

Pro-Life Federation International

World Bank Promotes Abortion as A Tool to End Global Poverty

The Who is Who of Abortion Advocacy in Pictures: World Bank President Jim Yong Kim with Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, the President of International Planned Parenthood Federation and other pro-abortion forces, Bill Gates and George Soros.



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I. The World Bank from Where God Has Been Exiled

*"During 2010–2014, an estimated 56 million induced abortions occurred each year worldwide."
The Guttmacher Institute*

*"The World Bank is the largest source of external finance for health programs in developing countries, spending more than US\$3 billion to support reproductive health in over 70 countries."
New Zealand Resource*

*"To say that there is not enough money is just a lie. There's plenty of money in the world; it's just not going to health care for poor people..." There is a need "for increased public investment in basic health services including reproductive health care"
World Bank President, Jim Yong Kim*

In 2017, an opinion piece in *The Hill* described the World Bank as "a sovereign power with its own court system from where God has been exiled. Its workforce is 10,000 in its Washington headquarters, but its tentacles reach 193 nations."

The World Bank has additional 5,000 employees scattered around the world. In total its 15,000 workforces are "*responsible for using about \$200 billion in loans.*"

As documented by a *New Zealand Resource for Life Related Issues*, "the World Bank is the largest single source of external finance for health programs in developing countries, spending more than US\$3 billion to support reproductive health programs through 160 projects in over 70 countries. It deploys its considerable power to leverage compliance from governments in developing countries. It insists that reproductive health programs be implemented as a condition for receiving development loans."

As one of *the World Bank's publications*, "The World Bank and Foundations: Good Practices for Partnerships," reveals it uses its resources to leverage more resources from the who is who of international foundations involved in abortion advocacy and financing.

The foundations include: Open Society Foundation (Soros), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Aga Khan Foundation, Rotary International, MacArthur Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Eurasia Foundation, King Baudouin Foundation, and Bernard van Leer Foundations. The World Bank book noted above was prepared in collaboration with these foundations.

Apart from grant providing foundations, the World Bank enjoys unanimous support from hard core liberal advocacy institutions such as *Think Progress*, and the International Planned Parenthood Foundation. *The Bank's unchallenged power, however, resides in its sovereign immunity status. It is immune from the laws and courts of countries it operates in.*

In principle, the Bank's mission is to end poverty in developing countries by promoting economic growth. In practice, it has become an ominous power in the global population control effort that has embraced abortion to achieve its goal. Four examples provide a taste of the abortion revolution.

- *A 2007 World Bank book* titled “The global family planning revolution” praised Tunisia for initiating “a series of remarkable social changes..., including **legalizing abortion for personal (nonmedical) reasons after the fifth child.**”
- A 2012 World Bank article titled “*Power of the Pill or Power of Abortion?*” documented the Bank’s leadership role in global abortion rights, “**especially young women’s and adolescents’, access to family planning**” to avoid unwanted children from being born.
- *A 2013 World Bank article* supported a policy to “**make emergency contraception available to youth as young as 12**” free of charge. Compliments of US taxpayers!
- *A 2011 article* penned by a World Bank lead economist for the Africa region provided an estimate from a pro-abortion study that “5 out of 6” pregnancies (83%) “result in unwanted or unplanned births.” Those who are carried to term “are more likely to be born to poorer, less educated mothers.” The outcome, the pro-abortion study noted, is that such children tend to be shorter and weigh less than those born from well to do families. From there follows the conclusion: “So not only are we seeing the effects of a policy intended to cut abortion here, we’re also seeing what happens to unwanted kids.”

I.1. Failure to End Global Poverty Led to Population Control Through Abortion

The year 1994 marked World Bank’s 50-year anniversary. Its golden jubilee was met with “50-years is enough” campaign around the world that called for its closure.

In 1996, the *Heritage Foundation* established that “Most long-term recipients of World Bank money are no better off than they were when they received their first loan. Many are worse off.”

As reported in the 2006 issue of *New York Times*, “The West spent \$2.3 trillion on foreign aid over the last 5 decades” and the World Bank that is the leading global development agency failed “to get \$3 to each new mother to prevent 5 million child deaths.”

Having failed to end poverty through economic growth, the global liberal elites embraced abortion as a means to “*de-populate third world countries*” (led by President Clinton) and as “*a tool to end poverty*” (promoted by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada).

I.2 The Current World Bank President is a Champion of Abortion

In 2012, President Obama nominated Jim Yong Kim (a Harvard-trained medical doctor) to lead the World Bank at the *recommendation of the Clintons*. The World Bank Board approved the nomination.

Clive Crook, a member of the Bloomberg View editorial board, questioned the wisdom of Kim’s nomination in an article titled “*Obama Has Made a Mess of the World Bank Succession.*” The article noted that he “has no credentials in development economics or finance.”

As reported by *Breitbart News*, Kim was “a co-founder of a health group that enjoys a working relationship with the Clinton Foundation.” His group, *Partners in Health*, is credited for “*igniting a global health movement*” that promoted health care, including abortion, as a fundamental human right. He was the right candidate to lead the abortion revolution.

He has two more important credentials for the job at hand. First, his thinking is admittedly influenced by the importance of *Catholic liberation theology*. He believes in a socialist model of wealth transfer from rich countries to poor countries.

Second is his relationship with George Soros. In August 2016, *the Economic Policy Journal*, provided a summary of leaked documents belonging to Soros' Open Society Foundation (OSF). The Journal listed "stunning" revelations of the many ways OSF influences the Bank. The report revealed Kim was invited to attend OSF's staff meeting to better coordinate the Bank's programs with those of OSF.

I.3. Silencing Dissenting Opinion Through Intimidation

In 2015, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalism (ICIJ) published an article titled, "*the World Bank is rife with 'fear and retaliation.'*" In the same year, in an open letter, the Staff Association revealed "a culture of fear pervades the World Bank Group."

The World Bank is replete with destroyed careers of dissenters and whistleblowers. In 2000, William Easterly, a lead economist at the World Bank wrote a book titled "The Elusive Quest for Growth" that exposed the Bank's failure to meet its goals and recommended adopting "traditional free-market policies and stop lending to corrupt and incompetent governments."

His book was praised in a report prepared by 28 world renowned economists as the "*most influential of all of the World Bank's research outputs.*" Regardless of what outside experts believe, the World Bank could not tolerate one of its top economists echoing the criticisms of the conservative Heritage Foundation. It forced him out after the bank's Office of Business Ethics and Integrity investigated him for writing an op-ed piece about his book in *the Financial Times*.

The Staff Association decried that he "was not even allowed to have a copy of the completed Ethics report on the investigation; he could only read it and reply." Yes, the Ethics Department!

In January 2018, Kim forced out the Bank's American Senior Vice President and Chief Economist (Paul Romer) after he revealed the Bank manipulates its Ease of Business Doing index. The index ranks countries based on how easy it is to start a business in different countries.

After his statement got wide coverage in the media and angered Kim, the professor *tried to mitigate the damage writing*: "At this point, any discussion about how the World Bank can do better should take place internally, not via the press, blogs or social media." He also suggested the World Bank should be accorded "different norms about which actions by participants are morally right or wrong." Soon after he changed his twitter profile to "*Unemployed*" and started to follow "Drunk World Bank" (@DrunkWB) on Twitter.

Another victim of the World Bank is an Ethiopian national, Yonas Biru, who was a Deputy Global Manager. Biru's case has become a *cause celebre* not only in the US but also around the World for multiple reasons.

First, he exposed that the World Bank underestimated the economies of China and India, and inflated the global poverty headcount by over 600 million people. Second, he chose to fight back rather than leave quietly as many whistleblowers, including Easterly and Romer have done. Third, his case reveals that the Obama administration, Hillary Clinton's Campaign Surrogates and the Congressional Black Caucus actively collaborated with the World Bank to suppress his pursuit of justice.

II. World Bank Research and Data Manipulated to Justify Policy

An independent report prepared by 28 renowned professors found that World Bank research “is often not about doing research to discover new knowledge but to justify some previously determined policy.” Evidently the same rule applies in the way the World Bank manages its data production. World Bank data are often manipulated to give “credence” to some previously determined policy.

II.1. Willfully Underestimating China’s and India’s GDP by 40% and 36%, Respectively

Biru, World Bank’s enemy number one, managed the International Comparison Program (ICP). The ICP produces economic data. The three most widely used ICP data include: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), GDP per capita, and the purchasing power currencies that are used to estimate the number of poor in the world.

Biru found out that a Russian technical expert (Yuri Dikhanov) was manipulating the data. Though Dikhanov was reporting to Biru, he refused to listen to his instructions and concerns. With the full knowledge and tacit approval of an Iranian Senior Director (Shaida Badiie) and Chinese Senior VP (Justin Lin), Dikhanov denied Biru access to the data and the data processing software.

The Iranian official instructed Biru NOT to discuss the data manipulation matter with other World Bank officials. He defied her instruction and reported the matter to the World Bank Chief Ethics Officer, stressing governments in developing countries use the data for policy making.

A month before the ICP data was published, Professor Alan Heston (then-chair of the external ICP Technical Advisory Group) shared his concerns candidly by writing to the World Bank that the data for China and India were “seriously misleading.”

Professor Heston’s criticism echoed Biru’s concern that the data makes rich countries appear richer and poor countries appear poorer. The Professor focused on China and India because they are the two largest developing nations. But his criticism applied to all developing countries. The World Bank ignored him and published the data knowing full well that it was manipulated.

After the data was published, another member of the ICP Technical Advisory Group (Professor Angus Deaton, a Nobel Prize-winning economist) wrote to Professor Heston stating: “I am getting emails of distress from World Bank staffers in Delhi, who do not understand what is going on or how to handle these numbers. And my guess is that the new figures [] are going to undermine the dollar a day international measures...” [The dollar a day estimates are used to determine the number of poor in the world.]

Professor Deaton added: “Of course, I have no idea what Yuri [Dikhanov] actually did... I had hoped to reproduce the numbers, but it became clear for many reasons that that is not possible. So, I do not know whether what [Dikhanov] did is invariant or not.... Alan [Heston] and I plan to make all of this a good deal clearer in the next version of our paper.”

Evidently, by making China and India look far poorer than they are, the World Bank justified increasing its subsidized loans, including for reproductive health services.

II.2. Willfully Inflating the Number of Poor in the World from 571 million to 1.2 billion

The data that the World Bank produced not only grossly underestimated the economies of developing countries, but also grossly inflated the number of poor in the world.

After a worldwide uproar, the World Bank was forced to establish an external *data computation task force* to ensure future data are credible and replicable.

An independent report that used the Bank's manipulated data found 1.2 billion people living in extreme poverty. In contrast, the same report found only 571 million poor for the same year based on new country-level data sets that were processed by the external data computation task force. The manipulated data yielded 400 million poor in India. The external experts' estimate was 99 million. The external experts found that the poverty headcount for Sub Saharan Africa was inflated by over 100 million.

Differences in poverty count is expected when new country-level data sets are collected. Revisions happen, but the difference between 1.2 billion and 571 million are too large to be explained by it.

The Bank used the inflated global poverty data to mobilize resources. *US's contribution to Multilateral Development Banks* was \$2.6 billion average per year for 4 years before the inflated data was published. The yearly average increased to \$4.6 billion over 8 years after the manipulated data was published.

Inexplicably, even after all the criticism from inside and outside of the World Bank that vindicated Biru's allegations, Biru was terminated. In contrast, Dikhanov, whose manipulated data resulted in increasing US funds to the World Bank by \$2 billion a year, was promoted.

III. The Cover-Up that Involved the Obama Administration, Hillary Clinton's Campaign Surrogates and the Congressional Black Caucus

III.1. World Bank's Wrath of Retaliation Against a Whistleblower

The Bank's retaliation against Biru was swift, harsh and racially discriminatory. In October 2016, *Senator Chris Van Hollen wrote a letter* to the US Departments of State and Treasury, stating the World Bank rejected Biru's application for Global Manager position, claiming "Europeans are not used to seeing a black man in a position of power."

The Senator further noted "to justify the denied promotion" the World Bank "retroactively downgraded Dr. Biru's performance record." He provided hard evidence that the World Bank went as far as deleting Biru's Deputy Global Manager title from its website and falsely claiming under oath on the record that "he had no management responsibility."

An opinion piece in *The Hill* independently confirmed that the World Bank "disenfranchised Biru of his professional credentials," claiming it was "too good to be true for a black man."

By retroactively degrading Biru's record, the World Bank undermined the impact of his criticism of data manipulation. It also used the degraded data to justify its claim that he lacked management experience to be the Global Manager.

As [US Senator Chris Van Hollen](#) and the [Government Accountability Program \(GAP\)](#) independently reported, the World Bank terminated Biru for filing a formal complaint of data manipulation with the Chief Ethics Officer. The table below (taken from Senator Van Hollen’s report) shows the brazen criminal acts of the World Bank. It reflects its reckless disregard for official record.

Biru’s official record that the World Bank retroactively deemed too good to be true for a black man.	Biru’s falsified record that is on the Bank’s website. The Bank has refused to remove it.
<p>“He has multiple roles in terms of the Bank’s global management, managing one of the most critical programs the Bank has ever managed... He is praised for his many skills in handling difficult programs... He managed important innovations in critical areas that have created a lasting-legacy. His work in managing sensitive relationships between international stakeholders is very impressive... The global program just couldn't be successful without his expertise and knowledge of key players.”</p>	<p>“He had no management responsibility ... He doesn’t have the judgment and relationship management skills... He lacks international credibility ... Some regions do not want to work with him... [because] he was not regarded as a team player nor able to work cooperatively with others... They are concerned that the whole project would be put at risk if he was made Global Manager.”</p>

Senator Chris Van Hollen has provided copies of Dr. Biru’s record before and after his record was deleted. Such a brazen perjury of an official personnel record is unimaginable in any reputable institution. But for the World Bank that inflates the global poverty data by over 600 million people, falsifying a staff member’s official record is nothing to fuss about.

Since 2010, Biru has been fighting to have the irreparably defamatory record removed from the Bank’s website so he can seek employment elsewhere to support his family.

The World Bank wants to make him an example for potential whistleblowers. The message to potential whistleblowers is: Not only will the Bank terminate them but it will destroy their career by defaming them in public with absolute impunity.

Since the World Bank cannot be sued in US courts, Biru filed a formal complaint with the World Bank Tribunal. The Tribunal found his termination “unlawful and a violation of due process.” Nonetheless, it ruled he should not be reinstated because “he had criticized his managers.”

As [Senator Van Hollen’s](#) documented, "Ultimately, the World Bank internally restored Biru's original and correct record," but refused to withdraw the perjured remarks from its website, claiming his officially restored internal record is “too good to be true”

In October 2016, Senator Van Hollen requested the Obama administration to intervene. The response was that there was nothing the Obama administration could do. There is compelling documented evidence that the Obama administration, Hillary Clinton’s Campaign Surrogates and the Congressional Black Caucus collaborated with the World Bank to deny him access to justice (See below).

Different groups, including [Virginia Christian Alliance](#), a group of [Bishops from Maryland](#), a [Whistleblower Protection organization in Washington](#), a coalition of [Civil Rights Advocates](#), [Two US Senators](#) and [members the Advisory Board of Minority Coalition for Trump](#) have written independently to the US Departments of State and Treasury calling for justice on behalf of Biru.

Pro-life organizations should join the chorus of call for justice because it will create a precedent and free the silent majority in the World Bank, including pro-choice people, to speak up.

III.2. The Termination of Six White VP to Clear Room for Six Black VPs

As noted in *Breitbart News*, Biru's case "prompted Congress to pass a law," requiring the US to stop funding the Bank until it agrees to use external arbitration for whistleblowing cases.

As *The Hill* and *Pambazuka News for Justice* independently reported, the Obama administration and Hillary Clinton's campaign surrogates (Maxine Waters) and the Congressional Black Caucus Political Action Committee (CBC-PAC) led by Gregory Meeks (another Clinton Surrogate) blocked the law from being enforced.

Evidently, the concern for the Obama administration and Hillary Clinton (who at the time has all but inaugurated herself President) was that if Biru is accorded the protection of the law and redressed, staff members who are pro-life, champions of free market, and advocates of institutional accountability will start to speak up against the World Bank. That will undermine the Bank's liberal global policies.

The US Treasury that had supported Biru's request for external arbitration changed course and refused to enforce the law. The Voice of America, a US government owned and run international broadcasting facility, canceled Biru's pre-taped interview hours before it was scheduled to air.

Twenty-four members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) who had signed a petition demanding justice for Biru withdrew their signatures after Kim promised them he would launch an aggressive affirmative action if they stopped rallying behind Biru.

Kim delivered what he promised. The first major shakeup he did was firing three senior white executives and replacing them by an Indian, Indonesian and Ghanaian. When *the Financial Times* asked him for explanation, his reply was: 'Just a personnel decision that I felt I had to make.'

Having an Indian, Indonesian and Ghanaian as the top executives made it easier for him to implement his anti-white affirmative action agenda.

In June 2012, when Kim took the helm of the World Bank, there were 10 senior executives reporting directly to him, including *5 Caucasians, 2 Asians, 2 Africans and a Mexican*.

Today, the top-10 management brass reporting to Kim includes *4 Africans, 3 Asians, a Brazilian, Bulgarian and Danish*, who was born in the former Yugoslavia.

In the current roster, Africa accounts for 40% of the Bank's top brass and 29% of its VPs. World Bank Spokesperson, David Theis, told *Breitbart News* that '9 of 31 World Bank VPs are from Sub-Saharan Africa or are African American. Two years ago, there were only 3.'

How did Kim manage to increase the number of African VPs from 3 to 9 in just two years? He fired or elbowed out six white VPs to create room for African VPs. The Bank paid millions of dollars in separation and severance grants to have the white VPs leave quietly.

A large delegation of the CBC-PAC, led by Gregory Meeks *visited Kim at the World Bank* to “applaud his successful efforts to increase diversity in the senior executive position throughout the institution.” The fact that Kim’s “success” was achieved by terminating white VPs was of no concern to the CBC-PAC.

III.3. Affirmative Action Cover-up that Costs US Taxpayers \$20 Million A Year

The affirmative action was not limited to VPs. In 2015 and 2016, Kim launched two “*recruitment drives for Sub Saharan Africa country nationals*.” This was followed by one for *Caribbean professionals*. In total the Bank recruited 100 black professionals.

This is inexplicable. Nearly a year before Kim launched the aggressive affirmative action, his *letter to the editor of the Chicago Sun Times* defended the Bank’s diversity record, asserting: “Some 15% of our employees are from Sub-Saharan Africa and Caribbean countries. The two regions account for 14% of the world population. They were well represented in the World Bank.

The Board of Directors representing different regions knew that the race-based recruitment drive was a political payoff to members of the CBC for withdrawing their signatures from the above noted petition. This triggered them to Demand a race-based recruitment drive for their regions.

Board members representing Saudi Arabia and Kuwait demanded a recruitment drive for Arabs in the Middle East and North Africa region (MENA). Kim promptly complied.

The program turned into a full-blown quota system after East Asian countries demanded for affirmative action status. Kim responded by launching recruitment drives for *Korean, Japanese, and Chinese* nationals. Soon after, *Demark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Israel* requested for affirmative action status. Kim launched expedited recruitment drives for their nationals.

Over 150 affirmative action candidates have been recruited. The recruitment was for entry level and senior professional ranks. The annual cost including salary and benefits for the 150 affirmative action recruits is at least \$16 million, but can be as high as \$22 million per year, depending on how many of the recruits were senior professionals. This is the cost of covering up a crime against a whistleblower. US taxpayers, who are the largest fund provider to the World Bank pick the bill.

IV. In Conclusion

Many independent reports have accused the World Bank of being “*dysfunctional and corrupt*” and *a den for liberals*. We say it is a criminal institution, responsible for the killing of millions of unborn babies. It is past time that the US stops funding the World Bank.

As Marian Tupy stated in a *Wall Street Journal opinion piece*, “By cutting aid, the West could not only save their taxpayers some money, but also benefit the victims of their supposed support: ordinary Africans.” But we believe cutting US aid is not enough. We echo Doug Bandow of *the Cato Institute* to “Shut Down the World Bank: Jim Yong Kim Should Be Its Last President.”

We also believe the Trump administration should establish an independent commission to investigate the Bank’s fraudulent practice of falsifying its data to siphon off money from US taxpayers. All fraudulently received aid should be paid back to the US treasury by the World Bank from its institutional capital.