

# POPULATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE REVIEW

Volume 26, Number 6

November–December 2016

*A review and analysis of worldwide population control activity*

## The Abortion Movement Just Lost the War on the Unborn

**Abortion is now on the road to ultimate extinction, thanks to American voters**

**By Steven W. Mosher**

*This article was originally published by Life Site News on November 9th, 2016.*

On the campaign trail, Donald Trump often said, “I’m going to make every dream you ever dreamed about your country come true.”

The “dream” of pro-lifers has been an America where the scourge of abortion is no more. That’s why they voted for Trump in overwhelming numbers, returning a pro-life majority in the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Come next January, when Donald Trump is sworn in as the 45th President of the United States, a



*America Poised to Win Pro-Life Victories.*

*Photo Credit: Getty Images*

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

<i>The Abortion Movement Just Lost</i>	1
<i>My Orders are to Fight</i>	2
<i>CRS Activity in the D.R. Congo</i>	3
<i>May I Send You This Gift?</i>	4
<i>Scholars Rally to Defend Truth</i>	6
<i>Global Monitor</i>	7
<i>Do Not Mess With My Children</i>	8
<i>PRI in the News</i>	9
<i>Mandatory Birth Control</i>	10
<i>Welcome, Baby Rosie!</i>	11
<i>Hichborn Raises Questions</i>	12

pro-life majority will be seated in the House and the Senate.

Now the American people rarely give the same political party control over the House, the Senate, and the White House. But that is exactly the happy situation that, thank God, we find ourselves in now.

For the first time since the George W. Bush administration, the Party of Life will control both the executive and the legislative branches of government. Only this time, it will control the Supreme Court as well.

The long stalemate between the Party of Abortion and the Party of Life is now over, and things should begin to move in our direction come January. I expect a number of legislative remedies to our national tragedy of abortion to emerge from the Congress and the White House.

I say this because our new President is a builder, and he prides himself that his projects come in under budget and ahead of schedule. So I believe that he will quickly move to keep the promises that he made to us during the campaign.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

## My Orders are to Fight

As most of you know, I became pro-life in China in March 1980 after witnessing the forced abortion of a woman who was 7 ½ months pregnant.

Communist military doctors performed a cesarean section on the mother to get at the baby. The poor baby—I think she was a girl—was of course already dead. She had been injected with poison in utero two days before, and had died unknowing in the darkness. As the doctor reached in to fish out her corpse, I fled the scene.

But not soon enough. The sight of her limp body being pulled from the ruined abdomen of her mother is a scene I will carry with me to the grave.

Since then, I have become convinced that it was to enlist me in the great fight for Life that God allowed me to bear witness to one of the great atrocities of recent history.

I have sought to put the time that God has given me to good use. We have fought at home and abroad against the funding of China's horrific one-child policy, and other programs like it around the world. We have fought at the state and local

level to pass laws restricting abortion. We have helped to open and support crisis pregnancy centers.

But always we have fought.

The election has now been decided, and President-elect Donald Trump will soon take office. We are pleased with this outcome, of course, but it doesn't mean that we at PRI can relax.

We must fight on for Life. The natural tendency of politicians is to obey Newton's First Law—a body at rest tends to stay at rest. We must continue to urge them forward in the months and years to come. We have a historic opportunity to win victory after victory, buoyed by a pro-life president, a pro-life Congress, and a pro-life Supreme Court. It is an exciting prospect.

As we look forward to the battles to come, I am reminded of the famous poem, "My Orders are to Fight," by Ethelwyn Wetherald:

*My orders are to fight;  
Then if I bleed, or fail,  
Or strongly win, what matters it?  
God only doth prevail.  
The servant craveth naught*



POPULATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
REVIEW

PRI Staff

Founder:  
Fr. Paul Marx, OSB, PhD (1920-2010)

President:  
Steven W. Mosher

Executive Vice President:  
Joel Bockrath

Research Analyst:  
Jonathan Abbanonte

Editor:  
Moriah Bruno

Development Coordinator:  
Karen Shannon

Director, PRI Latin American Office:  
Carlos Polo

Director, PRI European Office:  
Carlos Beltramo

Population Research Institute Review is published bi-monthly by: Population Research Institute  
Follow us on social media:



P.O. Box 1559 / Front Royal,  
VA 22630 USA  
Phone: (540) 622-5240  
E-mail: pri@pop.org / Internet: www.pop.org

© PRI 2016

*Except to serve with might.  
I was not told to win or lose—  
My orders are to fight.*

My orders from the Most High, I do not doubt, are to fight. Fight with me, my brothers and sisters in Christ, for Life.

## CRS Stored and Distributed Contraceptives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

*This is the first part in a two-part series, the second half of which will be published in the January–February issue of the PRI Review. This is an abridged version of the full report written by Michael Hichborn and published by the Lepanto Institute.*

A shocking new report from the Lepanto Institute claims that Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was involved with the storage and distribution of over 2.25 million units of contraceptives as part of a U.S. Government funded health program in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

CRS was found to have been an implementing partner of the USAID-funded AXxes Project between 2006 and 2010. The AXxes Project included family planning as a “key objective,” and sought to increase contraceptive use in the DRC by providing “counseling on all methods” and by making “[family planning] commodities available at all [health centers].” While natural methods of birth spacing were widely promoted throughout the program, AXxes program reports show that millions of units of artificial contraceptives were also distributed to health centers in CRS’s territory, including oral contraceptive pills, IUDs, condoms, and the injectable contraceptive Depo-Provera.

Reports from the lead organization on the AXxes Project explain the project’s progress and status, including inventory reports for the various participating organizations, including CRS. One such inventory report comes from page 71 of the January–March 2008 Second Quarterly Report for Year 2 of Project AXxes. According to this inventory report,

Catholic Relief Services received and delivered 38,234 units of Depo-Provera (injectable contraceptive), 27,400 units of Lo-femenal (the combined oral contraceptive), 38,002 units of Ovrette (the “mini-pill” oral contraceptive), 600 Intrauterine Devices, 429,420 condoms, and 11,211 female condoms. Page 74 of the quarterly report indicates that CRS received and dispensed 18 surgical sterilization kits, and 16 IUD insertion kits.

Yet these inventory reports don’t tell the whole story. The fact of the matter is that CRS not only warehoused these contraceptives and facilitated their distribution, but CRS’ personnel helped the other implementing partners to more effectively distribute contraception into each health center and general reference hospital supported by the project. Furthermore, CRS was so effective in its promotion of family planning that it dramatically increased the adoption of “new methods” of family planning in areas where it worked.

Dozens of government documents reveal that because of the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and its partners, the use of modern birth control methods skyrocketed among a people who had almost no knowledge of such things before the program commenced. The problems with CRS’ aid and development efforts have been discussed at least since 2007, when theologian Germaine Grisez published details of his discovery that CRS was promoting condom use and concealing its activities. At the time, CRS apologized for the problem and went to great lengths to assure the bishops and faithful Catholics

that the problem was isolated and would not occur again. Yet in 2012, several investigators discovered that CRS routinely provided tens of millions of dollars to organizations that were distributing contraception, performing surgical sterilizations, and committing abortions. CRS did not deny the charges, but insisted its work never included directly financing or participating in the destructive efforts of their partners. That same year, LifeSite News published an article showing that CRS had again published several documents promoting the use of condoms. CRS formally thanked Life Site News for its report, and announced that it would remove “the document” from its web site. In truth, CRS removed all twelve documents.

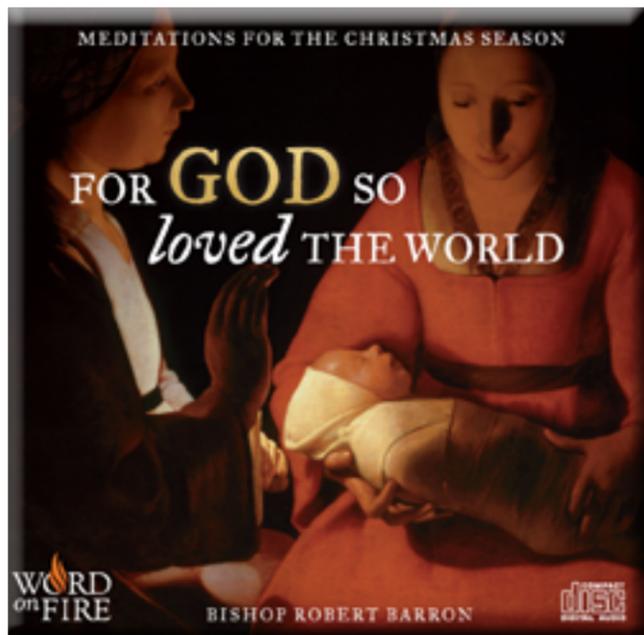
In 2013, CRS responded to a report showing that the organization distributed contraception in Madagascar. Their response said: “CRS programming does not include the promotion or distribution of artificial family planning or distribution of abortifacients in any country in which we work.” That same year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) published “Support for Catholic Relief Services: A Statement of the Administrative Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.” In the statement, the bishops said: “It is and has been CRS’ policy never to distribute or promote artificial contraceptives or abortifacients or to promote abortion.” CRS has misled Catholic Bishops into coming to its defense.

<http://www.lepantoinstitute.org/uncategorized/catholic-relief-services-stored-dispensed-abortifacient-contraceptives-millions/>

## May I Send You This Gift?

### Let one of the World's Great Homilists Help you Celebrate the Coming Christmas Season

PRI's Christmas gift to you and your family is *For God So Loved the World*, a CD featuring five homilies by Los Angeles Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron, founder of the global media ministry Word on Fire, is widely regarded as one of the world's great homilists. Here are the five homilies you'll benefit from during the Christmas Season.



- **In the Beginning Was the Word—to help you celebrate the birth of Christ on December 25th, 2016**

Bishop Barron reflects on significant passages from the prologue to the Gospel of John, passages that include “The word was God,” . . . “all things came to be” . . . “The word was made flesh and lived among us” . . . “but to all who did accept Him He gave power to become the children of God.”

- **Holy Family Values—Bishop Barron's insights for Holy Family Sunday, December 30th, 2016**

In this homily, Bishop Barron gives you a close look at the virtues included in Paul's letter to the Colossians—virtues that make families strong, including compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness. He also suggests incisive questions to ask yourself about each of the those virtues . . . he explains what causes dysfunction in families . . . and the four words you might try saying after an argument with a family member . . .

- **Haste, Astonishment and Treasuring—honoring the Solemnity of Mary on January 1st, 2017**

Here, Bishop Barron explains why “haste,” “astonished,” and “treasured” are the three most important words in the Gospel of Luke—and how they deepen your spiritual life . . . what makes evangelization possible . . . a possible reason for the decline in evangelization . . . The six words that are part of God's mission for you, regardless of what your mission is . . . plus Bishop Barron offers a challenge to you as you celebrate the Solemnity of Mary.

- **Magi Came From the East – celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany on January 3rd, 2017**

In this homily, Bishop Barron discusses the theological and spiritual accuracy of depicting the magi as coming from different countries and different races . . . he explains the internationalism of the gospel . . . he reflects on the Church as an international organism . . . and he shines new light on the roles of St. Pope John Paul II and World Youth Days in spreading Church teaching.

- **The Bending Low of the Son of God—reflections on the Baptism of the Lord, January 10th, 2017**

Bishop Barron tells us the first thing we need to know about the baptism of the Lord . . . he answers the question, “What does Christ's baptism tell us about our Lord?” . . . How Christ's baptism corresponds to end of His life on earth . . . the analogy between John the Baptist balking at baptizing Christ and Peter balking at Christ washing feet of the apostles at the Last Supper.

May I send you Bishop Robert Barron's CD with sincere thanks for your baby-saving gift of \$40 or more?

**Please use the enclosed Gift Reply or PRI's secure donation link: <https://pop.org/donate/prir> to quickly receive your copy of *For God So Loved the World***

- Trump will ask the House and Senate leadership to send him legislation defunding Planned Parenthood. Once this is signed, the abortion giant, which has killed over 7,000,000 babies since Roe v. Wade and which spent \$38 million in a vain effort to elect Hillary Clinton, will no longer be on the receiving end of federal funding. Hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars will no longer flow into Planned Parenthood's coffers. The loss of roughly 40% of its annual revenue will surely slow down the killing.

- Trump will also back the passage of legislation banning abortions after 20 weeks. He has pledged to sign the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which will save tens of thousands of lives each year.

- Trump has also pledged to “repeal and replace” Obamacare. With its demise will go hundreds of burdensome regulations, including those that brought the Little Sisters of the Poor and other plaintiffs to the federal courts to seek relief from its abortion mandates.

- With Trump's support, I also expect the Mexico City policy, first passed by President Reagan in 1984, to be written into permanent law. This will require non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that receive federal funding to certify that they will not perform, promote, or lobby for the legalization of abortion in other countries.

- We will also, again with Trump's support, be able to permanently defund the UN Population Fund. The UN's population control arm has been a cheerleader of China's program of forced abortions and sterilizations from the beginning. We should have no part of it.

There are two potential roadblocks to this rosy scenario. The first is the

Senate tradition of filibustering. Sixty votes are required under the current Senate rules to invoke “cloture” and bring legislation to a vote. So pro-lifers will need to keep pressure on potential holdouts throughout the legislative process.

The second is the federal judiciary, including the Supreme Court, which Obama has sought to pack with justices like Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. They insist that the law is merely a “social construct,” and that they can “reconstruct” it in almost any way they want.

The Founders would be uniformly horrified to think that their treasured Constitution has been used to justify abortion. It is a great irony that leftwing justices, arguing that the Constitution is a “living document,” have bizarrely turned it into a writ to kill.

That brings us to the most important campaign promise of all, which President-elect Trump has repeated dozens of times on the campaign trail: “I will appoint justices like Antonin Scalia to the Supreme Court.”

The list of potential justices, some 20 strong, has already been drawn up. I believe that the nomination will be made quickly once he takes office. This will restore balance to the court, and ensure that the hundreds of pro-life laws that have been passed by state legislatures stay on the books. Laws mandating waiting periods, counseling, ultrasounds and, in the case of minors, parental consent have done a tremendous amount of good.

What happens after that depends entirely upon the health of the Supreme Court justices. Sooner or later, another elderly justice—perhaps Ruth Bader Ginsburg or David Souter—will decide to step down.

This will create an opportunity for President Trump to nominate

another justice or two. Once a solid pro-life majority is in place, the terrible injustice visited upon us by the Supreme Court in 1973 will be no more. Roe v. Wade will be decisively overturned.

The issue of abortion will be sent back to the states, most of which have laws protecting Life already on the books.

All of this sounds very good, some will say, but can we trust Trump to keep his word?

In the aftermath of a long and vicious political campaign, one in which Trump's opponent relentlessly attacked his character, I do not think it is an unreasonable question.

But I would say that the American people, on November 8th, did not just elect Donald Trump, they elected Vice President Mike Pence, Governor Mike Huckabee, Dr. Ben Carson, Father Frank Pavone, and Marjorie Dannenfelser, and all of the dozens of fine individuals who campaigned with him and for him.

He is a visionary leader who has built a tremendously successful business over the decades by hiring talented people, developing a shared plan, and then unleashing them to carry it out. That's what real leaders do, and I believe that he will do the same thing as president.

A long time ago, Abraham Lincoln remarked that America's Founders put slavery on the path to ultimate extinction. With the election of Donald Trump and Mike Pence, I believe that modern-day Americans have put abortion on the path to ultimate extinction.

Thanks to the wisdom of the American people, we now have a generational opportunity to fulfill the promise of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness to all Americans, including the unborn.

## Scholars Worldwide Rally To Defend The Truth

By Dr. Christopher Manion



no surprise: Wijngaard wants the United Nations to “encourage the Catholic hierarchy to reverse their stance against so-called ‘artificial’ contraceptives!”

Now, why would these dissenters (Servant of God John Hardon, S.J., insisted we call them “heretics”)—why would they go to the United Nations with their demands?

The answer is simple. The U.N. is the organized worldwide scepter of secularism and it operates as action central for the New International Order. As such, it wants to challenge and then defeat the Church in its quest for worldwide power.

The UN supports every “progressive” effort to destroy morality, marriage, and the family. Their ultimate target is always and everywhere the Catholic Church.

So the fix is in. For the power-brokers at the U.N., the Catholic Church is the enemy: once the Church is defeated, their vision of a world population controlled by international “experts” will have smooth sailing. So the U.N. bureaucrats reached out to some dependable allies to serve as a springboard for a new attack on the Church.

This time it backfired. Pro-lifers saw Wijngaard not as a threat, but an opportunity. So on September 20, the very day that the U.N. was set to receive the manifesto, PRI President Steven Mosher joined over 500 prominent academics, writers, and pro-life leaders from around the world to publish a resounding statement affirming the Church’s teaching on marriage and family.

“We hold that Catholic teaching respects the true dignity of the human person and is conducive to

happiness,” they wrote. “*Humanae Vitae* speaks against the distorted view of human sexuality and intimate relationships that many in the modern world promote. *Humanae Vitae* was prophetic when it listed some of the harms that would result from the widespread use of contraception,” they continued.

The scholars shredded Wijngaard’s flimsy Catholic camouflage. Its Manifesto “offers nothing new to discussions about the morality of contraception, they wrote, “and, in fact, repeats the arguments that the Church has rejected and that numerous scholars have engaged and refuted since 1968.”

The Wijngaards signers ignore science, which is typical of an ideological campaign based on power, not facts. But today the Church sometimes appears to be roiled by confusion regarding approaches to moral teachings. The Wijngaards heretics want to exploit that confusion to drive a wedge between the truth and the people, using their allies in the U.N. and the popular culture as their delivery system.

No matter how often falsehoods appear, we must counter them with the truth, right away. The Left thrives when error and confusion reign. Edmund Burke is right: we must constantly rise to the challenge, counter the falsehoods, and support and commend those leaders who dare to confront the spirit of the age and defend the truth, “in season and out of season.”

As the great Russian writer Alexandr Solzhenitsyn put it, “the truth will make you free, but falsehood always brings violence in its wake.”

Remember, Satan loves violence, he never sleeps, and his legions never take Sundays off.

## GLOBAL MONITOR

**NewScientist**—This year, a baby boy was born after having been conceived using a new “three-parent technique” which incorporates the DNA of three people into one embryo. The technique gave a Jordanian couple a healthy son, despite the mother having a fatal disorder known as Leigh Syndrome. Leigh Syndrome affects the brain, muscles, and nerves of developing infants. The couple suffered four miscarriages and gave birth to two children, one of whom died at age 6, and the other dying at 8 months, both as a result of the genetic disorder. The mutated genes are found in the DNA in the mother’s mitochondria, while the DNA in the nucleus remain healthy.

Doctor John Zhang at the New Hope Fertility Center in New York City was able to perform the technique known as spindle nuclear transfer. The method involves “removing the nucleus from one of the mother’s eggs and inserting it into a donor egg that has had its own nucleus removed. The resulting egg—with nuclear DNA from the mother and mitochondrial DNA from a donor—was then fertilized with the father’s sperm.” Zhang and his team created five embryos with this method, but only one developed normally. The healthy embryo was then implanted into the mother and the baby grew healthily with only 1 percent of his mitochondria carrying Leigh Syndrome (it takes about 18 percent for the nervous system to be affected by the disorder).

See the Source: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2107219-exclusive-worlds-first-baby-born-with-new-3-parent-technique/>

**MercatorNet**—The PrEP (truvada) pill is recommended to people most at risk of contracting HIV, such as homosexual men, and is currently for sale in the United States, Canada, Australia, and France. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that those at risk of contracting HIV/Aids take PrEP once a day and, since it is not fool proof, that they take it in combination with other prevention methods such as condoms. The CDC states that PrEP prevents HIV infection 90 percent of the time when used consistently. For those who inject drugs, the pill reduces infection by more than 70 percent when used consistently.

However, a *Cochrane Review*, which pulled research results from four trials, shows that PrEP only reduces the risk of acquiring HIV by 51 percent. There are two reasons for this discrepancy. First, not everyone takes the pill consistently; and if someone fails to take it every day then prevention from HIV drops dramatically. Second, the availability of PrEP to already promiscuous homosexuals increases sexual activity and therefore risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases because it makes the user of the pill feel more protected. “PrEP is not a prevention strategy at all. It is rather a harm reduction strategy aimed at lessening the damage that people addicted to high-risk sexual behaviours are doing to themselves. More akin to clean needles for drug addicts, filter cigarettes for smokers, protective gloves for compulsive burglars or seat belts for habitual joy-riders.”

See the Source: <http://www.mercatornet.com/conjugality/view/prep-a-flawed-prevention-strategy-for-hiv-aids/18786>

**The Guardian**—The University of Copenhagen recently published a study that confirms the link between hormonal birth control and depression. The study followed one million Danish women between the ages of 15 and 34 for 13 years. “The researchers found that women taking the combined oral contraceptive were 23% more likely to be diagnosed with depression, and those using progestin-only pills were 34% more likely.” Teens experienced an 80% increase in developing depression when taking the combined pill, a risk that grew two-fold with use of the progestin-only pill.

Finally, results from the study show that other methods of birth control—such as the hormonal IUD, the patch, and the ring—increased depression risk at rates even higher than either type of oral contraceptive. Øjvind Lidgaard, professor of obstetrics and gynecology and one of the study’s authors, “plans to focus next on researching the possible ‘association between taking hormonal birth control and attempting or committing suicide.’”

See the Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/oct/03/pill-linked-depression-doctors-hormonal-contraceptives>

•••••

## Do Not Mess With My Children

By Carlos Polo

Mass public demonstrations in several countries in Latin America have made it abundantly clear that UN agencies, pro-abortion NGOs, and LGBT groups are not welcome in Latin America. In the last three months, thousands of parents from Mexico, Colombia, and Panama have rallied in the streets to defend their children against such groups. These pro-abortion, LGBT groups, together with the United Nations, are seeking to permeate Latin American school systems with “gender ideology.” This so called “gender ideology,” encompasses the teachings of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered community on matters of sex, gender, contraception, and abortion.

The protesters cries of “Do Not Mess With My Children” resounded in the ears of presidents, ministers, and congressmen everywhere. Latin Americans—whose greatest treasures are their children and their families—unequivocally reject gender ideology. Because of their public outcry against this new assault against the natural family, Mexicans, Colombians, and Panamanians have succeeded in forcing their politicians to back down.

In Mexico, President Enrique Peña Nieto proposed the implementation of LGBT sexual education programs in Mexico’s schools this past May. The National Front for Families was born in response, and called for mass protests against President Nieto’s proposed policy. The National Front for Families promotes and defends the two most important pillars of society: marriage, as defined by being between one man and one woman, and the natural family. The organization brought millions of parents together

and more than a thousand civil society institutions from across the country. In September, their marches gathered more than 1,200,000 people in over 130 cities throughout Mexico. Later that month, more than 400 thousand people publicly united in support of marriage and the natural family.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zioNIUkF9Sk>

In August, thousands of Colombians massed in the streets throughout Colombia in defense of the family and in rejection of LGBT indoctrination in school curricula.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2kansjztXg>

The strength of this human sea, which swept across the streets of Colombia, forced the country’s President—Juan Manuel Santos—to ensure that neither the Ministry of Education, nor the Government would implement or in any way promote gender ideology. Specifically, President Santos agreed to prevent the Ministry of Education from using their pro-LGBT sex education booklets in schools’ sex education programs, a promise that was announced after President Santos met with Catholic Church officials. The booklet was put together by the Ministry of Education, the United Nations, United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and Colombia Diversa.

The rejection of gender ideology has even been demonstrated through the recent plebiscite for peace between the Colombian government and the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC). One of the provisions for the peace agreement with FARC was the promotion of

gender ideology. In fact, the word “gender” appeared more than 100 times in the peace agreement. The agreement was therefore rejected by Catholics and Evangelicals alike.

See <http://www.actuall.com/familia/la-ideologia-genero-peligro-oculto-del-acuerdo-paz-las-farc/>

In July, Panamanian citizens took to their own cities to publicly protest Bill 61, which would have legalized the use of sex education guides prepared by the United Nations Population Fund.

The demonstrators marched on the Congress’ headquarters, protesting with such tenacity that they stopped the bill in its tracks and prevented the distribution of the pro-LGBT sex education guides.

Watch here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuShXgoY\\_wY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuShXgoY_wY)

Latin Americans have caught on to the way the LGBT community is attempting to hijack their children’s sexual education programs and they won’t stand for it. At stake is the future of the natural family, which has come under attack by those who would see it erased from society. Latin Americans cherish their traditional family values and have come out in force to defend their children and their way of life. Their pro-family message can be seen throughout the city streets in Mexico, Colombia, or Panama, where posters from their public demonstrations are displayed on building walls. The posters show the phrase: “Do Not Mess With My Children” and they mean it.

• • • • •

## PRI IN THE NEWS

**LifeSiteNews**—The Indian Supreme Court has found Google, Microsoft, and Yahoo in violation of a 1994 law that banned prenatal gender testing. Despite the law, the three companies have been displaying online ads for sex-selective abortions. They have agreed to discontinue displaying these pro-abortion ads upon penalty of having their entire websites shut down by the Indian government. Although sex-selective abortion is banned in India, it continues. This is in part because of the cash dowry that fathers are expected to pay upon the marriage of their daughters. In 2011, for example, there were 914 girls under the age of seven for every 1,000 boys under the age of seven. But “the lowest recorded number of girls is found in some high-caste urban areas of Punjab, where only 300 girls per 1,000 boys survive gestation,” says Steven Mosher, President of the Population Research Institute. “Now that these Internet giants have banned ads for one kind of abortion, we should encourage them to ban ads for all forms of abortion,” he added. “Abortion is the greatest poverty, as St. Teresa of Calcutta so often reminded us.”

See the Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/india-orders-google-yahoo-microsoft-to- cease-sex-selection-abortion-ads>

**LifeSiteNews**—England’s National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is recommending that British women who do not wish to become pregnant following unprotected sex should be fitted for an intrauterine device (IUD). Instead

of the morning after pill, NICE doctors are recommending IUDs to women because they believe that IUDs—especially copper IUDs—are more effective in terminating newly fertilized embryos than the morning after pill. “The copper-impregnated IUD is particularly effective in causing such early-term abortions since heavy metals like copper are toxic to life,” says President of the Population Research Institute, Steven Mosher. “IUDs also cause higher rates of ectopic pregnancies, which can be life-threatening,” he said. 37 percent of British women seeking contraception now receive long acting reversible contraceptives like IUDs. “Why a dying country like the UK would want to further reduce its already low birthrate makes no demographic or economic sense,” Mosher commented. “British women are only averaging less than 1.9 children, below the 2.1 the country needs to maintain a stable population.”

See the Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/uk-pushes-iuds-ahead-of-morning-after-pill-as-emergency-contraception>

**National Catholic Register**—The Clinton Health Access Initiative together with the Gates Foundation and tax-funded USAID have been working to send millions of doses of injectable contraceptive to women in developing countries. The Clinton Health Access Initiative received \$4,375,028 from the Gates Foundation this past July to expand family-planning services globally. Much of that money will go to the pharmaceutical company

Pfizer, which manufactures Depo-Provera. In 2012, it was estimated by *The Wall Street Journal’s* “Market Watch” that the Gates Foundation helped Pfizer “gain additional annual profits of \$15 to \$36 billion through increased sales of Depo-Provera.” That was following a \$4 billion dollar initiative by Melinda Gates to “encourage 120 million additional women globally to use contraceptive drugs by 2020.”

Several months ago the Population Research Institute released a YouTube video explaining the adverse health risks associated with Depo-Provera. “The video documents how the shot can weaken women’s immune systems [...] and thin tissue in sexual organs, making it easier for viruses like HIV, linked to AIDS, to enter the bloodstream.” The video explains that once HIV enters the bloodstream it is difficult for the woman’s body to fight off the virus because her immune system has been weakened by Depo-Provera. “PRI’s video was released the same week the journal *AIDS* published a study asserting that ‘new information increases concerns about DMPA and HIV-acquisition risk in women.’” The study concluded that if DMPA and HIV-acquisition risk are causally linked, “the drugs have a hazard ratio of 1.5, or raise women’s risk of contracting HIV by 50%.”

See the Source: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/usaid-and-clinton-and-gates-foundations-involved-in-depo-provera-deception>

• • • • •

## Mandatory Birth Control for “Incompetent” Mothers?

By Jonathan Abbamonte

Should the government ever take control of reproduction? Probably not. Yet a high-ranking Rotterdam city official has proposed that women the government has deemed ‘incapable’ of raising children should be forced to use contraception.

Rotterdam alderman Hugo de Jonge argues that judges should be able to compel—by force if necessary—women to use birth control who the state determines to be living with an irremediable learning disability, mental illness, or suffering from a drug or alcohol addiction.

“It concerns children who are born into families where it turns everybody’s stomach to think that they’re having a child,” de Jonge said.

The proposal follows a recent move by the Rotterdam city council to initiate a targeted voluntary contraception program for 160 women that the city government has determined have a need to postpone pregnancy. A similar initiative launched in the city of Tilburg in 2014 has seen 80% of women in the program using long-acting contraceptives like IUDs and implants.

Alderman de Jonge would see to it that the new program is taken one step further for women who refuse to use contraception even after being enrolled in the voluntary program. De Jonge envisions that some 400 women would be enrolled in the voluntary program annually, with an estimated 10 to 20 women per annum requiring a court order for forced contraception. However, if the Tilburg program is any indication, the number of women forced to use contraception like IUDs and subcutaneous implants under de Jonge’s hypothetical proposal would be closer to 80 per annum.

The idea for forced birth control is not new in Rotterdam. De Jonge’s proposal represents at least the third attempt in recent years to institute forced contraceptive use as a matter of public policy. Just last year, Leefbaar Rotterdam party council member Ira van Winden brought a similar proposal before the city council. “If professionals think that a woman really should not have a child, then they should be able to explain that to the court,” van Winden said at the time.

A prior Rotterdam city council member even went so far as to advocate for forced abortion for women deemed ‘incapable’ of raising a child.

De Jonge’s proposal has little chance of becoming national policy in The Netherlands in the immediate future. The idea of forced contraception has been met with criticism that the policy would go too far and many have questioned the legality of such a proposal. Both the ruling party and de Jonge’s own party, the Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA), a centrist party in the Netherlands, have soundly rejected policies of forced contraception.

Still, forced contraception has found support among some including Holland’s Labour Party. And the issue continues to be one of perennial concern in Rotterdam.

But past failed attempts have not quelled efforts to compel women to use contraception who are, according to the state, deemed ‘unfit’ to reproduce. De Jonge believes that public opinion has evolved on the issue since forced contraception last failed as a policy proposal and thinks that now may be the time for legislative action. De Jonge, a

long-time alderman of Rotterdam, has worked in consultation with the ministry of health on policy proposals and believes that his message can be successful if attention is focused on how contraceptive use would protect children by preventing them from being born to ‘incapable’ mothers. De Jonge stresses that forced contraception would only be used as a “last resort,” as if victims would have a choice either way.

It is uncertain how widely a policy of forced contraception would be applied but the prospect of such a proposition, for many, has been a cause for alarm. Some observers have noted that once the state is given control over the fertility of some women, the line between who should be ‘allowed’ to reproduce and who should be prevented from reproducing quickly becomes blurred.

“Once this kind of power is given to government officials, it is certain that it will be abused in the direction of their own prejudices,” says Steven Mosher, President of the Population Research Institute, a research group that tracks abuses in family planning programs worldwide. “What is to stop a government official from preventing a Christian woman from having a fourth child, or a third child, on the grounds that they determine she is incapable of caring for so many?” Mosher says.

Policy proposals for forced contraception are reminiscent of eugenics programs that were implemented throughout much of the Western world during the early 20th century where persons deemed ‘unfit’ to reproduce were widely subjected to coerced or forced sterilization. By the start of World War II, it is estimated

“Mandatory Birth Control” continued

that nearly 30,000 Americans were forcibly sterilized under eugenics laws in the United States and, by the war’s end, over 300,000 persons were forcibly sterilized under eugenics programs in Hitler’s Germany.

It is no subtle irony that the same groups targeted by 20th century forced sterilization programs (i.e. criminals, alcoholics, and persons with learning disabilities or mental illnesses) are precisely the same groups that de Jonge and other like-minded persons would force to use long-acting contraceptive devices. As learning disabilities and mental illnesses do not simply go away with time, it is foreseeable that if such a policy were to take effect, forced contraception could be imposed on many for the rest of their reproductive lifetimes. Bad ideas never die; they just lie dormant for a time.

## Our Newest Member



Meet the newest member of the PRI family—Miss Rosalie Marilynn Bruno! She was born on September 6th, 2016 to our PRI Editor Moriah Bruno and her husband Nicholas. She enjoys long luxurious bubble baths and napping all day (who doesn’t?). Welcome to the world, Baby Rosie!

## Making Your List? Checking it Twice?

When you want reliable information about UN funding for programs in Africa, or the truth about China’s planned birth policy, where do you turn? If you’re like more than 100,000 others, you turn to PRI. Why? Because you know you will receive top-notch demographic research from faithful Catholics committed to providing the truth and to Putting People—all people—First!



Photo Credit: Getty Images

So, when you are making your Christmas list, please remember that your Tax-deductible Year-end gift, by check or through our secure website donation page, can mobilize a petition to change US policy, could provide a one-month supply of diapers for a baby in Nigeria, or send an investigator to India. Your gift is extremely important because it offers immediate resources that are directed to current needs to document and fight the human rights violations and opportunities to promote a culture of Life. When you donate, you are Putting People First. Right now. Today.

# Michael Hichborn Raises Questions to CRS Response

The following are excerpts from a letter that Archbishop Coakley, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Catholic Relief Services, sent out to Catholic Bishops. In italics are follow-up questions raised by Michael Hichborn in response to Archbishop Coakley's letter.

Your Eminence/Excellency,

On a project that ran from 2006 to 2010, CRS participated in specific activities that were consistent with Catholic teaching while other groups, including the primary sponsor, undertook other activities including some that involved artificial contraception [...] CRS did provide natural family planning as part of Project AXxes with the distribution of cycle beads.

*CRS admits to implementing the NFP aspect of the program, which IMA World Health has said was being used as a stepping stone to introducing women to artificial contraception. The first quarterly report for year 1 indicates that CRS was offering family planning services in 77% of its health centers. The second quarterly report for year 1 says that contraception was sent to CRS's coordination office and that cycle beads would not be available until the third quarter...so just exactly what were the "family planning services" CRS was offering in its health clinics?*

The blogger's [i.e. the Lepanto Institute's] evidence for this accusation is the project's reports, which are publicly available online. They do indeed seem to show CRS as receiving contraceptives. However this is an error that emanates from unclear wording in a report prepared by another organization that did not understand how important absolute clarity on this is to CRS.

*The inventory reports were conducted visually and signed off in triplicate so how did the contraceptives get identified with CRS if CRS had nothing to do with them?*

Project AXxes involved a number of implementing organizations, including the lead partner IMA World Health [...] Organizations were responsible for different geographic areas of the country where they carried out the [...] programs. The contraceptives in question were delivered to the geographic area where CRS worked but it was IMA World Health—not CRS—who "provided an alternative mechanism for training, storage, and distribution of contraceptive products."

*The last time CRS was caught promoting an immoral project (Healthy Choices II), they claimed that they were mistakenly identified with the project and had PEPFAR change the public record on their behalf. IMA World Health is doing the exact same thing here by shifting focus onto themselves in order to provide cover to CRS.*

This is a direct quote from President of IMA World Health—Richard Santos—in a letter on this matter provided to CRS on October 5th. The letter goes on to say that "it is plausible that the reports are unclear to an outside person who may read a project report that has CRS responsible zones listed as CRS having provided all of the services in those areas [...] However [...] CRS was very clear with all parties that it would not engage in any activities that were contrary to Catholic teaching."

*If CRS was in charge of the health zones where contraception was being introduced for the first time, but CRS was not a part of the contraceptive elements of the program, then just*

*what exactly was CRS doing there? Furthermore, why would CRS permit others to introduce contraception into a geographic area that it was responsible for?*

The Conference of Congolese Bishops (CENCO) supports this. In a letter provided to CRS on **September 29th, 2016**, they state: "The CENCO stands behind the work of Catholic Relief Services [...] the work of CRS has always been faithful to Catholic teaching."

*My report was first released on October 17th, 2016. CRS could not have known what the report was about, but they knew where I was and obtained statements from the bishops' conferences in Kenya and the D.R. Congo as a prelude to whatever I was going to publish. The African Bishops should have been given the option to read my report before signing letters endorsing CRS.*

CRS currently uses an elaborate ongoing review process for our programming, involving bishops on our board and top moral theologians, to ensure that we uphold Catholic teaching in all we do. If we ever do find a problem, we correct it immediately."

*Archbishop Coakley asked the African bishops to support CRS regardless of what was going to be contained in the report I was about to publish. This indicates that they had no intention of taking the report seriously, investigating, and "correcting immediately" any actions that were counter to Catholic doctrine. Instead, CRS immediately began preparing a counter-argument as soon as they caught wind of the report I was writing.*

• • • • •