



The Most Important Election of Our Lives

BY STEVEN W. MOSHER

This November 3, 2020, Americans will face the starkest choice of any election since 1860, and the consequences—good or bad—will be equally severe.

On the one hand we have a candidate who has proven, with deeds more than words, that he stands on the side of our God-given right to “life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.”

On the other we have a candidate who on occasion has been literally unable to remember these words—which seems fitting, since his pro-abortion, socialist, anti-Christian agenda, if implemented, would mark a fundamental break with the principles of the American founding.

Joe Biden, like his Democrat Party, supports taxpayer-funded abortion on demand up to the point of childbirth—and beyond. He is deeply compromised by our chief geopolitical rival, the Chinese Communist Party, which has unleashed a bio-weapon that has killed over 150,000 Americans and wreaked havoc on the world’s economies.

While his supporters are rioting in the streets, burning flags and Bibles,

Biden himself has endorsed the “defund the police” movement. His radical “Green New Deal” and socialist economic policies, adopted to please supporters of AOC and Bernie Sanders, would bankrupt America. Most importantly, Biden’s election would set back our efforts to end abortion by a least a generation.

Against all of this murder and mayhem stands President Donald Trump, the most pro-life president in American history. I say that as someone who knew President Reagan and worked closely with his administration to pass the Mexico City Policy. Trump’s list of accomplishments in the pro-life arena could easily take up this entire issue of *PRI Review*, while his tireless efforts to defend our religious freedom, rebuild our economy, and protect our American heritage could fill up the next two.

I am certain that everyone who reads this newsletter is registered to vote, intends to go to the polls on November 3, and will cast their vote for only committed pro-life candidates!

But we must all do more. Powerful forces, including social media, the tech giants, and the legacy media,

have all joined with the Left in their efforts to “fundamentally transform” our country. The constant drumbeat of anti-Life, anti-American, anti-Trump propaganda has left many confused about where the truth lies.

It is our job to help our friends, family and acquaintances achieve clarity about what is really at stake on November 3. The blessings of liberty that so many take for granted—limited government, the rule of law, freedom of speech, and freedom of religion—hang in the balance.

As President Reagan said during equally trying times, “You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children’s children say of us we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done.”

Between now and the election, we must all “do all that can be done.”

The lives of innocent children, even the very survival of our free republic, depend on it.

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Catholic Church Suffering in China Despite Agreement

by Steven W. Mosher

Not long ago, I received an anguished email from a Catholic in China.

“The walls are closing in,” she sent over the encrypted service that we use to protect her and our other contacts in China from state surveillance. “I don’t know how much longer we will be able to continue our work of evangelization here.”

My friend works in the “underground” Catholic Church, which has faced increasing persecution since the signing of the Sino-Vatican agreement two years ago this September.¹ The agreement is set to expire on its two-year anniversary.

It is hard to know what is in the agreement, since it is still secret. It purportedly outlines a mechanism by which the Vatican and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) would collaborate on the appointment of bishops.

The Vatican intended to create a mechanism by which it could collaborate with Beijing on the naming of new bishops, specifically some of the 40 or so candidates it had identified over the past two decades to the large and growing number of bishop-less sees in China. The larger hope was that this would acknowledge the Pope’s authority over Catholicism and heal the long-standing division between the “underground” Church, which is loyal to the Vatican but not officially recognized by the Chinese government and the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association, which was created by the CCP.

Not surprisingly, the CCP had very different goals in mind. Its first goal was to convince Pope Francis to legitimize the eight bishops that the Holy See had previously excommunicated, which he did even prior to the signing of the agreement. As subsequent events have made clear, the CCP also intended for the agreement itself to serve as a tool to be used to force bishops and clergy in the underground Church to join the Patriotic Association, and also, it has now become clear, as “cover” for an intensifying persecution of the Catholic Church as a whole.

It is safe to say that while the Chinese Communist Party has achieved its goals, the Vatican clearly hasn’t.

Only five “underground” bishops have been accepted by the CCP as legitimate, and all of these were already named and serving before the agreement was signed. There are 52 dioceses in China that have no bishop at all, and not a single one of these vacant sees have been filled in the two years since the agreement was signed. Moreover, instead of healing the division between the two “churches,” the secret agreement has been used as cover for the persecution of both—and for the intended obliteration of the underground Church.

Mimi Lau, writing in Hong Kong’s South China *Morning Post*, concluded, “It seems the agreement, which will expire in September unless it is extended, has contributed little in the way of rapprochement between the Holy See and

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Letters

Translate Video To Cantonese?

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Dear Population Research Institute,
My name is Anna Cheung and I am a Family Life Education Worker at the Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (CMAC).

CMAC started teaching the Sympto-Thermal method of NFP in the 1960s and we finally started offering Creighton in late 2018. The branch that I am a part of has a team of chastity speakers where we go into schools from kindergarten through to high school, we also run weekend Pre-Marriage Workshops and do FOCCUS facilitation, and run activities to help couples grow in their marriage.

We really want to promote NFP in our city and we came across your 2014 video on NFP: The Best Worst Thing Ever (<https://youtu.be/wixy-H9LoJP8>) and we were wondering if we could explore the possibility of translating your video into Cantonese, including a voiceover and using Chinese in general, so we can cater it to our audience more.

I hope you and your families are all safe and healthy during this pandemic.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

God bless,
Anna Cheung, FCP
Family Life Education Worker
Hong Kong

Dear Anna,

We would be delighted to have you translate our video promoting NFP into Cantonese, and use it to teach NFP in the Hong Kong school system.

Please do send us a link to it when the translation is completed, as I would like to view it as well. I studied Chinese at the Chinese University of Hong Kong many years ago, and did sociological fieldwork in Shunde County, Guangdong province, so I speak Cantonese.

*May God richly bless your work,
Steven W. Mosher
President
Population Research Institute*

A Doer, Not a Talker!

MAY 1, 2020

Dear Mr. Mosher,

Greetings and thanks for all you do. You're a doer and not just a talker! Although I'm not a regular contributor, I keep all your newsletters. Everything gets read eventually.

My heart goes out to those Chinese ladies who want nothing more basic than life and enclose a gift for that effort...

...You deserve it and more besides.

Thanks and Best Wishes,
Ed Wills
Bloomsburg, PA

Gratitude for Gift to Africa

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Fraternal Greetings,

On behalf of the Provincial Council, Management, staff and clients of the St. John of God Hospital at Amrahia (Ghana), we wish to express our profound gratitude and thanks to you for donating a brand new scan machine to support diagnostic services at the St. John of God Hospital, Amrahia.

The donation from you was very timely, as the facility was in dire need of such equipment to help meet the needs of patients who seek health care in the hospital.

We are sure that with this wonderful gift from you, patients—especially pregnant women—will have confidence to seek health care in our facility for themselves and for the unborn child. Thus, material and child health care will improve tremendously as a result of your support and contribution.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to you for the wonderful gesture of love you have shown to our hospital through this donation. We would like to assure you that the machine will be used for the purpose for which it was donated.

Once more, thank you very much for this wonderful help.

Yours in Christ,
Br. Bartholomew Kamara,
Provincial Superior
Valentine Kwaku Bruku,
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Amrahia, Ghana

Editor's note: One of our current projects is to send ultrasound machines to Catholic clinics in Africa with love so they can encourage African women to choose life and to help with the safe delivery of their babies.



The Man Behind the World's Most Evil Plan

If I were to compile a list of people who did genuinely evil acts in history, Karl Marx would be very high on it. If Marx isn't already on your list of the most wicked, he certainly will be after you read this just-released book...

...It's *The Devil and Karl Marx: Communism's Long March of Death, Deception and Infiltration*. PRI would like to send you a copy.

This book is an eye-opener, one that is especially important now when Marx is revered by many as a "visionary" and "savior" from "oppression." In it, you'll learn the sordid details of Marx's personal life—details often omitted by authors, university "educators" and others who promote Marx's agenda. For instance...

- *The Devil and Karl Marx* documents Marx's hatred of marriage and family as shown by the misery and suffering he inflicted on his own wife and children (two of his daughters were driven to their deaths in a suicide pact)...
- You'll learn of Marx's outright *hatred* of religion (especially Catholicism), despite his upbringing in a devoutly Jewish family and eventual conversion to the Lutheran church...
- You'll read quotes from Karl Marx that today's promoters of Marxism might prefer that you not hear, including this: "My soul, once true to God, is chosen for Hell"...
- You'll read of Marxist philosophy in action, including the suffering and torture inflicted on Hungarian Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty... how Marxists infiltrate and use religion to advance their "cause"... blunt papal warnings against Marxism and socialism from numerous popes, including this from Pope Pius XI: "...no one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist."

And especially alarming is this...

- *The Devil and Karl Marx* details Marx's 10-point plan for world revolution—and you'll see which of Marx's ten points are already in effect in the U.S. and which are well on the way to being inflicted on America.
- *The Devil and Karl Marx* is by Paul Kengor, Professor of Political Science at Grove City College in Pennsylvania and Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University.

His many earlier books include *The Divine Plan: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan and the Dramatic End of the Cold War...* *The Reagan Presidency: Assessing the Man and His Legacy...* and *God and Ronald Reagan: A Spiritual Life*. Paul Kengor is heard regularly on the Ave Maria Radio Network.

The Devil and Karl Marx is an unvarnished and much-needed look at the man whose genuinely evil "philosophy" has inflicted massive suffering and death on the world.

Sending you this important new book is PRI's way of thanking you for your gift of \$50 or more. *It's a gift that will help us save more lives!*



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China's Revolution, *continued*

Beijing or greater freedom for Catholics in China.”²

To be sure, one reason for the failure of the agreement to produce significant gains for Catholic believers is the deteriorating situation in China for the followers of all faiths—Catholic, Protestant, Buddhist, Taoist, Muslim. In February 2018 the CCP issued a directive imposing onerous new restrictions on religion and religious believers in China.³ Then, in February of this year, a second directive followed, outlining in painful detail how these new restrictions would be implemented vis-à-vis all of China's religions, religious institutions and religious practitioners.⁴

But the situation in China is even more dire than this would suggest. The fact is that the CCP, led by General Secretary Xi Jinping, is at present carrying out a new Cultural Revolution, the specific targets of which include *all* organized religions and *all* religious believers.⁵ The goal is not simply to restrict and control all religious activity and belief; it is to completely replace such activity and belief with worship of the CCP, its ideology, and its leaders.

The party conceives of itself as a secular religion and is determined to impose that religion on the people of China by deploying all of the considerable resources that a hi-tech, one-party dictatorship has at its disposal. It is an environment of

constant propaganda, surveillance and intrusion by hostile agents of the state.

A number of clergy have steadfastly refused to sign an oath of loyalty to the state-sanctioned church, and as a result, they have been placed under surveillance or house arrest. Among these are Bishop Vincent Guo Xijin of the Diocese of Mindong, who, along with the majority of his priests, has refused to sign. Bishop Guo managed to escape from his guards some months ago and is currently in hiding.

Other situations remain unresolved, as well, such as the case of Bishop James Su Zhimin, the Catholic bishop of Baoding in Hubei Province, who was arrested some 17 years ago and has not been heard from since.

If there is a tiny light at the end of the dark night that the Catholic Church is now experiencing in China, it is this: When the fifth underground bishop, Bishop Paul Ma Cunguo of Shuozhou, joined the Patriotic Association in a quiet ceremony a few weeks ago, his oath of allegiance was much different than those made by the previous four bishops.⁶

Those who preceded him were required to publicly swear “to work for an independent, self-governing church,” a condition clearly in conflict with the magisterium. As circulated on social media, Bishop Ma's oath did not include this phrase.

“It is an environment of constant propaganda, surveillance and intrusion by hostile agents of the state.”

Instead, he reportedly promised to be “be faithful to the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic church, commit to building up the Church, the Body of Christ, and contribute to evangelization” and also to “abide by God's command, fulfill his pastoral duties as a bishop and proclaim the Gospel faithfully.”

I am not entirely sure what to make of this modified oath. If the CCP has dropped the pledge to “work for an independent, self-governing church,” it would be a major concession, since this phrase is the very definition of a schismatic church.

Is this a harbinger of better times to come for the Catholic Church in China, or is it merely a strategic deception intended to lure the Vatican into extending the agreement? Time will tell.

¹ <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/edward-pentin/this-years-vatican-china-agreement-causes-widespread-consternation>

² [https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3093851/vatican-china-agreement-catholics-keep-faith-historic-deal_!!GhQmVplcQw!qhBAOnNysGRxwnCu97i6oMjSU7IHwMAWU1mae7N8C7m303QWwOFGjkzh4_e\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3093851/vatican-china-agreement-catholics-keep-faith-historic-deal_!!GhQmVplcQw!qhBAOnNysGRxwnCu97i6oMjSU7IHwMAWU1mae7N8C7m303QWwOFGjkzh4_e$)

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Major Pro-Life Victory in Mexico: Supreme Court Rejects Abortion

by Carlos Polo, Director, PRI Latin American Office

On July 29, Mexico's Supreme Court rejected by a vote of 4-1 a lawsuit that was expected to legalize abortion in the country. The handing down of this decision brought to an end weeks of anguish and intensive work by dozens of pro-life organizations.

But, as the pro-life movement's leaders have made clear, millions of Mexicans who love life and family have now come to realize that they need to prepare themselves to vote in the next elections for officials that will truly defend and represent them.

Mexico is currently engaged in a national war on the right to life with abortion being promoted by their own President Andrés Manuel López Obrador and the Secretary of the Interior Olga Sánchez Cordero. In the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the president declared abortion an "essential service." Currently, and throughout the majority of his administration, the government has been seeking complete legalization of abortion in 28 out of 32 states in Mexico.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court originated in a lawsuit filed against a bill protecting the right to life that was voted on by the Congress of the state of Veracruz. The case had proceeded to a lower court which had ordered the state of Veracruz to legalize abortion up to the 12th week of pregnancy. The state of Veracruz appealed the decision to the Supreme Court.

It was expected that the Supreme Court would order the Congress of

Veracruz not to recognize their vote and to revert their decision. The case was accepted by the president of the Supreme Court and assigned to the first bench of the court. But four out of the five justices on the first bench voted against the ruling handed down by the lower court.

Had the court arrived at the opposite decision, the judicial precedent would have been used in the rest of the states to legalize abortion without regard to the legislative competence of the state congresses.

It is clear that the division of powers and democracy itself are no longer unalterable principles in Mexico. Otherwise, this lawsuit would have been considered absurd on its face and declared inadmissible from the beginning.

Perhaps the government thought the pandemic would be an ideal occasion to fulfill their abortion agenda. With the excuse of evading the contagion, the population would be under lockdown and the government, with excessive power, would be cutting back fundamental liberties.

But they underestimated the ability of pro-life organizations to mobilize citizens.

Once the battle is finished and the victory is achieved, it all sounds very simple and easy. But the reality is that the pro-life movement in Mexico has molded itself as metal is molded with fire. And the good news is that this victory is being received with great caution.



Photo illustration / Getty Images

Their leaders today celebrate, but they know that they have a long way to go. They look to the future with optimism, but they are not ignoring the difficult challenges that they will have to face.

Rodrigo Ivan Cortés, president of Frente Nacional por la Familia ("National Front for the Family")—an organization that includes more than 1,000 institutions in 32 Mexican states—said within minutes after hearing the decision of the Supreme Court:

"Today we must celebrate. But we also must recognize the achievement of every one of you, those of you who protested in front of the Supreme Court and those of you who from your homes sent more than 200,000 emails to each one of the justices with the hashtag #CorteAbortoNo ["Court: No Abortion"].

“This campaign from *CitizenGo* was spectacular. It flooded their email accounts and we made ourselves heard. The fight continues in every one of the 28 states with pro-abortion initiatives promoted by Olga Sánchez Cordero. But it is our turn to celebrate because today life won.”

The young people as well played a very important role. Alison González, spokeswoman for Pasos por la Vida (“Steps for Life”), highlighted that this victory is the fruit of the work and prayers of many people:

“Thousands of Mexicans have managed to make themselves heard through coordinated actions with lawmakers, business owners, and many young people. The challenge was very difficult. It was a monumental decision placed in the hands of five justices who had already reached the peak of their professional careers and were not looking to move up the political ladder.

“We knew that we had to make ourselves heard in a different way. So

“They underestimated the ability of pro-life organizations to mobilize citizens.

we took to Facebook, Twitter, and other social media by storm. We left the pro-life bubble and we put the issue in the arena of public debate. We worked 24/7 and for several days we became a political movement.

“The best part of it is that we were many and very diverse. This diversity of styles enriched our voice.”

Moreover, there were many organizations working tirelessly as well in other sectors of public life. More than 200 legislators from all parties, as well as more than 200 Mexican jurists, expressed their opposition to this attempt by the Supreme Court to open the doors to the legalization of abortion throughout all of Mexico.

The voice of the Catholic Church also was decisive one day before the

decision was handed down by the judges. In a statement published on July 28, the Conference of Mexican Bishops (CEM) assured that this practice “is not in support of women” but on the contrary “[women] should include victims encountered in the wombs of their mothers” and they encouraged “all of the faithful, the legislators, lawyers, and all citizens to continue to strongly speak out in defense of life and human dignity.”

The war between life and death will continue to be waged in Mexico. And every day more people become engaged through civic action organizations. Their challenge is to have authorities that actually represent them in their desire to preserve the love Mexicans have for the sanctity of life.

How You and PRI Are Helping Moms and Babies

Thank you all SO MUCH! It is with full heart that I write this to let you know that thanks to you, PRI has ended our summer in better shape than we dared to dream!

You see, even before we were all told to stay home for our collective safety, the news was out that this nasty virus came from China! And since Steven Mosher was among the first to make this known, you can only imagine how much his views have been sought out! Of course, the needs of mothers and babies don't stop ever; so, PRI doesn't stop either.

While we safely distanced, and masked and sanitized, we took calls, and opened mail, and kept the research going! So, thanks to you here's what got done:

- Your generous Aid to our Safe Houses reached the women safely!
- Video is in production about the need for a Clean Covid-19 vaccine and will be ready for release soon; Close to 800 petitions gathered in our first phase and more are now pouring in!
- Our Facebook page in July has reached more than 1,000,000 people!

- Your outpouring of support meant that we could send nearly 600 letters of encouragement to Cardinal Zen!
- Thank you for helping send an ultrasound to the Mother & Child Hospital! We have received word about at least three more that are needed!

Please know that without you, this work would not have been accomplished, that you are making a life-saving difference for hundreds of mothers and babies, all around the world! And we hope you will stick with us, so that we can end 2020 on the most positive note yet!



HUMANAE VITAE COALITION

Back to School a New Challenge— and an Opportunity for Parents

by Dr. Christopher Manion, Director of the *Humanae Vitae* Project

“Going to school” used to be pretty routine, but it’s an unsettling prospect these days. Amidst this current uncertainty, many parents are discovering a new dimension of their God-given vocation as their children’s first teachers.

Holy Mother Church has defended this parental role for centuries, and she reaffirms it once more in Vatican II’s *Declaration on Christian Education*: “Parents who have the primary and inalienable right and duty to educate their children must enjoy true liberty in their choice of schools.”

As the sexual revolution raged, Saint John Paul II faithfully defended parents as we faced the secular culture’s assaults on the family. His *Familiaris Consortio* highlights the Church fathers’ emphasis of not only the rights of parents, but also their responsibilities: “Since parents have conferred life on their children, they have a most solemn obligation to educate their offspring. Hence, parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. Their role as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it.”

In embracing that noble task, today’s parents face a host of unknowns. Children no longer simply “go to school” at the end of summer. Even where school takes place can be a matter of intense debate.

Whatever the teaching arrangements—distance learning, in-school classes, micro-pods (family shared small-group classes) or traditional homeschooling—Mom and Dad now have a better view of what Professor Anthony Esolen calls a simple but vital question: “We want to know not only what’s being taught, but what *isn’t* being taught.”

When something is taught wrong, we can make it right. And when something crucial isn’t taught at all, Mom and Dad can fill in the blanks.

In these troubled times, that duty is crucial. In recent years the public schools have become increasingly secular, and lately they’ve been going for broke. They now feature programs that not only offend good taste but violate common decency and, all too often, the Ten Commandments, especially those addressing sexual morality.

Education cannot be neutral about morality. If schools aren’t teaching our children to respect the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God, they are teaching them to break them, it’s that simple.

In fact, right now a powerful faction of educational and cultural “leaders” is working to force every government school pupil at every grade level to have his face rubbed in the most squalid and base sexual behaviors, all in the name of “diversity.” And while some children are fortunate enough not to be oppressed by that sordid

curriculum, they can hardly escape being exposed to, or even surrounded by, children who are.

Confronted with the intensifying public opposition to morality and civility, the call to make the family home a place of peace and holiness is all the more important. As Esolen puts it, in the home we can teach “the sheer *beauty* of what we believe, and of what our Christian cultures have bestowed upon the world.”

Children raised to respect the gifts of modesty and purity in the home learn by experience. In the home they will acquire the moral and spiritual habits that will dispose them naturally to welcome the beauty of God’s teaching on marriage and family when they are grown.

At PRI, we offer your families encouragement and support to sustain you in your divine calling to teach the next generation. That’s why we have devoted an entire website to the truths of *Humanae Vitae* and the rich spiritual and intellectual tradition that surrounds it. At humanaevitaeproject.org/en you will find papal documents, articles, studies, teaching aids, and lively discussions addressing the beauty and dignity of married love.

We are the first teachers of our children. In the words of Saint John Paul, “scarcely anything can compensate for our failure in it.”

Have courage! The home is where true saints are raised.

Chinese Communist Party's Cruel Effort To Reduce Ethnic Minority Populations

BY PRI STAFF

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has been carrying out a brutal population control campaign to reduce the population of Uyghurs, Kazaks, and other ethnic Muslim minorities in China's far-west Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR), recent reports have revealed.

On June 29, two reports investigating the CCP's population control efforts in Xinjiang were released simultaneously, one from the Associated Press (AP) and the other by the Jamestown Foundation.¹ The latter report was authored by German researcher Adrian Zenz, a non-resident Senior Fellow in China Studies at the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C.² Zenz is among the world's foremost scholars on human rights abuses perpetrated by the Chinese government in Tibet and Xinjiang.

According to the dual reports, thousands of Uyghur and Kazak women have been forcibly sterilized, forcibly fitted with IUDs, or forced to undergo abortion if they are discovered by police to be pregnant with an "illegal" out-of-quota child. The accounts closely echo the egregious human rights abuses inflicted by the CCP under the now-ended one-child policy.

Investigative reporting from the AP reveals that police and government officials have conducted door-to-door home inspections without warning in ethnic minority communities in search of "illegal" children and pregnancies.

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Women who are found having three or more children are hit with crushing fines equivalent to three to eight times their annual household income. Those who are unable to pay the exorbitant fines are arrested and sent off to internment camps.

Women found to be pregnant with an out-of-quota child are being forced to submit to abortion, reports have found. One Kazak woman interviewed by the AP was told by officials to abort her unborn child and threatened that her brother would be detained if she refused.

Another woman interviewed by the AP, a former detainee at an internment camp, revealed that one of the instructors at the internment camp where she was detained had warned inmates that they would be required to have an abortion if they are found to be pregnant.

According to her account, one of her fellow inmates disappeared from the camp and was never seen again after she was found to be pregnant while in the camp. Several other women in the camp underwent abortions after discovering they were pregnant for fear of the consequences.

Many Uyghur and Kazak women in the region are being routinely monitored and tested for illegal pregnancies. Many ethnic minorities have been forced to attend weekly flag-raising ceremonies, the AP discovered. In some villages, following these flag-raising ceremonies, women were forced to register all their children with government records or were forced to undergo gynecological exams to see if they were pregnant.

Women are also being forcibly fitted with IUDs *en masse*. Others are being forced to submit to sterilization or receive long-acting contraceptive injections. According to government documents uncovered by Adrian Zenz, the Xinjiang government in 2019 planned to impose "birth control measures with long-term effectiveness" on more than 80 percent of all women of reproductive age in four rural ethnic minority prefectures in southern Xinjiang.

The Chinese government's crackdown on births in predominantly ethnic minority villages and counties has severely depressed birth rates

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The COVID-19 Pandemonium: Experts Offer Alternative View

by Carlos Beltramo, Ph.D. Director, PRI European Office

The pandemic currently afflicting much of humanity represents the greatest challenge we have faced since the Second World War. We confront it on a medical level, of course, but also on an unprecedented level—a worldwide war to control the narrative.

On the one hand we have the Chinese government. Their story is a tendentious narrative describing a natural—and therefore blameless—transmission of a virus between bats and humans. Meanwhile they routinely refuse to disclose vital information from a suffering world.

On the other hand, we have countries like the United States, France, England, Germany, and Australia that do not believe this “official” version (albeit defended, curiously, by the World Health Organization). These countries expect China to assume its responsibility, whatever it may be.

The demand that China come clean is indeed critical, but it is not the only level on which this new conflict, the most important of the 21st century, is being fought. Intellectuals worldwide, encouraged in part by the confinement, are spreading broader interpretations that not only address the origin of this pandemic, but also offer personal interpretations of the consequences that might result.

From the first moment, the ideological Left has attempted to interpret this event as a confirmation of

its entire revolutionary and progressive program. Indeed, several governments have taken these views at face value and have implemented them with actions that under any other circumstance would be condemned as the rancid spawn of a totalitarian regime.

Moreover, the panic-stricken population, intimidated by a myriad of threatening uncertainties, has virtually ceased all activity and allowed itself to be sequestered in its homes. Clearly these developments do not auger well for freedom.

However, the picture presented by the hegemonic and radical Left might well be flawed, if not worse. We propose that these historic events can be examined from other perspectives as well. As intellectuals, we are obliged to employ the findings of our research and use them to combat the repressive measures imposed by governments.

Today many rulers embrace the dream that citizens will believe them without question, even if that dream is actually a nightmare that will deliver entire countries into economic ruin, violate basic human rights, or both—all in the name of their failed ideology.

And as usual, the problem moves from the realm of ideas to the sphere of political action. Thinkers increasingly warn that the current totalitarian drift could well invite a relationship between power and the public that is dangerously skewed towards

those with the capacity to exercise total technological control.

Book exposes new threat

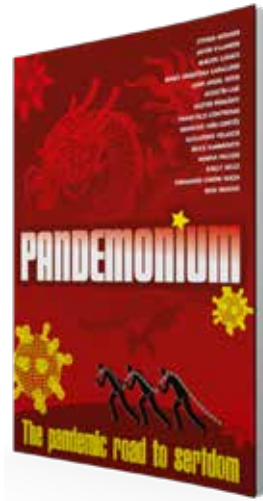
This is the reality that has compelled 17 intellectuals from eight countries with a variety of backgrounds—in philosophy, law, economics, political science, investigative journalism and sociology—to speak out loud through the publication of our e-book: *Pandemonium: The Pandemic Road to Serfdom*. Given the critical character of the current crisis, consider these pages to carry a vital warning.

This book represents a collective effort by men and women who are concerned about the immediate future, not because we think the worst is inevitable, but precisely because we know that reflection is the most powerful weapon that individuals and families have to escape the totalitarianism that could easily befall mankind if we do nothing.

It is bad enough to warn of the dire economic crisis that has already befallen us. But the more threatening prospect lies in this: the statist system that led us to the current crisis is now trying to monopolize the proposed policies designed to resolve it.

Predictably, the statist disguise their shopworn proposals as timely, when in fact they amount to miserable retreats that have repeatedly failed in the past. When properly considered, we might find that this novel political and economic virus is more deadly than the biological one.

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This book is a team effort. The editors are simple facilitators of their combined efforts, convinced that they have a right to be heard: We are the other bell, the voice that has been silenced by the unjustifiable “moral superiority of the left,” which in many cases serves as a convenient excuse to cover up political outrages and serial violations of basic human rights, including spread abortion bills in different countries.

This book flows almost like a story: it begins in a laboratory in Wuhan; from there it considers the transnational economic and political interests that are in play, followed by a look at the technological forces that are essential to mounting any strategy that seeks total control. We travel to the US, European Union, Spain, Mexico, and Argentina, each offering concrete examples of the flood that always follows the broken dam.

Finally, considering various proposals with a warning about our future, we aim to convey a vital principle: Totalitarian states or international bodies—whether official or transnational companies—will not solve this unprecedented crisis; rather, we will find the answer in families, small companies, and those among us who seek to generate wealth through work, even though at this precarious moment, we obediently and responsibly suffer a confinement that we understand less with each passing day.

We hope that this effort will serve to broaden the debate. We have chosen to enter the Culture War with our humble but potent weapons: our vision, our research, our creativity, and above all, our intellectual honesty with which we have endeavored to craft every page.

Check our website www.pop.org for updates on the English version of this e-book.

China’s Minorities, *continued*

in these areas, demographic data reveals, demonstrating that reports of forced abortions and forced IUD insertion are not isolated events and are more broadly enforced than previously realized.

Following the release of the reports from Adrian Zenz and the AP, the U.S. State Department condemned the Chinese government’s

practice of forced abortions and forced sterilizations and called the findings of the reports “disturbing.”³

“German researcher Adrian Zenz’s shocking revelations are sadly consistent with decades of CCP practices that demonstrate an utter disregard for the sanctity of human life and basic human dignity,” Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said

in a press release from the State Department on June 29. “We call on the Chinese Communist Party to immediately end these horrific practices and ask all nations to join the United States in demanding an end to these dehumanizing abuses.”⁴

For the full report, visit: <https://www.pop.org/genocide-in-china/>

¹ <https://apnews.com/269b3de1af34e17c1941a514f78d764c>

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■ “Social Justice” Scold Nike Should Drop Chinese Labor

NEW YORK POST—PRI President Steve Mosher pointed out the hypocrisy of so-called social justice companies like Nike in a recent article in the *New York Post*.¹

“The Social Justice Warriors who run Nike pompously inform us that they are fighting ‘against discrimination in communities worldwide’ and that they are ‘work[ing] every day to erase the stain of racism and the damage of injustice,’” he wrote.

Meanwhile, Mosher pointed out, Nike outsources its manufacturing to China, which uses ethnic slave labor to make its shoes.

“Right now, at this very moment, the Chinese Communists are eliminating the Uyghurs, a Turkish-speaking people who live in China’s Far West, from the face of the earth. They’ve locked up over a million Uyghur men in concentration camps, aborted and sterilized hundreds of thousands of the women, and are busy selling the young—in batches of 100, no less—to Chinese factory owners as slave labor,” he wrote.

It turns out that some of these Uyghurs have been slaving away making Nike basketball shoes.

“An Australian Strategic Policy Institute report published this March, ‘Uyghurs for Sale,’ found Uyghur slave labor working in factories supplying 83 well-known global brands in the technology, clothing, shoe and automotive sectors, including Apple, GM, Gap—and Nike,” Mosher wrote.

Nike contracts with a Qingdao company that as of January of this year had 600 Uyghurs cobbling its shoes.

■ New Population Study Refutes UN Numbers

LIFESITENEWS – A university population study published in *The Lancet* challenges the United Nations predictions that growth will continue through the next century, according to a column by PRI President Steven Mosher published in *LifeSiteNews*.²

For decades the U.N. Population Division (UNPD), UNFPA, WHO and others have insisted that the population of the world will continue growing throughout the present century, reaching almost 11 billion by 2100, Mosher wrote.

The researchers at University of Washington’s Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, however, predict that global population will peak at 9.7 billion around 2064, before falling to only 8.8 billion by the end of the century. The world’s population is currently 7.8 billion.

The researchers noted that family sizes have been dropping for decades, Mosher wrote.

“Whereas in 1950 women worldwide had an average of 4.7 children over their reproductive lifetimes, by 2017 that number had been cut in half, to 2.4 children. They predicted that the number of children per woman will continue to decline, falling to well below 2.1 children by the year 2100,” he stated.

“This is already the case in dozens of countries around the world, where

for a generation or more couples have been averaging fewer than two children. Italian women, for instance, are averaging only 1.33 children,” he wrote. “This means that—barring a huge uptick in Italian fertility—the Italians won’t be around for much longer, at least in any numbers.”

■ U.S. Was Right to Leave WHO, Says PRI’s Mosher

CHURCH MILITANT – The United States was right to withdraw from the World Health Organization this year, PRI President Steven Mosher told *Church Militant*.³

“I applaud the Trump administration’s decision,” Mosher said. “The WHO actually conspired with the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) to initially hide the outbreak and then, when that became impossible, to actively minimize its severity. It further helped China to escape responsibility for the pandemic by giving the disease a generic name—COVID-19—instead of identifying it with its country of origin, which would normally be the case.”

Mosher gave additional reasons for supporting the decision.

“U.N. organizations, in general, are poor vehicles for achieving desired ends,” he said. “They are top-heavy with overpaid bureaucrats, often rife with corruption and generally act in lockstep with a left-wing agenda.”

The WHO promotes abortion, he said, and did so even during pandemic-related shutdowns, calling abortion an “essential service.”

¹ <https://nypost.com/2020/07/25/nike-should-quit-lecturing-on-social-justice-and-atone-for-using-slave-labor-in-china/>

² <https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/our-problem-is-not-too-many-babies-but-too-few-babies>

³ <https://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/us-exits-who>