



Mexico City Policy Declared Success

Abortion Defunded,
While Foreign Aid
Continues to Thrive

BY JONATHAN ABBAMONTE

The U.S. Department of State reports the Mexico City Policy (MCP) has not negatively impacted U.S. foreign aid programs in poor and developing countries, debunking the claims of liberals that the policy is harmful to women’s health and to foreign health care programs in general.¹

The State Department report was the result of a multi-year follow-up assessment of the MCP following the Trump administration’s six-month review of the policy’s implementation in February of 2018.²

The MCP prohibits U.S. foreign aid dollars for health programs from being used to fund foreign organizations that perform or promote abortion as a method of family planning in foreign countries. The policy blocks funding to international organizations that actively promote abortion



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such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Marie Stopes International (MSI).

The Mexico City Policy was first introduced during the Reagan administration in 1984. The policy was subsequently rescinded under Presidents Clinton and Obama and reinstated under Presidents Bush and Trump and for one year by act of Congress during the Clinton ad-

ministration. The policy has been in effect in 21 of the past 37 years.

President Trump reinstated a vastly expanded version of the MCP as one of his first acts as president on January 23, 2017. Recently the administration made another effort to expand the policy by extending it to foreign contractors (see **page 6**).

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Chinese Scientist on the Run: 'COVID-19 Was Created in Lab'

by Steven W. Mosher

The coronavirus was man-made and did not originate from a wet market in Wuhan, reported a Chinese whistleblower and one of the first scientists to study COVID-19 in China.

Dr. Li-Meng Yan, 36, a medical doctor and virologist who fled to the U.S. in April to tell the world about the origins of the virus, said that based on her own research the coronavirus “did not come from nature at all. It was created in a lab.”

Dr. Yan and her colleagues have just published a scientific paper summarizing how the “unusual features of the SARS-CoV-2 genome suggest ... sophisticated laboratory modification rather than natural evolution.”¹ In it, she lays out exactly how the deadly pathogen could have been synthesized in the P-4 lab in Wuhan.

And now various scientists from around the world are saying she may be right.

In a lengthy interview with me in September, Yan, who is in hiding and fears for her life, said that the Chinese government knew the virus was man-made and knew about the dangers of person-to-person transmission well before it became a global pandemic.

Before she defected, Yan worked at Asia’s top virology lab—the P3 Lab at the University of Hong Kong. The lab is the global center for coronavirus research where its famous “SARS hunters” cracked the code of the first SARS coronavirus outbreak in 2003.

In late December, her supervisor Dr. Leo Poon asked her to look into a cluster of SARS-like bases that had originated in Wuhan, a city of 11 million in central



Chinese virologist Dr. Li-Meng Yan / Lifesite News

China. She began to communicate with a network of medical contacts throughout China, and by December 31, learned that there was human-to-human transmission of the new virus—a fact that was suppressed by the Chinese Communist Party, and later by the World Health Organization, she said.

Yan took her concerns to Poon, who repeatedly warned her to “keep silent,” she said. He told her not to criticize the CCP or contradict them on their official line on the origins of the coronavirus, which they said was spread from eating wild animals at a wet market in Wuhan. “If you do, we will get into trouble and be disappeared,” she said he told her.

For three months, Yan took his advice to heart and continued her research. She soon discovered that COVID-19 has two artificial, man-made “insertions” that make it particularly deadly to human beings. The first “insertion” allows it to

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spread easily from person-to-person, while the second “insertion” allows the virus to infect different kinds of tissue once it is already in the human body.

“Any scientist who has this knowledge will know that it is not from nature,” she told me.

Around the world, virologists who are studying the virus are starting to back her claims that the virus is man-made.

“The properties that we now see in the virus, we have yet to discover anywhere in nature,” said Norwegian virologist Birger Sorensen in a July 13 interview with the scientific journal *Minerva*. “We know that these properties make the virus very infectious, so if it came from nature, there should also be many animals infected with this, but we have still not been able to trace the virus in nature.”

“When we compare the novel coronavirus with the one that caused SARS, we see that there are altogether six inserts in this virus that stand out compared to other known SARS viruses,” said Sorensen who works for Immunor AS, a Norwegian company that researches and develops vaccines.

Nikolai Petrokvsy, the director of endocrinology at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia, also said that the virus could be man-made.

“Our own research, which is currently under review and was based on rigorous molecular modeling, revealed some highly unexpected findings for a virus postulated to have recently crossed from animal to humans,” he told me in an interview. “From the very earliest isolates it was uniquely adapted to infect humans above other species we tested.”

An internationally renowned scientist, Prof. Joseph Tritto, who is the

president of the Paris-based World Academy of Biomedical Sciences and Technologies (WABT), has also published a book describing how the China Virus was created in the lab.² (Professor Tritto’s book is summarized on **page 10**.)

U.S. researchers are being more cautious but are not dismissing Dr. Yan’s claims.

“We can’t rule it out,” said Jonathan Latham, a virologist and co-founder of the Bioscience Research Project in Ithaca, NY, a non-profit that conducts scientific research. He said his team of researchers believe that the Wuhan Institute of Virology studied tissue samples from miners who were infected with the virus in 2012, but they don’t know whether those samples were later manipulated in the lab. “If they go wrong, then you have a man-made virus,” he told me. He also believes that the virus “almost certainly escaped” from the lab.

For her part, Yan was desperate to get the truth out in order to save lives. She knew she would have to leave China to do so, she said. “I tried to persuade my husband who worked in the same lab to come with me,” she said. “But I failed.” Yan secretly bought a plane ticket to Los Angeles and landed in the U.S. on April 28.

She spent her first two months in the country in hiding, while being debriefed by U.S. intelligence officials. But with cases rising dramatically around the world, she began to speak out. She gave an interview to Fox News in August.

As of this writing, there are nearly 30 million cases of the virus and almost a million deaths globally, according to the most recent sta-

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PRI President Steve Mosher with his granddaughter Sophia, daughter of son Andrew and his wife Maura

tistics collected by Johns Hopkins University.

Why would the Chinese government create such a deadly pathogen? Was it trying to create a bioweapon or a vaccine? Yan said she doesn’t know the answer, but noted that all labs in China are under the control of the government. And in Wuhan, research into the coronavirus is under the supervision of Chen Wei, an epidemiologist who is a bioweapons expert and major general in the Chinese military, Yan said.

According to Yan, the Wuhan lab had used a coronavirus owned by the People’s Liberation Army as “the backbone” for their “insertions.” The pathogen, internationally registered under ZC45 is the only one owned by the People’s Liberation Army biowarfare labs, she said.

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New Book Exposes Attacks on the Family, Spells Out What We Must Do To Fight Back

I hold this new book in such high regard that I wrote a strong endorsement for it on the back cover, and when you read the book I think you'll quickly come to share my opinion. PRI would like very much to send you a copy . . .

. . . It's *The Invincible Family: Why the Global Campaign to Crush Motherhood and Fatherhood Can't Win*.

The book is by Kimberly Ells, a policy advisor for Family Watch International. Her specialty is protecting children from early sexualization and promoting the family as the fundamental unit of society. Kimberly has spoken in defense of family at the UN, and she is also a contributor to *The Federalist*. *The Invincible Family* is published by Regnery, publisher of my own latest book, *Bully of Asia*.

I invite you to take a look at just some of what you'll learn from *The Invincible Family* . . .

- The steps being taken right now by anti-family forces to shatter the power of motherhood . . . their four-part proposal to free children from the "tranny" of parents . . . how false "rights" created by the UN are a key part of the attack on the family . . . sexual abuse of children by UN officials and UN "peacekeepers" around the world (brace yourself because the book includes details of the abuses) . . .
- Nine frightening, documented characteristics of children who grow up in homes without fa-

thers (for sure, the anti-family forces prefer that you not know of the tragedies that frequently befall children without fathers in the home) . . . why transgenderism is potentially the No. 1 threat to the family from the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender crowd . . .

- And yes, as the book's subtitle says, the traditional family *will* ultimately triumph, but that doesn't mean we can sit idly by while the family is under attack. So *The Invincible Family* gives us 17 specific programs to put into action now to help defend the family.

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Mexico City Policy, *continued*

While previous versions of the Mexico City Policy under the Reagan and Bush administrations only blocked U.S. foreign aid for family planning programs, the MCP under the Trump administration blocks pro-abortion organizations from receiving U.S. foreign aid for any and all global health programs.

Whereas the U.S. government annually spends about \$600 million in foreign aid on family planning, global health programs amount to approximately \$8.8 billion in U.S. foreign aid per year.

Over the years, the policy has blocked billions of taxpayer dollars from subsidizing organizations that perform or promote abortion.

When organizations refuse to comply with the policy, funds are instead given to other capable organizations that are willing to comply with the policy. The MCP does not reduce the amount of U.S. foreign aid for global health programs.

Yet, for decades, liberals have vilified the MCP as innately harmful to women's health and to foreign health care programs in general. Opponents have long disparagingly referred to the policy as the "global gag rule."

When President Trump reinstated the MCP in 2017, Democrat House member and current House Speaker Nancy Pelosi speciously claimed that the policy has "inflicted untold suffering on millions of women around the world."³

When Secretary Mike Pompeo announced last summer that the State Department would be extending the Mexico City Policy to foreign NGOs that financially support pro-abortion organizations, Pelosi again claimed that "Millions of women ... will be arbitrarily left without care."⁴

The National Abortion Federation has decried the policy, claiming without evidence that it would "endanger already vulnerable women by further curtailing their access to accurate information and safe reproductive health care services."⁵

Liberals have long made baseless and absurd claims that the MCP does significant harm to foreign health programs. But the recent impartial assessment on the effects of the policy from the State Department and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has found that the MCP under President Trump has not adversely affected the U.S. government's global health programming.

The State Department's report revealed that out of 1,340 prime awards for global health programs that were either ongoing or newly awarded since the MCP went into effect, only eight grantees refused to abide by the MCP. Out of the eight grantees that refused, two of them were international organizations notorious for performing millions of abortions annually: the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Marie Stopes International (MSI).⁶

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Additionally, USAID found that 47 sub-grantees also refused to comply with the MCP. No sub-grantees were reported to have refused to comply with the policy with awards furnished by the Department of State or the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In all, 55 recipients refused to comply with the MCP.

Far from proving that the Mexico City Policy has adversely affected U.S. foreign aid programs, the GAO's report showed that only a small percentage of U.S. global health assistance funding was impacted by the policy. According to the GAO's report, the \$153 million in blocked funding represents only an estimated 1.2% of the \$12.3 billion in planned funding the U.S. government had slated to furnish for global health programs.

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² <https://www.state.gov/protecting-life-in-global-health-assistance-six-month-review/>

³ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2017/01/23/trump-reverses-abortion-related-policy-to-ban-funding-to-international-health-groups/>

⁴ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-abortion-pompeo/us-expands-abortion-gag-rule-cuts-funding-to-regional-bloc-pompeo-idUSKCN1R71LZ>

⁵ <https://prochoice.org/this-draconian-policy-has-been-devastating/>

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Trump Administration Proposes New Rule To Further Expand Mexico City Policy

BY JONATHAN ABBAMONTE

The Trump administration has once again moved to expand the Mexico City Policy, this time extending the policy to foreign contractors.

In September a proposed rule seeking to extend the Mexico City Policy (MCP) to federal contracts was finalized and released to the public.¹ The rule would ban foreign contractors signing onto U.S. government global health contracts from performing or promoting abortion in foreign countries.

The MCP is a policy that prohibits U.S. government global health funding from being used to fund foreign nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that perform or promote abortion. The policy also blocks foreign organizations that receive global health grants from providing any type of financial assistance to other foreign NGOs that perform or promote abortion.

In 2017, the Trump administration renamed the MCP the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy (PLGHA).

Currently, the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy only applies to certain kinds of U.S. government awards—the policy currently only applies to grants and cooperative agreements. The new proposed rule issued by the Trump administration, however, would extend the policy to contracts as well.

If adopted, the new proposed rule would require foreign contractors that sign onto U.S. government global health contracts to certify that they will not perform or promote abortion



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or provide financial assistance to any foreign pro-abortion organization for the duration of their award. Foreign contractors would be banned from conducting any activities directly aimed at encouraging women to seek abortion and they would be prohibited from lobbying activities in support of the legalization of abortion.

The Protecting Life policy would be included as a clause in their contract agreement and contractors would be required to pass down the policy to any subcontractors.

However, the new policy would only block funding to foreign contractors that promote abortion. U.S. companies and organizations would be exempt from the policy.

Under the proposed rule, U.S. companies and organizations that sign onto global health contracts would still be permitted to perform or promote abortion, even while receiving public funding. The only

requirement the new proposed rule would impose on domestic contractors is that they would be required to pass down the policy to any foreign subcontractors they work with.

The new rule would also exempt multilateral organizations such as U.N. agencies and organizations. The rule does not apply to contracts used to purchase commercial items such as pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, data management, and warehousing. The rule would not apply to micro-contracts for goods and services valued at less than \$10,000. Foreign contractors that perform or promote abortion in cases of rape or incest would also be exempt from the policy.

But even still, the new rule would represent a massive expansion of the Protecting Life policy. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, as cited last week in *The Hill*, contracts make up approximately 40 percent of the U.S. government's global health

aid.² The new rule would thus expand by about two-thirds the amount of funding to which the policy applies. The federal government estimates that the new rule would affect about 253 contractors.

More importantly, however, the new rule would remove abortion-promoting foreign contractors from U.S. global health programs and would restrict U.S. contractors from partnering pro-abortion foreign NGOs.

The new proposed rule was opened up to the public for a 60-day notice-and-comment period ending November 13, 2020 during which anyone can submit their comments and thoughts on the new rule.³ At this writing more than 70 people had submitted comments on the new rule, some supporting the new rule with others condemning it.

At the end of the 60-day notice-and-comment period, the federal departments and agencies responsible for drafting the new rule will take comments submitted by the public into account when finalizing the rule. The rule is not expected to take effect until sometime after the conclusion of the 60-day comment period.

The new proposed rule seeks to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), a compendium of regulations that determines how the federal government draws up contracts. The proposed rule was drafted jointly by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and NASA—which are the three federal departments and agencies charged with making changes to the FAR.

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The proposed rule extending the Protecting Life policy to foreign contractors has long been awaited by pro-life advocates. The rule has been the result of a long, drawn-out, multi-year drafting process that began back in 2017.

Trump's First Act

President Trump reinstated the Mexico City Policy (MCP) as one of his first acts as president on January 23, 2017. Under the Bush and Reagan administrations, the MCP only applied to family planning grants awarded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the State Department. But when President Trump reinstated the policy, he vastly expanded it to apply to all global health assistance furnished by all federal departments and agencies.

The memorandum issued by the president to reinstate the MCP specified that the federal government should “extend the requirements” of the policy “to the extent allowable by law.”

On May 15, 2017, the Department of State released a revised version of the MCP that extended the policy requirements to global health grants and cooperative agreements.⁴ A press briefing held by the State Department back then had made clear

that the federal government was then working on extending the policy to contracts as well.⁵

However, progress on the rule stalled for months. The federal government did not begin the official drafting and approval process until November 1, 2017 when the Director of the Defense Acquisition Regulatory Council (DARC) tasked its Strategy Team with drafting the rule.

The proposed rule that was released last week was actually originally scheduled to be released on June 1, 2018. But later the deadline was pushed back to January 2019. The deadline was then extended to March 27, 2019, and even several times after that.

By April, a revised draft of the rule had been submitted for approval. But by December, the federal government had identified issues with the draft rule, casting some doubt on whether the federal government would have the rule finalized before the 2020 election.

Finally, the proposed rule was published in the Federal Register last week and opened for the notice-and-comment period as required by the Administrative Procedure Act.

If successfully adopted, the rule would be the third time the Trump administration has significantly expanded the Mexico City Policy.

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HUMANAE VITAE COALITION

This Current Crisis Calls Us To Confront, Not Capitulate

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

In *Veritatis Splendor*, his 1993 encyclical, Saint John Paul II, echoes Saint Paul and calls us to “obedience to truth” and to “turn to God from idols.” (1 Thess. 1:9) Saint John Paul writes to defend “certain fundamental truths of Catholic doctrine which, in the present circumstances, risk being distorted or denied,” not only in the culture but “*within the Christian community itself*.”

He warns that many “... question the intrinsic and unbreakable bond between faith and morality, as if membership in the Church and her internal unity were to be decided on the basis of faith alone, while in the sphere of morality a pluralism of opinions and of kinds of behavior could be tolerated ... *We are facing what is certainly a genuine crisis*” (emphasis in original).

John Paul’s chilling insight was written almost 30 years ago. Has the “Christian community” recovered in the years since? Have “Catholic” politicians gotten the word?

The numbers don’t look good. Without immigration, the number of American Catholics would be shrinking dramatically every year. Infant baptisms have fallen sharply. Today “ex-Catholics” constitute the second-largest religious denomination in America. And marriage? Ask your pastor how many weddings your parish had last year.

Yes, we’re in troubled times. Many have left, and many who stay find the Church adrift. As of 2019, Mass attendance had fallen by 50 percent

since 1970 – and that was before the virus. This year, for the first time in history, attendance at Holy Mass was forbidden for months. Now, as churches slowly reopen, pastors wonder, how many will return?

Caesar Is Not Our Friend

Clearly the virus lockdowns wrought serious damage. Here in PRI’s home state of Virginia, Governor Ralph Northam declared abortion to be “essential,” while Mass was deemed “non-essential.” He received precious little pushback, even from Church leaders.

Northam’s views were no secret. A pediatrician, he had already declared his support of infanticide for children who survives late-term abortions. During the pandemic, many secular Caesars like Northam exploited the virus to deny eternal truths as well as fundamental, inalienable rights. For them, immorality was an asset, not a liability. And most of them got away with it.

Those who deny the unalienable right to life cannot be trusted. They must be confronted with the truth. No compromise with a secular culture that is radicalizing at warp speed.

Compromise, A False Idol

The crisis that John Paul describes is dire indeed, but we cannot solve it by negotiating with the Culture of Death. Saint Paul calls us to “turn away from idols,” not reach a “compromise” designed to weaken our re-

solve and dilute our faith for the sake of a false sense of security (“OK, I’ll take this idol but not that one”).

In Matthew 5, Christ tells us not to hide our light under a basket, but to “(l)et your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.” But wait, aren’t we “facing a genuine crisis”? How can we witness to the truth in these dark days, with the forces of darkness fighting hard not only to drive the light of truth out of the public square, but to extinguish it altogether?

Like Pope John Paul, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn grew up under the Communist boot. Both men were manifestly aware of the errors of Marxism, but they focused more on the “genuine crisis” in the West. It continues today.

Solzhenitsyn put the problem bluntly: “Men have forgotten God.”

To confront the secular tsunami, he said in 1983, “we can propose only a determined quest for the warm hand of God, which we have so rashly and self-confidently spurned ... it is during trials such as these that the highest gifts of the human spirit are manifested.”

In Ephesians 6, Saint Paul gives us our marching orders: “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

Let us pray that we can bravely let the light of Christ shine before men in these dark days. He is, after all, the Author of Life. And without Life, you have nothing.



Evolution of Pro-Life, Pro-Family Organizations in Latin America

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

The great challenges of recent decades have made it necessary for our organizations to evolve with the times to obtain better results. Negative and positive events, and factors both internal and within the surrounding environment, have triggered important modifications on the type of activities conducted, organizational structures, leadership, predominant themes, political expression, and modes of financing.

With 35 years of experience, I know firsthand the matters I outline below.

1972: During the first half of the 20th century, the first global strategy of the Culture of Death was developed: family planning and abortion as solutions to the supposed problem of global overpopulation.

The reaction to this by civil society began with the campaign against the legalization of abortion in the United States in 1972. Father Paul Marx, OSB founded the Human Life Center to engage the public debate on the *Roe v. Wade* decision. Later he created Human Life International – HLI (1981) with affiliates in more than 90 countries and Population Research Institute (1989), forming the base of the global movement for the respect for life.

1994: The U.N. conferences in Cairo and Beijing laid out a new global strategy for the Culture of Death. They created the so-called “sexual and reproductive rights,” and renamed population control programming as family planning programs.

Affiliates of HLI were converted into **associations with local identi-**

ty which held to the same Catholic apologetic style, but expanded to include scientific arguments. Committed Catholic leaders were joined by academic and professional experts, whose contributions were reflected in sexual education programs, diplomas in bioethics, and assistance services for women at risk of abortion.

2004: The World Congress of Families in Mexico changed direction toward proactive action and purposeful communication. Red Familia was created in Mexico in response to an initiative of Michael Schwartz, an American pro-life political strategist. The model is one of associationism and formation of coalitions with positive language from the perspective of the family. It was first implemented in Mexico and then in Central and South America.

This is a transitional period in which the pro-life movement moved toward more political involvement. Influential organizations included Population Research Institute, Alliance Defending Freedom, Political Network For Values and Hazteoír-CitizenGo .

Massive public demonstrations began to arise, and evangelical organizations dedicated to the pro-life and pro-family cause began appearing. Full-time paid professional talent emerged throughout the region but there was still a lot of informality in pro-life and pro-family work and only some channeled support from local businesses and/or raised funds with their activities.

2016 and the future: The United States, which has been for decades the principal promoter both politically and economically of the Culture of Death, made a 180-degree turn with the election of Donald Trump. Pro-life initiatives worldwide took on another political dimension.

This period is characterized as well by a new global strategy of the Culture of Death: total control and the dictatorship of gender ideology. The discourse of “gender” is radicalized, from an acceptance of sexual minorities to an ideological imposition on all of society with a particular emphasis on the education of children.

Leading pro-life organizations are being openly persecuted by the authorities and a good part of the media has allied itself with pro-abortion and pro-LGBTI groups. Pro-life rights have been labeled as “anti-rights.” Social media companies have censored and blocked pro-life content.

In response, the pro-life movement in Latin America has turned to massive protests in the streets, and civic organizations are transforming into political organizations. Created in 2013, CitizenGo transformed from a grassroots organization to a “net-roots” one, with a primarily online presence.

Pro-life and pro-family organizations have come to understand three fundamental realities about our effort: 1) that it is about being political, 2) that it is about winning, and 3) that it is about our agenda and not those of our adversaries.

Book by Esteemed European Scientist Details Creation of 'Chimera' COVID-19

BY STEVEN MOSHER

An international expert in biotechnology and nanotechnology has written a book explaining how the China Virus was genetically engineered in the Wuhan Institute of Virology's P4 (high-containment) lab in a program supervised by the Chinese military.

Professor Giuseppe Tritto, president of the World Academy of Biomedical Sciences and Technologies, is the author of *Cina COVID 19: La Chimera che ha cambiato il Mondo* (China COVID 19: The chimera that changed the world). It was published August 4 by a major Italian press, *Edizioni Cantagalli*, and as of this writing was only available in Italian.

What sets Prof. Tritto's book apart is the fact that it demonstrates the pathway by which a People's Liberation Army-owned coronavirus was genetically modified to become

the China Virus now ravaging the world. His account leaves no doubt that it wasn't a freak of nature that happened to cross the species barrier from bat to man, but rather a "chimera," an organism created in a lab.

The story begins following the SARS epidemic of 2003, as the Chinese attempt to develop vaccines to combat the deadly disease. Dr. Shi Zhengli was in charge of the program at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

In vaccine development, reverse genetics is used to create viral strains that have reduced pathogenicity but to which the immune system responds by creating antibodies against the virus. But reverse genetics can also be used to create viral strains that have *increased* pathogenicity.

That is what Dr. Shi, encouraged by PLA bioweapons experts, began

increasingly to focus her research on, according to Dr. Tritto.

Dr. Shi first solicited help from the French government, which built the P4 lab, and from the country's Pasteur Institute, which showed her how to manipulate HIV genomes. The gene insertion method used is called "reverse genetics system 2." Using this method, she inserted an HIV segment into a coronavirus discovered in horseshoe bats to make it more infectious and lethal.

Prof. Tritto believes that while Dr. Shi's research began as an effort to develop a vaccine against SARS, it gradually morphed into an effort to use "reverse genetics" to build lethal biological weapons. This was the reason that the Wuhan lab became China's leading center for virology research in recent years, attracting major funding and support from the central government.

Chinese Scientist, *continued*

"The Wuhan lab was collecting hundreds of coronavirus from all over China," she said. "They claimed it was to better predict future coronavirus epidemics that might emerge from nature. But if they were worried about a coronavirus epidemic, why weren't they making any effort into vaccine research, as we were doing in our lab in Hong Kong?"

As to how the virus might have escaped from the "high containment" Wuhan lab, Yan said, "It was not an accident. No one in the lab got sick

or died. There are always two people in the lab. No live virus would be able to escape."

Yan said she doesn't know if the escape was caused by a disgruntled employee or whether a more sinister plot involving the Chinese government was afoot.

What we do know is that the Great Chinese Cover-up continues. Dr. Shi, who created the China Virus in her lab, has disappeared. The Wuhan Lab itself remains off-limits to foreigners. The Chinese Communist

Party is doing everything it can to hide the origins of the virus.

Since she began speaking out last month, Yan has been fired by the University of Hong Kong, which also dismissed her findings that the virus is man-made. Her husband has distanced himself from her, and her parents have publicly called her a "traitor," she said.

"I do this because I am a scientist and I know the truth and I want to tell it to the world," she told me. "But if they find me, they will kill me."

¹ https://zenodo.org/record/4028830#.X1_3gS2z3_q

² <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Prof-Tritto:-COVID-19-was-created-in-the-Wuhan-laboratory-and-is-now-in-the-hands-of-the-Chinese-military-50719.html>



■ Study Forecasts the Effect Of Sex-Selective Abortion

WORLD—Jonathan Abbamonte of Population Research Institute was quoted in a recent article on a major study of the crisis of vanishing girls in India.

The study tracking projected births between 2017 and 2030, published last month by Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, concluded that sex-selective abortions, female neglect and infanticide could lead to 6.8 million fewer girls than needed to achieve a balance between the sexes in India.¹

"To my knowledge, this is the first study that uses a rigorous statistical model to make predictions about how many sex-selective abortions are likely to occur in the future in India, given the current trends," Abbamonte said.

Abbamonte said that poor state-level enforcement of India's laws against sex-selective abortions in the 1990s allows the practice to continue nationwide.

"Women who fail to [abort girls] may face poorer treatment, derision, or nagging from their husbands or in-laws," Abbamonte said in the article. "Other times, women who fail to bear a son or who refuse to abort a daughter are subject to verbal or physical abuse, denial of food, divorce, cheating, or abandonment."

Abbamonte said not only enforcement of India's laws is necessary, but cultural change is, too.

"If women are equally valued in society and in family life, the motivation for sex-selective abortion will be greatly diminished," he said.

■ Blog Post Cites PRI Guide On Overpopulation Myth

PATHEOS—Population Research Institute's primer on the myth of overpopulation was quoted in a recent blog post on the extremist ideology of eco-fascism.²

The blog described eco-fascists as existing across the political spectrum with the desire "to stop overpopulation through mass murder or forced sterilization of 'undesirable' people" such as immigrants, inhabitants of developing countries, or other marginalized groups.

"Many people are unaware of the racist origins of the concept of overpopulation," the blog poster Emily Claire Schmitt wrote. "Environmental groups such as The Sierra Club have been forced to reckon with their historical belief in overpopulation and support for eugenics and anti-immigration politics."

Schmitt advised readers seeking "a Catholic perspective" to read the Population Research Institute's "useful guide" titled "Debunking the Myth of Overpopulation."³

■ PRI: U.S. Should Ensure Clean COVID-19 Vaccine

CHURCH MILITANT—PRI president Steven Mosher was interviewed recently in *Church Militant* about Americans' right to vaccines untainted by abortion.⁴

"The Population Research Institute (PRI) is calling on Americans to contact key officials to demand they cease and desist coronavirus vaccine research that uses cell lines harvested from aborted babies," according to the article.

Mosher compared his objection to a vaccine made from an aborted baby to the practice of killing a human being in order to harvest his organs for profit.

"As the potential 'consumers' of a vaccine, we as Americans have a right to demand certain 'consumer protections,' chief among which would be a vaccine that does not make us complicit—however remotely—in the death of innocents," he said.

"Just as I would not go to China for a heart transplant, knowing that it would result in the execution of an organ 'donor,' so I would not want to live with the knowledge that my protection from the China virus had been purchased at the price of someone's life," he said.

PRI has set up a website platform for the public to send pre-written, audience-specific letters—allowing space for personal comments of up to 250 words—to Azar, Trump and Pence.⁵

¹ https://world.wng.org/content/millions_of_missing_girls?fbclid=IwAR2PaARrnzbfxbqgle1t-RZxBx0Q0nD1yEsXiO23DaQQXi58dphG2AJD85w

² <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/feminaferox/2020/09/eco-fascism-exists-across-the-political-spectrum-and-must-be-stopped/>

³ <https://www.pop.org/debunking-the-myth-of-overpopulation/>

⁴ <https://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/cleanvaccine-for-covid-19>

⁵ <https://www.pop.org/cleanvaccine/>

From the Countries



ENGLAND UK Joining Nations Facing Low Fertility

Despite an overall increase in population, the total fertility rate in the United Kingdom is in decline, as reported by *Mercatornet*.¹

Since the turn of the millennium, England's population has grown by about 11 per cent (or 7.8 million people), at a rate of between 100-200,000 people annually, the article stated. When strong net migration is added into the mix, the western nation is growing at a consistent rate.

However this sustained natural growth is slowing.

According to *The Economist*, the number of babies born in England and Wales (which makes up 90 per cent of the population of the United Kingdom) fell in 2019 to 640,000, fewer than were born in the final year of the Second World War.

The total fertility rate declined to 1.65, far fewer than the replacement

rate of 2.1 children per woman. At the same time, the age of first-time mothers is rising: It now stands at nearly 31, the article reported.

In 2019, nearly 30 per cent of the new babies in England and Wales were born to immigrant parents, but immigrant fertility rates are also falling, according to the report.



CANADA Ad Unveils Campaign's Secret Racist Agenda

According to the online news magazine *The Post Millennial*, a recent ad in Vancouver by an organization called "One Child One Planet" and described as "bold," is actually nothing short of racist.²

"It's hard to imagine how such an explicitly racist advertisement could be put up this year, in spite of all the important conversations about race that have been happening," the article stated.

The ad features a large zoomed-in photo of a smiling black baby with the

caption: "The most loving gift you can give your first child is to not have another" and is part of a campaign promoting the widely discredited idea that the biggest problem facing human beings is overpopulation, the article stated.

The piece continued: "Some people used to think, primarily following an 18th century economist named Thomas Malthus, that wealth was likely to grow in a linear fashion while population would grow exponentially, and that this would always lead to population exceeding resources unless measures were taken to control the growth of the population.

"This idea turned out to be wrong."

What is significant about this ad, the article stated, is how it reveals the dark side of overpopulation fears: That the problem isn't all people, but the "wrong" kind of people. Advocates of population control have a history of intentionally targeting racialized women with messages promoting smaller families.

¹ <https://mercatornet.com/britains-tfr-is-sinking/65224/>

² <https://thepostmillennial.com/racial-minorities-targeted-in-population-control-ad>

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