

## ***PART 1: WHAT CONSTITUTES OVERPOPULATION IN AMERICA? TOO MANY PEOPLE!***

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After years of scientific study, six continents of world travel, having lived in Antarctica while working with the world's top scientists—it feels unsettling that individuals and countless millions of Americans cannot grasp the overpopulation equation facing America. They pursue their daily tasks without understanding the ramifications of this civilization adding another 100 million people in 25 years, and doubling to 600 million people within 60 to 70 years. California alone expects 20 million added within 30 years.

The Main Stream Press and top political figures avoid and suppress any conversation of overpopulation implications.

They wallow in their mythology that Norman Borlaug, the man who created greater crop yields, disproved Thomas Malthus' work. Note: Borlaug only delayed the inevitable mass starvation with even greater numbers of victims. They also discount the eminent Paul Ehrlich, author of ***The Population Bomb***. I met this brilliant, articulate biologist and Stanford professor. He said, "All causes are lost causes without limiting human population." Again, while his timing proved off, his science remains impeccable. In fact, his predictions of 180 million starvation deaths since 1965 turned out to be 300 million. Each year 18 million humans die of starvation or related diseases—what do naysayers do with that math?

As the world population adds 10,000 babies net gain per hour, 240,000 per day and 80 million annually, we race inextricably toward planetary disaster on multiple levels. Why? This planet cannot support nor sustain its current human numbers. Our environment breaks down all over the globe. I can name countless growing symptoms of the breakdown: species extinction of over 80-100 creatures daily (Source: Norman Meyers, UK); toxic rain and rivers acidifying the oceans, 100 million sharks being killed by humans annually (Source: OnEarth Magazine, Julia Whitty), drift netting, fisheries collapsing, Great Pacific Garbage Patch, ocean dead zones, polar caps melting, ozone destruction, 80,000 human chemicals wreaking havoc with nature, top soil erosion, toxified soils, vanishing lakes, ad nauseam.

But then you hear individuals or what Colorado University's Dr. Albert Bartlett calls 'innumerates', (intellectually credentialed persons that remain mathematically illiterate), tell us that the whole human race can live in the State of Texas. Bartlett's ([www.albartlett.org](http://www.albartlett.org)) worldwide reputation as one of the finest population experts provides us with unequalled understanding of our predicament with his video: "Arithmetic, population and energy." Most folks fail to understand 'exponential growth' on a finite planet cannot continue. That fact they slither away from when confronted. The reason these innumerates exist stems from the human tendency to use ego defenses, when information unsettles them; denial, rationalization, suppression, projection, et al. A prime example: the Pope in 1600 jailed Galileo for daring to state that Earth rotated around the sun. "How absurd!" said the Pope.

As 21<sup>st</sup> century Galileo's, men like Bartlett, Ehrlich, Catton (author of Overshoot), Tainter (author of Why Complex Societies Collapse), Diamond (author of Collapse), Heinberg (author of Peak Everything; facing a century of declines), Lader (author of Breeding Ourselves to Death), and dozens of others—find themselves battling people that do not comprehend what they insist upon—just like the Pope with Galileo. It's like trying to talk reason with bullfrogs!

One look around you, or a week of listening to the news, illustrates our accelerating predicaments.

***"We must alert and organize the world's people to pressure world leaders to take specific steps to solve the two root causes of our environmental crises - exploding population growth and wasteful consumption of irreplaceable resources. Over-consumption and overpopulation underlie every environmental problem we face today." Jacques-Yves Cousteau***

It's not only probable, but real that Cousteau knows a lot more about overpopulation. Somehow, innumerate pretend they possess a case. They prove to have no case while today the USA loses 250 creatures to extinction annually because of habitat loss. One new American causes 12.6 acres to be destroyed to support him/her: known as 'ecological footprint'. If we add another 100 million, that equals 1.26 billion acres of wilderness choked by concrete and asphalt. Creature extinction rates inevitably rise from that equation. Our cities suffer gridlock and toxic air beyond comprehension. Quality of life spirals into the toilet. We import 7 out of 10 barrels of oil. What happens when Peak Oil becomes serious in the coming years? Food? How do you grow it when states like California add 1,655 people daily and 400 cars 24/7? (Source: [www.capsweb.org](http://www.capsweb.org)) Genetically modified food, whether animal or plant, constitutes another aspect of overpopulation, i.e., it signifies overshoot of food supplies.

Detractors tell you that it's all one big misunderstanding. The whole human race can live in Texas with an acre to grow gardens.

***"The ship is already starting to spin out of control. We may soon lose all chance of grabbing the wheel. Humanity faces a genuinely new situation. It is not an environmental crisis in the accepted sense. It is a crisis for the entire life-support system for our civilization and our species." Fred Pearce, The Last Generation: How Nature Will take Her Revenge for Climate Change***

Nonetheless, 'innumerate' persist just as the Pope persisted with Galileo. Today the Pope remains one of the advocates for unlimited population growth. No matter how much misery it creates, he promotes it. (Source: Lawrence Harrison, Underdevelopment is a State of Mind) In every country where the Pope dominates, human misery proliferates with soaring birthrates. Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, San Salvador and elsewhere!

Can 'thinkers' and scientists outlast the 'innumerate'? Can smarter, more rational minds lead us away from population growth to a stabilized and sustainable future in the USA and around the world? I hope so! Because if not, Mother Nature's methods of birth control and family planning exceed anything you can imagine: brutal!

*"As we go from this happy hydrocarbon bubble we have reached now to a renewable energy resource economy, which we do this century, will the "civil" part of civilization survive? As we both know there is no way that alternative energy sources can supply the amount of per capita energy we enjoy now, much less for the 9 billion expected by 2050. And energy is what keeps this game going. We are involved in a Faustian bargain—selling our economic souls for the luxurious life of the moment, but sooner or later the price has to be paid." Walter Youngquist*

As Thomas Jefferson once said, "We have the wolf by the ears and we can neither hold him or let him go." I suggest we take destiny into our hands by taking action in the logical direction by moving our civilization toward a stable population.

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In a five minute astoundingly simple yet brilliant video, **"Immigration, Poverty, and Gum Balls"**, Roy Beck, director of [www.numbersusa.ORG](http://www.numbersusa.org), graphically illustrates the impact of overpopulation. Take five minutes to see for yourself:

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**"Immigration by the numbers—off the chart"** by Roy Beck

This 10 minute demonstration shows Americans the results of unending mass immigration on the quality of life and sustainability for future generations: in a word "Mind boggling!" [www.NumbersUSA.org](http://www.NumbersUSA.org)

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This is the best website to start: [www.numbersusa.org](http://www.numbersusa.org) ; watch Roy Beck's "Immigration by the Numbers" at 14 minutes. Bi-partisan and very effective. Become a faxer of pre-written letters to your reps to make positive change.

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Must see: Rapid Population Decline, seven minute video by Dr. Jack Alpert-

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTWduFB\\_RX0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTWduFB_RX0)

Must see and funny: [www.growthbusters.org](http://www.growthbusters.org) ; [www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXSTrW\\_dARc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXSTrW_dARc)

Dave Gardner's Polar Bear in Bedroom:

[growthbusters.org/2010/03/save-the-polar-bear-in-your-bedroom](http://growthbusters.org/2010/03/save-the-polar-bear-in-your-bedroom) ; Dave Gardner, President, Citizen-Powered Media ; Producing the Documentary, **GROWTH BUSTERS**; presents ***Hooked on Growth: Our Misguided Quest for Prosperity***, Join the cause at [www.growthbusters.org](http://www.growthbusters.org); 760 Wycliffe Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 USA; +1 719-576-5565

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