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A Once and Future Tragedy: India's sterilization campaign 39 years later

Anne Morse and Steven Mosher

39 years ago today, Indira Gandhi, then Prime Minister of India, received the power to rule by decree from the Indian president. She immediately declared a state of emergency, suspending numerous civil liberties. This freed her government to forcibly sterilize millions of Indian men and women in the 21 months that followed.

Public officials mobilized en masse to meet statewide sterilization targets. The sterilizations that followed were carried out under so-called “compul-suation,” (a combination of compulsion and persuasion), with a heavy emphasis on the former.

Different states used different tactics. People in Rajasthan with more than three children were banned from holding any government job unless and until they had been sterilized. In Madhya Pradesh, irrigation water was withheld from village

fields until sterilization quotas were met. In Uttar Pradesh, teachers were told that they must submit to sterilization or lose a month's salary. Health department officials in Uttar Pradesh had their pay withheld until they met their quotas for sterilization. In the state of Bihar, public food rations were denied to families with more than two children. The local government refused to put in a much-needed village well until “100 percent of eligible couples” underwent sterilizations. [1,2]

In some cases even more brutal tactics were used. In a Muslim village in the state of Haryana, men were rounded up by police for sterilization. According to a report in the *The Indian Express*:

“The villagers of Uttawar were shaken from their sleep by loudspeakers ordering the menfolk—all above 15—to assemble at the bus-stop on the main Nuh-Hodol road. When they emerged, they found the whole village surrounded by the police. With the menfolk on the road, the police went into the village to see if anyone was hiding...as the villagers tell it, the men on the road were sorted into eligible cases. . . and they were taken from there to clinics to be sterilized.”[3]

Muslims, along with the illiterate and the lower castes, were disproportionately sterilized. Men were given vasectomies, while women were given tubal ligations.

Between June 25, 1975 and March 1977, an estimated 11 million men and women were sterilized using such tactics.



The effects of India's sterilization campaign are still being felt today.

Another 1 million women were inserted with IUDs.[4]

The sterilizations were performed in assembly-line fashion, in great haste, and in unhygienic conditions. There was no “follow-up care” offered whatsoever. Many men and women died from subsequent infections. Some 1,800 families filed wrongful death lawsuits on behalf of deceased relatives, but the actual death toll was much higher.

It did not take long, given these horrific tactics, for public anger over the forced sterilization campaign to result in riots. Over 20 people died, and many

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In Defense of Youth: Huelskamp Against Planned Parenthood

Steven W. Mosher

Chris Smith (R-NJ) has long been my favorite U.S. congressman. After all, it was Chris who promised my wife that, if I were ever arrested on any of my secret trips into China, “I will immediately hold a press conference on the Capitol lawn and demand Steve’s release.”

But you’ve gotta love Kansas Congressman Tim Huelskamp (R-KS). Since his election to Congress in 2010, he has been working harder than anyone else to convince his colleagues in Congress to defund Planned Parenthood once and for all.

His latest effort took the form of a “dear colleague letter”—a letter sent to all members of Congress—condemning the abortion business for “the explicit promotion and normalization of harmful and risky sexual behavior to our teens.”

Now you might think that this is a pretty good description of what Planned Parenthood does day in and day out anyway. After all, their website is so full of pornography that my computer software

blocks it. And their “sex education” talks in schools are designed to encourage sexual activity—and to produce a reliable source of pregnant teenagers for their hugely profitable abortion mills.

But what set off Congressman Huelskamp was the news that a Planned Parenthood counselor had told a 15-year-old girl to have S&M sex. The undercover video, filmed by Lila Rose, shows a PP staffer encouraging the girl to engage in violent sex acts—including whipping, spanking, biting, and bondage.

In his letter to his colleagues, Congressman Huelskamp condemned the staffer’s advice as “shocking” and “harmful,” concluding that “Americans should not be forced to pay for such an irresponsible organization that endorses unsafe and extremely questionable sexual practices for our teens.”

Planned Parenthood claimed that the staffer “does not reflect our professional standards or training protocols” and said she is “no longer employed,” but this is clearly just damage control.

This is not the first time that Huelskamp, who has four adoptive children of African American, Hispanic, and Native American descent, has attacked Planned Parenthood, and I am sure that it will not be the last.

He has in the past called Planned Parenthood “a racist organization...created for the sole purpose of killing children that look like mine.” He has repeatedly called for it to be defunded.

Instead, of course, the Obama administration has been shoveling over more money Planned Parenthood’s way. As Huelskamp notes in his latest letter, “Planned Parenthood receive



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\$540.6 million last year from combined state, local and federal taxpayer funds. Through various funding streams... American taxpayers are pumping millions into Planned Parenthood’s so-called “culturally appropriate sex education programs.”

Enough already.

Population: Is the World Overpopulated?

A Debate Between Steven Mosher and Robert Walker

The following are excerpts from a debate that took place this past June between Mr. Mosher and Mr. Robert Walker of the Population Institute on The Scholar's Mate, hosted by PublicSquare.net and moderated by Mr. Daniel Mushala. The entire debate may be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klwP1ornw1Q>

Mushala: Mr. Mosher is here to claim the world is, in fact, not overpopulated. Can you explain?

Mosher: Well, I think I can. If you look at population increasing, you'll see that our living standards have increased faster and faster than population growth so as our numbers have increased, so has our



economic well-being...

Walker: The sad, inescapable truth is that we live on a finite planet... with a limited capacity... The question is about how many people the earth can sustain, at what standard of living, and for how long. There is plenty of evidence to suggest that humanity is already exceeding the planet's limits and that we are reducing the earth's capacity to support life, including human life.

Mosher: All the projection about scary stories and hyperbole about future disaster are just possibilities that can be averted. Human beings have the ability to react to the problems that their numbers cause and check those problems and correct those problems. Population growth

has been the greatest drive of economic growth in history.

Walker: The price of basic foodstuffs have doubled in recent years! We are altering the climate of the planet and the very chemistry of the ocean... I think that growth in human numbers and consumption are imperiling people, posterity, and the planet.

Mosher: I believe that the earth is a cornucopia of resources that can be unlocked with our creative intelligence. The more creative minds you have at work... the more solutions and better solutions you will come up with. The problem with the myth of overpopulation is that it is not a harmless fantasy, it is a myth that kills.

Walker: I think the question is whether or not the world is overpopulated. The problem is that we have a whole set of them [global problems], and population relates to almost all of them, and if we're going to have any chance of addressing those global problems in their entirety, we're going to ultimately have to reduce human numbers.

Mosher: You admit things have gone fairly well in the past and as problems have arisen we've been able to solve them, but you're predicting disaster in the future. The consequences of speculation of this

should be able to decide freely when and how many children they should have. And to freely decide that, they require access to modern methods of contraception.

Mosher: We spend over a billion dollars a year... shipping birth control means over to foreign countries. What I support is what the women tell us they want. They tell us that they need help with malaria, typhus, typhoid, clean drinking water, they rank reproductive healthcare at the bottom of those needs.

Walker: And they are getting those things along with international family planning, which says, "We will give you the most modern methods of contraception



which will allow you to realistically space your pregnancies..."

Mosher: That's not what they're asking for, that's not what they want.

Walker: That's the human rights approach, that's the basic approach that not only affirms that there should be no coercion.

Mosher: My position is that this is a misallocation of a billion dollars that could be spent improving primary health care, because you know what reproductive programs do? They...

Walker: (interrupts) What I am suggesting to you are that contraceptives are a human right imperative and that

Watch to the entire debate online at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klwP1ornw1Q>

kind have been that for the last 50 years the US and the UN have been in the business of using diplomatic arm-twisting... on developing countries and their governments to get them into the business of population control.

Walker: No. Our government's policy toward family planning is that all women

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May I send you this gift?

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In Assisi, the little boy was struck with a medical emergency of life-threatening magnitude. What happened next had me glued to the book! Not wanting to be a spoiler, I won't tell you the rest of the story. But you owe it to yourself – and to your faith – to read this opening story in *Angels and Saints: A Biblical Guide to Friendship With God's Holy Ones*.

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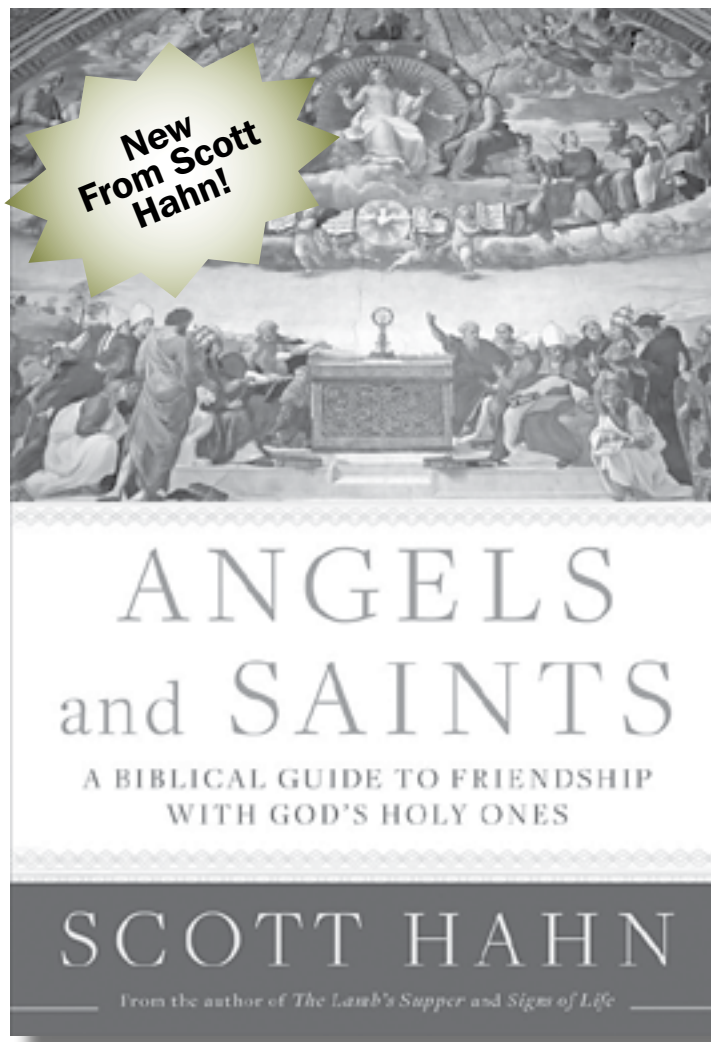
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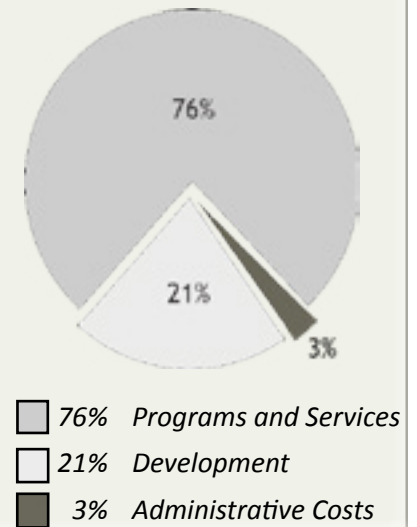
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more were injured, in violent "anti family-planning" protests. Prime Minister Gandhi called a halt to the campaign in March 1977, and was quickly voted out of office as soon as "the emergency" ended.

It is difficult for most people to accept that such a campaign could have occurred in living memory. But similar campaigns have been carried out in Indonesia and Peru even more recently, and are happening right now in China and Vietnam.

Many in the population control movement still believe that such campaigns are justified because of the danger posed by too many people. They are still repeating what apologists for the Indian program were saying at the time: "I'm personally opposed to forced sterilization but, after all, India is overpopulated."

We at PRI believe that abuses of basic human rights, such as the right to bear

children, can never be excused by such "ends justifies the means" arguments. Nor do we accept cost-benefit analyses which attempt to define (and thus denigrate)

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the worth of the human person in terms of dollars and cents as valid.

And let us not forget that, on the big question, the population controllers are simply wrong. If they were paying attention (instead of just mouthing anti-people slogans), they would understand that the most pressing population problem today is not too many people, but a rapidly aging world-population. Ignoring this reality, population controllers continue to

espouse a myth that not only makes no economic sense, but literally kills those it targets.

Let us never forget the suffering, degradation, and humiliation inflicted upon the poorest and most vulnerable people in India beginning 39 years ago today. The only way to ensure that such violations cease is to end the war on people once and for all.

[1] Gwatkin, Davidson R. "Political will and family planning: the implications of India's emergency experience." *Population and Development Review* (1979): 29-59.

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[3] *The Indian Express*, 8 March 1977

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One-Child Policy Drives Chinese Father of Four to Suicide

Wang sacrifices his life to embarrass officials into letting his “illegal” children attend school

By Steven Mosher and Paul Wilson

China’s draconian one-child policy has claimed many victims—hundreds of millions of unborn children have lost their lives, tens of thousands of women have died from botched abortions and sterilizations, and tens of thousands more have committed suicide to end the pain of late-term, forced abortions—but Wang Guangrong’s story is particularly tragic.

Wang, a 37-year old Chinese father of four, had long been persecuted by local government officials for daring to flout China’s restrictions against multiple children. He had been subjected to heavy fines, had his livestock confiscated, and his children declared to be non-persons.

Things came to a head when Wang sought to have his children, three daughters and one son, enrolled in the local school. Public education in China is free, at least up to junior high school, but local officials insisted that Wang pay another round of heavy fines before agreeing to admit his children. After the previous rounds of fines and punishments, Wang and his wife were destitute.

They had nothing left to give the government—except Wang’s life. Public suicides in protest of official wrongdoing have a long history in China. So Wang decided to end his life in the hope that this would shame local government officials into allowing his children to attend school. That way, they would have the chance at a better life that an education would provide them with.

A British newspaper, the Daily Express interviewed Wang’s wife, Wu Jinmin, who explained that her husband grew

desperate after his children were denied schooling. “He couldn’t take it anymore,” said Wu. “What did we bring them into the world for, to be as dumb as cattle?” he said to me. ‘I cannot see my children grow up uneducated.’ And then he cut his wrists.”

Wang’s sacrifice was not in vain. When the domestic and international



The one-child policy is a brutal scourge on millions of families in China that in many cases robs them of house, home, and even life.

press picked up on the story, local government officials were quick to engage in damage control. They promised to compensate his widow for the loss of her husband and even pledged to build a new house for her and the children.

We are glad that Wang’s widow and children will not be left to starve in the shadowy world that China’s illegal children occupy. But millions of other children of the shadows—“black” children, as they are called in China—have not been nearly as lucky. They have not just

been abandoned by the Chinese state, they have been positively ostracized by a government which refuses to feed, house, clothe, or educate these lost children in any way.

One sees them begging on the streets, or working in sweatshops, or hawking cheap trinkets to passers-by, all in a desperate effort to survive. Their only crime is that they were born without official permission in a state where birth permits are mandatory.

None of this is any secret, of course. The Chinese people are constantly barraged with anti-natal propaganda, and are well aware of the extensive system of punishments that awaits those like Wang who violate the misnamed “family planning policy.” Everyone in China understands that having multiple children makes you—and your “black” children—enemies of the state.

We would not have predicted that the one-child policy would have endured this long, given its devastating effects on Chinese society. Suicides, forced abortions, sex-selection abortion—all are rampant in China. China’s bachelor population already numbers in the tens of millions, while its population of elderly is also in the tens of millions.

What kind of a government considers it a crime to bear too many children, and punishes those who do? What kind of a country leaves loving fathers like Wang Guangrong with no way to help his own children but to take his own life?

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FROM THE COUNTRIES

China

(FZ News) If you are wealthy and famous, you can escape the clutches of the Chinese population control police-by giving birth in Hong Kong. Although Hong Kong has tightened restrictions on Mainland Chinese seeking permanent residence cards in Hong Kong, there are exceptions like actress Yang Mi, 27, who recently gave birth there. Chinese actress Sun Li, 31, also managed to cross the border before the arrival of her second child- illegal under Chinese law- in Hong Kong. Although jealous Chinese Netizens, themselves limited to one child, were unhappy with Sun's second pregnancy, she became a Hong Kong citizen just in the nick of time to give birth through the so-called "the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme," otherwise known as bribing Hong Kong officials. This is not an option open to most of her fans.

See the Source: <http://www.fz.com/content/china-actresses-jump-bandwagon-give-birth-hong-kong>

(ITV News) The Chinese government set up so-called "baby hatches" to allow couples to dump off unwanted children at safe locations, instead of simply leaving them by the side of the road to die. The authorities did not anticipate how busy these baby hatches would become, however. Disabled children, in particular, are being abandoned at an astonishing rate by parents who want their only children to be "perfect."

The Chinese government encourages eugenics, urging the Chinese to give birth only to "high quality children." The result of birth limitations combined with propaganda that insults the handicapped is that

few couples are willing to raise children who are less than "perfect."

ITV News interviewed a young couple who gave up their daughter after finding out that she was born with Down Syndrome and breathing problems. They complained that it would cost them \$3,000 for her to be admitted to a special care unit, and cost \$1,200 every day thereafter. They weren't willing to spend that kind of money on a defective child, and abandoned her with the hope that she would receive better care from the state. The harsh reality though, is that the state provides almost no care to handicapped children, who die in large numbers in the orphanages where they are warehoused. There are over 700,000 orphans living in such institutions in China, 90% of whom have some form of disability.

See the Source: <http://www.itv.com/news/2014-06-10/desperate-parents-overwhelm-chinas-baby-hatches/>

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Myanmar

(CNN) The government of Myanmar (formerly Burma) is considering tightening the screws on its Rohingya minority yet again. A proposed "race and religion protection" would formally limit all the members of this despised minority to two children. In parts of Rakhine, this Muslim minority is already subject to a "two-child policy."

The bill is based on a petition purportedly presented by a group of nationalist Buddhist monks to President Thein Sein. According to the monks, it's a matter of protecting race and religion and encouraging peace. Burma is an overwhelmingly Buddhist country.

See the Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2014/05/29/world/asia/myanmar-inter-faith-marriage-laws>

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Japan

(Project M) – A troubling new trend is arising in Japan: childless elderly men and women turning to crime in order to survive. In one extreme case, Kyuemon Fuduka, a 74-year-old former convict denied state support by the government, set fire to a train station because, as he put it: "I wanted to go back to prison because I had nowhere to go and was cold."

Although the number of Japanese people eligible for pensions (65+ years old) has doubled over the past 20 years, the number of crimes this group committed during that same period has grown sixfold. Japan is the only country in the world where the percentage of elderly inmates 60 years of age and older exceeds 10%. One in six prisoners in Japan is over 60.

This is a reflection of Japan's aging population. There are currently 29 million Japanese men and women aged 65 and older out of a total population of 127 million. The UN predicts that by 2050 40 million Japanese pensioners will be dependent for support upon 55 million people of working age (15-64 years old), an almost one-to-one ratio.

See the Source: <http://projectm-online.com/new-perspectives/demographics/pensioners-turn-to-crime-in-japan>

(The Wall Street Journal) –Japan's decline in charts: The Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare has produced a report which paints a stark picture of dying Japan in charts. The first shows the total population of Japan is

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United States hits new record low birth rate, PRI warns of dangers

(LifeSiteNews.com) – The U.S. birth rate has fallen to a record low, even though the total number of babies born showed the first increase since 2007.

According to LifeSiteNews, “... while America’s number of babies born grew for a decade until 2007, a record high of 4.3 million, Anne Morse of the Population Research Institute said that the birth rate “has been declining since the 1990s and even before. The average age at first childbirth increased by almost two years between today and 1990 from 24.2 years to 25.8 years of age.”

Morse told LifeSiteNews that “the baby bust isn’t over. Part of the uptick in fertility can be explained by the end of the recession. But the recession didn’t cause America’s below replacement fertility, and so the end of the recession won’t fix it.” She predicts that “America will – like Germany, Italy, and Japan – face an aging problem.”

See the Source: <http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/u.s.-birth-rate-hits-new-record-low...again...in-2013>

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Confucius Institutes pose danger to academic freedom, says Mosher

June 4th was the 25th Anniversary of the Tiananmen massacre, in which the Chinese Communist military crushed pro-democracy demonstrations in China’s major cities using deadly force. China

watcher Eamonn Fingleton, writing in Forbes.com, criticized the “scandalous” silence of American academia regarding the Tiananmen tragedy, and pinned a good part of the blame on China’s program to infiltrate American universities by setting up so-called Confucius Institutes. Under this program, the Chinese government funds—and controls—institutes in ninety of America’s top universities. Fingleton calls the Institutes “one of history’s most successful propaganda gambits,” and quotes Steve Mosher to explain how academic freedom is compromised by Chinese funding and control:

“In the words of the prominent American China watcher, Steven Mosher, the presence on a campus of a Confucius Institute has ‘a chilling effect on frank discussion of human rights abuses in general, and the Tiananmen Massacre in particular.’

“Mosher, who is the author of *Hegemon: China’s Plan to Dominate Asia and the World*, adds: ‘There have been cases where Beijing has tried to directly influence the curricula and lectures. More common is self-censorship, where school administrators and professors, not wanting to jeopardize this source of funding, tend to avoid subjects that would upset Beijing. The point of Confucius Institutes is to subvert, coopt, and ultimately control Western academic discourse on matters pertaining to China.’”

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/eamonnfingleton/2014/06/01/follow-the-chinese-money-the-tiananmen-anniversary-and-a-strange-silence-on-u-s-campuses/>

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Global Monitor

(All Africa) The population controllers blather endlessly about reducing maternal mortality, with their preferred solutions being contraception, sterilization, and abortion. Obviously, a woman who has been sterilized will not die in childbirth, but neither will she have any more children. Occasionally, however, the U.N. Population Fund admits the truth: if you want to reduce maternal mortality, make sure that someone is present to assist the woman if she encounters difficulty giving birth.

A new UNFPA report, called “State of the World’s Midwifery 2014,” urges more investment in midwife education and training for precisely this reason. It found that when midwives, educated according to international standards, are present at births, they can reduce maternal and new-born deaths by two-thirds. In Rwanda, the ratio currently stands at one midwife per 44,584 pregnant women, which is hopelessly low. But by investing in the training of hundreds of new midwives, this ratio can be lowered, and thousands of lives can be saved.

See the Source: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201406090585.html>

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(The Fiji Times) UNFPA Communication Officer Ariela Zibiah, like nearly everyone at the UN population control agency, believes that you can reduce adolescent pregnancies by subjecting all teenage girls to sex

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when birthrates have fallen as a result of contraception becoming available, we see prosperity follows.

Mosher: Let me tell you a better way. If you want to reduce the birthrate, you should... reduce the infant and child mortality rate by providing primary health care, because as the people in the few countries with high birthrates see more of their children surviving to adulthood, guess what? They have fewer children.

Walker: I'm all in favor of reducing child mortality, but the first step in reducing child mortality is in providing women with reproductive health care!

Mosher: The first step is to make sure that the children they have survive to adulthood! Because if their children survive to adulthood they won't have 5 or 6 children, they'll have two or three children.

Walker: It is my belief that every woman should have the choice to use any contraceptive free of any coercion...

Mosher: (interrupts) Which is not the way the programs work! You know that these programs have targets and quotas.

Walker: Where are these targets and quotas? Are you telling me that USAID today has targets and quotas as to how many women possess contraceptives?

Mosher: Yes, it does projections, and based on those projections it sends boatloads of contraceptives to countries where it puts tremendous pressure on Ministries of Health to meet those projections lest the funding be cut off.

Walker: I'm really disturbed by the fact that you think USAID is going around the world today telling governments that if they don't accept certain family planning programs that we're going to cut off their funding. First of all, any USAID official who says that is completely lying, because

Congress, in many cases, has said we're going to give this country this amount of assistance, it's not conditioned on whether or not the government accepts international family planning!

Mosher: It is absolutely conditioned! I have written a book on this, Bob, I'll



give you a copy, it's called Population Control...

Walker: I'll be happy to look at it, but I've been in the field! I know!

Mosher: ... and it has a chapter on how we use foreign aid to force these programs on countries that don't want them and to force governments into the business of forcing these things on women who don't want them.

Walker: No, we're not forcing contraceptives on women who don't want them. We are giving them options, there's a difference.

Mosher: Well, you'd like to think so, but that's not the way it works on the ground, unfortunately.

Mushala: ... how exactly do you define overpopulation?

Walker: The question is one of what is the earth capable of sustaining in terms of human population and for how long? What you described is what I call the bubble, and in every bubble everyone gets carried away, saying, "Oh the naysayers are all wrong, we're doing great, the naysayers are never going to be right!"

Mosher: Well, you've been wrong for 50 years, how much more time do you need?

Walker: We talked about it earlier today that we do see the warning signs in water scarcity, food security, environmental degradation, Climate Change, etc... these are all warning signs that we are not living sustainably! Unless we reduce human numbers through a human-rights based approach which says that every woman is able to decide freely how many children and when, we are headed into a day of reckoning.

Mosher: You know as well as I that demographers don't have a definition of overpopulation, there can never be a definition of overpopulation, because the number of people the planet is capable of sustaining is based upon the level of technology that you specify.

Walker: I believe that a lot of environmental problems today are caused by rich, affluent societies, I'm not gonna put the blame on poor people. But if you take a look at where poverty is greatest today, if you were to make a list of the top 20 poorest countries, you would find out that their birthrates are also the highest in the world today...

Mosher: Because their infant and child mortality rates are so high!

Walker: ... they go hand in hand, poverty and hunger today go hand in hand with high fertility. And that unless women are able to space and plan their pregnancies to have fewer children but healthier children, better educated children, they will not escape poverty and they will continue to go out and do the very things you've talked about.

Mosher: People create economic power. Every baby born in the US, if you crunch the numbers, will produce several hundred thousand more dollars worth

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falling (238,632 more deaths than births in 2013) the second demonstrates the natural increase/decrease in population while commenting on the primary causes of death in Japan, the third shows the number of Japanese births is dropping (1,029,800 births in 2013, a post-World War II low), the fourth that the total fertility rate in Japan is well below 2.1 (1.43 in 2013), and the fifth shows that the number of Japanese marriages is falling (661,594 couples were married in 2013, again a post-World War II low).

See the Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/japanrealtime/2014/06/06/japans-population-problem-in-five-charts/>

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United Kingdom

(Population Matters) – Population Matters, a British-based group dedicated to spreading the dark gospel of overpopulation, posted on their website that "Fewer children, less child poverty." We are not surprised that the group with such an anti-child mentality would blame large families for causing poverty. But we also don't believe that it is true.

Their logic is as follows: "Families with more children have higher expenses. There are also causal links from poverty to larger families. Some on low incomes may find it harder to access or manage family planning or appealing career paths, creating something of a vicious circle, whereby poverty leads to having a larger family which then makes it harder to escape poverty."

In real life- as opposed to the fevered imaginations of population control fanatics- it is the presence or absence of marriage that is the primary determinant of poverty. Married couples with children are better off than single parents by every measure of well-being. Also ignored was the fact that parents, especially fathers, work harder when they have more chil-

dren, so that their income tends to rise significantly. Finally, the calculus that says that a farmer is better off when his cow has a calf, but worse off (in per capita) terms, when his wife has a baby, makes no sense.

Finally, there is Britain's anti-family tax policies, in which the heaviest burden falls upon families with children. One London couple with seven children says that they would be far better off if they divorced and the mother went on welfare while the father pretended to be just a live-in boyfriend. They would never actually do such a thing, of course, but it demonstrates how the tax code undermines intact families and discourages married couples from having children, while at the same time encouraging single mothers to reproduce.

Population Matters' preferred method of eliminating poverty appears to be eliminating people.

See the Source: <http://www.populationmatters.org/2014/population-matters-news/children-child-poverty/>

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United States

(Acton Institute) – A new study by Professors James Studnicki, Sharon MacKinnon, and John Fisher of the University of North Carolina highlights the disproportionate impact of abortion on African Americans.

Using 2008 data from North Carolina, they found that 69% of pregnancies by white women led to live births, while only 49% of black pregnancies resulted in live births. They also sought to calculate premature mortality for men and women along with the impact they would have had on society, a state they defined as "years of potential life lost," and found that in 2008, abortion contributed to 59% of years of potential life lost for whites and an astounding 76% of years of potential life lost for blacks. This is a staggering

amount of human life and ingenuity, sacrificed to the abortion mills.

See the Source: <http://www.acton.org/pub/commentary/2014/05/21/potential-life-lost-america%E2%80%99s-demographic-poverty>

(Salt Lake Tribune) – The state of Utah has the highest birthrate in the U.S. But it, too, is no exception to the overall downward trend of the nation's birthrates. Only 50,937 births were recorded in 2013 in Utah, down from 51,439 births in 2012. The all-time high was 55,634 births in 2008. The economic contraction which has afflicted America since 2008 is in large part responsible for this decline.

Despite the falling number of births, the state still leads the nation in "crude birthdate", which is defined as the number of children born per female resident, whether of childbearing age or not. Utah averages 17.6 births per 1000 female residents, which is several points above states such as Alaska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Way to go, Utah!

See the Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/58018431-78/utah-births-rate-2013.html.csp>

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Armenia

Sex-selective abortions are on the rise worldwide, with countless baby girls being targeted for gendercide while still in the womb. One of the worst gender imbalances is found in Armenia, where 114 boys are born for every 100 girls, far above the natural ratio of 105 boys for every 100 girls.

Garik Hayrapetyan, head of Armenia's UNFPA office, says that the reasons for the prevalence of sex-selection are threefold: "... the Armenian public is patriarchal by nature, thus baby boys are preferred to baby girls, future parents

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Latin America's Organization of American States Rejects LGBT Resolution

Carlos Polo

A severe blow was dealt to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender, Transvestite, Intersex (LGBTTTI) lobby in Paraguay at the Organization of American States (OAS). During the recent OAS General Assembly, 12 member countries of the OAS expressed reservations about the terms of the draft resolution on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression. This frustrated the intent of the LGBTTTI lobby to establish a "Convention Against Discrimination and All Forms of Intolerance and Racism" among the member nations in order to enact laws that "protect, support, and promote" the LGBTTTI community.

Shortly before the General Assembly, Brazil presented a resolution proposing the "Convention Against Discrimination and All Forms of Intolerance and Racism." The host country's delegate said that his country would harshly scrutinize the resolution. The widespread rejection of the resolution during the Assembly has thusfar resulted in only 4 of the 34 member countries signing the resolution in favor of the Convention.

The proposed Convention had the support of various foreign powers, such as the United States, Guatemala, Ecuador, Paraguay, Honduras, Guatemala, Jamaica, and Suriname. In the footnotes of the draft resolution, the aforementioned countries demanded the signature and passage of the Convention. So far only Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina have signed the convention, while Belize, Guyana, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados presented objections to the proposed resolution.

This lack of support by the OAS frustrated the agenda of the LGBTTTI lobby and upset their goal of acquiring a binding legal instrument to "protect, support, and promote" the LGBTTTI community

through the legislative powers of the Latin American countries.

"Our countries do not deny human rights to anyone," the delegates avowed, "nor do they discriminate by reason of race, creed, sex, etc. The opposition of many delegates comes from the fact that it has become evident that these groups (LGBTTTI) are looking for special privileges depending on their particular sexual behavior—privileges that are incompatible with our laws and customs."

José Miguel Insulza Salinas, Secretary General of the OAS, said the OAS will not impose criteria or recommendations to any government or state regarding legal abortion and gay marriage.

He stated that the demands of organizations for both sexual diversity and abortion cannot be imposed on any country in the Americas. Furthermore, the Secretary General said he was in favor of each nation defining these controversial issues according to their own criteria, respecting the human rights of every person without discriminating against any sector of civil society.

Insulza warned that across the Americas, there are countries where the situation is "more complex" than in other countries and it would be out of place for OAS to make decisions regarding controversial issues, such as abortion and marriage between same sex couples. He clarified that any imposition by any government agency, "only adds more tension," to a situation already supercharged with friction.

Some delegates stressed that the draft resolution on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression undermines the universal human rights system and opens the door to every state or government to create or define its own catalog of sexual orientations.

"This will show that the universal human rights system has failed," they warned.

The LGBTTTI Lobby Will Apply Pressure on the OAS

Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay, displeased with the failure of the OAS to establish the Convention, said their delegations will keep talking about this subject in future General Assemblies, so that each year the resolution must be defeated. Not coincidentally, the LGBTTTI groups will continue their efforts to drum up support for the Convention. They have firmly expressed their opinion that the countries that do not legalize marriage between same-sex couples are discriminating against these people and should be subject to sanctions on the national and international levels.

The delegate of Guatemala ratified the Convention since his country "defends and promote all human rights and does not discriminate on any grounds. Furthermore, the State of Guatemala considers a lack of legal recognition of marriages between persons of the same sex as a non-discriminatory practice."

Numerous members of nongovernmental organizations noted the extreme risk of ideological imposition on the part of the OAS—imposition that does not correspond to the spirit of the OAS nor with international law.

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education and putting them all on the pill. Never mind that this approach has been repeatedly tried, and has failed each time.

In her article "Each Child of a Plan", which appeared in *The Fiji Times On-line*, Zibiah concludes that adolescent pregnancy occurs when society as a whole connives to create an enabling environment for it. In other words, it is everyone's fault but that of the young man and young woman who decide to engage in sex instead of remaining chaste.

But our favorite line is this one: "The failure of governments to ensure adolescent girls access to correct and timely sexual and reproductive health information and services (or failure to address the socio-cultural-informed gender dynamics which are hostile to women and girls) contributes to that enabling environment."

In other words, UNFPA's "solution" includes teaching young women to be radical feminists, an approach that reduces teen pregnancy by destroying relationships between men and women and discourages marriage and child-bearing altogether. Pope Francis rightfully noted of this poisonous worldview, "Gender ideology is demonic!"

See the Source: <http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=270930>

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find out the child's sex in advance and they refrain from baby girls, as well as some couples want to have few children."

But Armenia is taking action. Ara Babloyan, head of Armenia's committee on Healthcare, Maternity, and Childhood Affairs, has suggested legislation to Armenia's national assembly to stem this kind of prenatal discrimination.

Although Babloyan's proposal is still being fine-tuned, it will probably forbid healthcare providers from telling parents the sex of their unborn children until the 30th week of pregnancy, by which time it would be too late to arrange an abortion.

Sources: http://www.armenianow.com/news/54563/selective_abortion_armenia_ministry_of_health

<http://www.genethique.org/?q=en/content/armenian-government-considering-banning-selective-abortions>

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Peru

From 1995-2000, at least 300,000 Peruvian women were sterilized in a national campaign launched by Peru's president, Alberto Fujimori. The campaign was genocidal in intent, targeting indigenous Peruvian women. Many of these sterilizations were coerced, and a number of women died as a result. Population Research Institute, working with the Peruvian Bishop's Conference, played a leading role in halting this atrocity.

Last year, the Peruvian government launched yet another investigation into this human rights abuse. Unfortunately, this investigation ground to a halt this spring, when Peruvian state prosecutor Marco Guzman, claiming a lack of evidence, dropped the case.

Now the Andean Community of Nations is stepping in to investigate the charges of forced sterilizations. Hilaria Supa, a human rights activist and one of Peru's representatives to the Andean Parliament, is the driving force behind the investigation, and will be joined by seven other members. The investigation will visit a region hard-hit by Fujimori's campaign, and will compile its findings in

a report to be submitted to the Peruvian government.

One would think that with 300,000 victims, evidence would not be hard to find.

Source: <http://www.peruthisweek.com/news-andean-parliament-to-investigate-forced-sterilizations-in-peru-102950>

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than they will consume in their lifetime. They will, in other words, leave the world a better place. This is true of babies born in China as well, if you crunch the numbers... the 400 million missing Chinese are making China poorer.

Walker: Steve, let's go back to the basics, we live on a finite planet, with finite resources, with larger populations, the amount of resources available per capita goes down.

Mosher: How can you say that? You don't know what the resources of the future are!

Editor's Note: Watch the entire debate between Mr. Mosher and Mr. Robert Walker on The Scholar's Mate, hosted by PublicSquare.net and moderated by Mr. Daniel Mushala. The debate may be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klwP1omw1Q>

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