

China's One Child Policy For Better *and* Worse



The Traditional Family

Patriarchal

Xiao : Filial Piety

5 Relationships:

Ruler-Subject Father-Son

Husband-Wife Elder Brother-Younger Brother

Friend-Friend

Patrilocal

Marriage Homes

Patrilineal

Family name carried through male lineage

Ancestor Worship



The One Child Policy

Communist Revolution

Improved Health Care

1970's Education

Substantially Reduced Birth Rate

1979 The One Child Policy

Urban acceptance

Rural resistance



Major Issues

Multi-Child & One Child Families

Women & Patriarchy

Family Elder Care & Smaller Families

The Elderly in China

2050

400 Million, roughly 20% of population will be age 60+

Pensions

Primarily held by men, Low compensation

Disproportional Number of Female Elderly

Government Assistance

No Social Security

Few Government Benefits

Elderly & the One Child Policy

Extended Working Years

Wage Labor/Small businesses

Agricultural

Child Care/Domestic work

Level of Impairment

Physical

Mental



Elderly & the One Child Policy

Family Care

*May not have a son
Daughter-in-law
Tendency Away from Co-Residency*



Women & the One Child Policy

Communist Revolution

Propaganda encouraged female labor

Dual Female Labor

*Wage Labor
Domestic Labor
Support From elders*



Women & the One Child Policy

Educational Opportunities

*Equal Investment Regardless of Gender
Sometimes Greater Investment in Daughters*

Employment Opportunities

*Glass Ceiling
Glass Floor*



Children and the One Child Policy

Signs of Abuse

Skewed Male Demographic

Child Centric Family

Little Emperors?



Conclusion

Elder Care

*Extended Working Years
Child care/ Domestic Assistance
Reliance on child regardless of gender
Local Residency*

Movement Towards Gender Equality

*Better educational & employment opportunities
Inclusion of women into filial structures*

Conclusion Cont.

Over All Family Structure

*Nuclear
Child Focused*

Good or Bad? Depends...

*Destroys Traditional Family Structure
Stronger Future*

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