



Pro-Lifers Claim Victory in Argentina As Senate Votes Down Abortion Bill

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Other Countries

BY PRI STAFF

In a welcome victory for life last month, Argentina’s senate rejected a bill that would have legalized abortion on-demand up to 14 weeks gestation and thereafter in cases of health, rape, and fetal disability.

Thirty-eight senators voted against the bill, 31 Senators voted for it and three abstained.

The vote came after Argentina’s lower legislative house, the Chamber of Deputies, narrowly voted to approve the bill on June 23.

“This is a great victory for life and for the family,” said Carlos Beltramo, director of the **Population Research Institute** Office in Europe and a native of Argentina.

Pro-life Argentines held a number of demonstrations over the past



Flag of Argentina

year to oppose the legislative initiative to legalize abortion, including a ‘march for life’ demonstration on March 25 that was attended by an estimated 2 million people nationwide, as well as another on May 20 attended by an estimated 3 million people nationwide.

The **Population Research Institute** (PRI) Offices in Latin America, in Europe, and new PRI division, **RELEASE**¹ played an active role in the campaign to defeat the abortion

bill by providing analysis and advice on effective campaigning to pro-life groups in Argentina.

RELEASE was founded to provide strategy, tools and analysis for organizations to empower citizens and to improve organizational effectiveness in mobilizing support for causes that make the world a better place for everyone.

“After the hard defeat in Dublin, Argentina has now changed the axis of the abortion debate and has pro-

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Why Do We Need More People in the United States?

by Steven W. Mosher

The idea that human beings are breeding themselves off the face of the planet has been around for a while now. Many Americans still believe that the United States would be better off if we both stopped having children and stopped importing people, at least for a while. Zero population growth, if not an actual reduction in the number of Americans, is their goal.

That was certainly the view of Richard Nixon's Commission on Population, which warned in 1972 that America's then-population of 209 million people was already "straining its resources." There was an urgent need to trim the birth rate, the Commission reported, and went on to recommend the legalization of abortion and the promotion of the two-child family.

The Supreme Court obliged by legalizing abortion the following year. Nixon refused to even consider the second, seeing any effort to limit American fertility as political suicide. Of course, he managed to commit political suicide by other means anyway.

Even during the height of the fearmongering over population, our government took a generally hands-off approach to our numbers. Not all peoples have been as fortunate. For information on how government restrictions on childbearing can lead to massive human rights abuses, Google "China's One-Child Policy."

As a result of our laissez-faire policy on reproduction combined with our generous immigration policies, our population has increased by half since 1972, to 328 million. But before anyone recoils in horror from that statistic, let me note that, over that same period, despite the population increase, wages have remained stable.

Michael Anton, the former director of communications for the National Security Council, blames out-of-control immigration for keeping working and middle-class wages low. But the wage stagnation of the last 15 years has had much more to do with China making off with tens of thousands of factories and millions of jobs than with any increase in America's working population.

With factories now moving back to the U.S. and unemployment rates at historic lows, it seems to me that there is no reason we can't both continue to welcome immigrants and see wages rise.

This does not mean that we should simply let in all comers. Legal immigrants from Asia, Africa and Latin America who have college degrees should receive preference over, say, economic migrants from Central America with sixth grade educations, especially if the latter have not even taken the time to actually apply. This is not racism; it is merely common sense.

Controlled Immigration, Yes But We Need Cradles Too

Populations chiefly expand by filling cradles, of course, not immigration quotas. The latest news on the fertility front is not encouraging. America's total fertility rate, or TFR, has collapsed.

As a people, we are now averaging only 1.7 children, well below the 2.1 needed to sustain the present population. This is the lowest level ever recorded in U.S. history, and foreshadows a sharp demographic decline.

Some profess not to be disturbed by today's dismal birth rate, pointing out that

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it is still higher than many other developed countries. This is like telling a patient dying of cancer that she is better off than the patient in the next bed because her cancer is not as advanced.

Maybe so, but it will still kill her in the end.

America's birth dearth is especially troubling in light of our rapidly improving economy. In the past, the return of prosperity has produced a quick rebound in births. Not this time.

The reasons for this are complex. They include rising levels of student debt, a preference for cohabitation over marriage, and a general unwillingness on the part of young people to take on the responsibilities of marriage and family.

The trillion-and-a-half dollars in student loans that young Americans have been shackled with is proving to be the best contraceptive ever invented. Couples who are heavily in debt are reluctant to commit to each other, much less to the long term and costly project of raising children.

Add to the mix a hookup culture that does not encourage the kind of permanent relationships that are the most fruitful, along with government exactions that frustrate fertility through high tax rates and expensive housing, and you have a recipe for depopulation.

While welcoming immigrants will help to offset this, it is even more important to encourage younger Americans to have children. This can be done by offering generous tax credits based on the number of children.

Indeed, I would argue that couples who are willing to raise three or more children should be sheltered from taxes altogether. After all, such



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couples are providing for the future of their country in the most fundamental way, by providing, often at great personal sacrifice, the future generation.

Some might argue that such policies run the risk of turning women into unwilling breeders, but the truth is exactly the reverse. Surveys show a surprising amount of frustrated fertility in the United States.

Young women express a desire to have an average of 2.5 children, which is nearly a full child more than the 1.7 children they will actually bring into the world if current fertility rates hold. This means that allowing young couples to keep more of their limited incomes will actually empower women by enabling them to more freely act on their deeply held fertility desires.

Among the benefits of a higher birth rate is a natural easing of the entitlement crisis. For every one-tenth of an increase in the total fertility rate, for example, Social Security re-

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mains solvent for an additional three years. More taxpayers mean more tax revenue.

Indeed, children are the ultimate resource, and the one resource you cannot do without if our country, or any country, is to have a future.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven W. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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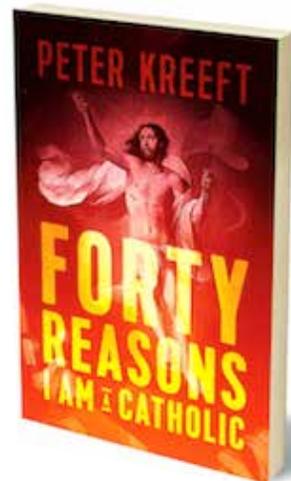
- Kreeft's Reason #11: "Because of the nouns."
- Kreeft's Reason #24: "Because I am greedy."
- Kreeft's Reason #25: "Because Catholics, like their saints, are a little crazy."
- Kreeft's Reason #32: "Because of the movies."

Those reasons for Kreeft's faith sound perplexing but they become as clear as can be as he explains them. You'll just have to read them for yourself!

On a personal note, here is my absolute favorite of Kreeft's 40 reasons for being Catholic (it's Reason #33): "Because when I go to confession I want to believe that Adam walks into the confessional and Jesus walks out."

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vided the world with a good example of how people can stop the global anti-life tsunami,” Beltramo said, “PRI is committed to replicating this model in the future.”

Masses Rise Up in Favor of Current Pro-Life Laws

The victory in Argentina was a close run. After the bill passed the Argentinian lower house, called the Chamber of Deputies, it seemed unstoppable.

With the battle moving to the Chamber of Senators, pro-lifers were faced with a challenge: to convince a majority of the 72 senators to reject the bill. At the outset, this appeared to be nearly impossible. But then something never before seen in Argentina began to develop: a mass movement in favor of Life.

A lawyer, Martín Zeballos, coined a phrase in an article he wrote for the newspaper *Clarín*. “Argentina had a sleeping giant that has awakened,” Zeballos wrote, “and he has a sky-blue neckerchief.”

Zeballos was referring to the symbol of those who defend the right to life—a neckerchief in the sky-blue color of Argentinian flag; through this symbol, the love of the unborn became synonymous with love of country.

On the other hand, pro-abortion activists wore green neckerchiefs. This color—the color of a dollar bill—quickly became identified with the international financial pressure

on Argentina to legalize abortion. This “color blindness” turned out to be a major strategic blunder on the part of the pro-aborts.

Pro-lifers also won the messaging campaign, adopting the positive slogan: “Let us save two lives.” By referencing both the child’s life and the mother’s, the message helped to rally support to the pro-life cause.

Pro-Lifers Win With New Political Strategy

Pro-lifers also began to awaken to the need to become politically active. They realized that their senators were attentive to pressure from voters and acutely aware of the number of votes they need to get re-elected in 2019.

Originally, many pro-lifers thought the path to victory lay in convincing lawmakers that abortion is a moral evil or medically unnecessary. That is, they thought that they needed to argue that life begins at conception and that laws must protect the right to life as a matter of science and morality.

Yet even after 400 lawyers, doctors, biologists and even journalists testified before Congress in defense of the right to life in the various committees where the abortion bill was being considered, the lawmakers were unmoved. It soon became evident to pro-lifers that the legislators

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were not basing their vote on moral or scientific considerations, but solely on political considerations.

Pro-lifers began to visit their senators and say bluntly: “If you vote for abortion, I will not vote for you in the next election.” This strategy paid immediate dividends.

One by one, senators began expressing their “concern” that the abortion bill was “poorly drafted” and stating that they would be voting against it. By the time of the vote, even the country’s most important newspapers, *Clarín* and *La Nación*, recognized that the abortion bill would be defeated.

The miracle was the result of a lot of pro-life work, a lot of mobilization from normal, everyday people. But more than anything, it was the result of citizens realizing the power they have to act in a democratic society. Argentinian pro-lifers realized that this power needs to be exercised not through timid pleas, but by demanding that rights be respected.

¹<http://releas-e.com/>

New HHS 'Protect Life' Rule Would Cut Funding to Abortion Providers—But Could Be Improved in Four Ways

BY JONATHAN ABBAMONTE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued a new rule proposal¹ that, if adopted, would stop funding for abortion providers through the Department's Title X family planning program.

Pro-life advocates have been calling the new proposed rule the "Protect Life Rule." As currently written, the Protect Life Rule would prohibit Title X funding for organizations that perform, promote, offer referrals for, or lobby for abortion unless they maintain a "bright line" of separation between Title X services and abortion.

The rule would prevent abortion providers from offering Title X services in the same facilities and clinics where they perform abortions. Importantly, it would also do away with a Clinton-era regulation that requires all Title X grantees to provide abortion counseling and referrals.

The Protect Life Rule is expected to hit abortion providers like Planned Parenthood hard. Planned Parenthood spends nearly \$60 million in funds derived from Title X grants every year.²

Democratic governors in 14 states have already sent a letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar asking him to disapprove the Protect Life Rule, threatening to explore "all possible avenues, including legal options" to stop the policy from taking effect.³

Despite the governors' threat, the Protect Life Rule is not likely to be ruled unconstitutional in federal



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court. A nearly identical version of the Protect Life Rule under the Reagan administration was upheld by the Supreme Court in *Rust v. Sullivan* (1991) on both statutory and constitutional grounds.⁴

Federal law under the Public Health Service (PHS) Act prohibits Title X funds from being spent in "programs where abortion is a method of family planning."⁵ Despite this, HHS under the Clinton, second Bush, and Obama administrations allowed abortion providers to use the same facilities, waiting rooms, exam rooms, phone numbers, staff, workstations, and financial and patient records for both Title X services and abortion.

If adopted, the Protect Life Rule would help prevent Title X funds from being commingled with abortion services. But while the Protect Life Rule is a significant improvement over the status quo, the rule still falls short of

ensuring that Title X funds are not being used to support abortion. The rule also needs improvement in safeguarding the conscience rights of health care workers.

Here are some recommendations for how HHS can improve the Protect Life Rule. For a more complete explanation on these points, you can read our full comment submitted to HHS on our website.⁶

1. Stop Title X projects from offering passive abortion referrals

The Protect Life Rule explicitly prohibits Title X projects from providing direct abortion referrals such as providing names, addresses and phone numbers for abortion providers. The rule also prohibits Title X clinics from providing "any other affirmative action to assist a patient to secure such an abortion."⁷

However, the rule allows Title X doctors to provide patients who want an abortion with a list that includes contact information for both comprehensive health providers and health providers that offer abortion. Title X doctors would only be able to provide this list to patients who have clearly stated that it is their intention to have an abortion and doctors would also be free not to provide this list if they so choose.

Ultimately, Title X doctors, under this mechanism, would still be providing information on where their patients can obtain an abortion. All the patient would have to do in order to find out which clinics offer abortion would be to simply call each provider on the list.

2. Stop Title X funding for organizations that perform or promote abortion at off-site locations

The Protect Life Rule would largely prevent facilities that perform abortion from receiving Title X funding. The Protect Life Rule would require Title X grantees to use separate facility entrances and exits, different waiting rooms, exam rooms, phone numbers, accounting and patient records, websites, and workstations for Title X services and for abortion. The Protect Life Rule would thus require Title X projects to maintain “physical and financial separation” from abortion activities.⁸

However, the Protect Life Rule would not stop funding to *organizations* that provide abortion at separate

off-site locations. HHS needs to revise the Protect Life Rule to require Title X grantees to maintain complete “organizational separation” when engaging in prohibited abortion activities.

3. Exempt health care workers in Title X projects from having to provide assistance or referrals for contraceptive methods that violate their religious beliefs

Federal regulations currently allow Title X grantees to provide Natural Family Planning only if they so choose—as long as the Title X project on the whole offers “a broad range” of family planning methods and services.⁹ Consequently, organizations receiving Title X grants would not be required to provide contraceptive methods that they do not want to. However, the law does not stop Title X grantees from forcing their employees to provide or assist in providing contraceptive methods that may violate their religious beliefs.

Additionally, the PHS Act and federal regulations appear to require Title X grantees to provide referrals for contraceptive methods that they do not provide themselves. This arrangement could be problematic for some organizations or health care workers that may be opposed on religious grounds to providing referrals for certain contraceptive methods.

In compliance with its statutory requirements under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, HHS should re-

vises its proposed rule to exempt health care workers in Title X projects from being required to offer referrals or assistance in providing family planning methods which violate their religious beliefs.

4. Make it clear that providing training or technical assistance in support of abortion are prohibited under the Protect Life Rule

The Protect Life Rule makes clear that Title X projects “may not perform, promote, refer for, or support, abortion as a method of family planning, nor take any other affirmative action to assist a patient to secure such an abortion.”¹⁰ It would seem from this that HHS would consider training and technical assistance for abortion, lobbying, tracking abortion service statistics, or abortion equipment inventory as activities that “support” abortion.

However, HHS should not leave room for interpretation on this point. A specific prohibition on these activities would provide greater clarity in implementing the Department’s regulations.

In summary, the Trump Administration’s Protect Life Rule is an excellent first step. HHS should be lauded for proposing much-needed revisions to Title X regulations. But adopting the suggestions we provide here would strengthen the rule even further.

¹ <https://www.pop.org/trump-administration-releases-new-rule-to-stop-title-x-funding-for-abortion-providers/>

² <https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/690569.pdf>

³ <https://democraticgovernors.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/DGA-Letter-Title-X.pdf>

⁴ See *Rust v. Sullivan*, 500 U.S. 173 (1991); see also *Compliance with Statutory Program Integrity Requirements*, 83 Fed. Reg. 25,502, 25,503 (Jun. 1, 2018) (proposed rule to be codified at 42 C.F.R. pt. 59).

⁵ Public Health Service Act, sec. 1008 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 300a–6).

⁶ https://www.pop.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Comment_pri_073018.pdf

⁷ 83 Fed. Reg. 25,502, 25,531 (proposed rule to be codified at 42 C.F.R. § 59.14(a)).

⁸ *Compliance with Statutory Program Integrity Requirements*, 83 Fed. Reg. 25,502, 25,519 (Jun. 1, 2018) (proposed rule to be codified at 42 C.F.R. pt. 59).

⁹ See 42 C.F.R. § 59.5(a)(1); see also Public Health Service Act, sec. 1001 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 300(a)).

¹⁰ 83 Fed. Reg. 25,502, 25,531 (proposed rule to be codified at 42 C.F.R. § 59.14(a)).



HUMANAE VITAE COALITION

Looking Back: What We Saw at the Revolution

by Dr. Christopher Manion

This year's anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* gave rise to countless conferences, articles, interviews, and homilies throughout the United States. Many of them were retrospective, looking back at the tumultuous years since it first appeared. It's worth a look.

Let's cast our memory back to 1968. What would we have written about "prospects for the next 50 years" back then?

The Holy See saw it coming. On August 15, 1968, *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican's official newspaper, commented that "Perhaps no other Papal document has been so anxiously awaited, or has aroused so many and widespread reactions, not only in Catholic circles, as Pope Paul's last Encyclical on procreation, *Humanae Vitae*."

But the uproar had already begun, the editorial continued: "This is explained by the fact that, unlike other documents *Humanae Vitae* touches all men directly, whatever their social condition or religious creed, in an intimate matter of which people are naturally jealous, as they are of the sanctuary of their consciences. From the first comments appearing in the press it seems that even this encyclical has not escaped hurried, biased and selfish interpretations."

The editorial identifies the vocabulary of those opposing the Church's timeless teaching. Those self-serving "interpretations" were already manifest in the Church and in the culture.

Francis Cardinal Stafford, a young Baltimore priest in 1968, describes the pain suffered by the defenders of the faith that year as "Gethsemane."

Gethsemane? Cardinal Stafford was not alone. A "tsunami of dissent" followed the earthquake of July 25, 1968 – caused the "flashpoint" of *Humanae Vitae*, as USCCB President Timothy Cardinal Dolan recalls. Catholic intellectuals and clergy joined the secular culture not in a rebellion, but in a revolution, dedicated to ridding a self-indulgent culture from the straitjacket of truth.

The "naturally jealous" advocates of the sexual revolution represented a metaphysical revolution – in its essence, based on the denial of reality itself: "I am the Lord thy God."

Ideas have consequences, and bad ideas have very bad consequences. Recall how Blessed Pope Paul invoked natural law in his defense of human life. That law includes the fundamental rule of cause-and-effect. Looking forward, Blessed Paul saw more clearly than anyone the inescapable consequences that would follow the denial of natural law.

"Be fruitful and multiply," God told Adam and Eve. But Satan whispered in their ears: "Don't be fruitful. Don't multiply." This was the battle cry of the population controllers 50 years ago, and they had bipartisan support in Washington.

A similar defiance in 1967 fed the revolution in Catholic education, when major universities, led by No-

tre Dame President Ted Hesburgh, C.S.C., declared their independence from Rome and the teaching of the Church in order to embrace "academic freedom" – and, of course, to get their hands on some government money.

Released from the chains of "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," autonomous man slides easily, almost unawares, into self-indulgence, satisfying not only the lower appetites (sex, greed), but also the lusts of the intellect and will. These include the *libido dominandi*, the lust for power that motivates Satan (Augustine, *City of God*, I, 1); *superbia vitae*, the desire for fame and glory (I John 2:16); and, of course, the embrace of falsehoods whenever necessary to justify the revolution against "the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

What will the next 50 years bring? The conversations flowing from this anniversary affirmed with indisputable experience what Blessed Paul had prophesied. While the "flashpoint" of 1968 focused on use of "The Pill" which had been introduced a scant few years before, *Humanae Vitae* was about a lot more than contraception. While it was prophetic, it was also pastoral – articulating all of the beautiful aspects of life, love, and the family.

The family is the foundation of every society and culture. The Culture of Death attacks *Humanae Vitae* because the family is freedom's first protection, and the tyrant's deadly enemy. After all, Satan's ultimate target is the Holy Family.



Abortion in Uruguay: Facts vs. Rhetoric

by Carlos Polo

In March 2018, the Uruguay Ministry of Health published a report with statistical data on induced abortion from 2013 to 2017. Abortion, euphemistically referred to as the “voluntary interruption of pregnancy,” was legalized in Uruguay in 2012 under Law 18,987.

Reviewing the data, one cannot help but notice that the figures completely contradict the principal dogmas espoused by abortion activists and the rhetoric they used to advance their ideology.

The report on five years of abortion in Uruguay was authorized by Ana Visconti, head of the Programmatic Area for Sexual and Reproductive Health at the Ministry of Health, and is available to the public on the Health Ministry’s website.¹

Let us proceed, then, to see what the data has to say about a number of talking points that abortion activists commonly use to push for abortion access.

Abortion Rhetoric: “We are not in favor of abortion on demand. We are only seeking to decriminalize abortion under three conditions: in case of rape, when the life or health of the mother is at risk, or in cases where abnormalities cause the fetus to be incompatible with life.”

FALSE. The 2013-2017 report on voluntary interruption of pregnancy clearly shows that almost all abortions are not done for any of these reasons. Rather, the overwhelming

Reasons for Abortion

Data on VIP³ in Uruguay by year, by reasons for VIP consultation²
Period January 2013–December 2017

CAUSES	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Personal Decision	6699 93.41%	8515 99.74%	9275 99.07%	9619 98.97%	10167 99.84%
Rape	9 0.13%	2 0.02%	26 0.28%	1 0.01%	1 0.01%
Risk to Woman's Life	10 0.14%	12 0.14%	5 0.05%	5 0.05%	6 0.06%
Fetal abnormalities incompatible with life	8 0.11%	8 0.09%	2 0.02%	4 0.04%	9 0.09%
Unreported	445 6.21%	0 0.00%	54 0.58%	90 0.93%	0 0%
TOTALS	7171 100%	8537 100%	9362 100%	9719 100%	10183 100%

*preliminary data

SOURCE: Ministry of Health (Uruguay), Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy (VIP) 2013-2017.

Abortion Providers

Data on VIP in Uruguay by year, by provider
Period January 2013–December 2017

IVE 3 - provider	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
Public	3241 45%	4148 49%	4607 49%	5148 53%	4969 51%
Private	3930 55%	4389 51%	4755 51%	4571 47%	4861 49%
TOTALS	7171 100%	8537 100%	9362 100%	9719 100%	9830 100%

*Preliminary data

SOURCE: Ministry of Health (Uruguay), Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy (VIP) 2013-2017.

majority of abortions are performed as a matter of personal decision. These abortions are performed on

women with pregnancies without complications and on healthy unborn children.

Abortion Rhetoric: “Contraception to avoid abortion, abortion to avoid death.”

FALSE. Abortions in Uruguay are done because women want them, not because they are at risk of dying. But using contraception does not exclude the possibility of abortion. No method of contraception is 100 percent effective. In fact, observational evidence from abortion studies indicate that, due to contraceptive failure or misuse, a clear majority of women seeking abortion had used contraception prior to becoming pregnant.^{3,4} In one Swedish study, 85 percent of women seeking abortion had used contraception during the previous 12 months, and 66.7 percent of women had been using a contraceptive method at the time of conception.⁵ In another Swedish study, at least 72 percent of women seeking abortion were using some form of contraception at the time of conception.⁶

Abortion Rhetoric: “We defend the rights of women to protect them from the oppression of the powerful.”

DOUBLY FALSE. The figures of the 2013-2017 report show that approximately half of all abortions are performed by private organizations. This does not liberate women, but

rather turns them over to powerful international organizations who profit from the practice of abortion. It turns out that so-called feminists are in the business of preying off women, not helping them. And these abortion businesses make women in crisis pregnancies pay a heavy price, not only in terms of money, but also in terms of the physical, psychological and emotional health complications that can follow women for years after an abortion.

It is no coincidence that NGOs that promote abortion in Latin American countries receive funding and support from organizations such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation, the largest franchisor of abortion clinics in the world, and Ipas, which sells equipment used in performing abortions.

This is what happened with MILES, the pro-abortion campaign that helped to legalize abortion in Chile and which openly flaunts its affiliations with IPPF and Ipas on their website, www.mileschile.cl. Once decriminalization of abortion is achieved, the local NGOs that worked to promote abortion get to work with Ipas and IPPF, as is happening with the Uruguayan NGO MYSU. Indicative of their part-

“ These abortion businesses make women in crisis pregnancies pay a heavy price... in terms of the physical, psychological and emotional health complications that can follow women for years after an abortion. ”

nership, in 2015, MYSU received \$48,792 grant from IPPF.⁷

If laws and public policies are to be based on evidence, they ought to repeal the abortion law in Uruguay, in Chile, and in all the other countries where abortion laws have been passed premised on the falsehoods promoted by abortion activists.

Translated by Jonathan Abbamonte

¹ <http://www.msp.gub.uy/sites/default/files/presentaci%C3%B3n%20IVE%202013%202017.pdf>

² “[Law no. 18,987 on Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy] provides that the woman must go through three stages within the public health service: a first medical consultation making known her intention to have an abortion (VIP 1); a second consultation with a multidisciplinary team made up of professionals in gynecology, social work, and psychology (VIP 2), after which she is obliged to wait five days with the objective of reflecting on the decision; and a third consultation wherein the medication is prescribed or the surgical procedure is performed (VIP 3). The regulation given by the Ministry of Health included a fourth, post-VIP consultation for follow-up and advice on contraception (VIP 4).” López-Gómez A, Couto M, Píriz G, Monza A, Abracinskis L, Ituarte ML. *Servicios legales de Interrupción voluntaria del embarazo en Uruguay. Estrategias de los servicios públicos del primer nivel de atención.* *Salud Publica Mex* 2017;59:577-82. Trans. from the Spanish.

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■ Mosher: China More like Nazism Than Communist

THE STREAM – PRI President Steve Mosher was quoted in an article by John Zmirak, “Winnie the Pooh Is a Threat to Chinese National Socialism,”¹ with his explanation of Xi Jinping’s banning of the use of the letter “N”:

“Why in the world ban the letter ‘N’? The answer lies in Chinese algebra,” Mosher explained. “The letter ‘N’ represents an unknown variable. Where we in West use ‘X,’ the Chinese use ‘N.’ When the Chinese Communist Party secretly eliminated the two-term limit for president, the equation ‘N = ?’ (N equals what?) became popular overnight. It meant, ‘How many terms is Xi Jinping going to serve?’ The censors were not happy.

As Mosher explained, the Chinese people simply cannot criticize President Xi’s plan to stay in power forever, and the ever-alert censors banned the letter ‘N’ from all electronic communications.

This means that it is incorrect now to speak of China as “communist,” Mosher explained. That was an ideology which Mao Zedong enacted more consistently than almost any world leader and which brought famine and near-ruin to the country, he said. What Xi Jianping is constructing is “radical nationalism and a cult of the leader, combined with massive military outlays and a limited, managed capitalism.” In other words, National Socialism.

■ PRI Reports Life Threats From IUDs

ONE NEWS NOW – An article about a Baltimore woman whose IUD migrated to her stomach and penetrated her liver referenced further complications reported by a PRI staff writer.² PRI’s Jonathan Abbamonte wrote that the 25-year-old ended up having to get a hysterectomy, went into septic shock, and endured toe amputations due to the loss of blood.

That is obviously an extreme and rare incident, he noted, but added there are often serious complications with birth control pills, too.

“I think we need to be better at communicating and providing informed consent about different contraceptive methods, which may place risks to women’s health,” he wrote.

■ PRI Stats On India’s Sex Selection

LIVE ACTION – An article by Carmel Nisha Pius Franco on population control and abortion in India cited data from Population Research Institute as a confirmation of the widespread tragedy of sex-selective abortions.³

Up to 12.1 million sex selective abortions were committed in a period of three decades (1980-2010), the article reported.

“This data correlates with recent estimates by the Population Research Institute, derived from the figures provided by India’s government, that 11 to

14 million sex-selective abortions were committed since 1990.

“Abortion promoters around the world celebrate ‘chemical abortion’ as liberating, empowering, modern and reliable,” Franco wrote, “But in India, it has exacerbated the problem of gendercide, targeting women even before they’re born.”

■ Japan’s Role In Stopping ‘Bully of Asia’

JAPAN FORWARD – Praising PRI President Steven Mosher’s new book *Bully of Asia* as a “splendid new volume,” Jason Morgan, assistant professor at Reitaku University in Chiba, Japan, agreed with Mosher that America must not retreat but act to counter China’s rise.⁴

In his recent book review, Morgan wrote that in addition to establishing full diplomatic relations with Taiwan, as Mosher recommends, the U.S. “must go all-in on its alliance with Japan. The only way to stop a bully is to stand up to him. Sooner or later, it will fall to Japan and America to do just that.”

“Japan has long been warning that China’s rise will not be peaceful,” according to Morgan. “Japan’s neighbors are crying out for relief from the Chinese attempt to reassert ba—hegemony—over Asia, the Western Pacific, and beyond.”

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From the Countries



CHINA

Does Stamp Signal Change In Family Policy?'

China's national post service unveiled a government-issued postage stamp in honor of the upcoming lunar year of the pig, prompting speculation that a change in the country's family-planning policy is in the works according to reports by *Quartz*, *Breitbart* and other news outlets.¹

The stamp features a smiling pig family of two parents and three piglets, which some have interpreted as a sign that the government plans on lifting all birth restrictions.

China analysts have suggested that Beijing is planning to remove limits on births as the country faces one of the world's lowest fertility rates, a dangerous gender imbalance and a shortage of workers.

But the fact that the government wants to be the decision-maker with regard to family size is generating a backlash from Chinese people. An editorial on the topic in the Chinese Communist Party *People's Daily* newspaper, describing having children as a national issue and not just a family matter, drew hundreds of thousands – mostly negative – responses on Weibo, the Chinese (and therefore controlled) version of Twitter.²

"When you don't want children, you force people to get sterilized. When you want more, you urge us to give birth. What do you think I am?" one Weibo user complained.



MEXICO

UN Insisting On Abortions In Veracruz

UN agencies are interfering in a heated local debate about abortion in the State of Veracruz, Mexico, according to *LifeSite News*.

The UN human rights office, the UN agency for women, and the UN Population Fund issued a joint press release to praise a federal district court judgment ordering the Veracruz legislature to guarantee access to abortion for women and girls on the basis of the non-binding recommendations of UN committees, the report stated.

The agencies demanded the legislature to "promptly comply" with the order and offered their "technical assistance" in drafting the new abortion legislation, according to the article.

Last year a group of feminist organizations triggered a federal "Gender Alert" which led the state legislature of Veracruz to assemble for a vote, which narrowly rejected legalizing abortion. The same organizations behind the gender alert then sued the state in federal court to impose a change in abortion laws through judicial order.

The district court judge agreed with the feminist groups and ordered the legislature to decriminalize abortion, a ruling that the UN agencies supported as a matter of "international standards on human rights"—which are non-binding.

Abortion is illegal in all 31 Mexican states, with a few exceptions, including Mexico City. Veracruz is seen as a test case for expanding access to abortion.



ENGLAND

DNA editing OK, Says U.K Think Tank

A UK-based think tank is proposing that creating designer babies by editing their DNA while they are still embryos could be "morally permissible," according to *LifeSite News*.

"Using genome editing in reproduction to secure or avoid a characteristic in a child offers a radically new approach that is likely to appeal to some prospective parents," said Dave Archard, chair of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, as quoted in the article.

"There may be good reasons for allowing some parental preferences to be met, but we need to be careful that the use of genome editing to help parents to exercise these preferences doesn't increase social disadvantage, discrimination or division and that close attention is paid to the welfare of those involved, especially any child born as a result," he said.

Editing the DNA of a human embryo, sperm, or egg is still illegal under UK law, the article stated, although the bioethics council proposes that could change.

The U.S. National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia counters that taking steps to avoid discrimination or social advantage would not be enough to make the process morally acceptable, the article continued.

"Creating or moving the child outside the womb is immoral," said staff ethicist Dr. John A. DiCamillo. "The child has a right to be conceived in an act of conjugal love between the parents."

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