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Dear Reader,

After the printing we discovered three typos in the book regarding our final estimate of the hidden girls and a missing footnote. Throughout the book we say there are close to 10 million estimated hidden girls, but on pages 84 and 85 the estimate states 12 million instead of 10. On page 84, the second line in the last paragraph states “12 million nominally missing girls.” It should be 10 million. On page 85 sentence at the end of the third paragraph states “Our estimate of 12 million nominally missing girls takes into account both People’s Liberation Army males and double counting.” The number should be *less than* 10 million. The sentence should read “*Our adjusted rough estimate is less than 10 million nominally missing girls takes into account both People’s Liberation Army males and double counting.*” We also add the footnote “*We want to thank Cai Yong for pointing this out to us.*” Also in the following paragraph the sentence states “We suggest that more than half of these girls can be accounted for in older cohorts.” However, it should read, “*We suggest that close to half of these girls may be accounted for in older cohorts.*” Similar, on page 191 the first sentence in the conclusion currently reads, “...more than 10 million” when it should read “close to 10 million”. The sentence should read, “*This study suggests that the street-level bureaucrat theory and mutual non-compliance explains how close to 10 million girls may be “hidden” in China’s population data.*” The editor knows about the issue and it will be revised in future prints, but in the meantime we are sending out a personal addendum with the each book.

Sincerely,

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