



Opium



China was the first country with a Drug Problem.
China has a **ZERO Tolerance Drug Policy!**



- First time caught with drugs, you go through rehabilitation.
- Second time caught, put to **DEATH!**



Poppy Plant:
From which
Opium is
derived.



75. - Préparation d'une Pipe d'opium

With the large number of Chinese immigrants to the US in the late 1800s, Opium Dens popped up all over the place. Especially in the western parts of the US.



Smoking Opium was originally reserved for the elite in China. That custom changed over the years.



Medicinal Uses of Opium

Morphine comes from opium and has been used for medicinal purposes for hundreds of years. In the 1800s it was used in elixirs for help with coughs and other ailments. It is still used as a pain killer even today.

It is highly addictive!

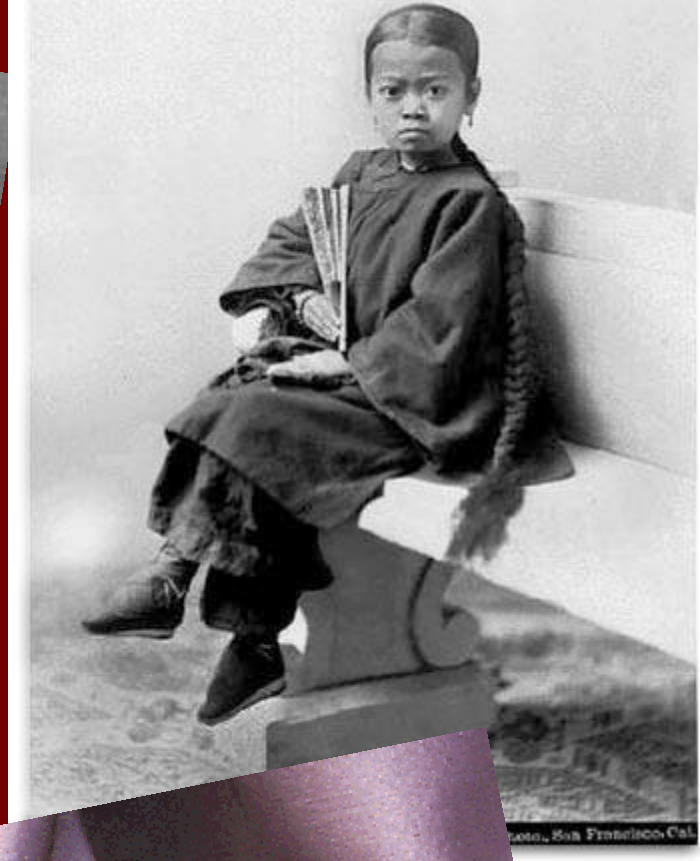


Islamic culture, in particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan, have also had a long history of use of Opium/ Morphine.

Foot Binding

- This practice was used on young Chinese girls for almost 1000 years. Mostly those from wealthy families.
- This would not allow women to do much physical labor and barely be able to walk.





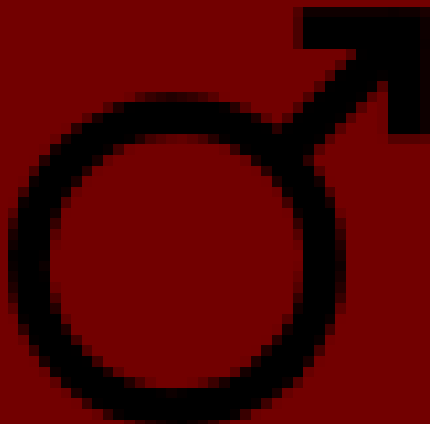
The Largest Population in the World

- Over **1.5 billion** people live in **China**
- China has a **One** baby policy to help with population control.
- ***Infanticide***, the systematic killing of girls soon after they are born, is out of control.
- In the next five years there will be too many men. There will be **1 woman** for every **4 men**.

- One Child Policy was in place from 1979 to October of 2015. Now the Chinese government allows for 2 children per family.
- The families violating the policy are required to pay monetary penalties and might be denied bonuses at their place of work.
- The Chinese government has been accused of forcing women to have **abortions** and of **forcefully sterilizing** their citizens.

“Little Emperor” problem

- Chinese culture values males over females.
- Why do you think so?
- What does this mean in the long run?
 - China faces a 24 million bride shortage by 2020!



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- Most families prefer a son to carry on the family's name. *A son brings honor to the family.*
- Female babies are usually left abandoned. They are typically not discovered until it is too late, or they are fortunate enough to be found and taken to an orphanage.

The Orphanages

- What happens to all the abandoned Children?



Abandoned babes at the ICCW orphanage in Usilampatti



This boy spent four years in an orphanage before dying at age 11

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morning in the Chinese province of Hunan brings an unimaginable sight of cruelty and horror: Lying in the gutter of a bustling main road is the tiny, twisted body of a dead baby girl. She is naked, surrounded by only dirty pieces of hospital gauze. Buses and bicyclists speed past the corpse, spraying it with mud.

Nameless and unwanted, the newborn's been dumped by the roadside during winter. Few of the locals hurrying by give her a second glance. To them, she is just one of thousands of baby girls abandoned each year as a result of China's ruthless one-child policy. "I think the baby had just died," says a woman who was the only person to attempt to rescue the infant. "I touched her skin, and it was warm. Blood was still coming out of her nose."

Under China's strict family-planning laws, couples in urban areas are allowed only one child; couples in most rural regions can try for a second if their first-born is a girl. Those who have an illegal baby are subject to crippling fines, sterilization, and other severe penalties. To avoid punishment, many parents go to the desperate measure of despoiling their illegal offspring. If their child is a girl—considered less valuable than boys in rural, traditional parts of China, like Hunan—the chances of this heartbreaking fate are immeasurably higher.

To the Chinese authorities, abandoned girls are merely worthless trash. "I called the emergency services, but nobody came," says the woman who found this latest little victim. (For fear of official reprisal, she wishes to remain anonymous.) "The baby was lying right near

the government just walked past." Eventually, an old man picked up the child, put her in a box, and dropped her in a garbage bin. When the police finally arrived, they showed no interest in investigating her death. They instead arrested the woman who'd tried to save her. "I took some photographs, because it was so terrible; the police wrote more worried about my pictures than the baby," she says. The police only released the woman once she handed over her film.

The chilling death of this baby, and countless others like her, reveals the gross inhumanity behind the enforcement of China's one-child policy. The world's most populous country with 1.3 billion people, China introduced the policy in 1979 in response to a rapid increase in the birth rate under former leader Mao Tse-tung, and a fear that the exploding population couldn't be fed. Today, China's leaders claim that the policy has been a great success, preventing an extra 300 million births.

Most Chinese recognize the need to keep the birth rate down, but the government's methods continue to cause untold misery. "What's happened since the one-child policy was introduced is a national catastrophe," says Wu Hongli, a women's aid worker in Shanghai who

FOR SEVERAL HOURS, PEOPLE IGNORED THE BABY GIRL.



does outreach work in rural communities. "So many families have lost their children and had their lives destroyed."

While abandonment is shockingly common, says Wu, some parents who give birth "outside the plan" are so terrified of being caught, they even kill their child.

"One father dropped his daughter down an old well so no one would ever know she existed."

Each region in China has a target "birth quota" for the number of babies allowed to be born per year. Local government offices and state-owned factories appoint

formal staff to monitor every woman's menstrual cycle. Before conceiving a baby, women must have a "birth permit": those who don't, or who've already given birth, have their contraceptive usage monitored. Though condoms and the Pill are available, the most common form of birth control is the metal IUD; it's inserted at government clinics and detectable by X-ray to ensure it hasn't been removed without authorization.

Officially, the state condemns the use of force or cruelty in enforcing quotas. But in practice, officials feel pressure to achieve low birth rates or face disgrace and demotion, causing many to resort to brutal tactics. Population officials, or "abortion squads," regularly conduct midnight raids at homes of women suspected of becoming pregnant illegally. These squads drag offenders into custody and detain them until they submit to an abortion, even if they're eight or nine months pregnant.

Dying Room

- The dying room is a room where abandoned children who are sick are left in to die.
- They are not fed, cleaned, or touched.

You can choose to see a video on Chinese orphanages titled the Dying Room on youtube.

****Please note that this is very graphic and sad!!!**

