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UNEXPECTED CONSEQUENCES TO POPULATION CONTROL POLICIES

Politicians and bureaucrats believe that with their intelligence and knowledge, together with their decision-making power, they can overcome all challenges facing their countries. These individuals often fail to take into account the unexpected consequences of their masterful plans.

This has happened in regard to government policies on population control. Political leaders and bureaucrats have visions that strict regulations by the government on population growth will result in sound economics, social peace, and happiness for its residents.

Little do they know that they are plunging their countries into a tangled heap of nettles and thorns from which their countries cannot be extricated, try as they might.

A case in point is the city / state of Singapore

SINGAPORE'S DEMOGRAPHIC DILEMMA

In 1965, Singapore had a booming population with its maternity wards being some of the world's busiest. The government of that time, under Prime Minister Lee Kuam Yew (LKY), viewed this as a problem. He believed the swelling population was a burden and contributed to overcrowding and excessive social demands. He also regarded the high birth rate as a lack of self-restraint, and he campaigned in 1970 for citizens to stop at two children. He then implemented a massive family planning system.

By the 1980s, however, the government became alarmed that Singapore's best educated elites were not breeding as it believed they should. This caused the Prime Minister to reverse his policies in order to promote marriage and procreation among highly educated residents. For those without a high school diploma or bachelor's degree, sterilizations and abortions remained readily available. However, these policies did nothing to entice the highly educated couples to have many children.

Prime Minister Lee was working under the false assumption that the poor and uneducated members of society could not give birth to strong, intelligent children. He apparently forgot that most of the individuals who had developed Singapore were peasants, jungle villagers and manual labourers from southern China, the Malay Peninsula, and the Indian sub-continent. Many of these were illiterate when they settled in Singapore, and yet, their clever grandchildren built the most modern city in East Asia. Similarly in Canada, the illiterate or poorly educated immigrants who arrived in Canada, mainly at the turn of the 20th century, have descendants who are intelligent and well-educated, as well as industrious, and who have become the very backbone of Canada's economic wealth and success.

The current Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Hsien Loong (son of LKY), has admitted that Singapore is now having economic troubles because of the lack of procreation by its resident Chinese majority. Singapore has always tried to maintain its Chinese identity, which it is now losing because the Chinese portion of the population is having only 0.98 children per women of child-bearing age. That is, Chinese Singaporeans are on the way to demographic collapse. On the other hand, Singapore Malays are enjoying a rebound in the fertility rates due to a resurgence of their Muslim religiosity. The Singapore created by LKY in the 1960s by the Chinese majority, has developed a rich and successful nation by the efforts of these infertile Chinese, for the benefit of the fertile Malays! The latter are different from the Chinese both in regard to language and culture. This spells trouble for Singapore's military, which relies on conscription for its troops. Also, the culture and language of Singapore is rapidly changing to make Singapore, in many ways, a different country.

Consequently, in 2019, Singapore's family planning policies were reversed, and the country is now trying desperately to implement some of the world's most pronatalist policies. Unfortunately, so far, it seems to be having limited success as Singapore's fertility rate is 1.14 children per woman of child-bearing age, which makes Singapore one of the world's least fertile nations.

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CHINA'S POPULATION PROBLEMS

No discussion of government population control policies can be complete without a review of the situation in China, which introduced such policies in 1979 in order to slow population growth and to bolster the economy. These population control policies changed China's demographic course. Unfortunately, they have caused disastrous problems for China's economy, gender balance and its very future. For example, China's one child family planning policy has led to forced abortions and sterilizations, which has resulted in 23 million abortions per year. This has also led to sex-selection abortions and the infanticide of baby girls because of China's cultural preference for male offspring. As a result, China has become a nation of bachelors. According to the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the nation's leading think tank, there are 24 million men in China who are unable to find a bride. These men are described in China as "bare branches" because they are unable to complete a family tree beyond themselves. This has created a host of social problems ranging from increased prostitution, kidnapping of women, baby boy trafficking, increased crime and violence, and social instability.

Because China's one child policy has been so successful in lowering its birth rate, it is now faced with an ageing population whose elderly have always relied on their children to support them when they could no longer work. It is estimated that by the year 2030, a quarter of the population in China will be over the age of 60. The population control policy has resulted in a shrinking work force, which has created pressure on economic and social development and slowed economic growth.

As a consequence of these difficulties, China attempted, in 2015, to rectify the problems by allowing couples to have two children. However, this plan is not going well, as couples are deciding against having more children due to the slowing economy and high cost of raising children in urban environments. That is, because of the population control policies, many of the villages in China are empting out, with people moving to urban areas to find work, which is not conducive to large families.

The loss of Chinese babies has devastated that country and indicates that population control policies are harmful.

CBC HAS A SHRINKING AUDIENCE

Despite the Trudeau government's lavish funding of the CBC, in the amount of $1.2 billion annually, the network is experiencing a shrinking audience. The CBC's local suppertime TV newscast nationwide has seen a sharp decline in viewers, dropping 14% last year to an average of just 269,000 viewers. This decline is combined with the CBC's advertising revenues plunging by 53% during the last five years.

The problem with the CBC is that it fails to broadcast for all Canadians, as required under the Broadcasting Act. Instead it provides programming to ensure the proper indoctrination of Canadians on left-wing "progressive" values that are favoured by the elites running the network. CBC's competition, CTV and Global Television Network, is not experiencing the same bleeding of their audiences. This is because CTV and Global are less focussed on trying to be progressive think-tanks and are doing their job in a more straight-forward manner.

Significantly, of the top 30 TV programs in Canada, CBC has managed to have only two making the ratings. These are Hockey Night in Canada, which rates as number 20, and number 23, Murdoch Mysteries. CTV and Global share the remaining top 30 programs, leaving the beleaguered CBC unloved and unwatched.

An example of CBC's skewed programming, that reasonable Canadians do not like, is the show "Drag Kids", which is a documentary presenting a new and dangerous trend—the use of young and impressionable children (mostly pre-teen boys) as "drag queens" as entertainment. Most reasonable viewers regard this as child abuse.

Further, it is difficult for many Canadians—especially those in the West—to witness the CBC's adoration of Trudeau and all things Liberal. That is, CBC's values are those of the Laurentian group (the Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal triangle) from which CBC's executives and bureaucrats are drawn. Rarely does the CBC remotely connect to the West's perspective.

There is actually no reason for the CBC to continue operating, as it is not carrying out its responsibilities. That is, unless one is left-wing and liberal in values, the CBC is nothing more than a propaganda machine, spinning out its own perspective that is offensive to many, if not most, Canadians.

It is time to shut down the CBC.

Cartoon from *The Toronto Star* on October 2, 2005 by John Fewings.

ABORTION RATES DROP IN THE U.S. BECAUSE OF PRO-LIFE EFFORTS

When the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision in 1972 on Roe vs Wade providing abortion on demand, this understandably was the low point of the pro-life movement. This did not stop it however. The court decision not only changed the narrative on the abortion issue, but also led to a change in the entire culture, in that it led to the focusing on self and work and not on having a family. Despite a decade-long economic and cultural boom, this trend gave rise to fewer and fewer births of children. According to a U.S. Census and American Community Data, since 2000, white college graduates without children increased by 20% in American urban centres. The richest 25% metro areas in the U.S., accounting for half of the country's economy and the nation's internet and web-portal jobs, have created an environment in which childless individuals thrive. That is, delayed marriage and family in favour of intense high paying jobs and adult-centred lifestyles increased, but not families with children. With this culture, it is not surprising that the country's highest abortion rates and lowest rates of church attendance have occurred. Urban areas have become theme-parks for grown-ups.

The good news however, is that this situation is being turned around with another cultural change that has occurred in regard to abortion. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) data for abortions, released in 2016, indicate that the abortion rate is rapidly declining. It has fallen by more than 25% from 2007 to 2016. Among the 47 states that report abortion data consistently (California, Maryland and New Hampshire do not report abortion numbers), the CDC abortion report showed a declining abortion rate. These statistics were similar to that of the pro-abortion Planned Parenthood affiliate, Guttmacher Institute, whose report was released in September 2019.

DECLINE IN SURGICAL ABORTION FACILITIES

There are two types of abortion clinics which are for-profit businesses. They are Surgical Abortion Clinics and Medical Abortion Clinics. These latter offices supply abortions only through the administration of drugs (pills) or other chemical means. They do not conduct surgical abortions.

There was a staggering 79% drop in the number of surgical abortion facilities in the US since 1991.

Surgical abortion facilities are the most profitable especially if they conduct abortions past the first trimester when prices and profits soar.

This decline in surgical abortion businesses has led to attempts to increase medical abortion clinics which supply abortion through drugs or other chemical means, as there is a huge profit margin in providing abortion drugs. Planned Parenthood pays about $82 for the abortion drug combinations, but sells them for a huge mark-up at an average of $604 at their abortion pill clinics around the country.

MEDIA DELIBERATELY MISINTERPRET THE RESULTS

Most of the media coverage on declining abortion numbers typically claimed that increased contraception use had caused the decline in abortions. This covered up the actual fact that it was a higher percentage of women choosing to carry their babies to term, rather than the use of contraception, that was the cause of the change. The decision to carry on with their pregnancies was due to the efforts of the pro-life movement making tremendous gains in public opinion.

Gallup, for example, polls on a similar abortion question every year. Its latest poll, released in June 2019, found that 60 percent of Americans want all (21%) or almost all (39%) abortions made illegal.

Other polls align with the Gallup findings. In the spring, a Hill-Harris X survey found that 55% of voters said they do not think heartbeat laws are too restrictive – even though, according to The Hill, they would ban almost all abortions. Similarly, a Harvard CAPS/Harris poll found that just 6% of Americans said abortions should be allowed "up until the birth of the child". Marist University research found that just 13% of Americans support abortion at any time during pregnancy. In contrast, 58% said they would like abortions to be allowed in cases of rape, incest and risks to the mother`s life.

This profound change on the abortion issue is also due to a higher number of pro-life state laws and more pregnancy help centres being established.

These facts have been confirmed by the left-leaning New York Times, which recently admitted that abortion supporters are losing ground to pro-lifers. It attributed this to "miscalculations" by pro-abortionists `which included: failing to appreciate Trump's winning the White House in 2016 instead of pro-abortion Hillary Clinton; failing to pay attention to state-level battles over abortion legislation which had been written off as irrelevant, due to the belief that the "progressive" left-wing federal judiciary would strike down such laws; Planned Parenthood and other national pro-abortion groups overly prioritizing politics and power instead of the patients (pregnant women); and failing to protect the abortion providers who carry out this unpleasant work.

This pro-life progress in the U.S. however, could quickly change, depending on the outcome of the U.S. 2020 election, and the performance of the U.S. Supreme Court, which still needs another pro-life nomination to ensure the protection for unborn human life.

In Canada, where it is not even acceptable to mention abortion, we have much work to do to catch up with the abortion situation in the U.S. We should be encouraged, however, that change can happen! We should never be discouraged but keep on working to change minds and hearts on the issue.

THE CHILDREN OF DRUG ADDICTS

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Much attention has been placed on the use of opioids as they affect adults, but little attention has been placed on the impact of this drug addiction's effect on children.

According to research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics (JAMA Pediatrics), in July 2019, the number of drug-related foster care entries in the U.S. has increased since 2012, coinciding with the opioid epidemic. This study looked at nearly 5 million instances of children entering foster care between 2000 and 2017 and analyzed how many times foster children were removed from their homes due to their parents' drug use each year. Of all the entries logged during this time period, nearly 1.2 million listed parental drug use as a primary cause.

Tragically, children taken from their parents because of their drug use are more likely to be under age 5, causing traumatic experiences for these very young children.

Teachers are also now seeing the first generations of children entering schools in kindergarten and first grade, who were born with illicit drugs in their system. The two most common drugs children are currently exposed to during their mothers' pregnancy are buprenorphine, found in Suboxone, and methadone, used by doctors as a substitute for prescription opioid and heroin. These drugs don't cause a high as heroin and prescription opioids do, but are prescribed because they reduce the cravings and withdrawal symptoms of prescription opioids. That is, doctors substituting other drugs for opioid addiction have incidentally caused children to be exposed to drugs. These drugs in children have led to a greatly increased demand for special education services due to developmental delays, lower IQs and emotional disabilities.

This is a sad commentary on the narcissism and self-indulgence of our times. Individual rights and autonomy are prioritized over obligations to others, including innocent children.

CORRUPTION AT THE UN

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World globalists are attempting to use the UN as a weapon to promote anti-life / anti- family policies world-wide. These globalists, consisting mainly of the Western countries, believe that the UN can be used to curb world population, and spread Western values in the developing countries. They also believe that the legalization of homosexuality and abortion should be a pre-condition for granting foreign aid to developing countries. These Western countries consist of the European Union, Canada, the Nordic countries and some Latin American countries.

The various UN agencies, the UN General Secretary, currently Antonio Guterres from Portugal, and UN bureaucrats are all in full support of the West's anti-life/ anti-family agenda. The reason for this is that almost all of the UN's financial support comes from these Western nations. The majority of the other UN members do not pay their UN financial assessments. As a result, the UN carries out the demands of these Western countries, which are keeping the institution afloat.

The campaign by the Western countries to change UN policies began in 1992 at the UN Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro. The Secretary of that conference was Canadian, Maurice Strong, a multi-millionaire socialist who used capitalism to enrich himself, but insisted, ironically, that the environment must have priority over industrialisation. At this Environment Conference, Strong had the idea of inviting radical feminists to participate in order to weld environmentalism with feminism to strengthen the environmental agenda. Accordingly, Strong invited the New York-based feminist organization, Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), headed by radical feminist Bella Abzug, to participate. Throughout the following years, Abzug and her followers have had a strong influence at the UN. Fortunately, their efforts have been blocked by knowledgeable, experienced pro-life Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's), which work with the pro-life Asian, African, Middle Eastern and Eastern European countries to resist pressure to undertake these harmful policies.

This pro-life resistance has resulted in intense frustration for the influential Western countries. Their lack of progress at the UN has led them to implement counter strategies to circumvent the pro-life/pro-family efforts. The first counter strategy was developed at a private meeting held in Glen Cove, New York in December 1996. This meeting

was attended by representatives from all the UN agencies, such as UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), WHO (World Health Organization), Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), and UNFPD (United Nations Population Fund), among others. Also in attendance were the heads of all the UN committees which monitor the UN Human Rights Treaties. These committees have the responsibility of monitoring the signatories of UN Human Rights Treaties to determine whether they are complying fully with their treaty obligations. Each country must submit a report to the monitoring committees every five years, outlining their compliance with the treaties. Their reports are carefully reviewed by the "experts" on the monitoring committees, who then make "recommendations" to these countries.

This meeting at Glen Cove, New York, called the "Round Table on Human Rights", decided that the UN monitoring committees would henceforth "reinterpret" the provisions in treaties by pretending that they included the concepts aligned to their anti-life/anti-family ideology. That is, they decided that these committees would interpret the treaties in such a way that feminist and anti-family policies would trump the actual written provisions of the treaties. It was believed that the resulting recommendations by the committees would establish universal norms which would create new international law to which countries must conform. The treaty monitoring committees accordingly began at once to interpret the treaties to include left-wing "progressive" concepts, such as homosexual rights, legalized prostitution, transgendered rights, abortion rights, etc.

Even though the decisions of these committees are not legally binding, their recommendations have, unfortunately, successfully changed the laws in some countries, such as Colombia, as well as other UN member countries. Feminist NGOs in these countries argue that the laws must be changed in order to comply with UN directives. This, of course is not true. The feminist NGOs' arguments are repeated by unscrupulous left-wing politicians in their countries, arguing also that the monitoring committee's recommendations are binding.

To ensure that there is no deviation from the West's agenda, the UN Human Rights office, headed by radical feminist Michelle Bachelet (former president of Chile), regulates the monitoring committee bodies which rely on the office for technical and logistical support. Her agency also drafts recommendations for the committees in response to the UN members' reports. In fact, Bachelet's office, in some instances, even drafts some countries' own reports. Further, her agency also trains lawyers in member UN countries to argue that the monitoring committee's recommendations are binding, which, of course, they are not. For example, the UN Human Rights office in Tanzania works closely with the New York based feminist pro-abortion organization, The Centre for Reproductive Rights, to train lawyers and judges to advance abortion rights in that East African country.

In short, the UN has been tragically corrupted to carry out, without deviation, the West's anti-life/anti- family agenda.

PRESIDENT TRUMP AT THE UN

During the years of struggle to oppose these dangerous policies at the UN, pro-life/pro-family efforts have been constantly undermined by the powerful U.S. delegations under Democratic Presidents, Clinton and Obama. However, the election of Donald Trump as U.S. President in 2016, has dramatically changed the playing field on social issues at the UN. For example, in the past three years Mr. Trump has refused to fund the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) because of its partnership with the Chinese government whose family planning policies involve the use of coercive abortion and involuntary sterilizations. The withdrawal of funds from UNFPA amount to $32.5 million each year, and this has curtailed some of that agency's unpleasant efforts to promote population control in the developing world. In the past two years, Mr. Trump's delegation has also stopped resolutions before the ruling UN Security Council, which included references to abortion.

Further, in September 2019 the United States delivered a statement to the UN General Assembly asserting "there is absolutely no international right to abortion". This statement was made on behalf of 19 other countries, which represented more than 1.3 billion people. The statement also asserted that "the family is the foundational institution of society and thus should be supported and strengthened", and that "support for sex education must appreciate the protective role of the family and must not condone harmful sexual risks for young people."

NAIROBI SUMMIT

This determination by pro-life countries and NGO's to reject the Western countries' control of the direction of the UN led, in November 2019, the UNFPA, with Norway and Denmark, to organize a Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, to definitively establish anti-life policies. This Summit was supported by, among others, international Planned Parenthood, the Gates Foundation, "Women Deliver" and "She Decides". These organizations were established to raise funds to promote abortion in third world countries after U.S. President Trump cut off U.S. funds used for these purposes. This Summit was organized in secret, and only select (pro-abortion) countries were invited to attend. All pro-life organizations were refused registration. The Summit was supported by only a few pro-abortion UN member states—notably Canada, Iceland, Finland, Ireland, Australia and Italy. No actual negotiations were carried out as its official statement of goals on abortion, LGBT "rights" and radical sex-ed globally, had been previously drafted and presented to the conference to be rubber stamped only, ignoring the fact that one of the basic premises in the operation of the UN is that it must work by consensus.

PRO-LIFE RESPONSE TO THE SUMMIT

The American delegation and ten other nations issued a stinging rebuke of the Nairobi Summit, correctly declaring that any document the Summit issued was

illegitimate. The statement also denounced how small countries were being "intimidated and browbeaten into changing either their laws or their cultural and religious norms that protect the unborn and the family" by a few rogue nations at the UN. Further, since the Nairobi Summit statement had not been agreed on by consensus at the UN General Assembly, it did not have standing as an official UN document, and its final recommendations were not to be considered reliable and/or valid.

At the same time the Nairobi Summit was being held, about 200 pro-life leaders from around the world, the majority from Africa, held a parallel conference in Nairobi. The Nairobi Summit had about 6000 attendees in comparison. However, the leader at the parallel conference stated, "We were few because of funding. It is not easy for people to leave their source of livelihood to come and listen to the discussions. We have very little material means compared to the other conference. But we have government officials, young people, civil society and religious people from all over the word, and it takes just a few people to change the world."

The official declaration from this parallel conference stated that the UN must: respect sovereignty and religious and cultural values, protect and strengthen the family, respect the rights of parents, and end abortion.

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