**INDIA VS CHINA: A Study in Population Control**

*‘The Good, the Bad and the Ugly’*

The class will be divided into two teams examining the policies of the two largest countries with respect to population control. Both countries have made efforts to slow their growth rates and try and meet the needs of sustainable economic development with an appropriate population base. Each has undertaken steps that have had very real consequences for the nation. Their approaches are very different in trying to achieve their goals. China as an authoritarian government is able to enact policies that would otherwise be regarded as an infringement on human rights. India as the world’s largest democracy is unable to legislate such measures as China, yet has also encountered criticism and abuses.

**Your goal is to present your countries program to the class**. Each team will expose the good, the bad and the ugly of each program. We will discuss and compare the two different approaches to population control as a class on Thursday following the two presentations.

**Resources.**

You will have access to the computer with use of PowerPoint or to share a selected streamed video, the document camera, Smartboard, and overhead.

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<http://populationpyramid.net/>

coolgeography.co.uk/.../**Population**/Pop%20**Pyramids**/...

Each group should cover off the following by breaking into 3 smaller ‘teams’ of your choosing and overseen by a ‘student co-ordinator’ or leader.

**Components of the Presentation**

1. History and background of population and demographic (gender, age, cultural, religious components of the nation)
2. An examination of past present and future population pyramids and an interpretation of them for the class examining BR, DR, dependency load, gender imbalance, specific dates of policy introductions and the impact on the pyramid and projections going forward including where the country sits on the DTM.
3. The nature of the current policy and the Impact it has had on the population, culture, society, and economy… both good and bad – and ugly. This also includes your team’s view as to whether the policy is effective and successful in the core goal of population control.