

Geography in the News

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Can China find a solution to its demographic disaster?

Geography in the News aims to stimulate discussion about the relevance of geography to our lives and its importance in helping us to make sense of the world around us. In this first edition we have selected a relevant news article, with links to our A level specification, and suggested questions for you to discuss with your students.



Article: This edition relates to an article written by Michal Bogusz for the Centre for Eastern Studies, "A disaster of their own making. The demographic crisis in China."

Introduction

This article explores the impact of China's population policies on its current demographic situation and its future international relations.

- [Click here to access the article](#)

Questions for discussion

- What are the factors contributing to China's declining birth rate? Which are most significant?
- What opportunities does China's declining birth rate and ageing population create?
- How might China's demographic disaster impact the wider global economy?
- How might China's changing demography influence its future international role and relationships with other countries?
- To what extent do you agree that China can solve its population crisis?

Specification links

A level Topic 7 Superpowers

- 7.1 - Geopolitical power stems from a range of human and physical characteristics of superpowers.
- 7.3b - Each has evolving strengths and weaknesses (economic, political, military, cultural, demographic and environmental) that might inhibit or advance their economic and geopolitical role in the future.

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