**The Rise of Chinese Births in Saipan**

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  2. Births Packages in Saipan advertising in China
  3. U.S citizenship by giving births in Saipan
* Process
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**Proposal:**

The Rise of Chinese Births in Saipan

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Persuasive Essay

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The Rise of Chinese Births in Saipan

In 2017, the estimated birth rate in Saipan was 15 births to every 1,000 of the population (“The World Factbook”, n.d.). Most of the babies born are to Chinese women who entered as tourists. Over the last year, this number increased—from 8 in 2009 to 472 in 2016. Presently speaking, 36% makeup the tourists on the island (Emont, 2017). What is the cause of this birth increase? This rise of Chinese births in Saipan is caused by the Visa-free Travel.

The birth rate among Chinese tourists soared in the vicinity of 2010 and 2012, expanding by 175 percent. Consider that rate in light of the 29 percent ascending Chinese arrivals predicted for FY 2013. As the quantity of non-stop flights and advertising efforts rise, the community can hope to see an ever increasing number of pregnant tourists transporting between pregnancy inns, private medical centers, the hospital, and shopping outlets. Those occupied with birthing tourism industry are profiting (Coleman, 2013). “In China, websites advertising birth-tourism packages abroad, with names such as GlobalBaby8.com, promising luxurious birth vacations to Saipan” (Emont, 2017).

Visa-free Travel is the ability to visit a country without having to complete lengthy visa procedures. The immigration of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI; which includes Saipan, Tinian, and Rota) is handled by the United States. The principles that apply for entry to the United States, also applies to Saipan; however, in the exception of the visa-free travel for China (“Saipanbooking”, n.d.). Chinese citizens can enter the country visa free for up to 45 days. This presents a loophole that the rest of the United States doesn’t have.

Analyzing the information, the visa-free travel contributes to the increase of Chinese births. The visa-free travel gives any Chinese citizen an easy path to overstay, and Chinese pregnant women to travel with no exceptions - an opportunity to give birth in Saipan. According to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Health and Vital Statistics office, in 2017 there were 448 babies born on Saipan to Chinese mothers (Emont, 2017). Chinese citizens, especially pregnant women, overstay to give birth in Saipan to have their babies born as U.S. citizens (Emont, 2017).

To do this research, online resources will be used, such as EBSCO, Credo, and Access World News. In addition, I am planning to collect data from the hospital (CHCC) and the Marianas Visitors Authority. I will be conducting an interview with a pregnant Chinese woman and a Chinese mother who gave birth on Saipan. I will ask questions about why these mothers decided to give birth here on Saipan instead of China. I will examine the types of advertisements used to inform and persuade Chinese mothers to give birth on Saipan.

The increasing child birth rate here on Saipan is caused by the visa-free travel, used to bring up the profit of tourists on CNMI and to improve the economy. In the research, I will explore the enforcement of the visa-free travel from the U.S. to Saipan, and the advertisements involved in the increase of Chinese birth here on Saipan.

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<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/print_cq.htm>

**Outline:**

Outlining

Introduction

—Focus on how Chinese Births in Saipan rates keeps going up

—Thesis: Today Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands but for a certain class of Chinese tourists. Saipan has become known as the latest hot spot for birth tourism, a place where women can give birth to babies who will automatically acquire U.S. citizenship. Territory in the western Pacific is known for its epic World War II battle, white-sand beaches and the enduring culture of its indigenous Chamorro people.

1st paragraph:

—Topic sentence: The birth rate among Chinese tourists soared in the vicinity of 2010 and 2012, expanding by 175 percent. Consider that rate in light of the 29 percent ascending Chinese arrivals predicted for FY 2013. As the quantity of non-stop flights and advertising efforts rise, the community can hope to see an ever increasing number of pregnant tourists transporting between pregnancy inns, private medical centers, the hospital, and shopping outlets. Those occupied with birthing tourism industry are profiting (Coleman, 2013). “In China, websites advertising birth-tourism packages abroad, with names such as GlobalBaby8.com, promising luxurious birth vacations to Saipan” (Emont, 2017).

—Evidence:

•  ““In China, websites advertising birth-tourism packages abroad, with names such as GlobalBaby8.com, promising luxurious birth vacations to Saipan” (Emont, 2017).

•  Similarly, Sethe is able to retrieve her forgotten history by “telling” Beloved, who has “distance from the events itself,” stories from her past, as Morrison writes, “she was remembering something she had forgotten she knew” (Morrison 69, 73).

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Conclusion:

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| The number of Chinese visitors has risen substantially since 2009 and now represents 36% of tourists to the island, which is four to five hours’ flight from Shanghai and Guangzhou. Tourism accounts for 72% of Saipan’s economy. | “As long as you have birthright citizenship, it’s true this is something that can be exploited,” said Doris Meissner, former commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and senior fellow at the Migration Policy Institute. “This is the first I’ve heard of Saipan,” she said. “That’s actually quite clever.” | The Northern Marianas pressed for the visa waiver to support an economy reliant on tourism, notably to Saipan’s casinos and gambling parlors. | U.S. authorities don’t have a tally of how many people come to the U.S. each year to gain birthright citizenship. An association of Chinese birth-tour operators estimated that 10,000 Chinese birth tourists came to the U.S. in 2012. |
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| In 2015, when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement [raided nearly 40 locations](https://www.wsj.com/articles/us-agents-raid-alleged-maternity-tourism-anchor-baby-businesses-catering-to-chinese-1425404456) tied to birth-tourism operations in Southern California, the search warrants cited suspected visa fraud, tax evasion and harboring illegal immigrants, among other charges. The related cases are ongoing, ICE said. | “They feel trapped without U.S. citizenship,” Dr. Grove said of the maids. “They have no means to complain about not being paid or anything.” | Dr. Grove learned that Sen Sun, a translator was running a business to help Chinese mothers deliver on Saipan. Concerned about what she believed to be Mr. Sun’s exploitation of illegal Chinese workers, Dr. Grove went to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. | Recently in the obstetrics unit at Saipan’s main hospital, a pregnant Chinese woman walked down a hall in a hospital gown and pink slippers, trailed by her translator, past a painting of Chamorro warriors dueling in loincloths. |
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3. Publisher [or title of organization]: PACIFIC ISLAND TIMES

4. Heading of Section [title of reading]: It’s not new, but ‘birth tourism’ is a growing CNMI industry *5*.  Year Written: 2017 6. Pages: 3

7. Website URL: http://www.pacificislandtimes.com/single-post/2017/12/05/It%E2%80%99s-not-new-but-%E2%80%98birth-tourism%E2%80%99-is-a-growing-CNMI-industry

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| Saipan— Birth tourism is a hot issue once again after the Federal Bureau of Investigation was tipped off by a local doctor to an alleged large scale operation on the island. | “Coming to the U.S. in order to give birth does not, in and of itself, render an individual inadmissible,” said U.S. CBP San Francisco Field Office program manager and public affairs liaison Frank Falcon. “There is no inadmissibility ground within the U.S. immigration law that prohibits the birth of a child in the U.S.” | Falcon added that CBP officers determine the admissibility of a traveler or any individual who are applying as a temporary visitor based on their inspections but must first overcome all grounds of inadmissibility. Foreign nationals can also get medical care and other treatment, provided that they can pay their own bills. | It has allegedly become a lucrative business in China where travel agencies were reportedly even offering tour packages to Saipan. From the airport, pregnant Chinese women are picked up and  housed in an apartment already reserved for them. During their stay on Saipan, they will be helped by caretakers, who cook their meals, clean their rooms and wash their clothes. These caretakers, usually employed by the party who picks up them up at the airport, are reportedly paid $1,000 a month.  According to the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, just being on the verge of giving birth is not a basis for denying entry to any state or territory since no U.S. immigration laws or regulations bar this. Chinese tourists enjoy a visa waiver under U.S. immigration but are allowed to stay in any U.S. state or territory for only 45 days. |
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7. Website URL: https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/immigration/item/27802-chinese-women-having-babies-in-saipan-to-obtain-u-s-birthright-citizenship

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| Many tourists come to visit Saipan’s gambling casinos. The number of Chinese visitors has risen substantially since the new policy was implemented in 2009 and now they now account for 36 percent of tourists to the island. | “As long as you have birthright citizenship, it’s true this is something that can be exploited,” the article stated, quoting Doris Meissner, former commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and senior fellow at the Migration Policy Institute. “This is the first I’ve heard of Saipan,” said Meissner. “That’s actually quite clever.” | The report also noted that doctors and administrators on Saipan have said the large increase in the number of Chinese mothers coming there to have babies is overwhelming health facilities. The Journal quoted Esther Muna, CEO of Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, a government health provider which runs the local hospital, as saying. "It's a straiin on the community." Ms. Muna said Chinese women in late stages of pregnancy presented difficulties when doctors didn’t know their medical history and noted that in October, a Chinese mother died in childbirth on the island. | The *Journal* reported that the number of babies born in Saipan to Chinese women who entered as tourists has also climbed, from only eight in 2009 to 472 last year, citing figures from the Northern Marianas government. The year 2016 was the first time that more Chinese tourists than Americans gave birth in Saipan. |
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5.  Year Written: 2017 6. Pages: 7

7. Website URLhttp://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/12/21/wsj-visa-loophole-allows-birth-tourism-industry-in-saipan/

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| Foreigners who give birth on U.S. soil grab birth-citizenship for their children. That federal giveaway exists because of the [legally questionable](http://thefederalist.com/2015/08/19/trumps-plan-to-end-birthright-citizenship-isnt-that-crazy/" \t "_blank) practice of [providing citizenship](https://www.numbersusa.com/content/learn/illegal-immigration/arguments-against-birthright-citizenship.html" \t "_blank)to everyone born on U.S. soil, even if both parents are illegal immigrants, tourists or other visitors. The giveaway allows Chinese and other entrepreneurs to create a semi-hidden “birth-tourism” industry to bring many pregnant foreigners into the United States. | “Federal and local authorities should know where birth tourists are being housed and should be able to identify overstayers,” said Gregorio Sablan, the Northern Marianas’ congressional representative. “Cutting off visa-free travel to the Marianas for hundreds of thousands of visitors from China in order to prevent a few hundred birth tourists makes no sense from a business point of view.” | The good news is that the visa waiver is a regulatory policy, not a law so that it can be changed by the President Donald Trump’s Department of Homeland Security. | The Northern Marianas pressed for the visa waiver to support an economy reliant on tourism, notably to Saipan’s casinos and gambling parlors. The number of Chinese visitors has risen substantially since 2009 and now represents 36% of tourists to the island, which is four to five hours’ flight from Shanghai and Guangzhou. Tourism accounts for 72% of Saipan’s economy. |
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| Instead of giving birth in China, they travel to Saipan, a small island in the Pacific Ocean owned by the U.S. The island was acquired after World War II and has been a U.S. commonwealth since 1978. Women take the five-hour flight from China to the island, where they can give birth to their new baby — the baby will have immediate U.S. citizenship. “We will do anything for our kids,” one Chinese father told the Wall Street Journal. With that, there are some serious costs and risks associated with the endeavor. | A 2009 change in immigration policy reworked the visa laws in Saipan. Now, Chinese citizens can enter the country visa free for up to 45 days. | Now, Chinese citizens can enter the country visa free for up to 45 days. This provides a loophole that the rest of the United States doesn’t have. To access the mainland, you need a visa, and border patrol keeps an eye on people who attempt to enter the country just for the birth right. | Many Chinese people who have made a life in Saipan fear deportation because of what they’ve done. When the Wall Street Journal investigated, they interviewed a translator but did not give his name. This is because even those with steady jobs on the island live in fear of the government. The concept of birth tourism is a relatively new loophole in Saipan, and the government has not yet figured out a way to control it. However, they can still deport anybody who overstays their 45-day limit. |
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5.  Year Written: 2014 6. Pages: 5

7. Website URL: https://www.echinacities.com/news/Saipan-Chinese-Womens-New-Destination-for-Birth-Tourism

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| Saipan, the largest of 15 islands that constitute the Northern Mariana islands is a nippy four hour flight from China and has become a popular destination for “birth tourism” because the group of islands are US commonwealth territories and so babies born there gain US citizenship and you can get a 45 day visa on arrival. | Between 2009 and 2012 the number of Chinese women going to Saipan to give birth increased by 35%, totaling 282 Chinese-American babies. In 2012 a staggering 71% of all births in Saipan were to Chinese women. | Travel agencies in China have caught onto the trend and now offer travel packages catering purely to these expectant mothers. For $27,000 you can fly from China to Saipan, give birth and return home with your beautiful American baby. | If they can afford to fly to Saipan to give birth then they're not exactly down at heel: give me your smooth, your moneyed, your middle classes yearning to buy designer handbags. The internationally mobile engine of an Asian led global economy. |
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Abstract

This research looks at the work of Jon Emont, the writer of the Saipan: The Island Where Chinese Mothers Deliver American Babies.  The review published first works by The Wall Street Journal. This research draws upon mostly primary sources including memoirs, published letters, and a complete collection of Saipan: The Island Where Chinese Mothers Deliver American Babies. Most prior research on Emont focuses on his connection to the famous writers and personalities that he published and associated with.  This focus undermines his role as a writer force behind one of the most influential article. This case example shows how little magazine publishing is arguably a literary art.

The Rise of Chinese Births in Saipan

# Today Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands but for a certain class of Chinese tourists. Saipan has become known as the latest hot spot for birth tourism, a place where women can give birth to babies who will automatically acquire U.S. citizenship. Territory in the western Pacific is known for its epic World War II battle, white-sand beaches and the enduring culture of its indigenous Chamorro people.

Statement of the Problem

The purpose of this study was to see why the increase of Chinese Births in Saipan within the past years until now.

Significance of the Study

There are 3 primary that will have the benefit of this study. The first Visa-Waiver Program, consisting of Chinese tourists in today's economy, could learn to spot ways in which Chinese tourists are visiting Saipan. Distinguishing the explanations why Chinese tourists like Saipan as a best hot spot for births touristy. By sharing this data, people will understand and learn from this. The second {that could which will that will} benefit from this study is Chinese tourists (women) who may gain insight on Births package in Saipan advertising in China. Finally, U.S. citizenship by giving births in Saipan. By accenting to important people within the U.S and C.M.N.I the importance of developing programs to cope with the increase of Chinese Births in Saipan.

Scope of the Study

This study was limited to the perceptions of Chinese births in Saipan on the Visa-Waiver Program, Chinese tourists (women) who may gain insight on Births package in Saipan advertising in China and U.S. citizenship by giving births in Saipan. For the purpose of this study, what constitutes people of the U.S and therefore the C.N.M.I is outlined by Chinese births in Saipan. This study was restricted to people from U.S., China and also the C.N.M.I area. The U.S., China and also the C.N.M.I area encompass. For the purpose of this study, Chinese births in Saipan are defined as a best hot spot for births touristy. Information for this study was collected throughout 2017.

Review of Related Literature

A general browser search on April 9th, 2018 on the topic of “The Rise of Chinese Births in Saipan” - resulted in 780 hits with the majority of publication being news reports providing negative and positive opinions regarding the possible increase of Chinese births in Saipan. The relevance of my topic to the rise is obvious as the majority of articles are local news reports starting in 2009 and increasing significantly in 2017, most highlighting Chinese births in Saipan resulting from the Visa-Free Travel, Births packages and U.S. Citizenship in the CNMI. Much of the literature is non-academic and highlights opinions and reactions to the issue. However EBSCO search found some academic sources published by the Health Communication, article on “Better Than Bank Robbery”: Yuezi Centers and Neoliberal Appeals to Market Birth Tourism to Pregnant Chinese Women, search.credoreference, The Wall Street Journal, Homeland Security, scholarsbank.uoegon and Ethnic and Racial Studies. The review of literature will discuss the various perspectives presented on the topic by secondary resources and will focus specifically on (name the the Rise of Chinese births in Saipan, current status reports of Chinese tourists (women) and environmental impact statements.

With China’s one-child policy ending on Thursday after quite three decades, trying back to when—and why—the strict policy was first enforced shows us how China’s demographics have shifted in important ways. In the 1970s, many countries round the world were disquieted regarding increase, but China, with its combination of a very large population and a robust government, took an extreme approach to the matter. The country at the start ran a prospering contraception campaign below the locution “Late, Long and Few,” that cut increment by 0.5 between 1970 and 1976. But, because the decade came to an end, that drop leveled off and also the nation was still facing food shortages and concern of a repeat of the devastating famine that killed some thirty million people by 1962. In 1979, the Chinese government introduced a policy requiring couples from China’s ethnic han majority to limit themselves to one child. The official begin of implementation came in 1980, with an open letter issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. The letter made public the population pressure on the country and set out a goal of edge growth, delivery the nation’s total below 1.2 billion at the end of the 20th century. As reports from the time noted, the nation’s thirty eight million Communist Party members were told to use “patient and careful persuasion” to show the rest of the population however necessary it absolutely was to follow family planning. To enforce the law, the Chinese government might fine couples for having another child without a permit. The law additionally incentivized single-child homes by providing longer maternity leave and alternative advantages to such families. Compliance with the law was seen as a revolutionary good for society; couples who abided by the mandate were awarded a “Certificate of Honor for Single-Child parents.” The policy was relaxed slightly within the mid-1980s, with the government permitting second children for a few families in rural areas or giving exceptions for households in which both parents were themselves solely children. For a while, the unprecedented policy may well be thought of successful, a minimum of in terms of population goals. But still, the law has been controversial since its origination, because it contributed to considerations over forced abortions and sterilization, and a gender imbalance resulting from female infanticide.

Since January 2015 to September 2016, Saipan has been the birthplace of 715 babies born to foreign parents, consistent with the Commonwealth health care corporation.’s Health &amp; vital statistics office. Hospital records show that over ninety five percent of those babies are born to parents of Chinese descent. Of the 715 babies born to foreign parents, 692 square measure by Chinese parents. These numbers have skyrocketed since the lifting of visa waivers for Chinese and Russian tourists in 2009. In 2009, only eight babies were born to Chinese parents. That range jumped to a staggering 282 during a span of simply three years (2012) and currently to the on the face of it problematic range of 692.

It is, however, indistinguishable which of {the parents|the oldsters|the fogeys} have long been residing within the CNMI and that children are brought out of the CNMI by their parents. Most airlines have a policy against allowing heavily pregnant women to travel. Most airlines enable women up to 32 weeks pregnant to board freely and only need a medical certificate at regarding 35 weeks into the pregnancy. Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), who chairs the Health and Welfare Committee, reserved comments on the matter as of this writing thanks to insufficient information.“I would reserve comments at now till i get additional information and clarification with CHCC wherever they need all these…statistics. only when getting all those relevant information can I provide my statement.” CHCC corporate executive Esther Muña aforesaid the Commonwealth health center solely follows what the law mandates. She said that CHC obeys the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, a federal law that needs anyone coming to an emergency department to be stabilised and treated, in spite of standing or ability to pay. “CHCC policies haven't modified over the years. CHCC has and can still follow federal mandates that grant patient rights and even rights to women in active labor,” said Muña.

This essay summarizes the literature reviewed for the student researchers investigation on Chinese Births in Saipan. Enviornmental, Economic and Culutral perspectives regarding the proposed buildup and current agreement were highlighted.

# Methods of the Study

# *Source of Data*

# Data for this study were collected using a surveys and interviews developed by a group of students at Northern Marianas College. Respondents were asked to point whether or not what's the cause of the increase of Chinese births in Saipan. They were also asked to indicate why has the birth rate in Saipan increased. A copy of the survey and interview is contained in Appendix A on page twelve.

# *Sample Selection*

The respondents involved in this survey were Chamorro, Filipino, Korean, Yapese in C.N.M.I. Each member of the analysis team was accountable for distributing three survey and interview to members of the sample. Controls were accustomed eliminate duplication of the responses.

*Statistical Methods*

Simple statistical techniques were used to tabulate the results of this study. the primary information were analyzed employing a percent of response. To reason the percent of response, the {number the amount the quantity} of responses to every choice was divided by the total the full the overall} number of respondents who answered the question. In question one, the percent’s of responses for the negative effects of stress on the 15 work performance areas were reportable. Totaling the amount of respondents who chose an area they believed was least or most affected by stress tabulated the results of the next two questions. The fourth question according the percent of respondents whose employers offered the listed programs to manage stress. Questions five and six asked the respondents to point if they were considered full-time employees and to point their age group.

Limitations of the Study

This study may be limited through the use of a survey as an information assortment instrument. Because questionnaires must generally be transient, areas that will have been littered with stress might not have been enclosed within the survey. The study can also be limited by the use of a non-probability, convenience-sampling methodology. The sample of Chinese Births in Saipan for the study was chosen for convenience and will not be representative of the whole population. Are should be taken when generalizing these findings to the complete population. Finally, the use of simple statistical techniques could introduce an element of sound judgment into the interpretation and analysis of the data. All tries have been created to attenuate the consequences of those limitations on the study.

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# Appendix A

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15 Total Reponses

# Macintosh HD:Users:MainServer:Desktop:Screen Shot 2018-04-09 at 9.49.28 PM.png

Appendix B

