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## Medical Malpractice: Are We Contributing to the Spread of HIV/AIDS?

*New PRI Video Reveals the Dangers of Depo-Provera*

**By Steven Mosher and Jonathan Abbamonte**

The HIV epidemic has had Sub-Saharan Africa in its grip for decades. HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death in Sub-Saharan Africa, claiming the lives of over 800,000 people every year.

And wittingly or unwittingly the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and other organizations are helping it to spread HIV.

This is, of course, a very serious charge, but we back it up in a shocking new video. The video, called “Depo’s Deception: New Dangers for African Women,” reveals that injectable contraceptives like Depo-Provera® increase the risk of contracting HIV.



*USAID ships millions of doses of Depo-Provera to African women every year.*

Photo Credit: Population Research Institute

Studies by PRI and other groups show that women in Sub-Saharan Africa who are given injectable contraceptives are 50% more likely to contract the disease.

“Depo’s Deception” is created in the same style and format as PRI’s series of wildly popular “POP 101” videos. This new video is not only accessible and entertaining, but also provides a powerful, hard-hitting storyline that you won’t want to miss.

In its first few weeks, “Depo’s Deception” has received over 1,500

views on YouTube, 123,000 views on Facebook, and shared over 200 times on Facebook. The video can be viewed on PRI’s YouTube channel by typing the following URL into the search bar in your web browser: [goo.gl/MzfAuL](http://goo.gl/MzfAuL)

Numerous studies have shown the risks of using injectable contraceptives, but the World Health Organization (WHO) continues to ignore them.

“It is unconscionable that USAID, UNFPA, and others continue to ship tens of millions of doses of this dangerous contraceptive every year to

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## The President's Page

### It's Time for Another (Catholic) Baby Boom

Everyone—especially aging Baby Boomers—knows that there was a big bulge in birth rates following World War II. During the Great Depression and the war that followed, fertility had fallen to historically low levels. Then the soldiers, sailors, and airmen came home, found work and wives, and the maternity wards and nurseries filled up. Between 1946, when the post-war boom began, and 1964, when it ended, some 76 million Americans were born.

What most Americans don't know though, is that the Baby Boom was largely a Catholic phenomenon. While birthrates rose for all American groups following the war, its rise among Catholics was nothing short of astounding. The total marital fertility rate for non-Catholics hovered around three children per woman over the entire period. Catholics, on the other hand, began the boom averaging 3.54 children, and ended it with a robust 4.25.

As my friend, Allen Carlson has pointed out, "Only 10 percent of Catholics under age forty reported having four or more children in 1952 to '55...By 1957 to '59... the proportion for Catholics had more than doubled to 22 percent" (<https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2013/03/catholic-attitudes>).

Priests of the time courageously urged parishioners to be generous in accepting children from God. Catholic schools were filled to overflowing. The seminaries were full of aspiring priests. As for the parishioners, they heard pro-natal advice not just at their wedding, but in homilies as well. And they accepted it for what it was: a supernatural

truth that was not up for debate. Most of them, anyway.

When my Uncle Calvin, a non-Catholic, wanted to marry my Aunt Betty, her priest reportedly told him, in no-nonsense fashion, that children were to be lovingly accepted as a gift from God. "God never sends a child without sending a loaf of bread," he told my uncle. My uncle, a literal-minded man who grew up on an Iowa farm, replied, "I can't raise a child on a loaf of bread." But my aunt, at least, was listening. The two went on to conceive six children, although my aunt, sadly, miscarried three of them late in pregnancy.

We find ourselves in a similar economic situation today. The Great Recession, which began in 2007, has caused fertility in this country to collapse. The number of live births per 1,000 American women ages 15-44, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, has never been lower. I repeat: In the entire history of the United States, women have never had fewer children than they are having right now.

With this decline in the birth rate, the fertility differences between Catholics and Protestants have largely disappeared. Evangelicals and Catholics now both average 2.3 children, while so-called "mainline Protestants" average only 1.9, below the 2.1 needed to maintain the population. The caboose of the fertility train is occupied by atheists and agnostics, who are apparently too busy eating, drinking, and making merry to make babies. With total fertility rates (TFRs) of only 1.6 and 1.3 children, those who don't believe



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in the Hereafter have only half as many children as those who do.

I think that three things have to happen for America's birth rate to recover. First, we need a sustained economic recovery, which will only come about if we unleash the entrepreneurial genius of the American people by cutting taxes on families, reducing government

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spending, cutting back on onerous regulations, and axing bad trade deals. All of these hamstring American businesses, discouraging both new business starts as well as the expansion of existing businesses.

Second, we need tax policies that encourage marriage and childbearing. This means doing away with the marriage penalty, and doubling both the per child tax credit and the deduction for dependents. The contribution that parents make to the economy by having children is priceless. Where else is America going to get its next generation from, if not from loving and generous parents, who bear, raise, and educate children. And all at their own expense.

Third, Catholics need to recover their historic openness to life. This may mean rejecting the temptation to accumulate material goods in favor of the more lasting legacy of children and grandchildren. It certainly means rediscovering our trust in God in the matter of having offspring. As the father of a large family, whose members are now off starting families of their own, I can attest to the fact that God truly does send a loaf of bread, that is to say, the means to support each additional child that he sends. Trust in Him.

Nothing is impossible with God. Even giving birth to eight children by cesarean section. Just ask my wife. She did.

## FROM THE COUNTRIES

**United States**—This past summer a survey of 1,009 adults was conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The results show that many Americans support abortion restrictions, despite their political affiliation. Although 51 percent of Americans are pro-choice, for example, about 8 in 10 Americans support restricting abortion to the first three months of pregnancy. The results from the survey also found that 62 percent of Americans oppose taxpayer funding for abortion. The opposition to taxpayer funding includes 84 percent of Republicans, 61 percent of Independents, and 44 percent of Democrats. Other results revealed that 8 in 10 Americans want abortion clinics held to the same standard as all other outpatient surgical centers. 70 percent of Americans want doctors who perform abortions to have hospital admitting privileges, and 56 percent believe that doctors who oppose abortion based on religious beliefs should not be forced to perform them.

See the Source: <http://christiannewswire.com/news/942078197.html>

**Ireland**—A High Court Judge in Ireland, Justice Richard Humphreys, has ruled that the word "unborn" in the Irish Constitution means an "unborn child." He sighted article 42a of the Irish Constitution, inserted by a 2012 referendum, which obliges the State to protect all children. Justice Humphreys argued that since an "unborn" is in fact an "unborn child," the referendum

applies to children "both before and after birth." Niamh Uí Bhriain of the Life Institute said that "the ruling was a blow to those who were seeking to discriminate against children before birth and who argued that the preborn child was not fully human or entitled to human rights." Justice Humphreys has ensured that unborn Irish children are not only entitled the right to life, but to all rights and protections guaranteed by the state.

See the Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/irish-court-recognizes-unborn-as-a-child-in-deportation-case>

**Mexico**—By a vote of 34-9 the state legislature of Veracruz, Mexico has affirmed the right to life of a human person from the moment of conception until natural death, save for several exceptions. Those exceptions include rape, a deformity, or risk to the life of the mother. The Mexican offices of United Nations Women, the United Nations Population Fund, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights jointly issued a statement condemning the amendment, which they believe "compromises the rights of women" because it will have a "grave effect on their life, health, education, and integrity." Veracruz is now the eighteenth state in Mexico to approve a pro-life constitutional amendment that protects the right to life of the unborn.

See the Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/18th-mexican-state-passes-pro-life-constitutional-amendment-un-officials-ex>

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### Christians Aggressively Persecuted—Right Here in the United States!

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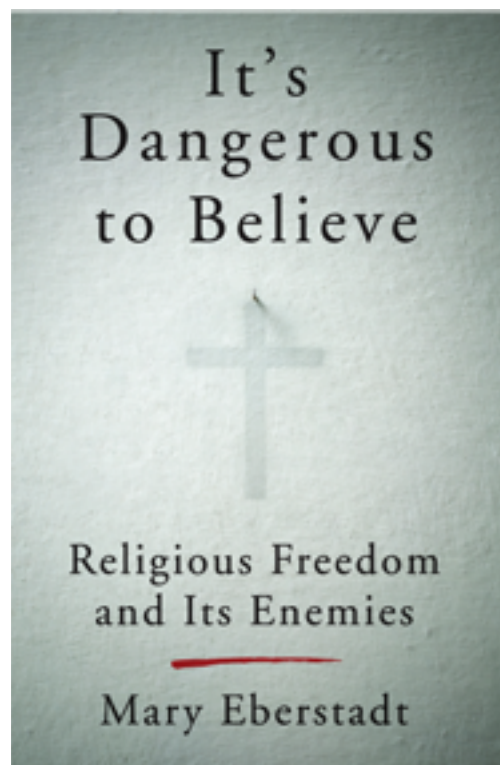
*Dangerous to Believe: Religious Freedom and Its Enemies* is by Mary Eberstadt whose other books include *Adam and Eve After the Pill: Paradoxes of the Sexual Revolution* and *How the West Really Lost God*. Mary Eberstadt is a contributor to *First Things*, *National Review*, *The Wall Street Journal* and many other major national publications.

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"Medical Malpractice" Continued

Sub-Saharan Africa and other areas suffering from the HIV epidemic," PRI President Steven W. Mosher said. "We now know that Depo depresses a woman's immune system, making it more likely that she will contract HIV/AIDS and other STDs."

"We have created 'Depo's Deception,'" Mosher continued, "to warn women—women who are being taken advantage of by population control programs—about the dangers of using these drugs. This video will empower women to make informed decisions about injectable contraceptives, information that is tragically not provided by foreign aid programs."

A study[1] co-authored by Mosher and published in the journal *Issues in Law & Medicine* last year confirmed that injectables like Depo-Provera could place women at risk of HIV infection. Women given injectable contraceptives like Depo-Provera were consistently found to contract HIV at higher rates than women not using injectables. Overall, the study found that injectables could make women in Sub-Saharan Africa as much as 75% more likely to contract the disease.

Over the past 20 years, the United States Agency for International Development has shipped over 375 million doses of injectables worldwide. Nearly two-thirds of the injectables shipped by USAID since the year 2000 have gone to Sub-Saharan Africa.

While USAID has been perhaps the most prolific supplier of injectable contraceptives worldwide, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is a close second. Of course, since the UNFPA's most significant donor is the United States—\$35 million this year alone—U.S. taxpayers are

paying for a large part of the UNFPA's shipments of injectables as well.

In fact, virtually of all the world's major population control groups have jumped on the injectable bandwagon. These include non-governmental organizations like Population Services International and European governmental aid agencies like the U.K.'s Department for International Development. Leading abortion providers and advocacy organizations such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation and Marie Stopes International have also played a significant role in the procurement and distribution of injectables.

Since the year 2000, over 1 billion doses of injectable contraceptives have been showered on women in the developing world by foreign aid programs, most of which have been Depo or similar injectables. The majority of these have gone to Sub-Saharan African countries and other areas of high risk for HIV infection.

Such programs have a long history. Injectable contraceptives have been a part of foreign aid programs ever since the UNFPA first got into the Depo-Provera business back in 1972. This suggests that not only is the indiscriminate distribution of Depo contributing to the spread of HIV/AIDS at present, it may have played a part in igniting the pandemic in the first place.

The evidence is mounting that Depo-Provera weakens the immune system and the body's natural barriers with respect to the HIV virus. Several studies have shown that the active ingredient in Depo-Provera greatly facilitates the passage of the HIV virus through cervical epithelial cells[2]—cell layers that otherwise would have provided a crucial

defense mechanism in lessening the risk of HIV infection.

Depo-Provera has also been shown to significantly depress the body's immune system. Although researchers disagree as to the specific mechanisms by which the drug affects immune capacity, it is widely believed to play a part in increasing susceptibility to HIV. After all, the drug mimics pregnancy, which a woman's body dials down its immune system in order not to run the risk of rejecting unborn child that she is carrying.

Depo-Provera may also increase the risk of chlamydia (*Chlamydia trachomatis*).[3] A woman with a chlamydial infection is also at increased risk of contracting HIV.

"American taxpayers are forced to shell out tens of millions of dollars every year to distribute injectable contraceptives to women in Sub-Saharan Africa. The women who receive these injections are not told that they are at increased risk of contracting HIV/AIDS. This blatant violation of women's rights on the dime of American taxpayers must cease," Mosher said.

[1] Brind J, Condly SJ, Mosher SW, Morse AR, Kimball J. Risk of HIV infection in depot-medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA) users: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Issues in Law & Medicine* 2015; 30(2): 129-139.

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# Life, Liberty, Law, and the Courts

By Dr. Christopher Manion



At the beginning of *Humanae Vitae*, Blessed Paul VI makes a profound observation: In “the recent course of human society...the most remarkable development of all is to be seen in man’s stupendous progress in the domination and rational organization of the forces of nature to the point that he is endeavoring to extend this control over every aspect of his own life—over his body, over his mind and emotions, over his social life, and even over the laws that regulate the transmission of life.”

What a prophet. Already in 1968, Pope Paul realized that the temptation of Eden—“ye shall be as gods”—looms large in our own times. Satan, the father of lies, told Eve she could improve on God’s plan for humanity if she’d just assert her independence from God’s law, as expressed in one sole command: do not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Today, in the name of science (after all, its Latin root means “knowledge”), progressive man continues the battle, defying what the Declaration of Independence calls “The Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God.” Yet,

without these laws our life and liberty are in peril.

Half a century after Pope Paul’s encyclical, our laws, our lives, and our liberty are under frontal attack. And at the tip of this spear of “progress” are the federal courts, where today more power is concentrated than in all our other political institutions.

This “remarkable development” has a history. Yes, every elected executive, legislator, and judge takes an oath swearing to defend the Constitution. But federal judges have bestowed upon themselves the right to decide what the Constitution means.

“We are under a Constitution, but the Constitution is what the judges say it is,” said New York Governor Charles Evans Hughes in 1907.

Mr. Hughes later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and his hubris was contagious. By 1958, Chief Justice Earl Warren could confidently declare that this defiant rejection of law, culture, and tradition was a “settled doctrine.”

So today, it is not the Constitution, but the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the Constitution, that is the “Supreme Law of the Land.”

In *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), which affirmed the abortion “rights” discovered by the court in *Roe v. Wade*, Justice Anthony Kennedy took the Hughes doctrine even further, declaring that, “At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.”

Prometheus is finally unbound! Supreme Court Justices have claimed the liberty to define the meaning not only of the Constitution, but human

life itself. When they command, the only liberty the rest of us have is to obey.

The Federalist Papers, written in 1787 to persuade the people of New York to ratify the new Constitution, called the courts the “least dangerous branch” of the new government. Folks in those days knew that power was dangerous, and today, no doubt to the horror of the Founding Fathers, the courts are so powerful that five Supreme Court justices have the right to rewrite every law in the land, and to make up a few more of their own. That power has consequences.

The Declaration of Independence tells us that our liberties flow from a generous creator. In fact, our founders signed that document “with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence.” Yet, teach those truths in public today, and you’ll get hauled into court.

And what judge will be sitting there to render a decision?

America’s legal community today embraces two schools of thought: one defends tradition and the Constitution’s limits on government power, while the other defies tradition and seeks to expand that power by getting five members of the Supreme Court to call every new power-grab “constitutional.” In the words of Pope Paul, these progressives seeks domination—over everything and everyone.

This fall’s election will determine which of those two schools of thought will govern the courts, and our country, for a long time. And that’s why elections matter.



## GLOBAL MONITOR

**Live Science**—Sociologists have found that the elderly who are close to family are more likely to live longer than the elderly who are close to friends. The study surveyed about 3,000 adults between the ages of 57 and 85 in 2005 and 2006. The researchers then waited until 2011 to see who among the participants had died. Most of those surveyed were married and in good physical health. The results showed that “those who felt ‘extremely close’ to a nonspousal family member had about a 6 percent chance of dying in the next five years, whereas people who said that they were ‘not very close’ to family members had about a 14 percent risk of dying” during that same time period. The results also showed that being close to family reduced participants chances of dying from cardiovascular disease, but not cancer.

Overall, sociologists found that several factors increased a participant’s longevity. Being married, a larger network size of both family and friends, greater participation in social organizations, and feeling close to one’s companions all aided in extending longevity. The most notable of those was marriage, which was found to increase a person’s life span, regardless of whether or not the marriage was of good quality.

See the Source: <http://www.livescience.com/55882-family-not-friends-increase-longevity.html>

**Verity Magazine**—According to Doctor John Littell, a board certified family physician, “There is an overriding concern in the medical community across all disciplines of preventing unplanned

pregnancy” such that “[women] can be prescribed the pill from a range of doctors—general practitioners, dermatologists, psychiatrists, OB-GYNs, and others.”

Yet for how often the pill is recommended to women for any number of reasons, little is said to these same women about the negative side-effects of hormonal contraceptives. Dr. Littell once asked a well-known women’s health physician why he did not mention the link between cervical cancer and the use of oral contraceptives in his lecture on cervical cancer. The lecturer’s response was “Let’s keep that to ourselves.”

Why would any physician want to keep information from patients? According to Dr. Littell, it is because, through years of medical school, physicians have been trained to believe that the negative side effects of the pill—cancer, depression, blood clots, to name a few—are less problematic for a woman than the “overarching problem of pregnancy.” They have been trained to think of pregnancy as a disease; and “If pregnancy was a disease,” says Dr. Littell, “preemptive contraception was the vaccine.”

See the Source: <http://verilymag.com/2016/07/side-effects-of-the-pill-hormonal-contraceptives-birth-control-womens-health-fertility-awareness>

**Journal of American Board of Family Medicine**—Recently, a study was conducted by researchers from the Fertility Appreciation Collaborative to Teach the Science who set out to determine the effectiveness of

fertility awareness-based apps in avoiding pregnancy. Although 95 apps exist among iTunes, Google, and Google Play, the researchers selected 40 apps for testing. All 40 claimed to use evidence-based on Fertility Awareness Based Methods (FABM). Those apps excluded either did not use evidence-based FABM, or had a disclaimer prohibiting use for avoiding pregnancy. The rating system was developed based on criteria used by Family Practice Management to evaluate medical apps. Of the FABM apps tested, only six had either a perfect score on accuracy (meaning app-defined fertile days and evidence-based fertile days were the same), or no false negatives (days of fertility classified as infertile). In order of most accurate, those apps which scored the highest were Ovulation Mentor, Sympto.org, iCycleBeads, LilyPro, Lady Cycle, and mfNFP.net.

The researchers concluded that “the majority of fertility apps are neither designed for avoiding pregnancy nor founded on evidence-based FABMs.” Since accuracy with FABM’s depends on a woman’s ability to accurately make and classify daily observations, researchers also concluded that “relying solely on an FABM app may not be sufficient to prevent pregnancy.”

See the Source: <http://jabfm.org/content/29/4/508.abstract?sid=c7ecf537-d7b9-4d63-9f87-3193dc270e22>



## Colombia's President Says "No" to Gender Ideology

By Carlos Polo

Last month, an estimated one million Colombians demonstrated in opposition to a new school curriculum pushed by the the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The mass marches, which took place in more than 60 cities across Colombia, were organized in protest of the inclusion of "gender ideology" and other Leftist causes into the curriculum of both public and private schools. The public outcry forced the country's President, Juan Santos, to publicly reject not only "gender ideology," but the newly proposed "sexual education" manuals as a whole.

The manuals had already been approved by Gina Parody, the Minister of Education, before their contents became a matter of public knowledge. Based on sex education material provided by the UNFPA, the manuals turned out to be a kind of comprehensive "Leftist Bible." Not only did they promote the idea that boys and girls, regardless of their biological sex, were free to choose their own "gender," they promoted homosexuality and transgenderism, argued that traditional categories of male and female were discriminatory, and included teachings on atheism as well as socialism.

In order to placate the outraged public, President Santos claimed that the proposed manuals were nothing more than a "simple draft." "This document will not be authorized," the President went on, "the respect for differences, the protection of human rights, coexistence, and the pursuit of peace are fundamental values of our Constitution which guide the actions and decisions of the National Government."

In addition to the pressure from the public at large, the Catholic Church



President Santos addresses opposition to "gender ideology" in school curricula.

had also been actively opposing those in the government who wanted to foist this kind of left-wing indoctrination on Colombia's children. In fact, President Santos had just come from a meeting with senior representatives of the Catholic Church when he made his announcement.

"We just met with Cardinal Ruben Salazar, the Apostolic Nuncio Ettore Balestrero, and Monsignor Fabio Suescún, military bishop of Colombia," the President explained. "We reiterate to these leaders of the Catholic Church, and we must make it clear to all faiths, that neither the Ministry of Education, nor the National Government have implemented, have promoted, or will promote this so-called gender ideology."

Mr. Jesus Magaña, one of the organizers of this great pro-family movement and a good friend of PRI, said that this victory "is the result of a joint effort by many people. Everything we do depends upon mobilizing citizens."

Magana, who is the President of the pro-life Red Futuro Colombia ("Network for Colombia's Future"),

added that the fight is not over. "Our next step is to encourage the Congress to move against Gina Parody, the Minister of Education. We have contacted congressmen and urged them to reject all UN "education programs" from Colombia and, most of all, to cancel this so-called "Sexual Education and the Construction of Citizenship" course that they have been promoting."

Colombia is the second Latin American country to reject gender ideology in recent weeks. On July 13th over 100,000 people marched in Panama in protest of a similar UNFPA-sponsored "sex education" program. The Panamanian Congress subsequently rejected a bill that would have approved the program.

PRI's efforts in Latin America have contributed mightily to these historic victories. Many of the organizers of these marches, as well as other pro-life activities, are graduates of the PRI Pro-Life Training Course, and are in frequent contact with us for advice and counsel. We in turn could not do this work without the support of our generous donors in the United States and elsewhere.

## PRI IN THE NEWS

**LifeSiteNews**— The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has supported China's planned birth policies since their inception in 1979 and under the Obama Administration, taxpayer money continues to fund the organization.

President Obama's administration has been the first administration since Reagan's presidency to allow the UNFPA to receive federal funding. All other administrations have denied the organization federal funds due to their involvement in China's planned birth policies. The UNFPA even gave its highest award, the UN Population Award, to the chairman of the National Family Planning Commission, Qian Xinzong in 1983. That year, Xinzong had enforced 20 million coerced sterilizations, and nearly 18 million coerced IUD

insertions. The UNFPA gave the same award to India's then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for forcibly sterilizing over 11 million men between 1975 and 1977.

The UNFPA has aided coercive population control programs in other countries as well. "In Peru, for example, the organization served as a technical secretary for former President Alberto Fujimori's infamous coercive sterilization campaign which specifically targeted poor and indigenous women," says Jonathan Abbamonte, Research Analyst for the Population Research Institute.

The UNFPA has also given over \$20 million dollars to the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and has been one of its most important non-governmental sources of revenue over the past decade.

"U.S. law, under what is commonly referred to as the Siljander Amendment, currently forbids federal funds to be used to promote abortion in foreign aid programs," said Abbamonte. "Yet the U.S. Government continues to fund a U.N. agency that in turn funds organizations like IPPF that openly promote and perform abortion. This constitutes a violation of the spirit of the Siljander Amendment and undermines the very purpose of the law. American taxpayers should not be forced to pay millions of dollars every year to a U.N. agency that has been complicit with egregious human rights abuses in China and elsewhere."

See the Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/get-the-u.s.-out-of-the-united-nations-population-fund>

## Development Desk

As Back-to-School season gets underway, many of us feel the excitement of new routines, of the coming autumn weather and the fast-approaching end of the year. Many like to use this time of year to see if they can increase their giving to ensure a nice tax-deduction.

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## New IPPF Report Gloats Over New Abortion Numbers

By Jonathan Abbamonte and Steven Mosher

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) reports that its affiliates ended the lives of nearly one million unborn children in 2015. In all, 964,325 unborn children were terminated by chemical and surgical abortion by IPPF just last year alone.

A million of anything is a staggering number. But the loss of nearly a million children by surgical or chemical abortion is a tragedy beyond reckoning.

If you were to read off the names of IPPF's tiny victims—without sleeping, breaking or pausing—it would take you almost two years. In fact, you would never finish. By the time you finished reading the list of all the lives lost in 2015, IPPF's abortion facilities will have added another two million lives to be accounted for.

Over the past 60 years, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and its affiliates have terminated the lives of millions more unborn children. IPPF claims to have provided 16.8 million abortion-related services over the past five years, some 4.3 million[1] in 2015 alone.

IPPF invests tens of millions of dollars (USD) in its affiliates and other like-minded organizations every year to promote abortion and contraception worldwide.

IPPF strives to be “a leading advocate of sexual and reproductive health and rights” by which they mean to promote abortion “rights,” graphic sex education “rights,” and contraception around the globe.

In pursuit of this agenda, IPPF has distributed approximately 1.7 billion condoms worldwide over the past ten years. That's roughly equivalent

to one condom for every man on the planet between the ages of 15 and 44.

The number of young people being (mis)educated by Planned Parenthood in sexual matters has also exploded in recent years. By 2015, 99 million young people were said to have completed a sex education program taught by an IPPF affiliate.

IPPF also lobbies governments to legalize abortion and, where it is already legal, to increase access. In this effort, IPPF often works through Member Associations (MAs). Where they exist, Member Associations are the primary conduit through which IPPF advocates for changes in laws, policies, and directives from Ministries of Health. IPPF will sometimes partner with other organizations in addition to their MAs, or even operate directly, or with other partners, in countries where it has not yet organized a MA.

IPPF is active in 168 countries through its Member Associations and other groups. While Member Associations are independent organizations in and of themselves to one extent or another, they receive guidance and funding from IPPF.

How effective has IPPF been in changing laws and policies to promote abortion and contraception? Consider the following.

In 2014, IPPF's affiliate in Ghana, Planned Parenthood of Ghana, launched a full-fledged media campaign to lure young people into their clinics. According to IPPF, Planned Parenthood of Ghana ran frequent ads over FM radio and launched a mobile app to send out information about their services along with “diagrams relating to sexual and reproductive health.” The

result of these efforts was an increase in the “number of clients provided with safe abortion services...by 25 percent.”

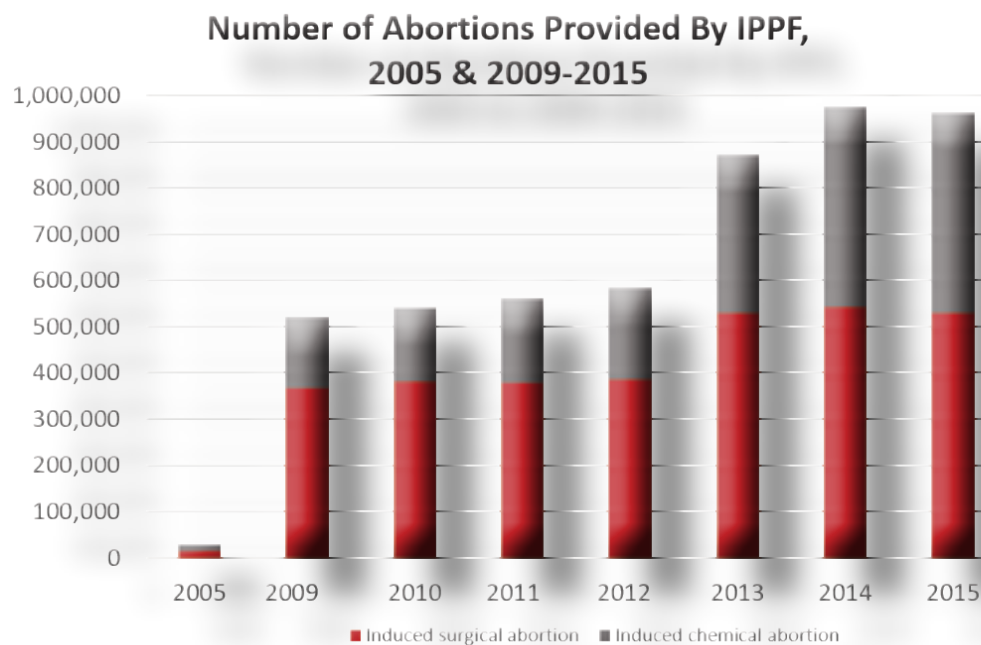
Between 2012 and 2014, IPPF's European Network, a regional office of IPPF, successfully petitioned the Europeans Social Rights Committee of the Council of Europe to condemn Italy for allowing too many doctors to claim conscientious objection rights when refusing to perform abortions. Because the vast majority of doctors in Italy will not perform abortions for reasons of faith or conscience, Europeans Social Rights Committee accused the Italian government of not providing sufficient access to abortion. It remains unclear if doctors in Italy will lose their right to conscientious objection or even be pressured into performing abortions in the future.

In Nepal, nurses were originally not permitted to perform abortions. But in 2014, IPPF affiliate in Nepal, the Family Planning Association of Nepal, successfully petitioned the government to gain approval for its nurses to perform abortions in some of its clinics. Can anyone doubt that the number of abortions performed in Nepal will now increase?

The list goes on. From Ireland to Kazakhstan, IPPF affiliates are lobbying hard for ever more abortions and “sexual and reproductive health” services. IPPF credits itself with having played a part in influencing more than 800 policy and legislative changes globally to promote “sexual and reproductive health and rights” over the past decade alone.

In addition to effecting legal changes, IPPF also seeks to change public opinion about abortion and contraception in the public square.

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Source: International Planned Parenthood, *Five-year Performance Report 2010*; International Planned Parenthood Federation, *Annual Performance Report 2012-2013*; International Planned Parenthood Federation, *Annual Performance Report 2014-2015*; International Planned Parenthood Federation, *Annual Performance Report 2015*.

*Red indicates induced surgical abortions; light grey indicates induced chemical abortions.*

It claims to want to “destigmatize” abortion, by which the organization means that it wants to accustom people to the idea that it is alright to dismember unborn children. IPPF regularly promotes abortion as “safe” even as dismemberment abortion is never “safe” for the unborn child.

IPPF writes big checks to its Member Associations and other organizations every year to support their abortion and contraception activities. Between 2008-2015, IPPF gave out approximately \$600 million US dollars[2] in grants, commodities and technical assistance to MAs and other organizations the world over.

The money comes from a handful of wealthy Western nations including Sweden, Japan, the U.K., and Germany. U.S. Government funding of IPPF and foreign IPPF MAs is comparatively small—at least

relative to the hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars given annually to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America—IPPF's MA in the United States. Even so, federal funding for IPPF is not insignificant.

According to a report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office released last year, IPPF Member Associations collectively received approximately \$23 million from the United States Agency for International Development and an additional \$3 million from the Department of Health and Human Services between 2010-2012. The U.S. Government Accountability Office did not report any direct funding for IPPF or the IPPF Western Hemisphere Regional Office but rather funds were made available directly to the IPPF Member Associations themselves.

One must wonder why U.S. taxpayers have paid for \$26 million to be given to an organization that performs nearly one million abortions a year and is actively involved in promoting the legalization of abortion in countries that protect the right to life for the unborn.

[1] 4.3 million abortion-related services includes the nearly 1 million (964,325) chemical and surgical abortions carried out in 2015 as well as consultations for abortion, abortion procedures for incomplete abortions, and other services.

[2] Includes funding for grants, commodities, and technical assistance provided to Member Associations and other

organizations both through IPPF and through IPPF's role acting as Secretariat for the “Safe Abortion Action Fund” (SAAF). IPPF manages SAAF on behalf of donors and recommends which applicants should receive funding based on applicant qualifications. SAAF was specifically established by the governments of the U.K., Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Switzerland to increase access to abortion.



# Correspondence

Dear Moriah,

I find your newsletter informative and helpful every time I receive it as it informs on the good and the bad, but without losing perspective.

Thank you,

Mark Dosh

Mark,

Thank you! We try to keep it as fact-based as possible. We want readers to share in our pro-life victories (which could not have happened without their support), and to see for themselves the next obstacles we plan on overcoming in the fight for life.

Moriah Bruno

Dear Mr. Mosher,

My name is Moira Sheridan and I'm secretary at Delaware Right to Life, working on some publicity for our annual banquet. I'm including an article in our quarterly publication, *Lifeline*, and wanted to ask you a few questions. You said you'd be speaking about "Mass Sterilization in the 21st Century," a significant topic for us in DE, as our governor is aggressively pursuing programs to bring LARCs into our middle schools which are well underway with the help of Upstream, Planned Parenthood, and other organizations seeking profits. I don't want you to give anything away you're saving for your talk, so I'm just going to ask a few general questions:

***You've seen the effects of coerced abortion, sterilization, and contraception in your work throughout the world. How has it best been combated?***

I first encountered forced abortion, sterilization, and contraception in China in 1979 as part of China's infamous "one-child policy."

Returning to the United States, I sought to bring these crimes against humanity to the attention of my colleagues at Stanford University, to the media, and to the Reagan administration. My colleagues at Stanford were so committed to population control that they had me fired, so that didn't work out so well. But the media helped to alert Americans to the abuses going on in China—woman nine months pregnant being tied down on operating tables and given cesarean section abortions! And President Reagan, our most pro-life President ever, ensured that U.S. funding for China's horrific program, which was being funneled in through the U.N. Population Fund, was cut off.

We at PRI have been publicizing abuses around the world, and seeking to cut off funding for the population control programs that cause them, ever since.

***Why, in the face of dwindling populations, is population control still pushed so hard?***

The number don't lie. Birth rates are falling everywhere, farther and faster than anyone thought possible. But movements with billions of dollars at their disposal and tens of thousands of employees do not go quietly to their graves.

The dirty little secret of the population controllers is that they are not just aiming at zero population growth, they actually want to reduce the number of people on the planet. That's why they continue to force down the birth rate in countries where the number of babies born is already below replacement levels.

***Sometimes pro-life work feels like cutting off the head of the Hydra in that 9 more problems spring up with***

***each one tackled. Who could have foreseen cloning, IVF, surrogacy, and assisted suicide? What issues do you think we'll have to face in the future?***

I must admit that we are so busy coping with the present-day challenges that I don't have much time to devote to thinking about what additional evils that we might face in the future. I take my marching orders from Matthew 6:34, "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

As for what evils await us in the future, I trust God to give us the inspiration and the strength to fight them.

***What's your latest project? Are you working on a new one book?***

Pro-life leaders around the world have heart, but in many cases lack experience in actually fighting and winning political and media battles. We are working on a Pro-Life Strategy Guide. Like Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals," (which is Obama and Clinton's "Bible") our guide will lay out how to organize a movement, how to seize the rhetorical high ground, how to win the support of the media, how to approach elected officials and win them over, how to successfully pass legislation, and the other tools that we need to actually win battles.

Unlike Alinsky's book, our book takes the moral high road. It teaches would-be pro-lifers to be as "gentle as doves" but as "wise as serpents." We have to be smart in how we defeat the culture of death, and our book teaches people exactly how to go about this, using examples of pro-life successes not just in the U.S. but from around the world.

Thanks so much,  
Moira Sheridan