

Pixar Movie 'Brave' Attacks Marriage

The movie *Brave* tells the story of a young princess in Scotland who will do anything not to get married, including go to a witch to cast a heinous spell on her own mother who is the queen.

This self-defeating and unnatural message is being pushed by Pixar and the Walt Disney Company at a time when Europe is facing demographic winter. This is very irresponsible.

Several of us have just returned from speaking and teaching in Europe. In many countries, marriage is dismissed and demeaned. As a result, the very survival of these people groups is in question.

An article in the *Christian Telegraph* sets forth the extent of the problem.

According to a report recently released by Eurostat, the European Union's statistical service, the number of deaths will exceed the number of births by 2015, only three years from now. Also, by 2060, the ratio of working age people to people over 65 will be two to one.

The *Christian Telegraph* continues:

"All of the countries studied in the report, with the exceptions of the Republic of Ireland, Andorra, Poland, Malta, the Principality of Monaco, allow abortion with few or no restrictions. Nearly all the countries of the European Union maintain state-funded contraception programmes.

"The report showed that by 2060, Britain would have the largest population with a current fertility rate, according to the Office for National Statistics, of children per woman and

nearly restrictionless immigration policies. The ONS predicts a population of 70 million by 2031, but says that at least 70 percent of the rise will be attributable directly to immigration. Germany, currently the biggest country in the EU with more than 82 million people, will see its population shrink by 14 percent according to the Eurostat report.

“ONS figures released last week showed that there are now more pensioners than children in the U.K. Even so, given the situation of other countries, the report revealed that Britain will have the youngest population in Europe. By 2060, 24.7 percent of people in Britain will be 65 or older but in Poland, the proportion will be 36.2 per cent. About 17 percent of Europeans are currently aged 65 or older; by 2060 the numbers will have risen to 30 percent.

“The average age for Britons is 39 and will be 42 in 2060, but this will be the lowest age in Europe with the exception of Luxembourg. The average age of Europeans is now just over 40; this will be 48 by 2060. The current median age for women in France, 40.7 years, is already over that at which women can easily conceive

“Desperate countries have begun implementing various schemes to try to convince their populations to continue the species but these have yielded small results and overall fertility rates have continued to fall. Sweden offers one of the most generous government child benefits and maternity leave programmes in Europe, with women able to take as many as 15 months on 80 per cent pay. The efforts, however, have yielded only a tiny increase in the birth rate from 1.5 children per woman in 1999 to in 2004. Meanwhile the government of Sweden continues to fully fund contraceptive programmes and 36,045 Swedish children died by abortion in 2006.

“With population growth and economic growth closely connected, some are predicting that the demographic crisis will begin to exacerbate historic tensions between countries and regions and

various ethnic groups.”

Economic expansion and prosperity cannot be sustained by such demographic declines. Neither can the welfare state favored by politicians hungry for votes.

The action steps that parents need to take is to be careful about letting their daughters and sons be infected by the messages of *Brave*, and to contact Walt Disney Company and Pixar and ask them to be more careful about their productions for children.

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