

### **Wishful thinking or deliberate misleading of the people of Korea?**

For decades, the adoption industry and its henchmen have misled the world's population and Western states with narratives about the wonder of adoption. These days, the lies about "the blessings of adoption" are being spun all over the world. But have the adoption industry and its poster boys and valkyries wised up?

That doesn't seem to be the case. These days, one adoption scandal after another is unfolding in Norway and around the world.

May 13, 2023 Holt Children's Service, Inc. admits to Norway's largest media VG, that Holt did not comply with the rules by falsifying adoptees' documents. Holt apologizes that it was done to spare the children's Korean parents.

Holt's partner in crime, the Norwegian adoption agency "Verdens Barn", states: "We are not lawyers. But if something illegal has happened, we must take responsibility. We cannot turn a blind eye to it."

One of the leading experts on child law, Kirsten Sandberg, professor in children's law at the University of Oslo and former member of UN Child Committee says:

"All adoptions must be voluntary on the part of the biological parents. But in these cases, the Norwegian authorities do not know whether the mother has consented or not, because she has been removed from the documents. Therefore, I believe this is an unsustainable and illegal practice".

The adoption scandal related to Holt was first unfolded in France this year. Now the scandal has been unfolding the last couple of days in Norway and more come to light.

Have Holt and the adoption industry then learned anything?

The answer seems to be a roaring No! The adoption industry used this year's Adoption Day to promote a law bill in Korea on anonymous birth registration.

This law bill is an attempt to legalize the previously illegal practices of the adoption industry. The adoption industry led by Member of Parliament Kim Mi Ae put forward in support of this monstrosity postulate, that anonymous birth registration was an advantage. That a member of Korea's National Assembly proposes a deliberate violation of international law and the international conventions that Korea has committed to, is to say the least, very alarming.

It was also argued that anonymous birth registration was in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and international law. The postulate was put forward by former board member of the Holt conglomerate, Susan Cox, May 12, 2023.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is applicable law in all countries of the world, except the US as the only country in the entire world.

Article 7.1 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states:

"The child shall be registered immediately after birth and shall have the right from birth

to a name, the right to acquire a nationality and, as far as possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents.”

Two things can be concluded. First, MP Kim Mi Ae's proposal will bring Korea into conflict with Korea's international obligations and be a violation of international law. Second, Susan Cox's statement is factually incorrect.

In this way, the adoption industry continues to mislead the Korean population and the Western receiving countries.

We adoptees who grew up in Europe got the history in along with the school milk. Our parents and grandparents taught us. We were brought up in the shadows of totalitarian ideologies that created discord and division in the population, as, for example, was the case with the Soviet Communist regime and Nazism, which we learned to distance ourselves from and fight against. We have learned that we must be aware of demagogues, seducers and false prophets who aim to destroy the very foundation of law and order with the sole aim of creating chaos to usurp themselves.

We are as Europeans brought up to tell the warning signs of totalitarian thinking. It starts with personal attacks on scholars and professors. Because the truth is the first thing to eradicate. The messengers of truth are the first to be cleared of the way according to the playbook of totalitarian logic. Next, the victims are targeted to silence them. This is exactly what has unfolded in the run up to this year's Adoption Day.

In time for this year's Adoption Day, the adoption industry and Steve Morrisson made personal attacks against the researchers who were behind the study by the Korean Human Rights Commission on adoptions, which, among other things, established that a large number of adoptees had been exposed to pedophilia. In the same breath, Steve Morrisson, who is a board member of Holt, attacked the adoptees who are victims of pedophilia and implied that they were liars.

Freedom, democracy and human rights exceed cultures, religions, skin colours, languages and political opinions. Opposite these values are totalitarianism and the darkened thinking of authoritarianism.

It is with this wisdom and experience that we European adoptees come to Korea in the clear conviction that the enemies of freedom and democracy shall have no friends, and European history has taught us that totalitarian ideas must never go unchallenged. Otherwise, we have seen what happens!

We European adoptees see it as our goal to protect Korea's children in the way that no one protected us when we were Korean children ourselves. We will protect our Korean mothers and the women of Korea from belittling, stigmatizing and shaming from the radical totalitarian demagogues and continue to bring the truth about adoptions to light!