



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Abortion as a Weapon of Deadly Discrimination



Education: In China, India, and other Asian cultures, sons will carry on the family name and legacy, and are responsible for caring for elderly parents, while daughters join their husband's family. Baby boys are therefore valued more highly than girls, and sex-selective abortions have produced an unbalanced sex ratio. An excess of males over females can then lead to increases in rape, sex trafficking, and child marriage. A recent UN report estimated that 1.2 million girls are aborted each year because of their sex. (1) But sex-selection abortions are happening in the United States

as well, particularly among Asian families. Families with two girls and no boys still should have a biologically normal ratio of 1.05 boys for each girl as third children, but the actual ratio for the third child in those families was 1.51.(2)

While girls are a major target of discriminatory abortion, handicapped children are also often aborted because of their imperfection. (3) Iceland openly seeks to abort all babies with Down's syndrome to eliminate them from their country. (4) While Down's Syndrome is a serious handicap, it not only does not prevent individuals from living a full life, but seems to allow them to be exceptionally loving! (5) One young woman made a short video about why she wouldn't change anything about her life. (6) Even more distressing is that some abortions are even done to eliminate babies with imperfections that can be easily corrected, such as cleft lip or cleft palate. (7)

1. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/un-report-sex-selective-abortion-1-2m-girls/>
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3. <https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/456841-disability-based-abortion-is-lethal-discrimination>
4. <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/12/04/patricia-heaton-iceland-isnt-eliminating-down-syndrome-they-are-just>
5. <http://www.thelovechromosome.com/>
6. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exGBITeWOKw>
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Prayer: Dear Father God, please touch the hearts of Asians and all people to help them value women and girls as equally precious human beings as their male counterparts, respecting every child as a gift from you, to be treasured and nurtured. Help them to raise their children to also value all people equally. Please allow parents with a prenatal diagnosis of a handicap to be told of the resources available to help them and their children, and the hope for happiness for their children, rather than receiving only a bleak prediction of sorrow and pain. Please help them to treasure their child as the unique individual that he or she is.



Action: Talk to your friends about abortion being used as a tool to eliminate children who are unwanted simply because of their sex or a handicap. Find out if your state has a law against abortion for those reasons and support such a law if it is being considered. We should always treat individuals who happen to be handicapped in some way with appropriate respect and concern. We do have laws to protect the handicapped from discrimination after birth; we also need to protect them before birth.