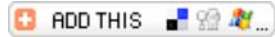




U.S. birth rates up...more pro-life?



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A human rights activist and author says after years of a sagging birthrate, the U.S. has once again climbed above the all-important replacement birth rate.

Steve Mosher, president of the [Population Research Institute](#), recently he completed work on his latest book -- *Population Control: Real Costs, Illusionary Benefits*. As previously reported by *OneNewsNow*, Mosher says due to years of voluntary birth control, the native European population is dying off. But he says fortunately that is not the case in the United States.

"The good news is that we have now gotten back up to 2.1 children [per family], which is what you need for what is called 'replacement rate fertility' -- that is, the number of children that maintains a stable population," Mosher explains. "We dropped below replacement when abortion was legalized in this country, and so for almost 40 years we've been below replacement rate fertility -- 1.8 children, 1.9, 2.0 -- and now we're back up to two-point-one."

Mosher attributes the improvement to the success of the pro-life movement. "Pro-life sentiment in this country is gradually increasing," he says, "[and] people who are pro-life tend to be open to life -- they tend to have larger families. People who are not pro-life tend to have smaller families. If you are in favor of abortion, you tend to abort your children.

"So over time, America is becoming more of a pro-life country. The birth rate is creeping upwards," Mosher says. "So we're in a very different situation than Europe. And in part, I think, it's because of the strength of religious faith in this country."

Mosher says Americans read the Bible which says that children are a blessing.

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