

United States Funding Forced Abortions in China

Law passed last month allows funding coercive family planning

By REGGIE GARCIA LITTLEJOHN

You are funding forced abortions in China. So am I. Not only elective abortions. Forced abortions.

It doesn't matter whether you are pro-life or pro-choice on this issue. No one can support forced abortion, because it is not a choice.

What do I mean by "forced abortions"? Here are a couple of examples from the U.S. Department of State China Report, released on Feb. 25: "In March [2008] family planning officials in Henan Province reportedly forcibly detained a 23-year-old unmarried woman who was seven months pregnant. Officials reportedly tied her to a bed, induced labor, and killed the newborn upon delivery.

"In April [2008] population-planning officials in Shandong Province reportedly detained and beat the sister of a woman who had illegally conceived a second child in an attempt to compel the

woman to undergo an abortion."

According to the Congressional-Executive Commission on China report, released on Oct. 31, 2008, "Violators of the [one-child] policy are routinely punished with exorbitant fines, and in some cases, subjected to forced sterilization, forced abortion, arbitrary detention, and torture."

In my opinion, systematic use of forced abortion is a crime against humanity. And now, you and I will be footing the bill.

Just this month, Congress quietly passed \$50 million in funding for UNFPA, the United Nations Family Planning Fund. The bill includes language that voids Kemp-Kasten, which for 23 years has stood to prevent U.S. dollars from funding coercive family planning.

The United States cut off funding UNFPA in 2001 because an investigation, headed by then Secretary of State Colin Powell, found that UNFPA was complicit with the Chinese Family Planning officials in coercive implementation of China's One-Child Policy.

According to our own State Department, as well as Amnesty International, China Aid and others, the implementation of China's One-Child Policy remains coercive.

Why must we fund forced abortion with our tax dollars?

Not only are women dragged

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out of their homes screaming and pleading in "family planning raids," but the One-Child Policy has also led to many other serious human rights violations. I'll name just three.

Gendercide

Because of the traditional preference for boys, most of the aborted babies are girls. There are 120 boys born for every 100 girls born in China, and in some areas the number is as high as 130 boys born for every 100 girls.

Since the One-Child Policy was instituted in 1978, 400 million births—greater than the entire population of the United States—have been "prevented." You could say that an entire nation of women is not living in China today because they were selectively aborted before they were born. This is gendercide.

Human Trafficking and Sexual Slavery

Because of abortion, abandonment, and infanticide of baby girls, there are an estimated 30 million Chinese men who will never marry because they cannot find wives. This gender imbalance is a powerful, driving force behind trafficking in women and sexual slavery from nations surrounding China.

According to the February, 2009 State Department China Report, "Over the past five years, there reportedly was an increase in cross-border trafficking cases, with most trafficked women and girls coming from North Korea, Mongolia, and Vietnam. Others came from Burma, Laos, Russia, and Ukraine."

Female Suicide

According to the World Health Organization, China has the highest female suicide rate of any country in the world. Approximately 500 Chinese women commit suicide each day. Forced abortion traumatizes women. Could this high suicide rate be related to forced abortion?

And now, our taxpayer dollars will subsidize forced abortion in China. Think about that when you write your check to Uncle Sam on April 15. Then let President Obama and your congressional representatives know

what you think. If there's enough of an outcry, Congress can pass an amendment blocking our UNFPA funding from going to nations that practice coercive family planning. China should be excluded from UNFPA funding.

It has often been said, "America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

May we not lose our goodness, and hence our greatness as a nation, by funding forced abortions in China.

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ONE CHILD: A Chinese village woman carries her grandson on her back in the town of Shapi, in Southern China's Guangxi region. Residents in the nearby county of Bobai exploded in riots on May 18-19, 2007, after family-planning work teams descended on townships here, fining people who violated China's one-child policy and confiscating property from those who could not pay, locals said. GOH CHAI HIN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The Right Medicine for Health Care Reform

By BRYAN A. LIANG

Dear Mr. President:

Thanks for your focus on health care reform in the recently released budget. We, the patients and providers of America, appreciate the details on what you are proposing. But please be careful: We need to give the right medicine for lasting health care reform. Otherwise, we risk making the problem worse.

First, we note you haven't provided details on who will have health insurance and how. But beware: Access to health care in this country means access to health insurance. If you are not considering a universal mandate, we strongly encourage you to do three things to maximize insurance access to maximize our citizen's health.

One. Underwrite aggressive

outreach for those eligible for public insurance. Twelve million uninsured Americans, including three-quarters of all uninsured children, are already eligible for public insurance. Get them enrolled, including use of "express lane" eligibility as we have done in California, where those registered for other public assistance programs are rapidly enrolled in public health insurance.

Two. Sign up the more than 5 million uninsured Americans who already qualify for health insurance coverage through their employers. Over 25 percent of eligible workers are not signed up, according to the Urban Institute, and using an "opt out" system that has been successful in getting low-income workers into 401(k) plans can be used to increase the number of insured.

Three. Extend tax credits to small businesses that need help, particularly during these troubled economic times, to help them offer their employees health insurance. This approach has been found by the California Healthcare Foundation to be an effective means of expanding insurance access, particularly for low-wage workers.

We note you are pinning some of your hopes on follow-on biologics—copies of large, complex, protein-injectable drugs—including a savings of more than \$9 billion. But beware: Your own scientists at the FDA indicate the current state of science makes prediction of adverse events of any copy virtually impossible to do.

This isn't trivial: Biologic copies made by cooperating companies resulted in an allergic immune reaction in patients that not only

made them allergic to the drug, but also to their own bodies' form of the drug. Clinical trials for any follow-on forms, such as those mandated in Europe, should be performed, particularly because follow-on products cannot rely on safety data of the originally approved product.

Finally, we note that you are considering allowing drug importation into this country. But beware: Drugs from "safe" countries such as Canada are imported from suspect countries such as China and India. As you know, from toys to toothpaste, and from pet food to pharmaceuticals, the quality of drugs and other products imported from the Far East has killed and harmed those in this country, including in the recent Heparin debacle.

Instead, focus on ensuring that

vulnerable patients in this country get access to safe drugs regulated here. Expand no-cost and low-cost drug-access programs for low-income individuals by building on private industry efforts such as the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, possibly including a corporate participation mandate in exchange for FDA new or abbreviated drug application review.

For seniors, close the "donut hole," where elderly are currently responsible for thousands of dollars of drug costs that force them to make difficult choices in purchasing drugs from unsafe sources or going without. These efforts will avoid placing the risk of policy failure on those least able to withstand it.

We applaud your efforts to improve access to healthcare. It is

long overdue. But please beware of quick political fixes, and give the right medicine. Our health and our children's and our children's children's health depend on it.

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On How the Chinese Communist Party Destroyed Traditional Culture

The Party culture has indeed rendered distinguished service in helping the CCP to win power and control over society. Like its army, prisons, and police force, the Party culture is also a machine of violence, which provides a different kind of brutality—cultural brutality.

This cultural brutality, by destroying 5,000 years of traditional culture, has diminished the will of the people, and undermined the cohesiveness of the Chinese nationality.

Today, many Chinese are absolutely ignorant of the essence of traditional culture. Some even equate the 50 years of Party culture to the 5,000 years of Chinese traditional culture. This is a sorrowful thing for the Chinese people. Many do not realize that in opposing the so-called traditional culture, they are in fact against the Party culture of the CCP, not the real traditional culture of China.

Many people hope to replace the current Chinese system with the Western democratic system. In reality, Western democracy has also been established on a cultural basis, notably that of Christianity, which,

holding that "everyone is equal in the eyes of God," thus respects human nature and human choices. How could the despotic, inhuman Party culture of the CCP be used as the foundation for a Western-style democratic system?

Conclusion

China started to deviate from its traditional culture in the Song Dynasty (A.D. 960–1279), and that culture has experienced constant degradation ever since. After the May Fourth Movement of 1919,¹ some intellectuals who were eager for quick success and instant benefit attempted to find a path for China by turning away from the traditional culture toward Western civilization.

Still, conflicts and changes in the cultural domain remained a focus of academic contention without the involvement of state forces. When the CCP came into existence, however, it elevated cultural conflicts to a matter of life-and-death struggle for the Party. So the CCP began to exercise a direct assault on traditional culture, using destructive means as well as indirect abuse in the form of "adopting the dress and rejecting the essence."

The destruction of the national culture was also the process of establishing the Party culture. The CCP subverted human conscience and moral judgment, thus driving people to turn their backs on

traditional culture. If the national culture is completely destroyed, the essence of the nation will disappear with it, leaving only an empty name for the nation. This is not an exaggerated warning.

At the same time, the destruction of the traditional culture has brought us unexpected physical damage.

Traditional culture values the unity of heaven and humans and harmonious co-existence between humans and nature. The CCP has declared endless joy from fighting with heaven and earth. This culture of the CCP has led directly to the serious degradation of the natural environment that plagues China today.

Take water resources for example. The Chinese people, having abandoned the traditional value that "a nobleman treasures wealth, but he makes fortune in a decent way," have wantonly ravaged and polluted the natural environment. Currently, more than 75 percent of the 50,000 kilometers (30,000 miles) of China's rivers are unsuitable for fish habitat. Over one-third of the groundwater had been polluted even a decade ago, and now the situation continues to worsen.

A spectacle of a strange kind occurred at the Huaihe River: A little child playing in the oil-filled river created a spark that, upon striking the surface of the river, lit a flame five meters (16 feet) high. As the

fire surged into the air, more than 10 willow trees in the vicinity were burnt to a crisp.²

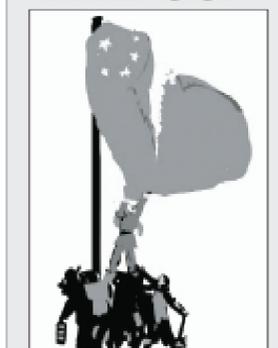
One can easily see that it is impossible for those who drink such water not to develop cancer or other strange diseases. Other environmental problems, such as desertification and salinization in Northwest China and industrial pollution in developed regions, are all related to society's loss of respect for nature.

¹The May Fourth Movement was the first mass movement in modern Chinese history, beginning on May 4, 1919.

²Chen Guili, "Warning of Huaihe River" (1995).



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