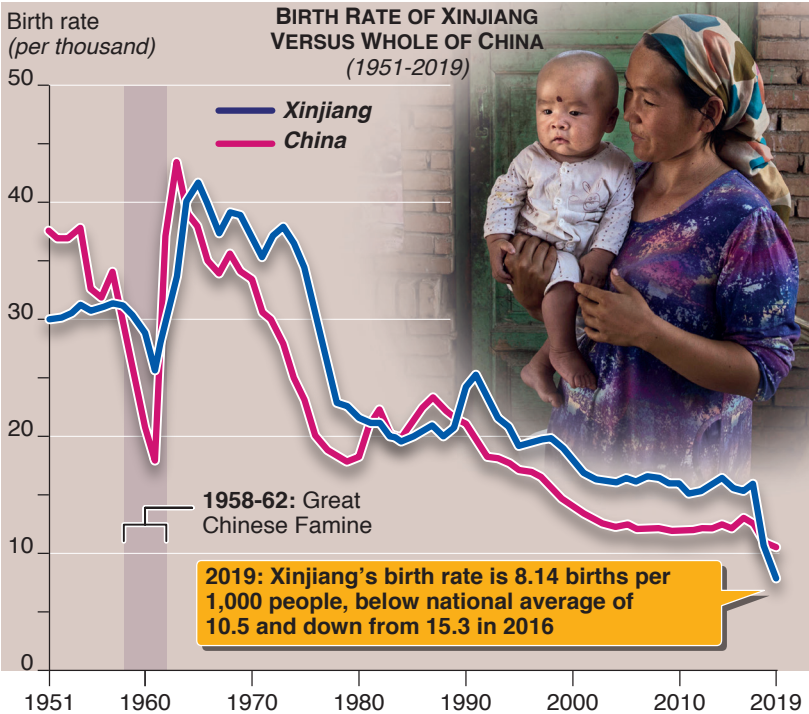


Record drop in Xinjiang birth rate

Coercive policies in China's region of Xinjiang have led to a sharp decline in birth rates for Uyghurs and other minorities, which could add to evidence of genocide, according to an Australian think tank



■ Xinjiang's birth rate dropped by nearly half (48.7%) between 2017 and 2019

■ In counties where population was 90% non-Han (China's majority ethnic group), birth rate dropped by 56.5% between 2017 and 2018

■ Methods used by authorities to discourage births include fines, internment, or threat of internment

■ China says changes in birth rates are linked to improved health and economic policy and rejects accusations of genocide

ASPI analysis based on Chinese government data

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