

Are Boys Better?



Reading

It's a well-known fact that Koreans have traditionally preferred boy babies. This preference created, in the 80s and 90s, a huge imbalance of baby boys compared to baby girls, and many female fetuses were aborted. To deal with this growing social problem, in the early 90s, the Korean government made it illegal for doctors to reveal the sex of a baby to the parents. The law provided that doctors who violated the regulation could be imprisoned up to three years, fined ten million won, and lose their medical licenses.

In spite of the law, many doctors tried to reveal the sex of the baby indirectly to the parents with remarks such as, "You should buy pink baby clothes." In 2003, an obstetrician was indicted for violation of the law, he was fined two million won, and he lost his license. He appealed the sentence, arguing that he had not directly revealed the sex of the baby to the parents. It is clear that abortion because of gender continues, especially in the case of third children, where the ratio of boy babies to girl babies stood at 137:100 in 2005.

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