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AN OVERVIEW OF CHINESE ONE-CHILD POLICY ISSUES AND THEIR POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

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ABSTRACT

The one-child-per-couple policy (OCP), which has had a negative impact on fertility rates in China since 1979, was implemented in 1979. Many studies have been conducted since then to demonstrate the impact of the OCP on China's population's increasing age. The growing percentage of old people in China is causing significant social and economic problems, which need the creation of suitable policies. Using the sandwich generation as an example, this essay explores this problem in a unique manner, highlighting the challenges faced by individuals who are frequently responsible for both younger and older generations. An effort is made to personalize the implications of this demographic transition and to offer potential remedies for mitigating its impacts through the presentation of qualitative data recently gathered from a wide range of members of this generation. We find that there are many opportunities in metropolitan regions, while problems are more pressing in rural areas, owing to the proportionally higher number of older people and the scarcity of alternatives available.

KEYWORDS: Demographic, Economic, Fertility, Financial, One-Child Policy.

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