

Read the news article provided:

- ✓ Create a title for each paragraph.
- ✓ Write a summary for each paragraph. This must not be longer than 20 words.
- ✓ Highlight any words that you are unsure about (can't define).

## Explainer: What was China's one-child policy?

29 October 2015

Title for paragraph:

*What was the one child policy?*

### Paragraph 1:

The one-child policy was introduced in 1979 by Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping. The government policy limited many families to only one child, though exceptions were made. The one-child policy is estimated by the Chinese government to have prevented about 400m births since it began.

Summary of paragraph:

*A government policy introduced in 1979 to limit couples to only having one child*

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### Paragraph 2:

As China's population approached one billion in the late 1970s, the government became concerned about what effect this would have on its ambitious plans for economic growth.

Although other family planning programs had already been implemented, helping to reduce the birth rate, Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping decided stronger action was needed. The policy was introduced in 1979.

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### Paragraph 3:

The government generally enforced it by providing financial and employment incentives to those who complied, making contraceptives widely available and fining those who violated the rules.

More extreme measures such as forced abortions and mass sterilisations were also used at times. The policy was more strictly implemented in urban areas.

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#### Paragraph 4:

Campaigners in China and in the West argued the policy was a gross violation of human rights and reproductive freedoms.

Rich families who could afford to pay fines were also able to get around the restrictions.

The traditional preference for male children together with the one-child policy led to large numbers of girls being abandoned, placed in orphanages, sex-selective abortions or even cases of female infanticide. China's gender balance is skewed towards males as a result of this.

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#### Paragraph 5:

Experts warn that China will be the first economy to grow old before it gets rich largely due to the one-child policy. By 2050, more than a quarter of the population will be over 65.

The country's fertility rate is one of the lowest in the world and well below the rate of 2.1 children per woman required to replace the population across generations.

China's ageing population will slow down the economy as the pool of young workers decreases and the ratio between taxpayers and pensioners continues to drop.

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#### Paragraph 6

Rights activists and campaigners point out that the one-child policy has simply become a two-child policy, with China still controlling women's reproductive rights.

Amnesty International said women will remain at risk of coerced or forced abortions, and "intrusive forms of contraception" to implement the new policy.

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