



## USAID Shut Down!

BY STEVEN W. MOSHER

### This U.S. Agency is the largest funder of abortion worldwide

For years PRI has urged the United States to get out of the business of aborting, sterilizing and contracepting the world. Population control began a half century ago in the dark fear of exploding human numbers.

Most people now realize that this was an imaginary crisis, a fraud perpetrated on the American people to pick their pockets, at the same time it deprived peoples around the world of their children.

In our most optimistic moments, however, we never imagined that an American president would simply shut down the entire anti-baby, anti-natal—indeed, anti-human—enterprise in one fell swoop.

But Elon Musk has now confirmed that this is exactly what the Trump administration intends to do.

Musk, who heads the Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, said that “We’re shutting [the United States Agency for International Development] down. With regards to the USAID stuff, I went over it with [the president] in detail and he agreed that we should shut it down.”

USAID has now been shuttered, its website is down, and its thousands of employees have been put on paid



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leave. They are no longer allowed in their offices and have been locked out of the agency’s computer systems while DOGE conducts a careful audit of what the rogue agency has been up to.

I have long been critical of USAID for many reasons. It routinely ignores the pro-life laws of the countries it operates in by promoting abortion within their borders. It tries to remake innocent, untouched corners of the world into Sodom and Gomorrah by funding pornographic sex education and gender ideology programs. And it forces countries to adopt population limitation programs on pain of not receiving foreign aid.

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# Javier Milei Fights the Woke Agenda in Argentina

BY CARLOS BELTRAMO, PHD

President Javier Milei continues to make history in Argentina, now with even greater international support thanks to the measures his friend, President Donald Trump, is taking. While each president defends their people with different measures in areas like the economy and geopolitics, both completely agree on what's most important: the cultural battle against progressivism.

In January 2025, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, President Milei, for the second consecutive year, was very clear in denouncing the harm caused by progressive ideology in all Western countries. It was a powerful, thoughtful speech that brought to mind great statesmen of the past. And this year it was complemented by President Trump's speech, which was equally potent in other areas.

To summarize, let's look at some key excerpts from Milei's speech:

*"It is no coincidence that these same people are the main promoters of the bloody and murderous abortion agenda, an agenda designed based on Malthusian premises that overpopulation will destroy the Earth, and therefore, we must implement some form of population control. Indeed, this has been adopted to such an extreme that today on the planet, population growth rate is beginning to become a problem."*

*"Wokism has penetrated so deeply into our societies that it has even questioned the very idea of sex through the nefarious gender ideology."*

*"Peace has made us weak; we were defeated by our own complacency. (...) Today we witness a global exhaustion of this system that has dominated us for the last few decades. (...) Fortunately, in the entire free world, there is a silenced majority organizing, and in every corner of our hemisphere, the echo of this cry for freedom resounds. (...) In essence, what I am proposing to you is that we make the West great again."*

*"Today I come here to tell you that our battle is not won, that although hope has been reborn, it is our moral duty and historical responsibility to dismantle the ideological edifice of sick wokism."*

In the days following his speech, Milei went to work.

Milei's government has taken real steps to end the progressive agenda within Argentina. One step has been to suspend the distribution of materials related to Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) in the country's schools. According to the Education Minister, Carlos Horacio Torrendell, sex education should be the responsibility of parents, not the state. If the state is to assist parents, this support should not

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## Javier Milei Fights the Woke Agenda in Argentina, *continued*

include the introduction of gender ideology, which has been the main focus of the programs implemented in Argentina so far. Therefore, the Ministry of Education will review all currently used educational materials to leave only those useful for parents.

Even before Milei's party officially implemented this change, a ripple effect was seen. The Government of the City of Buenos Aires, before the Federal Government, went ahead and canceled its comprehensive sex education program for the same reason, even though the mayor of Buenos Aires is not from Milei's party and had previously leaned towards progressivism. This serves as evidence that Milei's strong policies are setting the tone for his allies and others.

Another step Milei's government has taken is to ban sex-change treatments for minors, a practice pushed as part and parcel with gender ideology. In January 2025, the govern-

ment approved Decree 62/2025, which specifically prohibits minors under 18 from receiving gender transition treatments, arguing that young people do not have the maturity to make decisions about irreversible medical procedures.

Milei's government hasn't restricted its impact to within Argentina, but spread internationally as well. Following the footsteps of the Trump administration, Milei ordered Argentina to withdraw from the World Health Organization. This is another important step to cut off negative influences that push the progressive agenda.

Milei's government is making major strides, and the next step in dismantling the woke agenda is to put pro-life laws back into place. But taking down the abortion law in Argentina is an uphill battle. Abortion was legalized in Argentina in 2020 and Milei has very few senators and deputies in place to repeal that law. However, this could change moving

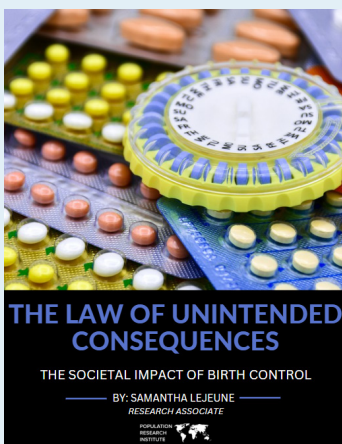


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forward after Argentina's midterm elections in October, if the number of deputies and senators from Milei's party, La Libertad Avanza, increases significantly. Come October, the Argentinian pro-life movement could have a real hope of ending the legalization of abortion.

Milei is determined to dismantle the woke agenda, and thus far he's been successful. The next goal: End the nefarious abortion law. It's not impossible.

## The second installment of our Impact of Birth Control series is now available!



Since its introduction in 1960, the birth control pill has had a profound and largely negative impact on society. It promised women control over their fertility, but this promise turned out to be an illusion. Instead of empowering individuals, birth control has contributed to rising divorce rates, a decline in marriage, and a growing devaluation of motherhood and family life. It has fueled the rise of promiscuity and led to a weakening of traditional values prioritizing strong relationships and family structures. Furthermore, the pill has

contributed to societal shifts that have lowered the standards for relationships and increased dissatisfaction in marriage.

To expose The Pill's disastrous effect on society, we have released the second fact sheet in our birth control series, *The Law of Unintended Consequences: The Societal Impact of Birth Control*. This fact sheet explores the far-reaching negative effects of birth control, revealing its deep and lasting consequences on both individuals and society. View the full fact sheet on our website: <https://www.pop.org/societal-impact-of-birth-control-pill/>



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And this doesn’t even begin to scratch the surface of its other crimes, like funding biolabs in China (!), terrorist organizations in the Middle East, DEI programs everywhere in the world, and a global censorship campaign. It has even interfered in U.S. politics, by giving grants to NGOs with close connections to the Democrat Party.

President Trump has said that USAID is “run by a bunch of radical lunatics.” This is no exaggeration. Samantha Power, who headed the U.S. Agency for International Development under Biden, was just such a radical, weaponizing U.S. foreign assistance to promote abortion and the LGBT agenda.

After taking a look at the books, Musk has now gone even further, describing the agency as a “criminal organization.”

I couldn’t agree more. It has violated the laws of both the United States, and those of many of the countries—including democratic countries—that it has operated in. It is broken beyond repair.

The plan now is to shutter the agency and move decisions concerning foreign aid to the State De-

partment, placing it under the supervision of the Secretary of State, Marco Rubio. Rubio has said that any future aid approved by the State Department will have to conform to the foreign policy of the Trump administration.

And that foreign policy includes the Mexico City Policy, forbidding any U.S. funds from being used to perform abortions, promote abortions, or lobby for the legalization of abortion. It also includes a prohibition on funding any program of forced abortion or coercive steril-

ization, or the gender insanity that the radical left has embraced.

Senate Democrats are up in arms, hyperventilating that the president lacks the authority to dismantle the agency without congressional approval. The problem with their argument is that the agency was created in 1961 *by executive order*. This suggests that it can be abolished by one.

While we await President Trump’s announcement that USAID has been permanently shuttered, we will be monitoring the major abortion/population control groups. These are organizations that have received hundreds of millions of dollars over the years to do USAID’s abortion dirty work.

They, too, are led by “radical lunatics” who despise the majority of their fellow human beings and want to drastically reduce the world’s population.

If and when the State Department decides to resume certain foreign aid projects, we will be watching to make sure that these groups are never again on the receiving end of your tax dollars.



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## *The Truth About Hell*

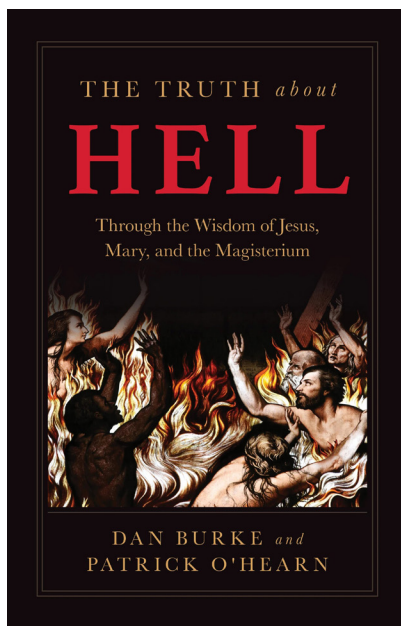
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Religious leaders do not teach about Hell to scare people to come to Church, though the fear of Hell often leads souls to turn back to God. Hell is the result of mankind's free will, not God's malice. French novelist Léon Bloy said: "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint." Since only saints are in Heaven, the greatest tragedy, then, is to go to Hell.

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- Prayers, spiritual resources, and thought-provoking reflection questions for personal or group use

Jesus has prepared a place in His Father's house for His true sons and daughters, but He forces no one to come. Instead, many have and will continue to choose Satan's horror house, a place of never-ending torture, pain, remorse, and anguish from being separated from God for eternity — a place that can be our final destination if we do not repent and embrace the love and redemption offered by our Savior. Let these pages convict you in your commitment to follow Jesus in this life so that you can spend eternity with Him in the next. We'll get a copy for you in the mail as soon as possible, for your gift of \$50 or more! Just fill out a reply sheet, or go online at <https://www.pop.org/donate/prir>.

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# The Beatriz Case: A Historic Victory for the Latin American Pro-Life Movement

BY CARLOS POLO, DIRECTOR, PRI IBERO-AMERICAN OFFICE

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights has just rejected the pro-abortion lobby's attempt to establish a "right to abortion" throughout Latin America. This ruling creates a legal precedent that will help PRI and other pro-life groups to defend innocent unborn life from conception in the 25 member countries, including in the region at large.

The abortion lobby was hoping that the Court's ruling in the Beatriz Case would go the other way, namely, that it would allow abortion on demand throughout Latin America in the same way that the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v. Wade* opened the path to unrestricted abortion.

Just like *Roe*, the abortion lobby built its case on a falsehood.

They claimed a "therapeutic abortion" would have saved the life of a young Salvadoran woman, Beatriz, in a high-risk pregnancy. They argued that the laws of El Salvador, which recognize the right to life of the unborn and prohibit abortion, prevented doctors from saving her life.

The truth is that, just as Jane Roe was never raped, Beatriz did not die from complications related to her pregnancy or the alleged lack of an abortion. Rather, Beatriz died more than four years after the birth of her child in an unrelated motorcycle accident.

Given the pro-abortion sentiments of several members of the Inter-American Court, many believed that the pro-abortion lobby would prevail. Yet against all odds it did not.

The reason? A chorus of pro-life organizations across the region raised its voice for months, exposing the way the abortion lobby was distorting the facts of the case, not to mention engaging in outright falsehoods.

Population Research Institute played a key role in the *Beatriz Case* through our ongoing alliance with the Global Center for Human Rights (GCHR), our main ally within the Inter-American system. Together, we work tirelessly to defend human rights, with a special emphasis on the right to life from conception. We have trained GCHR's leaders in political strategies, provided them with practical and effective political tools, and are in constant communication with them.

In the *Beatriz Case* specifically, PRI actively participated in multi-

## CORRECTION: *The New Year: Something New, Something Old*

The article, *The New Year: Something New, Something Old*, from Volume 35, Issue 1 of the PRI Review, incorrectly reported that in the last 50 years 60,000 unborn children have been victims

of abortion; the correct figure for this loss of life is over 60,000,000.

Here is the full amended statement:

*"For half a century, our country has been subjected to the*

*deadly drumbeat of 'a woman's right to choose' and the vulgar exaltation of 'choice,' where of course there was no choice at all for the **60,000,000** unborn victims of those malevolent lies."*





*Courtesy of Carlos Polo, Director of PRI's Iberoamerican Office*

ple strategic meetings throughout the process, helping to outline clear courses of action. We facilitated the involvement of opinion leaders across the region and promoted a series of campaigns related to the case through media outlets and social networks. By forming a united front and working together for a common purpose we were able to prevail against the duplicity and deep pockets of the abortion movement.

### **The Beatriz Case in Detail: The Truth About the Abortion Lobby's Deceptions.**

The *Beatriz Case* began in 2013. Beatriz, a 22-year-old woman of limited means in El Salvador, was pregnant with her second child. Her first

pregnancy had been difficult, in part because she suffered from lupus, and doctors suggested sterilization after she delivered. Beatriz refused because she wanted to become a mother again.

Several years later, Beatriz was happy to learn that she was again pregnant. But during one prenatal visit, the doctor informed her that her unborn child suffered from anencephaly. This is a congenital malformation that prevents the development of the brain, and which would limit her baby's time on earth to anywhere from a few hours to a few months.

Following the diagnosis, the abortion lobby lied to Beatriz, telling her she would die if she continued with the pregnancy. Their real goal was to use her situation as a pretext to

promote the legalization of abortion, first in El Salvador, and then later at the Inter-American Court.

The case reached El Salvador's Supreme Court, which, after reviewing all the evidence, correctly concluded that Beatriz's life was not in danger and that an abortion was not justified. Rafael Varaona, a perinatologist and Beatriz's doctor throughout her second pregnancy, told the court that her systemic lupus erythematosus was completely controlled during her pregnancy, and that her life was never at risk.

However, because her previous cesarean had not healed properly, it was decided to perform a cesarean section at six months to avoid the possibility of hemorrhage. Her daughter was born and named Leylani. She was born alive, received much love from her mother, and passed away naturally hours later due to her anencephaly.

As for Beatriz, she recovered from her cesarean section without any complications. Four years later, however, she was killed in a motorcycle accident.

Her tragic death caught the attention of the pro-abortion lobby, who decided to lie about her cause of death. It attributed her death to her lack of access to the "human right to abortion." They resurrected the case and brought it before the Inter-American Court.

### **Key Precedents from the Ruling**

After analyzing the case, the Inter-American Court concluded that Salvadoran laws protecting life from conception neither violated Beatriz's

## The Beatriz Case, *continued*

human rights nor were related to her untimely death.

But the Court went even further, making several critical points that will help us defend life in the region even more vigorously:

- **Rejection of Falsehoods:** The Court dismissed the lies in the Beatriz Case, recognizing that her death was unrelated to El Salvador's abortion prohibition and that her right to life was not violated.
- **Recognition of the Dignity of the Unborn:** The Court rejected attempts to dehumanize Leylani, affirming that a proper understanding of human rights does not prioritize the unborn's right to life over the mother's health, but does clearly grant equal protection to both.
- **Abortion Not Recognized as a Right:** The Court clarified that abortion cannot be considered a "right" within the inter-American system because it remains a crime. An act cannot simultaneously be both a crime and a right.
- **Rejection of "Obstetric Violence" as a Pro-Abortion Argument:** The Court noted that obstetric violence results from medical protocol failures, not laws criminalizing abortion. This dismantled feminist arguments linking pro-life legislation to gender violence.
- **Reaffirmation of National Sovereignty:** In an unprecedented and unexpected decision, the Court declared that while countries are free to implement its recommendations,



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it will not and does not impose them on member countries. This strengthened El Salvador's sovereignty.

More generally, this ruling reaffirms that the best practices for protecting both mother and child lie in medical protocols that always, under all circumstances, respect life, and never see abortion as a solution.

Most importantly, it marks a turning point in the defense of life in Ibero-America. It sends a clear message: human rights, including the right to life from conception, are non-negotiable.

### Lessons for the Pro-Life Movement

The Inter-American Court's decision demonstrates that the defense of life can prevail even against massive international pressure and media manipulation and lies.

This case also underscores the importance of organization and unity among pro-life organizations in the region, all of whom worked together

to expose the falsehoods spewed by the pro-abortion lobby.

This victory could not have been achieved without the splendid efforts of the Global Center for Human Rights. Its leaders, Sebastián Schuff and Neydy Casillas, have dedicated years of their lives to coordinating efforts across the region to ensure that the Inter-American Court respected national rights and democracy.

Among other things, they launched the website [casobeatriz.org](http://casobeatriz.org) to centralize information, promote activities, and facilitate the participation of thousands of citizens through a petition directed at the Court's judges.

Our victory serves as a model for successfully resisting the culture of death throughout the region. The story of Beatriz teaches us that, if we stand together, Truth and Life can prevail, even against the vicious lies of the merchants of death.

As the head of the Population Research Institute's office in Latin America, I am proud to have been part of it.



# Pfizer Under Fire for Link Between Depo-Provera and Brain Tumors

BY CHIARA MCKENNA

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**As American cases gain traction, will women in third-world countries continue to have this tumor-causing drug forced on them?**

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For decades, the Depo-Provera contraceptive injection has been questioned for many reasons. For example, its connection to a much higher rate of STDs. But recently, evidence has surfaced about an even more serious adverse event: *brain tumors*.

Depo-Provera is the brand name for the drug depot-medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA). This FDA-approved drug is an injectable contraceptive given to women every three months. It operates by both suppressing ovulation and thickening cervical mucus to prevent any sperm from reaching an egg if ovulation were to occur. This sounds simple enough, but like all pharmaceuticals, it comes with side effects.

Pfizer, the drug's manufacturer, warns of the most common adverse effects on the drug's latest label, including menstrual irregularities, abdominal pain/discomfort, weight gain, dizziness, headache, nervousness, and decreased libido. There is also a large warning for "LOSS OF BONE MINERAL DENSITY" followed by details on how severe this side effect can be. In total, the drug's

label goes on for 27 pages of potential effects.<sup>1</sup>

But nowhere in their novella of a label, which was updated in July of 2024, is there a warning that DMPA can cause meningiomas or—as they are commonly known—brain tumors.

Yet, in March of 2024, a new study linking the use of progestogens, including medroxyprogesterone acetate, with an increased risk of intracranial meningiomas was released.<sup>2</sup> This research emerged before Pfizer's latest update of the DMPA label, yet the label still doesn't reflect these findings. This is unacceptable, particularly given that the link between DMPA and brain tumors is supported by more than just clinical research.

American women suffering from meningiomas after using Depo-Provera are coming forward with their cases. As of this publication, 22 lawsuits have been filed against Pfizer, and at least 73 claims are pending in 17 judicial districts.<sup>3</sup>

Pfizer failed to warn these women of this potential, life-altering effect, even after the research clearly establishing a link was published. The current lawsuits argue that Pfizer knew or should have known for years that its product was linked to the development of brain tumors, which the warning labels should have disclosed.

While no amount of compensation can undo the harm of a life-altering tumor, at least these American women are able to seek justice against Pfizer and fight for recompense.

But as this legal battle goes on, you have to stop and think of the women outside of the U.S. who continue to be subjected to DMPA. Will those women ever see justice for the tumors potentially growing in their bodies? Will the flow of DMPA halt, even if Pfizer concedes that the drug causes meningiomas?

Since 1992, when the Food and Drug Administration approved DMPA for contraceptive use with-



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## Take This Opportunity to Advance the Pro-Life Movement!

With Trump back in office, we have a stronger opportunity than ever to advance the pro-life cause and defund radical abortion and population control programs. But the fight is far from over—the push for abortion on demand is more aggressive than ever! Now is the time to take bold action and stand in the gap for Life and Truth. We must seize this moment and push forward with unwavering resolve!

This Lenten season, will you consider joining our **Circle for Life** monthly giving program? A gift of \$10, \$15, or \$25 fits easily within monthly budgets. For the cost of a single coffee and pastry each month, you can help save the lives of women and children across the globe. A small sacrifice—an immeasurable impact!

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Thank you for all you have done to help us build a culture of life, and we hope you will prayerfully consider helping us do more into Easter!

in the United States, USAID has funded the push of DMPA (under a variety of names) on women in developing nations around the world. PRI has been spreading awareness and fighting this since the 90s, when we reported on the abuses of women in Africa receiving Depo-Provera without informed consent and, in some cases, no consent at all.<sup>4</sup>

Over the years, PRI has been able to cut U.S. funding to population control programs, which push contraception and abortion. Still, the flow of contraceptives, including DMPA, has never stopped completely. Between 1994 and 2000, USAID funneled over forty-one million units of Depo-Provera into the developing world, at a cost of over \$40 million.<sup>5</sup>

More recently, under the Biden administration, the flow of USAID-funded DMPA continued. According to USAID's "Overview of Contraceptive and Condom Shipments" from 2023, the most recent report available, the U.S. spent over \$17 million on injectable contraceptives containing medroxyprogesterone acetate (the 'MPA' part of DMPA) as the main ingredient.<sup>6</sup> With that money, over 19 million doses were pushed on women across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

If dozens of these meningioma cases are occurring in the United States, one can only imagine the

thousands of women in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, where millions of doses of DMPA have been sent for decades, suffering from the effects of DMPA as well. For all the women in the U.S. who chose to take Depo-Provera, there are even more women overseas pressured into taking one of the tens of millions of doses paid for by the United States, United Nations, and others.

While we await USAID's report on exactly how many millions of doses were shipped to developing nations in 2024, it seems safe to assume that neither the research exposing DMPA's harm, nor the U.S. lawsuits, will have slowed the shipments down.

For four years under Biden, USAID pushed contraception on women around the world, regardless of what those women wanted and regardless of the harmful, life-threatening side effects. Now, under the Trump administration and in light of the USAID shut-down, the population control rampage may be over. USAID will finally stop spending millions on toxic chemicals that poison women's systems and, in some cases, kill them.

American women need to ditch cancer-causing contraceptives, and America needs to stop paying for these same drugs to be forced upon African, Asian, and Middle Eastern women.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2024/020246s068lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2024/020246s068lbl.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bmj.com/content/384/bmj-2023-078078>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.lanierlawfirm.com/depo-provera-lawsuit/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.pop.org/human-rights-abuses-chart/>

<sup>5</sup> Numbers are from the Population, Health and Nutrition Projects Database (PPD), <http://ppd.phnlp.com>. PPD is a computer-based information system managed by the Population, Health, and Nutrition Information Project on behalf of USAID's Center for Population, Health and Nutrition. See also PRI Review, January-February 2003, 13(1), 5.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ghsupplychain.org/contraceptives-and-condoms-report-fy-2023>

# From the Countries



## **CHINA** **China's Population Decreases for the Third Straight Year**

Births in China increased in 2024, but the overall population still declined for the third year in a row. A total of 9.54 million babies were born, up from 9.02 million in 2023, with the birth rate rising to 6.77 per thousand people. However, 10.93 million people died, leading to a net population loss. The total population stood at 1.408 billion, 1.39 million fewer than in 2023. Like other countries facing depopulation, China has tried encouraging families to have more children by offering more subsidies and benefits. However, since these methods did not yield significant results, the CCP has resorted to shaming women into having more children, in some cases going door-to-door to harass women in person.<sup>1</sup>



## **AUSTRIA** **Radicals in Austria Push for Unrestricted Abortion**

Leaked documents have revealed that left-wing political parties in Austria, including the Social Democrats (SPÖ) and the Liberal Party (NEOS), sought to legalize abortion and create “buffer zones” around abortion clinics during failed coalition negotiations. The SPÖ pushed for unrestricted access to abortion and contraception,

advocating for the complete legalization of abortion without gestational limits, potentially allowing it up until birth. While abortion remains illegal in Austria, women and doctors are exempt from prosecution if the abortion occurs within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. Additionally, the SPÖ called for the creation of buffer zones around abortion facilities, similar to those in the UK.<sup>2</sup>



## **BURUNDI** **Burundi Fights Abortion Extremism at the United Nations**

The Ambassador of Burundi, Zéphyrin Maniratang, made a strong defense of life and family during his address at a recent UN General Assembly. He condemned the characterization of abortion as “safe” and reaffirmed his country’s laws that protect unborn children. He then went on to emphasize that abortion always ends a life and causes lasting harm to mothers, referencing the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development that declared abortion should not be promoted but avoided. Maniratang criticized the use of terms like “sexual and reproductive health: as euphemisms for abortion and urged the UN to respect national laws. He also opposed the promotion of sexual autonomy for children in resolutions against child marriage and

condemned the manipulation of UN resolutions by Western nations to advance controversial social norms.<sup>3</sup>



## **NIGERIA** **Catholic Activists in Nigeria Push Back Against Abortion Promotion**

Catholic activists across Africa have joined Nigerian Church leaders in condemning the government’s push to expand access to abortion in the country. Health Ministers Dr. Mukhtar Yawale Muhammad and Dr. Osagie Ehanire are advocating for changes to the Penal Code to increase abortion rights, with support from abortion-promoting NGOs like the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Ipas. The government claims this is to reduce maternal deaths from unsafe abortions, which account for 20-30% of fatalities in Nigeria. However, Catholic activists, led by CitizenGO Africa, have pushed back against relaxing abortion laws, which will “strip Nigeria of its pro-life identity, prioritizing foreign interests over the lives of Nigerian children.” They accused the ministers of betraying their duty to protect life and called on President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to dismiss them for aligning with foreign abortion agendas.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.breitbart.com/asia/2025/01/17/china-loses-population-for-third-straight-year/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/exclusive-leaked-documents-show-leftist-austrian-parties-tried-to-legalize-unrestricted-abortion>

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# PRI IN THE NEWS



## **New York Post** **From Panama to** **Greenland—China** **Wants Control**

Mr. Mosher's latest article was recently shared in the *New York Post*: "From Panama to Greenland — all of Trump's problems lead to China." Both China and America have eyes on the Panama Canal. A Chinese company currently controls the container ports at both ends of the waterway, and a Chinese construction team is building a bridge across the middle, which is expected to be completed by 2027. Senator Ted Cruz has raised alarms on how this could pose a significant national security risk to the United States. But that's not all China is doing. China has engaged in "grey zone warfare" in the Baltic Sea, expanded its influence in the South Pacific, and built a fleet of Arctic icebreakers, with its sights set on Greenland. The Biden administration may have turned a blind eye to China's advances, but the new administration will not.

**Viewership: 143.5 Million\***

<https://nypost.com/2025/02/01/opinion/from-panama-to-greenland-all-of-trumps-problems-lead-to-china/>



## **Mackinder Forum** **Will the 21st Century** **be America's or** **China's?**

The Mackinder Forum hosted PRI President Steven Mosher to answer the question: Will China or America take the lead as the global superpower by 2100? Over the past thirty years, China's rapid gain in world power gave rise to a wave of predictions that the country would soon surpass the United States in both economic power and military strength. Many experts claimed the 21st Century would be China's, just as the 20th had been America's. However, in recent years, demographic shifts, poor resource management, and internal issues like corruption and infighting within the Chinese Communist Party have cast doubt on the country's future. Meanwhile, President Trump seems ready to revitalize American energy, spur innovation, restore the industrial base, and shrink government.

**Viewership: 1.7 Thousand\***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Md6v5ukgdU0%5C>



## **Life Site News** **Humanity Faces the** **Death Spiral**

PRI continues to sound the alarm on falling birth rates around the globe. The decline in birth rates that started in post-war Europe has, over the decades, spread to all parts of the world. Many countries are experiencing this demographic downturn, with more people passing away than being born each year. As a result of this widespread decline in birth

rates, humanity has reached a significant milestone—though not one to celebrate. For the first time in the roughly 60,000 years since humans first appeared on Earth, we are failing to have enough children to replace ourselves. Thanks to longer life spans, the population will continue to grow until mid-century. Still, once this momentum fades, we will face a second sobering milestone: human numbers will begin to shrink, marking the first such decline since the Black Death in the Middle Ages.

**Viewership: 1.7 Million\***

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/human-population-set-to-decline-for-the-first-time-since-the-black-death/>



## **Ave Maria Respect** **Life Committee** **Successful March for** **Life in Ave Maria**

On January 18th, PRI President Steven Mosher was the keynote speaker at the Ave Maria March for Life. Over 1,300 individuals took part in this Fourth Annual Ave Maria March for Life, including Bishop Frank J. Dewane. The March was a joint effort of the Parish Respect Life Ministry, Ave Maria University, and the Knights of Columbus.

**Viewership: 19.6 Thousand\***

<https://www.youtube.com/live/laaUZH713Eg>

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