

What is Female Gendercide?

(also called female infanticide)

Female infanticide is the deliberate killing of a newborn female child by her family. It is most commonly done immediately after birth or within the first year of the girl's life. Female infanticide is often done by drowning, strangulation, abandonment after birth, or through deliberate neglect of the girl child by not providing essential nutrition or medical care.

With the advent of modern diagnostic technology like ultrasound and amniocentesis, female feticide has replaced female infanticide. It is the deliberate selective abortion of a female fetus after prenatal sex determination, preventing a girl child from even being born. Since many countries ban the right to know the sex of a child before birth, this is often done illegally and has become a booming profitable racket.



Every Girl Matters

- Female gendercide has exterminated over 120 million girls in the world, and has claimed more victims than World War I and II combined.
- It has caused the sex ratios of males to females to drop steeply in some countries, falling as low as 848 girls for 1000 boys.



SAVE THE GIRL CHILD



Our mission is to end female gendercide in the world.

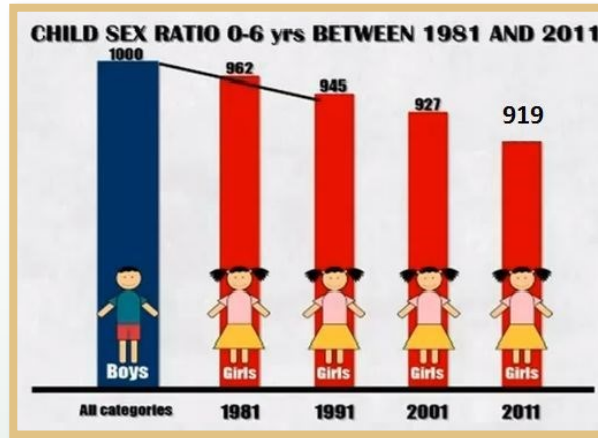
Reasons for Female Infanticide

Female gendercide is prevalent in South Asian and East Asian countries, particularly in India and China, which are two of the world's most populous countries. Cultural preferences for a boy leads to devaluation of a girl child. There are many reasons for these cultural biases; boys carry on the family lineage, inherit ancestral property, contribute to family income, and look after parents in their old age. Other factors are poverty, a girl child being another mouth to feed, girls being vulnerable to social evils like dowry death and sexual trafficking, and patriarchal societies.



Implications of female gendercide

Female infanticide is the worst form of gender violence against women, where a woman is denied her most fundamental right - "the right to life". The decimation of girls changes the normal ratio of males to females in a country and causes the sex ratios to plummet. Some countries have as low as 850 girls per 1000 boys. The decline in the number of women also increases trafficking, crime against women, and child marriages. Fewer girls means less productivity and less human capital input from one gender. It stunts the economic development and the social fabric of a nation.



It is imperative to take steps to end female gendercide across the globe. A nation cannot progress at the cost of the loss of its female population



What can you do to help?

STAND UP

Be a voice if a family member or friend discriminates against the birth of a girl.



DONATE

Give gifts and donations to abandoned and orphaned girls around the world

SPONSOR A GIRL

Support and contribute to a poor girl child's education and health care needs for a year.



BE AN ADVOCATE

Speak up against contributing social problems like dowry, child marriage, lack of female education

RAISE AWARENESS

Write blogs, create films, poems, social media support pages, and screen the film "It's a Girl"

