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BABBIE, POPULATION GROWTH IS THE CRITICAL FACTOR

Dr. Earl Babbie, “Situation Critical: Must Address Population Growth.” Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (Guest Writer, 7-9-15), p. 7B. “Two recent simultaneous news stories highlight perhaps the most serious problem we face in the world today: the denial of population as the chief cause or amplifier of the many problems that are spoken of more often.” [Babbie, Campbell professor emeritus at Chapman Univ. in Orange, CA, lives in Hot Springs Village. I located Dr. Babbie by phone and invited him to visit us, which I hope will happen before the end of the year. I learned he had considerable experience working with family planning organizations in the US. –Dick]

Babbie Google Search, July 16, 2015

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Earl Robert Babbie (born January 8, 1938), is an American sociologist who holds the position of Campbell Professor Emeritus in Behavioral Sciences at ...

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BUSINESS AS USUAL


The opening sentence reveals the chicanery, unexamined assumptions, indifference to the poor, and the narrow vision of the individual being interviewed in the report. “Feeding a growing global middle class will stress the world’s resources, but it presents a major opportunity for food companies.” According to Mr. Fanney, this is the “concept Patricia Woertz, chairman of the board of directors of Archer Daniels Midland Co, focused on during the fourth Dale and Betty Bumpers Distinguished Lecture Series at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.” True oh yes for the industries. But think: The world adds another billion people every 12 years, and most of those will be poor, and many of them prolific, unless a massive, global program of universal access to voluntary contraception has been implemented, without which most will continue to barely eke out a living with no hope of reaching the middle class. Also, such population growth will do more than merely “stress” the food supply, but will stress it enormously. And the stress will be felt by the poor, who cannot pay for the seed and equipment offered by Archer, Daniels, Midland. Furthermore, feeding all of the people of the world, which should be our justice goal, is much more of a problem than can be solved by profit-opportunity oriented corporate CEOs and shareholders, but will require the concerted care of all the agencies of affirmative governments around the world, including significant restraint on population growth. Yes?

“’To serve overall demand,’” Ms Woertz continues, “’the world will need to have produced enough food in the next 40 years as in the last 10,000.’” And how is that to be accomplished? By world cooperation, by a global FDR New Deal plus WWII and Apollo mobilizations? With nine billion and possibly even eleven or twelve billion people rushing toward us (as Ms. Woertz acknowledges), one could expect the United Nations would be called upon. Oh no. “’In years to come, virtually every company will need to become more productive.’” “More productive”? How much more does her comparative promise? More than what? When were the people living on a dollar day ever provided enough by “companies” designed for private profit not public benefit? But she is really not talking about world demand, but about people who can afford to purchase the food ingredients, animal feeds, biofuels, and other products provided by the ADM of the world.
Ms. Woertz loves the vague comparative form (Ipana toothpaste will make your teeth whiter). “As the world’s population eventually swells to more than 9 billion, Archer Daniels Midland is investing in more storage and transportation to meet the growing demand for food.” How much more will be needed? And is she claiming ADM will do it without public subsidy? And what does she mean by “meet.” She wishes us to think she means the fifth meaning in my dictionary of “deal with, handle, satisfy, fulfill, take care of.” But we know she actually means the first meaning, “encounter, come across, stumble on,” or the second, “meet with, rendezvous with” (death!) the additional billion people by 2027, because, as Fanney reports her saying, “The world has only so much water and land suitable for crop production.”

Sadly for Dale and Betty Bumpers, two of Arkansas’ greatest citizens of and for the world, who believed in affirmative government on behalf of the well-being of all, particularly of children, the Dean of Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Science, repeated Ms. Woertz’s message, as reported by Mr. Fanney: “the college is preparing students for a world where they have to meet the challenges posed by a growing population.” He is even more alarmingly specific: “The college takes suggestions from companies about problems in the agricultural industry and has multidisciplinary teams of students work to solve them.” Here, all becomes clear in this visit to the UofA by the chairman of the board of directors of ADM. The College of Agriculture is a research servant of the food corporations. It gets worse (see the comparison): “It’s like a senior thesis, except it’s done as a group,’ Vayda said,” adding, ‘so the faculty are more like advisers.” Who comes first? Who’s on first?

GROWTH AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

OCTOBER 31, 2011, 7 BILLION HUMANS

Planet Reaches 7 Billion Humans

Center for Biological Diversity kieran@biologicaldiversity.org via uark.edu to jbennet

Dear Dick,

Today, for the first time in history, there are 7 billion people on Earth.

This scary milestone for the globe -- falling on Halloween, of all days -- means greater threats to the animals, plants and wildlands we’re all working hard to save.

Our planet is in the midst of its sixth mass extinction crisis, with plants and animals going extinct at 100 to 1,000 times the normal rate. And this one’s being driven by us -- people.
The population crisis is why the Center for Biological Diversity has broken new ground over the past two years, creating our human overpopulation and endangered species campaign and sparking nationwide conversations about the impacts of skyrocketing population with our award-winning Endangered Species Condoms.

In fact, The New York Times today credited the Center for "breaking the taboo by directly tying population growth to environmental problems." Other groups, the Times said, "have dodged the subject" for decades.

The momentum had been building as today's milestone approached; we launched a new, national 7 Billion and Counting campaign this month that raised public awareness and distributed 100,000 free Endangered Species Condoms in all 50 states.

On Friday, we also released a major new report highlighting the top 10 U.S. species that are threatened by habitat loss, water loss and other direct effects of overpopulation. They include the Florida panther, polar bear, San Joaquin kit fox and Lange's metalmark butterfly.

With the world's attention turned to the 7 billionth person, being born today, we must press on in this ambitious and necessary public-education campaign.

In my lifetime alone, the world's human population has doubled. By 2050, another 4 billion people are expected to be added. As the human population grows and rich countries continue to consume resources at voracious rates, we are crowding out, poisoning, killing and consuming Earth's species into extinction.

The Center's the only national environmental group with a full-time campaign focusing solely on human overpopulation and the effect it's having on imperiled species.

The cost of doing nothing -- of ignoring the population explosion -- is frightening to contemplate. Think what it would be like if polar bears, panthers and thousands of other species were crowded off our planet and into oblivion forever.

Today, as you think about the impact of the world's population hitting 7 billion people, I hope you'll commit to contact your representatives, write letters to the editor, take action online and support this critical work to address the impacts of human overpopulation.

You can use our Take-Action Toolbox to start making change today and subscribe to the Center's Pop X e-newsletter to get the latest population news.

For a livable world,

Kierán Suckling
Executive Director

Center for Biological Diversity
P.S. You can read today’s story in *The New York Times* here and learn more about how we're leading the environmental movement on this issue and urging action. Stay tuned on how you can help and keep speaking up.

**POPULATION, WATER, FOOD**

“Water, Water, Nowhere.” By Theo Anderson. *In These Times* (August 2013). As population increases the world’s water supplies decrease, and it is unclear where the needed water will come from. Apparently no nation has a national conservation policy. In the US, states are beginning to wage legal battles over contested water, and similar conflicts are increasing around the world. Helpfully, the UN has declared 2013 “the international year of water cooperation” and September the “world water week” to stimulate planning. The article concludes with a hopeful account of San Antonio’s successful water conservation program. – Dick

**Hunger in America, By the Numbers**

Travis Waldron and Pat Garofalo, ThinkProgress | Report, Truthout, Nov. 23, 2011

Last year, 17.2 million households in the United States were food insecure, the highest level on record, as the Great Recession continued to wreak havoc on families across the country. Of those 17.2 million households, 3.9 million included children. On Thanksgiving weekend, here’s a look at hunger in America, as millions of Americans struggle to get enough to eat in the wake of the economic crisis.»


**Not the Number of People but the Voraciousness of the Capitalist !% Threatening the Planet**

**Is the 7 Billion or the 1% Causing Environmental Crises?**


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According to the United Nations, world population will reach the 7 billion mark on Monday. IAN ANGUS, ecosocialism at gmail.com Angus is the co-author of the recent book Too Many People?: Population, Immigration, and the Environmental Crisis. He has just published the piece “Is the Environmental Crisis Caused by the 7 Billion or the 1%?” [...]

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Preventing child pregnancy needs to be focus of reproductive efforts, UN report says

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10/30/2013 | Thomson Reuters Foundation · Indian Express (New Delhi), The

The United Nations Population Fund’s 2013 State of the World Population report says governments and private groups must do a better job of reaching girls younger than 15 to prevent child pregnancies. UNFPA says that 2 million girls younger than 15 in developing nations give birth each year. "This age group is not being targeted and focused on to prevent pregnancy before it happens," says UNFPA’s Dr. Laura Laski.

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Thomson Reuters Foundation · Indian Express (New Delhi), The

A dense biography of Dr. Nafis Sadik, who changed the world for women through her work on population control.

Cathleen Miller (Creative Writing/San Jose State Univ.; *Desert Flower: The Extraordinary Journey of a Desert Nomad*, 1998, etc.) researched Sadik for 10 years to give us this biographical view of the former undersecretary-general and executive director of the U.N. Population Fund. The book follows the improbable path of the Pakistani Sadik through partition, medical school, her early work in local population control and her efforts for the U.N. Population Fund, which she directed for 13 years. Sadik’s family “celebrated her femininity, valued her wishes, gave her the same educational opportunities as her brothers, then encouraged her career and independence.” She worked passionately against genital mutilation, obstetric fistula and childhood marriage. Through Sadik’s tenure at the U.N., the organization was “able to bring respectability to the concept of family planning.” She helped set the tone for controlling population growth by empowering women through education and ensuring basic human rights. The apex of Sadik’s career was the U.N.’s 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo. She outmaneuvered even the Vatican to support reproductive choice for women, brokering consensus for a 20-year plan to address...
world population and development. Miller intersperses each chapter about Sadik with vignettes of women she met while researching this book. These personal stories introduce us to victims of abuse, persecution, genital mutilation, prostitution and gang rape. Pub Date: March 1st, 2013 : 524pp

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Every year, our Member Associations help millions of poor and vulnerable people avoid unsafe childbirth, unsafe sex, unsafe abortion, STI-related illnesses and HIV-related stigma and discrimination. And together, we fight for local, national and global policies which recognize a fundamental human right - the right to sexual and reproductive health.

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POPULATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE : See: OMNI population and climate change.doc, OMNI World Population Day.doc

ART ON ABORTION

Dear Patricia - I like your views on being green, but I strongly disagree with you about abortion as expressed below in "A free webcast about ending abortion."
National and international studies show that the anti-abortion movement’s attempts to outlaw abortion have only resulted in more abortions. Abortion, along with birth control and sex education, needs to be legal, safe, and easy to obtain. Nations with easy access to abortion have less abortions per capita. The ironically-named "pro-life" movement has only one real purpose: To punish women. Please take a look at my recent NWA Times column about this issue: http://physics.uark.edu/hobson/NWAT/10.06.06.html.

Cheers - Art Hobson

ARGUMENT FOR CHOICE

The People Behind Gallup's Polls

By Kate Childs Graham, CHOICE USA

May 18, 2010 - 7:00am

In order to fully understand any polling data, we have to understand who the numbers are about. Last week, Gallup released polling data that showed a drop in support for legal abortion among young adults ages 18 to 29. Although young people still show the highest level of support for abortion across the generations, this drop is concerning. However, we must look past the numbers to uncover why young people are expressing lower levels of support for abortion and how we might better engage them in the future.

Today’s young people were the unfortunate beneficiaries of eight years of funding and support for abstinence-only education. As a result, those in their late teens and twenties experience the highest rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unintended pregnancies. But the detrimental impact extends well beyond STIs and pregnancies.

For the most part, abstinence-only education either does not make mention about abortion rights and services or casts these rights and services in a bad light. And so, young people have not received accurate information they need to make informed decisions about their own lives or create informed opinions about matters of reproductive justice.

One of Choice USA's young activists from Kentucky put it best: “I feel that I was short-changed in sex education because I was taught abstinence-only-until-marriage and that just doesn’t apply to everyone.”
Abstinence-only education is not solely responsible for the drop in support for legal abortion among young adults. As we know, young people receive their information both in and out of school. Unfortunately, out of school, the silence on, discomfort with and denigration of abortion has been repeated in a wide variety of venues.

Perhaps the most puzzling aspect of this polling data is that, while the data indicate changes in attitudes, young adults are nonetheless having the vast majority of abortions. A recent Guttmacher study found that women in their twenties account for 58 percent of all abortions in the United States.

Without doubt, and as we know when it comes to the stigma attached to abortion rights, there is a great disconnect between what young people are doing and what young people are saying.

We must overcome the stigma attached to abortion in order to engage all people, and most especially young people. We need to craft messages and provide information that change the hearts and minds of people and that lift up the human aspects of the abortion debate. It isn’t just about changing attitudes towards abortion, we must change how people view sex and sexuality on the whole.

Study after study has shown that young people are very progressive and also very concerned with “morality.” We need to take that knowledge and create spaces for young people to receive accurate, unbiased information and wrestle with the moral dimensions—in their various forms and complexities—of sexual and reproductive health.

In Choice USA’s work in high schools and colleges, we often meet students who have yet to form an opinion on abortion. They come to us and express reservations, frequently rooted in their cultural or religious background. We try to provide these students with spaces, free from judgment, in which they can talk about the complexities of abortion. Some do decide they are against abortion in some or all circumstances. More often than not, with accurate information in hand, these young people choose to support the full range of reproductive rights.

It’s true that today’s young people didn’t experience the tragedy of back alley abortions. Young people can respect, but not fully comprehend, the struggles that led to the Roe decision. And young people weren’t there during the founding moments of today’s pro-choice movement.

Yet while young adults didn’t necessarily experience these things directly, they have experienced the lack of affordable options for abortion services. Young people know the impact of heinous parental notification and 24-hour waiting period laws. Above all, young people feel the stigma that exists around having abortions and supporting abortion rights.

In a recent interview about the contraceptive pill, Gloria Steinem was asked if she thought young people took the Pill for granted. She simply replied, “I hope so.” Hopefully, one day soon, young people will be able to take a woman’s right to choose for granted. That day has
not yet arrived. But only then will we know our work was not done in vain.

POPULATION AND WARS

JARED DIAMOND, OVERPOPULATION AND POPULATION IMPACT


ARROYO GRANDE, Calif. -- So what's the biggest time-bomb for Obama, America, capitalism, the world? No, not global warming. Not poverty. Not even peak oil. What is the absolute biggest, one like the trigger mechanism on a nuclear bomb, one that'll throw a wrench in global economic growth, ending capitalism, even destroying modern civilization?

The one that -- if not solved soon -- renders all efforts to solve all the other problems in the world, irrelevant, futile and virtually impossible? . . . .

News flash: the "Billionaires Club" knows: Bill Gates called billionaire philanthropists to a super-secret meeting in Manhattan last May. Included: Buffett, Rockefeller, Soros, Bloomberg, Turner, Oprah and others meeting at the "home of Sir Paul Nurse, a British Nobel prize biochemist and president of the private Rockefeller University, in Manhattan," reports John Harlow in the London TimesOnline. During an afternoon session each was "given 15 minutes to present their favorite cause. Over dinner they discussed how they might settle on an 'umbrella cause' that could harness their interests."

The world's biggest time-bomb? Overpopulation, say the billionaires.

And yet, global governments with their $50 trillion GDP, aren't even trying to solve the world's overpopulation problem. G-20 leaders ignore it. So by 2050 the Earth's population will explode by almost 50%, from 6.6 billion today to 9.3 billion says the United Nations.

And what about those billionaires and their billions? Can they stop the trend? Sadly no. Only a major crisis, a global catastrophe, a collapse beyond anything prior in world history will do it. Here's why:
Civilizations collapse fast, crises trigger, leaders clueless

"One of the disturbing facts of history is that so many civilizations collapse," warns Jared Diamond, an environmental biologist, Pulitzer prize winner and author of *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*. Many "civilizations share a sharp curve of decline. Indeed, a society's demise may begin only a decade or two after it reaches its peak population, wealth and power."

. . .

Call it "WWIII: The Population Wars." A few years ago Fortune analyzed a classified *Pentagon* report predicting that "climate could change radically and fast. That would be the mother of all national security issues" Population unrest would then create "massive droughts, turning farmland into dust bowls and forests to ashes." And "by 2020 there is little doubt that something drastic is happening ... an old pattern could emerge; warfare defining human life." War will be the end-game: For capitalism, civilization, earth?

**Diamond's 12-part equation** is very simple, fits perfectly with a global warfare scenario: "More people require more food, space, water, energy, and other resources ... There is a long built-in momentum to human population growth called the 'demographic bulge' with a disproportionate number of children and young reproductive-age people." And if the "bulge" stops for any reason, game over. Economic "growth" ends, killing capitalism.

So look closely: **Diamond's equation has 12 time-bombs. But note, the first two are the biggest triggers in the formula.** The other 10 are derivative variables.

1. **Overpopulation Multiplier**

According to TimesOnline: A few months before the billionaires meeting Gates noted: "Official [U.N.] projections say the world's population will peak at 9.3 billion [up from 6.6 billion today] but with charitable initiatives, such as better reproductive health care, we think we can cap that at 8.3 billion." Still, that's 23% more than today's 6.6 billion.

Can it be stopped? In a recent special issue of *Scientific American*, population was called "the most overlooked and essential strategy for achieving long-term balance with the environment." Why? Population's the new "third-rail" for politicians. So they ignore it.

Yet, if all nations consumed resources at the same rate as America, we'd need six Earths to survive. Unfortunately that scenario is unstoppable. Because by 2050, while America's population grows from 300 million to a mere 400 million, the rest of the world will explode from 6.3 billion to 8.9 billion, with over 1.4 billion each in China and India.

2. **Population Impact Multiplier**

Diamond warns: "There are 'optimists' who argue that the world could support double its human population." But he adds, they "consider only the increase in human numbers and not
average increase in per-capita impact. But I have not heard anyone who seriously argues that
the world could support 12 times it's current impact." And yet, that's exactly what happens
with "all third-world inhabitants adopting first-world standards."

Folks, we oversold the American dream. Now everyone wants it. Not just 300 million
Americans, but 6.3 billion people worldwide are demanding more, more, more!

"What really counts," says Diamond, "is not the number of people alone, but their impact on
the environment," the "per-capita impact." First-world citizens "consume 32 times more
resources such as fossil fuels, and put out 32 times more waste, than do the inhabitants of
the Third World." So the race is on: "Low impact people are becoming high-impact people"
aspiring "to first-world living standards." The American dream is now the global dream.

Warning: The "Impact Multiplier" will drive the global "WWIII-Population Wars" equation even
if there is zero population growth to 2050!

In Diamond's masterpiece, "Collapse," the two key variables are what we call the "Over-
Population Multiplier" and "Population Impact Multiplier." Now let's closely examine Diamond's
other 10 variables that are driving our "WWIII-Population Wars" equation:. . . .

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II relate to population issues)(Cover Story) . The Humanist, July 1,
1998.

Military analyst Ruth Sivard cites 148 wars in the world since World
War II. Among these were wars in the Sudan, Somalia, Cambodia, Georgia,
Burundi, Afghanistan, Rwanda, and many others. Most
of these were what can be called "population wars."

Since the end of the Cold War, the nature of war has changed. No longer are we
fighting other countries but, rather, ourselves. According to the United Nations,
only three of the world's eighty-two armed conflicts in 1989 through 1992 were
between countries; the rest were within countries. They have been the result of
our failure to prevent reactionary religious forces from limiting and, at times,
destroying the opportunity of millions worldwide to receive family planning, birth
control, and legal abortion services.

In its 1997 quadrennial Defense Review, the Pentagon warns of a pending
catastrophe:

Some governments will lose their ability to maintain public order and provide for the needs of their people, creating the conditions for civil unrest, famine, [and] massive flows of migrants across international borders .... Uncontrolled flows of migrants will sporadically destabilize regions of the world and threaten American interests and citizens.

We are now witnessing these massive flows of economic refugees from poverty-stricken . . . .

We show that long-term fluctuations of war frequency and population changes followed the cycles of temperature change. Further analyses show that cooling impeded agricultural production, which brought about a series of serious social problems, including price inflation, then successively war outbreak, famine, and population decline successively. The findings suggest that worldwide and synchronistic war–peace, population, and price cycles in recent centuries have been driven mainly by long-term climate change. The findings also imply that social mechanisms that might mitigate the impact of climate change were not significantly effective during the study period. Climate change may thus have played a more important role and imposed a wider ranging effect on human civilization than has so far been suggested. Findings of this research may lend an additional dimension to the classic concepts of Malthusianism and Darwinism.

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