



Chinese Government's "War on Virus" Is More Like a War on Its Own People

Government Rounds Up Coronavirus Victims, Treats Them Like Animals

BY STEVEN MOSHER

In order to combat the worsening coronavirus epidemic, Communist Party leader Xi Jinping has declared a "People's War" against the virus.

The communist leader has mobilized the entire machinery of the state — the military, the government, and the Party — and put the entire country on a war footing.¹ The province of Hubei, the epicenter of the epidemic, has been cordoned off from the rest of China, while an invading army of "veteran Party members," medical personnel, and military units have been sent to the province to take control.

Their orders are to arrest anyone found to be carrying the disease and put them into containment centers.² They are authorized to use force against anyone who resists, and Xi



Chinese person receiving vaccine / Getty Images

himself has said that anyone who disobeys government orders would be punished.³ Videos out of China appear to show coronavirus victims being forcibly dragged from their homes.⁴

Xi's extreme actions suggest that the epidemic is far worse than the official numbers would suggest, which by mid-February stood at 1,669 dead and 69,000 infected. How much worse it was even then is impossible to say,

given the almost complete blackout of news from the quarantined province.

One leaked report from the Chinese social media giant TenCent suggested that the real death toll was 25 times higher than official claims. The report was immediately taken down and has proved impossible to verify, but it may be closer to the truth than the absurdly low official figure.⁵

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Trump: Greatest Champion Of the Pro-Life Movement

by Steven W. Mosher

On the heels of the most successful March for Life in recent memory, pro-lifers were in a celebratory mood. After all, for the first time in history, a sitting American president had addressed the assembled throng. His presence spoke even louder than his words, and his words were among the most powerful ever spoken on behalf of life.

“All of us here today understand an eternal truth: Every child is a precious and sacred gift from God,” said President Trump. “When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God’s creation. ...Every person is worth protecting and, above all, we know that every human soul is divine and every human life born and unborn is made in the holy image of almighty God,” he added.

When Trump said, “Unborn children have never had a stronger defender in the White House,” I nodded.

In my opinion, the President has made a good faith effort to fulfill each and every pro-life promise that he made to us as a candidate back in 2016, bar none. No other president, not even Ronald Reagan, has done as much to end the assault on the unborn as Donald J. Trump, period. From Supreme Court justices to ending the abortion mandate, from reinstating the Mexico City policy to cutting funding for Planned Parenthood, he has delivered on every front.

And yet there are still some who are not satisfied. Take Tom Mirus at Catholic Culture, for example. “It was a **minor political victory** to have an American President address the March in person for the first time,” conceded Mirus. “But Donald Trump polarizes more than he inspires conversion.”

A *minor* political victory? I wonder what would a *major* political victory be? Whatever you say about the man, Trump leads from the front, not from the safety of the Oval Office. I wonder if Mirus actually listened to the speech, which I found inspiring in substance and convincing in tone. Trump clearly was not just reading his lines, but speaking with real conviction.

As far as the claim that Trump is “polarizing,” that is a good thing, not a bad thing. In order to win the battle for Life, we need to outline what is at stake so clearly and poignantly that people are forced to take a side on the most important human rights issue of our day. We need to ask them, “Do you support the killing of the unborn throughout all nine months of pregnancy or do you believe that every child is made in the image and likeness of God?”

That’s what Trump does. Unlike an ordinary politician, who is always hedging and equivocating, he speaks in simple, declarative sentences, leaving no doubt about where he stands on the issues. And on the issue of life, he is with us, without a doubt.

I suppose that Mirus would say that he doesn’t like the President’s style. But what does that matter in the grand issue before us? Trump may be a brash New York businessman, but he’s *our* brash New York businessman. We need to ask the style critics whether they would prefer losing *with style* to winning. Because that is, in effect, what they’re saying with their continued criticism.

I don’t know about you but as for me, having been in the pro-life arena for 40 long, often frustrating years, I want to win. And I

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believe that we finally have a president who is just as committed to winning the battle for life just as we are.

The style critics need to get over themselves and to get on board the Trump train. We are not here engaged in a polite civics debate over whether to install a traffic light on Main Street. We are engaged in a great struggle to determine whether millions of our unborn brothers and sisters will be sentenced to death by unjust laws.

We are providentially on the cusp of a generational opportunity to finally end the slaughter of the innocents in America. We have the opportunity in November to not only re-elect a pro-life President, but also to elect a pro-life House and a pro-life Senate. This in turn will lead to the appointment of one or two more pro-life justices to the Supreme Court and virtually ensure that *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned. Such an opportunity may not come again in our lifetime.

The other side certainly understands this. That is why they have almost stopped masquerading as health care providers and are pushing at the state level for the legalization of abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy, even up to birth.

That's why they are pushing for the continued killing of babies born after a failed abortion. And that's why Planned Parenthood alone is spending 45 million dollars to defeat Donald Trump and elect a candidate who will continue to support what is, in fact, the biggest killing machine in American history.

The battle lines have been drawn. On the one side are the majority of Americans. On the other looms the collective might of Manhattan and Hollywood, of the mainstream media and the Washington swamp,



March for Life 2020 attendee holds pro-Trump sign / LifeSiteNews

of the deep pockets of Planned Parenthood and bloody-minded billionaires like Michael Bloomberg and Warren Buffet.

The Party of Abortion understands that President Trump is the enemy. That's why it will be spending hundreds of millions of dollars to defeat him. That fact alone should make us redouble our efforts to ensure that his re-election. The saying, 'The enemy of our enemy is our friend,' has never been truer.

Our friend, our champion, is Donald Trump.

Anyone who claims to be pro-life and who is still standing on the sidelines at this critical moment in the history of the pro-life movement is either a fraud or a coward.

Anyone who does not stand with the most pro-life president in American history—the one who is key to ending the slaughter of the innocents once and for all—is, quite simply, betraying the babies.

The coming election will decide the fate of millions of American babies for years to come. During Trump's second term, God willing and with the support of a pro-life majority in Congress,

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we will finally end a greater evil than slavery: the killing of the unborn—if there is a second term.

The battle lines are drawn—polarized, if you will—more clearly than ever before. Our champion is Donald Trump. You are either with us as we go forth into battle, or you are against us. There is no middle ground; no place for the merely lukewarm.

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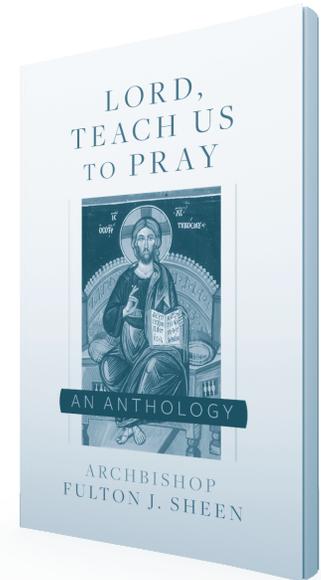
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Ask yourself this question: Would the Communist authorities quarantine tens of millions of people and shut down the Chinese economy for weeks on end because of a few hundred deaths?

What is crystal clear to me is that the Chinese Communist Party is acting entirely as one would expect such a criminal enterprise to behave when faced with a disaster of its own making. In a January 19 meeting with senior health officials, the head of China’s National Health Service, Ma Xiaowei, summed up the Party’s priorities as politics, safety, and research. That is to say, the Party is putting politics first, containing the spread of the epidemic second, and research into how to cure the sick a distant third.

The Chinese public is rightly blaming its leaders, and the totalitarian system of control they have created, for allowing the disease to reach epidemic proportions in the first place. In response, the Party is putting its propaganda machine into overdrive. In an effort to protect the image of “People’s Leader” Xi Jinping, it is locking up critics and trying to shift the blame for the regime’s failures onto the local authorities in Hubei.⁶

At the same time, it continues to criticize “hostile foreign forces” — by which it principally means the United States — for creating panic in China by “overreacting.” Of course, as the disease continues to spread day by

day, President Donald Trump’s early decision to cancel direct flights to and from China, as well as rescue American citizens trapped in the plague city of Wuhan, was exactly the right call.

The Party’s second goal is to contain the epidemic by any means possible, and to do this it has put in place the largest quarantine in world history. In fact, it might be the world’s first multi-level quarantine.

Not only has the entire population of Hubei, some 60 million people, been isolated from the rest of China, but also a dozen-and-a-half cities within Hubei itself have been cut off from the rest of the province. Except for emergency supplies, road and rail traffic in and of the province is at a standstill. Food and medical supplies are dwindling, factories and shops have been idled, and tens of millions of people have been virtually confined to their homes for weeks.

But it is in the forced quarantine of individuals that the “People’s War” gets really ugly. On the ground in Hubei and in other places experiencing outbreaks, the police are going door to door in an effort to round up the infected and those with whom they have been in close contact.

Anyone showing any symptoms of illness, such as a fever or a cough, is summarily arrested and taken to what the authorities are calling a “hospital,” but is in reality a sports arena or a high

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school or college gymnasium that has been turned into a detention center.

What China is doing has nothing to do with quarantine, properly understood, and everything to do with a kind of ruthless triage system. The well-connected can always get a hospital bed. Indeed, there is one hospital in Wuhan that is designated for the care of sick Party and government officials.

As for ordinary people, those who are suspected of carrying the coronavirus are simply culled from the population and locked up for the duration of the epidemic, often receiving minimal medical care.

There is a good chance that the containment centers will become giant morgues.⁷

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China Orders Churches to Promote the Chinese Communist Party—or Else

BY STEVEN W. MOSHER

As of last month, new and onerous restrictions on churches, temples, shrines, and all forms of organized religious activity have come into force in China.

The new rules were issued by the Chinese regime's Bureau of Religious Affairs on Nov. 20, 2019, but only made public by the state-run Xinhua News Agency, or New China News Agency, on Dec. 31. They outline in practical terms how the earlier "Regulations on Religious Affairs"—put in place two years ago—will be monitored and enforced.

The "Control Measures for Religious Groups," as the new rules are called, consist of 41 articles that deal with every facet of religious life.¹ Each and every such activity—from weekly services and daily projects, to annual meetings and fundraising—must be reported in advance to the regime's "Religious Affairs" office for its approval.

But there is an even more severe restriction as well: Each and every such religious group, as a condition of being allowed to exist at all, must first register with the "Civil Affairs" office of the communist regime.

This comes through clearly in Article 3, which states, "Without the approval of the Religious Affairs office of the people's government, or registration with the Civil Affairs office of the people's government, a religious group cannot carry out any activities."

The spiritual discipline Falun Gong and groups such as the Early Rain Covenant Church, which the

regime has wrongly declared to be *xiejiao* ("heretical teachings"), will obviously not be allowed to register at all. They will, therefore, continue to be banned under the communist regime.

In Imperial China, Confucianism was the established state religion, while the term *xiejiao* was reserved for its non-Confucian counterparts. Since the establishment of the PRC, the established state religion has been communism or, more recently, "socialism with Chinese characteristics." During this period, the meaning of *xiejiao* shifted strongly to the pejorative, used to refer to religious organizations that refuse to submit to the authority of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Neither Confucianism, nor communism, nor "socialism with Chinese characteristics" is a transcendent religion, of course, and China's communist leaders don't conceive of themselves as religious leaders. But any total ideology, such as communism or "socialism with Chinese characteristics," in fact constitutes a kind of quasi-religion. Both are being used by China's political rulers today as a means to impose and maintain social and ideological control.

With the publication of the "Control Measures," however, the communist party leadership now obviously has decided to go beyond merely demanding submission. It has decided that it will only allow Christian, Buddhist, and other groups to exist at all if they become active collaborators, helping the Party to maintain its grip on power.



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This is the reason why the CCP in 2019 announced it was transferring responsibility for religious groups from the regime's Bureau of Religious Affairs to the Party's United Front Works Department. The same United Front tactics that were used to compromise, co-opt, and coerce China's Socialist Party and other minor parties at the time of the Chinese Civil War into an alliance with the communist party are to be used again—this time to coerce religious groups into becoming the Party's willing puppets.

It's no longer enough that recognized religious groups merely submit to the authority of the Party. Such groups must support its continued rule, uphold the leadership of the CCP, propagate its principles and policies, and educate its staff and followers to do the same.

Article 5 of the new measures, for example, states that "religious organizations must uphold the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, obey the Constitution, laws, regulations, ordinances, and policies; uphold the principle of independence and self-government [from all foreign groups]; uphold the overall policy of the sinicization of religion; practice the core values of social-

“ This is what the Nazis attempted to do in the 1930s to German Catholic and Protestant churches... And it’s precisely what the CCP is trying to do today in China.



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ism; safeguard national unity, ethnic unity, religious harmony, and social stability.”

Sinicization, it should be noted, means replacing the worship of God with the worship of the Party-State. This is what the Nazis attempted to do in the 1930s to German Catholic and Protestant churches—turn them into supporters of National Socialism and promoters of its ideology. And it’s precisely what the CCP is trying to do today in China.

Consider Article 17 in this regard: “Religious groups must propagandize the principles and policies of the Chinese Communist Party, along with national laws, regulations and ordinances to all of their religious staff and followers; [they must] educate and guide all religious staff and

followers to embrace the Chinese Communist Party’s leadership, to embrace the socialist system, to upholding the path of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics, to obey national laws, regulations, ordinances, and policies; [they must] correctly resolve the relationship between national laws and religious commandments, strengthen awareness of the nation, the rule of law, and the people.”

Reading the new “Control Measures,” it’s patently obvious what the CCP is about. It wants to co-opt all transcendent religions in China, that is to say, to transform them into instruments of Party-State control over the religious elements of society. Such religions will be allowed to maintain certain ritual trappings, but their theology

will be emptied out of its transcendent elements and refocused on such things as “embracing the Party’s leadership” and upholding the path of Socialism.

Article 2 explains the new role of religious groups in no uncertain terms. They are to be “the bridge and bond that unites the Chinese Communist Party and the People’s Government with religious leaders and their followers.”

Reading the new regulations, a Chinese Catholic priest commented: “In practice, your religion no longer matters, if you are Buddhist, or Taoist, or Muslim or Christian: the only religion allowed is faith in the Chinese Communist Party.”²

Or, as another believer put it to me even more succinctly, “The walls are closing in.”

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HUMANAE VITAE COALITION

Abroad and at Home, Life Is Under Attack

by Dr. Christopher Manion, Director, PRI European Office

Since the Trump Administration took office, many of Obama's assaults on life and the family have been derailed. President Trump's naming of nearly 200 federal judges is a hopeful sign of a return to the rule of law. Several cases now under consideration enjoy a promising prospect of reversing the wave of pro-abortion decisions that have come down since *Roe v. Wade*.

Trump is clearly the most pro-life president in our lifetime, but his perseverance has not daunted the assault on life and family that has characterized the American Left for over a century. And that's true on the international stage as well.

Let's start with PRI's home state of Virginia. It's now in the bulls-eye in the Left's battle against life.

A year ago our Democrat Governor Ralph Northam endorsed a radical bill introduced in the Virginia House. According to Northam, "The infant would be delivered, "the infant would be kept comfortable.... and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."

And what would be discussed? Whether they should kill the child or not. And Northam is a pediatrician!

A year ago, our governor's scandalous order of extermination caused outrage. This year, with both houses of Virginia's legislature now under Democrat control, infanticide could become law in Virginia.

Already legislators have removed several commonsense barriers to abortion, and more bad news is waiting in the pipeline. Radical proposals on sex

education, special "rights" for LGBT and "transsexual" persons, and adoption are next on the agenda.

These radical advances in Virginia have taught us all a harsh but valuable lesson: We can work for decades to build a foundation for the flourishing of faith and family, only to have it destroyed in a matter of months by a determined band of radicals.

"Radical" comes from the Latin word for "root." By targeting the laws that govern life, family, and education in Virginia, the Left is chopping off one branch after another from the tree of liberty. But that is only a means to their ultimate end: they aim to destroy the roots – our Faith. First to drive it underground, and then to exterminate its roots altogether using the power of the state.

Where are our shepherds? In Virginia, priority number one seems to be signing the "Global Warming Covenant." And we have paid the price.

War Against Christians

The challenges to the Faith here at home mirror events abroad. Ten years ago, in his World Peace Day Message for the New Year, Pope Benedict XVI said that Christians were the most persecuted religious group in the world. Today, ten years later, the worldwide persecution of Christians intensifies.

Throughout Europe, churches are vandalized, often burned to the ground. In Africa, terrorists massacre entire Christian congregations and the villages where they live. In Latin America, communist agents direct-

ed by Cuba and Venezuela desecrate Catholic churches, often burning them to the ground. Similar attacks have occurred in Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, India, and Myanmar.

But the most systematic persecution of Christians takes place in Communist China. PRI President Steven Mosher has chronicled the wholesale destruction of China's Christian churches, the jailing and kidnapping of priests and bishops, and the mass intimidation of the faithful.

"Communist Party leadership has now obviously decided to go beyond merely demanding submission," Mosher writes. They must now "become active collaborators, helping the Party to maintain its grip on power" (see *article in this issue, page 6*).

The next step? Rewrite the Bible. "Their theology will be emptied out of its transcendent elements," Mosher continues, "and refocused on such things as 'embracing the Party's leadership' and upholding the path of Socialism."

But wait—hasn't the Catholic Church stood strong against this persecution?

Yes—the faithful bishops of China have. But the Vatican sends mixed signals. "Right now, those who are best implementing the social doctrine of the Church are the Chinese," says Argentine Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, a key Vatican advisor to Pope Francis.

America's Founders taught us that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." We need that virtue now more than ever.



Trump Is Top Pro-Life Leader Not Just in U.S., but the World

by Carlos Polo, Director, PRI Latin American Office

The president of the United States, Donald Trump, has proven repeatedly to be the politician that has singularly given more support to the pro-life movement worldwide than any other. His re-election for another four years will present the greatest opportunity to overturn the *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in the United States.

These facts are not only recognized by those who promote the pro-life cause either. They are also recognized by those who promote legalized abortion, and, in fact, pro-abortion advocates believe these facts to be true with greater certainty and foreboding expectation than even many pro-lifers do.

It is sad, though, that frequently one never fails to find pro-lifers who judge Trump on something questionable from his past, something that the progressive media insists ruminating on, while neglecting to acknowledge all the good he currently does. They are useful idiots, this much is clear.

On the pro-abortion side, the view is certainly unanimous. There is not one promoter of abortion in the world that doubts for even a second that Trump is the worst enemy for their cause, that he has done more to damage the pro-abortion agenda than anyone else, and that Trump has few qualms about openly challenging the pro-abortion agenda without fear of the political consequences.



PRI Latin American Staff in Washington, D.C., for the historic March for Life at which President Trump spoke

For pro-abortion advocates, Trump is by far the most dangerous enemy in history up till now, even without taking into account what is still left to be done.

In fact, pro-abortion advocates are completely convinced that Trump is still far from being finished with delivering on his pro-life promises. This is why they fight him so much.

They know that if they do not unite together with other enemies of Trump and unless they organize every attack possible, he will continue to nominate pro-life justices to the Supreme Court as well as the rest of the circuit courts. He will continue to cut public funding for Planned Parenthood and will continue to support investigations into their crimes in trafficking of organs.

He will continue to keep in place the Mexico City Policy which cuts

U.S. funds to NGOs that promote abortion throughout the world. And he will continue changing the foreign policy of the U.S. at the U.N., the Organization of American States (OAS), and at the rest of the international organizations that, with Democratic presidents, grossly advocated for abortion.

And the worst part for them, he will continue to support the pro-life movement throughout the world.

The presence of Trump has made the recent March for Life 2020 in the U.S. the most successful march ever from a political standpoint. This year, the media was not able to ignore the march like it had been doing all the years before.

And as for President Trump, pro-lifers around the world have reason to celebrate. For the first time in

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Trump Is Pro-Life Leader, *continued*

its 47-year history, the March for Life had an American president addressing the multitude of marchers in person. The very presence of Trump at the March alone spoke stronger than his words, but nevertheless, his words were among the strongest and firmest ever pronounced in the name of life.

“All of us here understand an eternal truth: Every child is a precious and sacred gift from God,” said President Trump. “When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God’s creation...Every person is worth protecting. And above all, we know that every human soul is divine and every human life, born and unborn, is made in the holy image of Almighty God,” he added.

When Trump pronounced these words, “Unborn children have never had a stronger defender in the White House,” we pro-lifers were living a dream that until a few years ago very few of us even dared to dream about. And for the pro-abortionists, it was nightmare worse than what anyone could have ever imagined.

Steven Mosher, PRI president, urged all pro-lifers, even Trump’s “style critics,” to get behind him (see column, page 2): “We are not here engaged in a polite civics debate over whether to install a traffic light on Main Street. We are engaged in a great struggle to determine whether millions of our unborn brothers and sisters will be sentenced to death by unjust laws.”

In this post-truth era, there are many (some pro-lifers even) that give less credence to objective facts than to their emotional impact, but at the very least they should support Trump for their own advantage. In the end, the enemy of your enemy is your friend.

And if anyone has doubts, these were clearly dissipated after seeing the two people seated behind Trump during his State of the Union address. The first was Nancy Pelosi, the pseudo-Catholic and militantly pro-abortion leader of the House of Representatives, who in a childish temper tantrum ripped the speech in which Trump had once again defended the right to life.

The second person was Vice President Mike Pence. The media, which constantly makes an effort to remind us of some anecdote of Trump’s past licentious life, was not able to take away the present reality of a vice president with an irreproachable personal life, an exemplary family, and who is very pro-life. And it is undoubtable that Pence occupies this position precisely for these qualities.

This is a war, and no one in the pro-life movement can afford the luxury of failing to understand that Donald Trump is an invaluable friend to the pro-life cause and that he will go down in history for it.

The idea of the new president of Argentina is to propose a response to the Venezuelan crisis different from that of the U.S., probably one more convenient for Nicolas Maduro, the president of that country. He

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has also promised to put all of his effort into making abortion legal in Argentina, and he promised to create a Ministry of Women to promote feminism and gender ideology with greater strength in Argentina.

It is a complicated time for the region, a full-frontal fight against everything that the Trump administration has promoted these years. It is also against the culture of life and the liberty of all citizens.

Our friends from Latin America are more organized than before and have greater vision about the need to “do politics” to thwart this advance of the culture of death. In this, PRI is working hard through its RELEASE division. Latin American needs our support, and the role of the United States is more important than ever.

Translated by PRI staffer Jonathan Abbamonte.

PRI in the News



■ Youth Population Declining in U.S.; Mosher Calls Situation ‘Dire’

LIFESITE NEWS — The United States has 1.14 million fewer young people going into 2020 than it did in 2010, according to a report on the latest Census, and Population Research Institute President Steven Mosher calls the report a dire warning.¹

According to an article in *LifeSiteNews*, an analysis of new census data by the Brookings Institution’s William Frey showed that while the adult population grew by 8.8 percent between 2010 and 2019, the youth population did not increase as it had in the three previous decades.

Instead, said the report, the “under 18” population nosedived in a state of “absolute decline” in the past decade.

“We need to turn this around, and quickly,” Mosher told *LifeSiteNews*. “Children are the only future a family has. Indeed, they are the only future a nation has. And we are simply having too few children.

“We need to offer positive encouragement to young couples to get married and have children.”

His three-part solution is this: eliminate abortion, staunch the porn epidemic, and alleviate student debt, which leads to a delay in childbearing.

■ India’s Solution Won’t Fix Male-Female Imbalance

ONE NEWS NOW — India Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently called for population control saying small families are an act of patriotism, but Jonathan Abbamonte of the Population Research Institute told *OneNewsNow* that this will not correct its most significant population problem: an imbalance of males and females.²

“We had a serious male-biased sex ratio, both in China and India, for the past several decades, ever since the introduction of ultrasound equipment into these countries,” Abbamonte said. “During the 2005 survey, there were several provinces in China where boys outnumbered girls under the age of 6 by 132 to a hundred.”

Sex-selective abortion is a symptom of culturally related son preference, and also the public acceptance of abortion as a means to attain one’s desired family composition, Abbamonte explained.

But the reduced number of females means fewer to marry, leaving many men without the possibility of a mate, the article stated.

■ ‘One-Child Nation’ Captures What Mosher Witnessed in China

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE — Population Research Institute President Steven Mosher wrote

in *NationalRightToLifeneews.org* about his eyewitness experience of China’s brutal one-child policy, now documented in the film “One-Child Nation.”

“When I arrived in China in March 1989, I had no idea that I was about to be caught up in the most barbaric population control program the world had ever seen. It became known as the “one-child policy,” but for me and its countless millions of victims, it was a living nightmare.

“All these years later, the sheer cruelty of it still shocks my conscience, as it did at the time. Imagine being in the operating room as nearly full-term babies were being killed. For myself, I don’t have to ‘imagine’ it. I was there, standing only a few feet away from the operating table in stunned disbelief as it unfolded before my eyes.

“Now comes a documentary, produced by Chinese victims of the policy that confirms everything that I have been saying about the one-child policy for the past four decades. Entitled ‘One-Child Nation,’ it is a no-holds-barred account of the four three-and-a-half decades of physical pain and emotional suffering that the policy has inflicted on hundreds of millions (!) of Chinese mothers and their families.

“To say that I feel vindicated would be an understatement.”

¹ <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/us-youth-population-in-absolute-decline-dropped-over-1-million-since-2010>

² <https://onenewsnow.com/culture/2019/09/24/a-lesson-on-how-not-to-control-your-population?fbclid=IwAR1XBp742jht3Uq0qvwxsRc9kHMxo-mykpGtBXEJaa9vE7DRwReFn4Y2Q7k>

³ <https://www.nationalrighttolifeneews.org/2020/01/one-child-nation-new-documentary-details-the-horrors-of-chinas-one-child-policy/>

From the Countries



COLOMBIA Bishops Support Life While Court Reviews Two Abortion Cases

According to a report in *Catholic News Agency*, the Catholic bishops of Colombia have used the occasion of a court case challenging legal abortion in Colombia to speak up in defense of the unborn.¹

“[T]he Magisterium of the Church teaches us that abortion in any situation represents a grave violation of the sacred right [to life] we all have,” declared Bishop Elkin Fernando Álvarez Botero, secretary general of the Colombian bishops’ conference. “That’s what the Church teaches, and even if the laws propose other situations, the message of the Church remains unchanged.”

The Constitutional Court of Colombia is reviewing two lawsuits filed last year by a doctor of constitutional law, Natalia Bernal Cano, seeking to protect the rights of unborn children and prohibit abortion by healthcare providers in the country.

In 2006 Colombia legalized abortion in cases of rape, fetal deformities and when a doctor determines there is a risk to the life or health of the mother.

In a 2018 ruling, the nation’s top court affirmed its 2006 decision, and went further, declaring abortion to be a “human right.”



EGYPT Egypt to Undertake Population Control

Egyptian Premier Mostafa Madbouly has called population growth the greatest challenge faced by the state, stressing that its control has become a national security issue, according to an article in *Asharq Al-Awsat*.²

Egypt’s Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics reports that the country’s population has risen to 99.8 million early this year.

The Egyptian government has announced a meeting to follow up on “the family planning efforts undertaken by the state at the level of the republic.”

The meeting was attended by ministers of investment and international cooperation, health and population, and social solidarity.

Madbouly called for “raising societal awareness on population growth, intensifying awareness campaigns by competent authorities, and coordinating with international bodies to work on achieving successes in this major issue,” the article reported.

“The state is currently taking measures to limit its support for only two children per family,” the premier noted, explaining that this includes food supply and Takaful and Karama Program (TKP) for newborns, not for those who currently receive support.

“Egypt will launch a program to control overpopulation and family planning,” he announced, demanding ministers concerned to prepare a report including the competencies of each ministry and public or private authority.



CHINA China Targeting U.S. Universities In Research Theft

The U.S. educational system is under attack from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), which is sending spies into institutions to steal high-value knowledge in various fields, according to *Vision Times*.³

Though most espionage activities go undetected and cause huge losses to U.S. research, the article stated, intelligence agencies have been successful recently in catching a few such spies red-handed.

A female Chinese military officer posed as a student at Boston University and received thousands of dollars from Wuhan University of Technology, then lied to the Pentagon about the nature of the money she had received. She fled the country before being arrested.

In December, a Chinese professor affiliated with Harvard was caught at the airport while trying to transport 21 vials of cancer cells from a laboratory in Boston.

¹ https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/in-colombia-lawsuits-seek-to-ban-legal-abortion?_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8PZ9xfOtuSwkPdfyAhsxEjPhWFTLdn-Qr1_ssHViXctKlBv2A56Qt5jFt_rLK0oqWYYl6OofqAdoFAWBYLkE3hWQfGDrA&_hsmi=82857237

² <https://aawsat.com/english/home/article/2121556/egypt-considers-population-control-%E2%80%98national-security%E2%80%99-issue>

³ <https://www.visiontimes.com/2020/02/14/china-targeting-us-universities-one-by-one.html>