



China and Its Population Time Bomb

Whatever Policy the Party Adopts, It Will Be Too Little and Too Late

BY STEVEN W. MOSHER

I was doing research in a Chinese commune in 1980, when the handful of old men who ran China suddenly instituted a one-child policy. I became an eyewitness to the most horrific population control program the world has ever seen.

Pregnant women were arrested and incarcerated for the crime of being pregnant, subjected to endless propaganda lectures about how — for the good of the country — they would have to abort their children, and finally — whether they agreed or not — they were forcibly aborted and sterilized.

The one-child policy, *mutatis mutandis*, continued for decades. It led to hundreds of millions of forced abortions and sterilizations and also caused a massive wave of female infanticide. In the beginning, desperate for sons, families kept buckets of wa-



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ter next to birthing beds so that if a girl was born she could be drowned immediately.

Later, the advent of ultrasounds led to the selective abortion of unborn baby girls by the millions. I estimate that some 60 million baby girls, born and unborn, were killed this way.

Needless to say, the policy crushed the birth rate in the world's most populous country. By 2015, China's National Bureau of Statistics was reporting that Chinese women were averaging only 1.05 children. This was the second lowest fertility

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Biden's Classified Report: "No Clue" on COVID Origin

by Steven W. Mosher

Four months after taking office, President Biden suddenly directed U.S. intelligence agencies to probe the origins of the coronavirus that — as everyone knows by now — came from China. Interesting timing this, perhaps prompted by the fact that he had just been caught canceling the previous president's investigation into the matter.

"Senior administration officials" are now leaking to sympathetic media outlets that the final report of the intelligence community has been sent to Biden but that it is, sadly, "inconclusive."

Don't expect to be able to read the report for yourself anytime soon, because it is "classified."

You must simply take the word of unnamed officials that we just don't know and we may never know whether the novel coronavirus jumped from an animal to a human naturally, or might have accidentally escaped from a lab in China.

But they are eager — perhaps too eager — to attack the idea that it could have been a bioweapon in development. They say it has several naturally occurring features that are found in other coronaviruses.

Well, of course, it does. That's because it was genetically engineered using the "backbone" of an existing coronavirus.

But it also has novel insertions — like dropping a bigger engine into an existing chassis — as I wrote earlier:

"Those doing the splicing left 'signatures' behind in the genome itself. To boost a virus' lethality, for example,

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those doing gain-of-function research customarily insert a snippet of RNA that codes for two arginine amino acids. This snippet — called double CGG — has never been found in any other coronaviruses, but is present in CoV-2. Besides this damning evidence, there are other indications of tampering as well.”

But no, a rushed investigation found this was all “inconclusive.” Our intelligence analysts are utterly bamboozled about the origins of the disease that has killed more than 600,000 Americans.

They are absolutely certain that China did nothing nefarious. At worst, it was an “accident.”

The meta-message from this mysterious report: Don't blame China. Don't demand reparations. Don't decouple our economies. Don't upset the geopolitical order in which China marches relentlessly on, despite unleashing a devastating virus on the world.

Our intelligence agencies — or at least the people who now run them — think that the people of the United States are utterly stupid.

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High Birth Rates Linked to Progress

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PRi recently interviewed renowned Italian historian Professor Angelo Bertolo, a devout Catholic and longtime friend to Population Research Institute, who believes that both faith and reason teach us that high birth rates lead to human progress, not Malthusian disaster.

Q: Professor Bertolo, it is often said that history is the key to understanding the present and the future. What do you think the lessons of history are when it comes to human birth rates?

A: History clearly teaches us that there is a direct correlation between fecundity — that is, birth rates — and the progress of civilizations. My study of historical demographics over thousands of years of the rise and fall of different cultures and civilizations has taught me that the benefits of high birth rates include rapid economic progress as well as an explosion of creativity.

The opposite is also true. Civilizations and societies with low birth rates commonly regress not only economically but on a number of other levels as well, and sometimes collapse entirely. Creative genius in literature, the arts, sciences and technology blossoms with successive generations of high fertility rates.

Q: You are a devout Catholic. How does your faith influence your scholarship?

A: I believe that all babies are blessings, and that my pro-life views are not just a matter of faith but are supported by a lifetime of academ-



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ic study. The history of population growth, and its relationship to societal and scientific progress make clear that there are multiple reasons to be a proponent of life. History shows us the propitious results of welcoming children into our midst, and this underscores that fertility is an expression of optimism.

Having confidence in life is having faith in the future. One can acknowledge this ‘optimism of life’ in numerous ways. From a historical and scientific perspective, the optimism of life is expressed by the existence of man himself, for he — man — has proven to be the most precious resource we have. Additionally, this optimism can be revealed through a religious perspective as one of hope and evidence of the transcendental. Life brings happiness even though we know it is not perfect, for as Catholics, we know that Jesus Christ brings us eternal happiness.

Q: Do you think these views have been lost in the contemporary world?

A: Our contemporary world no longer has this confidence in life or in our future. I have spent much of my career fighting the false ideas of population controllers such as Thomas Malthus, who blamed large populations as the problem. The theories that Malthus presented long ago attempted to convince individuals that the earth had limited resources which would eventually be depleted.

He argued that the higher the population, the more readily our valuable and limited resources and goods would be consumed. Malthus and other population controllers also believed that smaller populations would have a better chance at maintaining economic well-being and would not be required to share those limited resources with others.

Many have come to believe these claims as true. But I have fought to show that these beliefs could not be further from the truth. Although the Malthusian belief is that the shortage of land and exhaustible resources are

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rate in the world—tiny Singapore holds that distinction—and a recipe for demographic and economic suicide.

China began haltingly encouraging more births in 2016, when it moved to a two-child policy, but the years since have seen the number of births continue to fall. Only 12 million babies were born in 2020, down from 14.65 million the year before. This is the lowest number of births since China's great famine of 1961, when some 42.5 million people starved to death.

This summer the handful of old men who run China decided to allow Chinese couples to have three children.

The surprise move, made by communist dictator Xi Jinping and his Politburo colleagues, marks a stunning reversal of the infamous one-child policy. The new three-child policy was necessary, China state media Xinhua brusquely explained, "to actively respond to the aging of the population." No explanation was given as to how this aging had come about. Being the Vanguard of the Proletariat—as Communist parties style themselves—means never having to say you're sorry.

Of course, saying that the Chinese population is aging understates the problem caused by 40 years of population control. China today is not just aging; it is literally dying, filling more coffins than cradles each year. Chinese Communist leaders are increasingly worried about having enough workers and soldiers for the factories and armies of the future.

At the same time, it is doubtful that the three-child policy will succeed—at least as long as it remains voluntary. The problem is that the ranks of young women were decimated during the decades of the one-child policy. Baby girls were aborted, killed at birth, and abandoned to die by the tens of millions by Chinese parents who were desperate for a son.

There are simply too few young women of childbearing age remaining to offset the coming population crash—unless every single one marries and has three children. I can't imagine any combination of carrots that would induce China's young, urban, working women to devote themselves to motherhood in this way.

In fact, some young women in China responded to the new pro-natal proposal with mockery. "Don't make me laugh," one commenter posted on Weibo about the new policy. "Married only children have four elderly parents to care for. If you add three children as well, you won't have a life."

Of course, if persuasion doesn't work, I can easily imagine that China's leaders might resort to compulsion. In fact, local party officials are already suggesting that people need to be strong-armed into the baby-making business.

The late Chairman Mao Zedong—who is Xi's model in all things—said in a famous 1957 speech that, "Reproduction needs to be planned. In my view, humankind is completely incapable of managing itself. It has plans for production in factories, for producing cloth, tables and chairs,

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and steel, but there is no plan for producing humans.”

By announcing a three-child policy, Xi Jinping has made it clear that he wants to “produce more humans.” No one who has witnessed the brutal coercion of the one-child policy over the years—as I have—should doubt that he has the means to enforce his plan.

I predict that within a few years we will be seeing what can only be described as “forced pregnancy” in China by a Communist Party desperate to raise the birth rate.

But whatever policy the Party now adopts, it will be too little and too late. The children who were aborted 20, 30, and 40 years ago are the missing workers of today.

Already by 2016, China was experiencing a labor shortage of 4 million workers. And the shortfall will only get worse in the years to come. The country will lose over 100 million workers in the next decades as elderly workers retire. And there will be no one to take their place.

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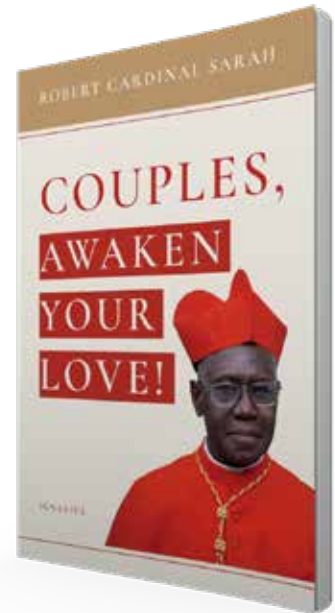
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Fired Planned Parenthood President Wen Tells Story of Mourning Miscarried Child

BY CHRIS MANION

On July 16, 2019, Dr. Leana Wen, President of Planned Parenthood, was fired from her position by what she called a “secret meeting” of the organization’s Board of Directors.

The group’s public explanation focused on her inadequate management skills.

Wen replied that she left due to “philosophical differences over the direction and future of Planned Parenthood.” The organization wanted to prioritize “abortion care” while she wanted to advocate for a “broad range of public health policies,” she said.

Case closed? Maybe not. Because just eleven days before being fired, Wen had written an op-ed for the *Washington Post* in which she disclosed that she had recently suffered a miscarriage that was “devastating in a way that I couldn’t have anticipated.”

And now, two years later, in her book *Lifelines: A Doctor’s Journey in the Fight for Public Health*, currently Amazon’s #1 new release in health care, Wen tells the rest of the story.

After her miscarriage, Wen shared her pain with a colleague at work. The word eventually reached Planned Parenthood’s Board of Directors. They had already decided that she was out, and their lawyers were talking to her lawyers about how she could go quietly.

All that changed when the board learned the news about her miscarriage, Wen says that they now wanted to allege that her departure was



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connected with, or even motivated by, her loss.

With that, Dr. Wen submitted the op-ed to the *Post* “so as not to have this deeply personal experience stolen from me. ... I could not fathom the additional trauma if this news were made public by others who wished to use it for their own purposes,” she now writes.

The Good Doctor’s Multitude of Sins

And those “others”? What were *their* “purposes”?

They were unforgiving.

Wen and her husband had been hoping to have a third child for a long time. Her loss was profound, and she said so. Even worse, her genuine expression of grief in losing her baby caused some strident abortion supporters to accuse her of “stigmatizing” abortion.

“Why did she write about it at all,” they asked, since her powerful

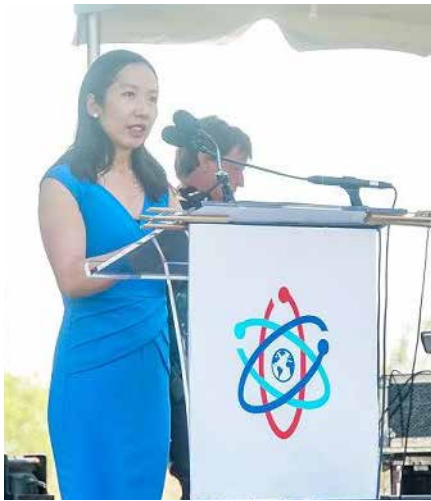
testimony confirming the pain of the loss of her baby might have unintended consequences.

Like what?

Her candor — indeed, her *honesty* — might cause women contemplating abortion to think twice. Clearly, many regarded Dr. Wen as a role model, and viewed Planned Parenthood as their champion of “abortion rights.” And yet, here was their inspiration, admitting the heartbreak of losing an unborn child, the very loss that they were about to experience themselves.

And that isn’t all. Women who had suffered at the hands of an abortionist might recover the remorse that they had heretofore desperately tried to forget. If that painful memory were rekindled, they might become less callous, even more disenchanted with “abortion rights” as their hearts inclined to genuine healing.

And the strident advocates of abortion? How could they not be



Dr. Leana Wen (CC BY-SA 2.0) Ted Eytan

angry; first, for being confronted with the very possibility of regret for having supported the “procedure” for which they had long encouraged women to be *proud* — after all, weren’t they exercising “control over their own bodies”?

Dr. Wen’s genuine and truly human testimony regarding the loss of her baby, the child she and her husband had already loved so much, makes sense to any mom or dad.

Who could resent that fundamental human desire? Would some ardent abortion advocates quench that flame and harbor resentment instead?

Dr. Wen’s personal experience introduced with authority the possibility that what the industry calls “products of conception” are in fact a baby, a human being, a child whose loss brought trauma and heartache, even to an acclaimed leader of the pro-abortion movement?

If Dr. Wen’s personal story received widespread attention, how would that make those advocates look in the eyes of women who realized that they shared the same sentiments?

PRI President Steven Mosher observes that Dr. Wen is guilty of

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another unforgivable transgression of the abortion movement’s narrative: “Her other crime was that she wanted a third child,” he wrote. “That meant that she was not only not sticking with Planned Parenthood’s unofficial one-child policy, or even ‘replacing’ herself and her husband by having two children.

“By wanting a third child, she was revealing that she was a ‘breeder,’ determined to destroy Planet Earth by her irresponsible procreating. She had to go.”

Yes, she had to go, and fast. Because, given Dr. Wen’s first-person testimony, everybody in the pro-abortion movement would have real reason to pause because this woman whom they all admired had revealed a forbidden truth. Instead of advocating abortion, they might start supporting crisis pregnancy centers.

And Planned Parenthood doesn’t want that to happen.

The Power of the Ultrasound

That’s why PRI helps Crisis Pregnancy Centers both at home and abroad, supporting them financially and donating ultrasound machines and offering expert help to expectant mothers.¹

As soon as a mom contemplating abortion sees that “it’s a baby,” that

evidence trumps any assertions of “choice” and “abortion care.”

Crisis pregnancy centers worldwide provide alternatives to the well-funded “population control,” pro-abortion organizations that receive hundreds of millions in taxpayer funding every year from the U.S. Government as well as from several governments in the European Union.

In the face of such competition, how have these small, private pro-life groups relying on small voluntary donations proven to be so effective?

They offer free care and guidance to expectant mothers throughout their pregnancy and beyond, unlike the abortionists whom the mothers never see again (nor do they want to). Crisis pregnancy centers offer classes, services, and counseling, along with professional assistance from doctors and nurses who volunteer their time to care for both mom and baby.

For women visiting for the first time, the question is often, “Am I pregnant?” Each center offers free ultrasounds to answer that question. When the answer is “yes,” they can see their baby moving on the screen. And that’s when most of them, whatever prompted their visit, welcome with relief and joy the new life that is growing inside them.

Like Dr. Wen, they know: “It’s a baby!”

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Expert: Brighter Days Ahead For Truths of *Humanae Vitae*

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

Dr. Janet Smith, distinguished professor of theology and one of America's most valiant defenders of *Humanae Vitae*, sat down with us recently to discuss the encyclical.

The good news is, the worst is behind us.

"For the most part, it's been ignored by the priests and the hierarchy over the years," she reports. And that means that the laity have never heard of it.

Nonetheless, Dr. Smith senses the promise of a revival of the Church's teaching on family, sex, and marriage.

On the practical level alone, many women now realize that the pill is an abortifacient, and that messing with hormones can be dangerous.

Add to that the damage that the contraceptive mentality can inflict on a relationship, and more women are thinking twice. "Maybe it's better to be faithful to Church teaching after all. Living in accord with God's will always has its benefits," Smith says.

For 50 years, seminary professors like Charles Curran told future priests that *Humanae Vitae* would soon be overturned, Smith said, so it's not surprising that many priests have never bothered to preach on it. Today, seminaries are doing a much better job. Most of them now have a "largely faithful faculty, which is a novelty in the last 50 years," she tells us.

Why Is *Humanae Vitae* Such a 'Hard Teaching'?

In spite of its truths on every level, "it's still a hard teaching," Dr. Smith says, "because everything in the culture is against it. Even priests who honor the encyclical often avoid teaching it. In fact, in church these days, there's virtually no moral teaching given from the pulpit. You generally hear, 'Be nice and be kind.'"

But priests who do dare to teach on the subject are often pleasantly surprised at the reception they receive. "Sure, some are mad, but others say, 'Father, I've never heard that, thank you.'"

Smith doesn't hesitate to point out the obvious when it comes to the cohabiting craze. "Many young people have a hard time with this, of course, because no one has ever told them that it's wrong. Parents don't want to alienate their children," she says, "but they need simply to say, 'I brought you into this world to bring you into heaven. And what you're doing now is not easing your way into heaven.'"

While parents are the "first teachers" of their children, we still can ask our priests for help. "We can gently suggest to them that they help us spread the word," she says. And then we should volunteer to give them all the help they might need.

That goes for other moral challenges as well. For instance, Smith says, "the Church's teaching on homosexuality is not hard to get, once

you understand that sexuality means the complementarity of male and female, to be able to show complete love to each other."

And since sex is for procreation, she says, "the homosexual sexual relationship doesn't fit in that picture at all. So the benefits of speaking on this particular teaching are widespread."

And pornography? "It's a difficult issue because the culture is saturated in it, but people who are living this teaching become very reverential toward everything involved in the sexual relationship. It is really a great gift from God that should be treasured and revered."

Summing it up, Smith says, "I just wish young people would open their eyes, look around, and see who's happy and who's unhappy. They'll see that if they look at people who have been faithful to the Church's teaching and are having large families. I go to a Traditional Latin Mass now, and the pews are just filled with people who have had large families or people who are starting their families. When you watch them, you say, 'Wow.' I mean, it's hard, obviously a lot of responsibility. And that's what makes adults out of people — responsibility."

As Saint John Paul II put it, it's all about "Love and Responsibility." That's the challenge — and the gift — of *Humanae Vitae*.

For the full interview, visit:
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PRI's Work in Latin America: Blocking Bad, Promoting Good

by Carlos Polo, Director, PRI Latin American Office

The PRI Latin America Office has been busy this year, and we're pleased to report some good news on issues that we've been working on.

Peru Congress: No To 'Gender Identity'

The situation in Peru has bordered on chaotic. Our presidential election was riven with the usual corruption and fraud, and the declared winner — a surprise to everyone — is a Communist. Taking advantage of the election's distractions, progressives attempted to force a "gender identity" bill through the Congress in the turmoil of the last few days of its session.

Of course, "gender identity" is an ideological concept, not a scientific one. The proposed bill defines it as the "experience of," or what a person "feels about," his body. And it explains that, even though such feelings are by nature personal and subjective, the legislation requires that they be used as the legal standard when applying the law.

The proposal is similar to radical measures being introduced in other countries. The text confers on each Peruvian the "right" to determine his own gender. Had the measure been approved, the next step would have been to rewrite Peru's entire legal code in order to recognize this "right."

Bottom line, the bill's language is so slipshod that it requires citizens somehow to conform to the feelings of those exercising their new

"right" — turning Peru into a nation of mind-readers.

In the end, however, and thanks to the timely intervention of pro-family parliamentarians, this attempted hijacking on the part of LGTBIQ+ advocates was defeated.

PRI's Latin America office has been tracking this bill since it was first proposed in 2016. When a fake "debate" in Congress earlier this year produced victory for the legislation in the Women's Commission, advocates quickly tried to push it through the Constitution Committee. Pretending that the bill only permitted "trans" individuals to change their pictures on their ID cards, their ultimate goal was much more ambitious.

To name a few, they wanted to advance homosexual "marriage" and adoption of children by same-sex couples, require "gender studies" in public schools, and encourage medical "sex changes."

When Representatives Martha Chavez, Omar Chegade and Cesar Combina revealed the extent of the bill's impact, deliberations in the Constitution Committee ground to a halt.

Even then, there was the usual censorship of opposing testimony. That's when Valerie Marianne, a trans advocate who opposes the ideological dimension of gender, took to social media to expose the falsehoods in the bill. "I don't need a law to affirm my identity," she said, "or to exercise my rights anywhere."

Pro-life activists then pointed to some of the bizarre results the bill would cause: Rapists claiming to be transgender so they could be incarcerated with women; men invading women's sports; and a man pretending to be a woman to enjoy an earlier retirement.

Finally, the Congress rejected the bill. But that doesn't mean that the new Congress won't attempt to push the agenda through when Peru's new Communist president tries to rewrite the nation's constitution.

Guatemalan Victory

Meanwhile, Guatemala has approved the most ambitious pro-life and pro-family plan ever approved in the region. Here are the details:

On July 23, the government of Guatemala published in the official gazette the "Public Policy for the Protection of Life and Institutionalization of the Family in Guatemala," and on July 25, Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei led the public presentation of the initiative, joined by representatives of religious organizations and civil society organizations.

"This had been expected by many people: To have a public policy that guarantees the protection of life from conception to the natural death," Giammattei said. "This policy will allow us to unite our efforts and bring efforts that will result in the strengthening of the family."

Education Minister Claudia Ruiz, who will direct the initiative, explained its goals:

PRI's Work in Latin America, *continued*

“The State must guarantee human life from conception, as well as its integrity and security,” she said. “This policy seeks to strengthen institutions. It establishes guidelines to help guarantee the satisfaction of the immediate needs of all Guatemalans in all walks of life.”

Two particulars are worthy of note:

- 1) The bill protects the right to life from the moment of conception, as stated in the Constitution, and prohibits euthanasia while offering alternative plans to care for and protect the elderly.
- 2) The policy affirms the family as the essential foundational unit of society

and the primary source and inspiration of social flourishing.

The official announcement comes in the midst of the pandemic, which has produced the same vigorous debate that has been experienced in other countries. Nonetheless, the policy represents the most ambitious and most clearly articulated public policy plan that any country has ever developed.

Since the plan bears the signature of all the government's ministers, it is binding throughout the country through the year 2032 — a feature that underscores Guatemala's firm intention to resist the interference

of pro-abortion international organizations like the United Nations, the Organization of American States, and the efforts of the United States (under the Biden Administration) or the European Union, which amount to nothing more than anti-family ideological colonization.

In Peru, we were successful in defeating a dangerous and malevolent bill. In Guatemala, we succeeded in proclaiming the fundamental value of human life.

The challenge now is the effective implementation of these public commitments to serve as an example to all countries in the region.

Birth Rates Linked to Progress, *continued*

a reason to limit populations, I argue that it fails to consider that new resources may be discovered.

It also does not consider the productivity of human ingenuity such as technological advances and other discoveries that man has developed throughout history. Thanks to human ingenuity there is more food available for every individual on Earth than there was two centuries ago.

Q: We at PRI believe that economics often fail to take human capital into account. Why is it that a farmer becomes wealthier with the birth of a calf, but becomes poorer — in per capita terms — with the birth of a child? That doesn't make sense.

A: Malthusian ideology puts forth the concept that much of the population is idle and therefore produces a zero, or even negative, product

margin. Accordingly, if one could eliminate some of that population then the economics would show that a country with a smaller population would, in effect, be wealthier.

To counter this notion, we must see this not as a population growth problem, but rather a serious governance issue. Governing bodies should be smarter at providing better social infrastructure like education and health services as well as physical infrastructure like power, transportation, and urban planning. The problem remains one of governance, not of population growth.

Q: Many believe that population growth causes insoluble problems. What do you say?

A: Secular society has been propagandized into believing that higher populations lead to greater problems. For this reason, fertility has thus be-

come viewed as an option — either something that can be embraced as a choice or forfeited in an attempt to help save the world.

Those who see fertility as a nuisance — and thus something to be limited by contraception or terminated by abortion — have a pessimistic vision, a lack of faith, in the future. Objectively speaking, such people are working against the general interests of their countries in every way, including the economic sense.

It is no coincidence that a secular society expects the world to consider abortion as a fundamental human right. They attempt to destroy the culture of human rights which was understood long ago as the equal dignity of every human being. In pushing this agenda, they too destroy what was once held as the highest objective in successful civilizations — the protection of human life.



■ Mosher: China to Add Labs Similar To One in Wuhan

NEW YORK POST — According to a soon-to-be-published book by PRI President Steven Mosher, China is building three more labs like the one now under investigation by U.S. intelligence agencies for being the possible origin of COVID-19, the *Post* reported.¹

China “is moving forward with plans to greatly expand its technological capacity to carry out what it called ‘biosecurity research,’” writes Mosher, author of *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Pandemics*, set for publication in March.

Chinese officials may claim the work is intended to combat future deadly diseases, but “the worry is that this is merely civilian cover for a further, and major expansion of China’s biological weapons program,” according to an excerpt of the book obtained by the *Post*.

“Xiang Libin [China’s deputy minister of science and technology] said that the ministry has already examined and approved the construction of three biosafety level-4 labs, or P4 labs modeled on the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and 88 biosafety level-3 labs, or P3 labs,” Mosher’s book reports.

■ China’s New 3-Child Policy Has Still Not Ended Abuses

CHURCH MILITANT — China’s communist government kept its no-

torious one-child policy in place until 2015, when it switched to a two-child policy. Earlier this year, the CCP announced the family limit would be raised to three children per couple.²

But according to Church Militant, PRI President Steven Mosher is one of several human rights advocates who are “not breathing sighs of relief.”

According to report, in the western region of Xinjiang, authorities are detaining roughly a million Uighurs — a mostly-Muslim ethnic group — for “re-education” and forced labor.”

“A million to a million-and-a-half Uighur men, in their 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s, are locked up and forced to do slave labor in factories inside the labor camps,” Mosher said.

Reggie Littlejohn, founder and president of Women’s Rights Without Frontiers, said of the three-child policy: “Every couple is allowed to have three children (but) the forced abortion of single women will continue under the three-child policy, as well as the forced abortion of fourth children.”

In addition, Hong Kong is suffering under Communism from the mainland. According to Benedict Rogers, chief executive and cofounder of Hong Kong Watch: “Hong Kong’s freedoms and autonomy have been steadily eroded over recent years.”

“We’ve seen over 100 arrests under the national security law; we’ve seen dozens of pro-democracy activists arrested and jailed,” Rogers said.

■ Mosher: No Question COVID Leaked from Lab

NEW YORK POST — In a recent *Post* column, PRI President Steven Mosher said all evidence clearly points to COVID-19 having originated in a Wuhan lab.³

“It wasn’t an innocent bat or a lab “accident” that produced the deadly virus, but highly classified gain-of-function research carried out under the direction of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA),” Mosher wrote.

Mosher was among the first to question China’s original story—“that someone had gotten a bad bowl of bat soup in something called the Wuhan Wet Market”—in his *Post* article in February 2020.

Now, according to Mosher, more than half of all Americans—including 59 percent of Republicans and 52 percent of Democrats—believe the virus was made in a lab and released either accidentally or intentionally.

“China had both the intention and the capability to take a harmless bat virus, turn it into a deadly pathogen, and then release it upon the world,” he wrote. “And the evidence suggests that it did just that.”

“Indeed, there has been a massive hardening of public opinion against the communist giant across the board, with 89 percent of adults now seeing the country as hostile or dangerous.”

¹ <https://nypost.com/2021/07/23/china-building-more-facilities-similar-to-suspected-covid-leak-lab-book-claims/>

² <https://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/communism-continues>

³ <https://nypost.com/2021/07/24/heres-all-the-proof-biden-needs-to-conclude-covid-19-was-leaked-from-a-lab/>

From the Countries



SWITZERLAND WHO to Attack on Pro-Life Laws

C-FAM — The World Health Organization (WHO) is updating its technical and policy guidance on “safe abortion,” which will increase pressure on countries to remove legal protections from unborn children and health workers who object to participating in abortions, as reported by the Center for Family and Human Rights.¹

According to C-FAM, a paper published in *BMJ Global Health* proposes a way to link abortion laws and policies with health outcomes in order to help policymakers “produce stronger guidance related to abortion” and potentially other areas of law.

The paper was prepared as part of WHO’s process of updating its 2012 guidance on “safe abortion,” C-FAM reported.

“The WHO is working to remove legal as well as medical safeguards around abortion,” the report states. “In 2017, it launched a legal and policy database on abortion intended to ‘eliminate the barriers that women encounter in accessing safe abortion services.’

“The WHO has a long and well-documented history of promoting abortion, asserting that ‘[a]ccess to safe abortion protects women’s and girls’ health and human rights.’”

No global agreement asserts a right to abortion, C-FAM stated.



MEXICO Second State OKs Abortion

CNS — A bill decriminalizing abortion during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy was passed in the eastern Mexican state of Veracruz, becoming the second such measure approved in Mexico this past summer, the Catholic News Service reported.²

The Veracruz state legislature approved the law with a vote of 25-3, two weeks after lawmakers in central Hidalgo state, north of Mexico City, approved a similar bill.

“Church leaders in Veracruz, Mexico’s fourth largest state by population, expressed dismay with the measure, which they said was rushed through the legislature in a closed-door session,” CNS reported.

The Mexican bishops’ conference responded with dismay to the ruling: “It constitutes a grave injustice, which allows an unacceptable wrong to be committed against another human being in its most vulnerable stage, when he requires greater protection, along with his mother.”

“We also warn that this permissive action on abortion leaves aside society’s more pressing concerns, especially related to the insecurity afflicting many parts of the country, the health needs of citizens (and) the urgency of many families to find employment.”

Father José Manuel Suazo Reyes, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Xalapa, decried the legislative process: “It’s a perverse thing. They didn’t let anyone attend, the lawmakers were

locked in there, and they did it all in the dark,” he told CNS.

Abortion was decriminalized in Mexico City in 2007, but Oaxaca was the first state to approve an abortion law, in 2019.



UNITED KINGDOM IPP Says Will Sue UK for Funding Cuts

RIGHT TO LIFE UK — The International Planned Parenthood Foundation (IPPF) has announced plans to launch legal action against the UK Government regarding its decision to cut its foreign aid budget, which includes funding abortions in developing countries, Right to Life UK reported.³

In July Parliament voted 333 to 298 in favor of cutting overseas aid from 0.7 to 0.5 per cent of national income, according to the article.

The UK Government’s Women’s Integrated Sexual Health program, which works with abortion providers MSI Reproductive Choices and IPPF, will receive no funding in the coming year, the report said. As a result, IPPF will lose an estimated £72m of UK taxpayer funding.

In April, the UK announced it will pledge £23m to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) projects this year, a fraction of the initially pledged figure of £154m.

The cut to spending, which was reported to be temporary and a consequence of the COVID pandemic, follows years of successive large increases in the amount of taxpayer money contributed to organizations that provide abortion, the article reported.

¹ https://c-fam.org/friday_fax/world-health-organization-prepares-to-escalate-attack-on-pro-life-laws/

² <https://www.catholicnews.com/update-to-churchs-dismay-veracruz-state-approves-bill-decriminalizing-abortion/>

³ <https://righttolife.org.uk/news/international-planned-parenthood-plan-to-sue-uk-govt-for-cuts-to-abortion-funding>