerns, noting that the campaign against tetanus has been going on for some time and claiming that government critics often baselessly start rumors against public health concerns. The anti-tetanus vaccination program, which is under the direction of the World Health Organization (WHO), has been operating in 60 Kenyan districts since April 2013.

However, given past efforts to develop anti-pregnancy vaccines in combination with tetanus toxoid vaccines, which were tested in India and reportedly deployed in India, the Cardinal is right to urge caution. The vaccines being used in Kenya should be tested by an independent laboratory for “contaminants.” *See the source:* <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/kenyan-cardinal-john-njue-tells-congregation-that-tetanus-vaccination-programme-for-pregnant-women-is-a-bit-fishy-9214994.html>

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### Russia

(Russia Today) Russia has the highest abortion rate in the world, according to the U.N. Each year, 37.4 out of 1000 women in the Russian Federation have an abortion. But the government there is trying to reduce this number, in part because the population is aging and dying. In November 2013 the Russian parliament, or Duma, passed a law restricting abortion advertising and making the practice of illegal abortions using folk medicine a misdemeanor. Both of these are steps in the right direction. *See the Source:* <http://rt.com/politics/russia-abortion-advertising-ban-266/>

# # #

### United Kingdom

(The Telegraph) A recent investigation discovered that the bodies of thousands of aborted babies and miscarried children were incinerated as clinical waste by English hospitals. In two of these hospitals, the bodies were burned to provide heat. According to The Telegraph, “Ten NHS [National Health Service] trusts have admitted burning foetal remains alongside other rubbish while two others used the bodies in ‘waste-to-energy’ plants which generate power for heat.”

Mosher writes, “The sheer disrespect shown toward the remains of these tiny victims of the abortion holocaust is mind-boggling.

Even the Nazis did not use the crematoria at Auschwitz to burn the bodies of their victims to heat their buildings!” *See the Source:* <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/10717566/Aborted-babies-incinerated-to-heat-UK-hospitals.html>

## Global Monitor

United States of America – So much for “settled science.” A recent paper in the American Journal of Agricultural Economics endorses the use of deliberate misinformation and scare tactics to overstate the threat of global warming. Authors Fuhai Hong and Xiaojian Zhao justify “information manipulation” on the grounds that it forces nations to adopt measures to combat global warming: “We find that the information manipulation has an instrumental value, as it ex post induces more countries to participate in an IEA [International Environmental Agreement], which will eventually enhance global welfare.” This is what happens when radical ideologies drive scientific research, although it is unusual to see it stated so clearly.

# # #

We’re not a huge fan of phony UN holidays, like International Woman’s Day on March 8th, but we would like to note that the theme of the 2014 IWD is “Equality for Women Is Progress for All.”

We at PRI believe that men and women should be treated with equal respect and dignity. Therefore we call upon the UN to oppose sex-selective abortions, which disproportionately target female babies, and to oppose forced sterilization and forced abortion, both of which infringe on women’s reproductive freedom. Of course, if it did these things it would be forced to close up shop in places like China,

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## PRI IN THE NEWS

### Feminist Website No Longer Targeting Peruvian Women

(OneNewsNow) In an interview with OneNewsNow, PRI Media Coordinator Anne Morse revealed that the Population Research Institute exposed an attempt to illegally instruct women how to self-abort in Peru. She explained that pro-choice feminist organizations set up a blog “instructing women on how to give themselves an abortion at home and how to make it look like it was a natural miscarriage.” Abortion is illegal in Peru, is dangerous to women (and children), and the site has since been shut down.

*See the Source:* <http://www.onenewsnow.com/pro-life/2014/02/21/feminist-website-no-longer-targeting-peruvian-women#.Uz7hFlcXKiy>

# # #

### Review: A Mother’s Ordeal

(National Right to Life News) – “A Mother’s Ordeal brings home the suffering caused by China’s population control policy by viewing it through the eyes of Chi An. A family planning official, Chi An tells an insider tale of how young, pregnant women were arrested, confined, and bullied into abortions and sterilizations that they did not want. But when Chi An became pregnant with a second child, she left the country to avoid becoming a victim of the same policies that she herself had enforced.”

... ..

“Steve Mosher, who himself witnessed forced abortions in China, says, “Chinese officials estimate they have sacrificed at least 400 million preborns and newborns in their misguided attempt to

jumpstart the Chinese economy. They continue to abort 13 million children each and every year. But numbers alone cannot tell the whole story. I left China with the cries of helpless mothers ringing in my ears. As you read *A Mother’s Ordeal*, you will hear them crying too.”

*See the Source:* <http://www.nationalrighttolife-news.org/news/2014/03/newly-released-book-recounts-reproductive-cruelties-in-china/#.Uz7hElcXKiy>

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### Review: A Mother’s Ordeal

(Acton Institute) – “Steven W. Mosher, president of the Population Research In-

**“Chinese officials estimate they have sacrificed at least 400 million preborns and newborns...”**

stitute, has written a book that is brutally truthful and brutally hard to read. It should be: it’s about the most brutal of government policies, China’s one-child policy.”

... ..

“This book is hard to read; it’s callous and brutal and disgusting. The horror of Chi An’s “profession” [as a population controller] comes to life in the chapter entitled “The Little-Boy-Who-Wouldn’t-Die.” A young girl, at full term, was forced to abort her baby. One doctor, then another, plunged formaldehyde into the baby’s brain in the birth canal, but still the baby was born, struggling for breath.”

*See the Source:* <http://blog.acton.org/archives/66532-book-review-mothers-ordeal-one-womans-fight-chinas-one-child-policy.html>

### PRI Launches Campaign Encouraging Change of China’s One-Child Policy

(Catholic News Agency) – “The Population Research Institute has launched a new campaign to encourage effective human rights activism among those concerned about the victims of China’s coercive one-child policy. The institute has launched a webpage in conjunction with the release of the second edition of *A Mother’s Ordeal* by Institute President Steven Mosher.”

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“The page contains facts and educational resources about China’s population control policy, which was mandated across the nation in 1979. Chinese officials say the policy has prevented 400 million births.”

“We at PRI hope to contribute in this way to help end this brutal program,” says Steven Mosher.

*See the Source:* <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/catholicnews/2014/03/institute-raises-activism-against-chinas-one-child-policy/>

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### Matching Gifts

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# In Memory of Charlie Van Hecke

*Editor*  
Charlie was born on October 26, 1990 with a congenital heart defect, but you wouldn't know it, thanks to the loving attention of his parents, Dr. David Freiberg, and many others. He grew up to become a loving, patient optimist with a roaring sense of humor and a love for the thespian arts, especially acting and set-building. He was a creative writer and story-teller with imagination and kindness at the heart of his stories and letters and he loved a good debate. He graduated from Christendom College in 2013 and was employed by Population Research Institute first as Development Specialist and then as the Editor of the PRI Review until the time of his death, February 11, 2014. He also spent summers as part of the maintenance crew at Holy Hill Shrine in Wisconsin, one of his most favorite places. Please keep him, his family, and his fiancée in your prayers.

I HAD THE HONOR of knowing Charlie for several years, and counted him as a very close friend. While he possessed many wonderful qualities, the virtue that characterized him most was joy. His love for God and for his fellow man was infectious, and was evident in every action which he undertook. While everyone here at PRI will miss his presence and his wisdom, we take solace in the fact that he is with the kind and merciful God whom he served so generously during his life. Charlie, you will always be in our thoughts and in our prayers at PRI.

~Paul Wilson,  
Development Specialist

CHARLIE VAN HECKE was a committed and valuable member of the PRI team. He always had a smile and always provided a good anecdote, comedy clip, or song to make

others smile. Charlie is missed and will continue to be so.

~Anne Morse  
Media Coordinator



CHARLIE VAN HECKE was a happy man because of his many friendships. I was blessed to meet him in college, and we became close friends. He was a good man with many gifts: he was always down-to-earth, hilarious, genuine, a solid friend, honest in giving his opinion, and incredibly creative. At PRI, Charlie was adept on the computer, a skilled problem solver, and a generous team player. Our office is emptier without his sarcastic wit, hearty laugh, and random outbursts of song. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

~Steven Wood  
Development Coordinator

CHARLIE, YOUR TIME with us was too brief. Requiescat in pace, amici.

~Joel Bockrath  
Executive Vice President

WHAT MORE CAN be said in favor of a man, than that he lived a life with no regrets? As his friend and co-worker, I can honestly say that Charlie lived life to the fullest and I was truly blessed to be counted among his friends. He was a true friend, the kind that one only finds but rarely in life. Heaven is wealthier for our loss and while we mourn on this side of eternity, may we forever rejoice with him in the presence of Our Lord when we are reunited.

~Matthew Camp  
Editor of the PRI Review

IN MEMORY OF a Friend: Charlie lived life so fully we forgot he had a heart condition. He had such a great sense of humor and always went out of his way to cheer you up. My favorite memory of Charlie is when he left a note of encouragement on my desk. I had been having a stressful day, so his thoughtful gesture meant so much to me. Charlie was a co-worker that cannot be bought, and I miss him very much.

~Mary Harrington  
Donor Relations Coordinator

DURING THE SIX months that Charlie worked for PRI, I worked most closely with him in the last two. I could tell from his zeal that he was excited to work with advertisements and, together, we created a few beautiful ones. I deeply feel the loss which his family and friends must endure.

~Susannah Cavanaugh  
Marketing and Communications  
Coordinator

**Charlie, you will be missed.**  
~Steven Mosher

# Signs of Life: Heartbeat Legislation Across the States

By Paul Wilson

BECAUSE THE WHITE House is occupied by a politician notoriously hostile to the cause of life, the battle over abortion in America has shifted to the states; and at the state level, we have been making progress in banning abortions after the fetal heartbeat can be detected. While we at the PRI advocate an end to all abortions, we support the passage of legislation that moves us in the right direction.

Legislation banning abortions after the fetal heartbeat can be detected has been passed in North Dakota and Arkansas, and heartbeat legislation is under consideration in several other state legislatures at the present time.

Here's the current state of play:

## Alabama:

On March 4, 2013, Alabama lawmakers approved a bill that would ban abortions after a fetal heartbeat is heard. The measure passed the Alabama House of Representatives by a vote of 73-29. The bill, along with three other bills that would place restrictions on abortion, now goes to the Senate.

## Arkansas:

A fetal heartbeat bill banning abortion after twelve weeks was passed on January 31, 2013 by the Arkansas Senate.

Although Governor Mike Beebe vetoed the bill, his veto was overridden by the Arkansas House of Representatives on March 6, 2013. However, a federal judge issued a temporary injunction against the Arkansas law in May 2013.

## North Dakota:

In March 2013, HB 1456 was signed into law by Governor Jack Dalrymple, who declared that the bill was "a legitimate attempt by a state legislature to discover the boundaries of Roe v. Wade." However, in June 2013, a lawsuit was filed by the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) on behalf of the only abortion clinic in North Dakota, Red River Women's Clinic. US District judge Daniel L. Hovland prevented the bill from taking effect.

## Ohio:

A fetal heartbeat law, HB 125, was first introduced in the state legislature in October 2011, but was shelved by the Republican majority Senate. A related law was recently signed in Ohio by John Kasich, which mandates, among other things, that doctors who do not test for a fetal heartbeat must be subject to criminal penalties; specifically, "The doctor's failure to do so would be a first-degree misdemeanor, carrying up to six months in jail, for the first violation and a fourth-degree felony, carrying up to 18 months in jail, for subsequent violations. A further fetal heartbeat law was introduced on August 14, 2013, by Lynn Wachtmann and others titled HB 248.

Senator Kris Jordan introduced a stronger version of the heartbeat bill on March 14, 2014, but Senate President Keith Faber has declared that such legislation would not move forward this year.

## Other States:

Other states have had similar bills introduced in their legislatures, notably Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Wyo-

ming. While these bills have died in committee, their sponsors are reintroducing them and momentum is building.

The forces of death have not stood by idly. (They never do.) Both the North Dakota and Arkansas bills face legal challenges, and are currently under injunctions. The U.S. Supreme Court will ultimately have to rule on the constitutionality of heartbeat legislation. We think that it will pass constitutional muster.

In the meantime, it is a great tool to use to educate the public. If you listen carefully, you can hear the baby's heartbeat.

*PRESIDENT'S PAGE, FROM PAGE 2*

"We call upon officials and policymakers, internationally, nationally, and at all levels of government, to immediately establish policies and implement measures to preserve and strengthen marriage and family.

"We urge citizens, leaders, and people of influence everywhere to place as their highest priority the protection and strengthening of the family as the irreplaceable foundation of civilization and our only hope for prosperity, peace, and progress."

The centrality of the family was once so well understood that it became the basis of an adage: As goes the family, so goes America. This understanding needs to be recovered, in no small part because healthy marriages provide the surest protection for unborn children. With your help we will do our part in making it so.



# Dangers of Emergency Contraceptives

Donna J. Harrison

CVS RIGHTLY RECOGNIZES that tobacco products are incompatible with its mission as a health care provider. There are other products at CVS that also clash with its mission: The over-the-counter availability of Plan B, and the prescription distribution of Ella, are also incompatible with health care provision.

The unfettered availability of emergency contraception raises serious concerns, not least because access to Plan B does not reduce the number of unintended pregnancies or abortions. Aside from being ineffective, over-the-counter access to emergency contraceptive is harmful to women's health. It isolates the most at-risk women (teenagers and those in unstable relationships) from getting the medical care they need to diagnose sexually transmitted diseases and access appropriate contraceptive counseling. And in certain situations, emergency contraception may act by blocking a newly conceived embryo from implanting, rather than by preventing fertilization – and not all consumers will be aware of the difference, especially girls and women with limited access to medical care. This is not a product to

be sold over the counter, with no more consultation than buying M&M's.

In addition, these drugs have been tested for safety only in women 18 to 45, and under conditions where these women use the drug only once in the cycle. Over-the-counter availability of Plan B puts powerful hormones in the hands of the youngest teens, in whom its safety has never been studied. At a stage when their reproductive organs are maturing, these girls will be exposed to unknown doses of hormones, for an unknown duration, under no medical supervision.

For all of these reasons, CVS and all responsible health care providers and pharmacies should rethink how they sell emergency contraceptives.

*Editor's Note: Donna J. Harrison is the executive director of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. To read Donna's article online, go to:*

*<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2014/02/07/what-unhealthy-products-should-cvs-stop-selling/dangers-of-selling-emergency-contraceptives>*

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North Korea, and Vietnam, countries where by its presence it supports precisely those abuses that it should be opposing.

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Former President Jimmy Carter strongly condemned sex-selective abortion in an interview on The Late Show with David Letterman. Carter called the practice “the worst human rights abuse on earth.”

He went on to say that “160 million girls are now missing from the face of the earth because they were murdered at birth by their parents or either selectively aborted when their parents find out that the fetus is a girl.” He specifically named China as one of the worst offenders in this regard, citing a 1997 World Health Organization report which stated that 50 million girls were missing because of China's one-child policy.

Carter's estimate of the worldwide “body count” of sex-selective abortion victims may be on the low side. The United Nations has estimated that as many as 200 million girls have been aborted as a result of sex-selective abortions.

Mosher writes, “I wasn't a big fan of Jimmy Carter (even though he got me a free pass into China in 1979), but here he is speaking out against sex-selection abortion.”

WATCH THE EXCERPT OF THE LATE SHOW HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=4vAwQQOE9Rw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vAwQQOE9Rw)

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*Editor's Note: Ads like this one have been part of our recent ad campaigns and have generated over 1 million views of our Plan B video and have reached over 555,000 people through Facebook and other sources.*