

PART 3: WHAT CONSTITUTES OVERPOPULATION IN AMERICA? SPECIES EXTINCTION ACCELERATING

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As the United accelerates toward adding another 100 million people within 25 years, its citizens neglect growing consequences easily witnessed in other overpopulated countries. Americans assume they can continue unlimited expansion because, "We've always considered growth as the mainstay of our prosperity."

Thus, Americans think 'endless increase' as a normal aspect of their daily lives. Their paradigm cannot and will not be tolerated by Mother Nature much longer. Dr. Albert Bartlett, (www.albartlett.org), said, "Continued growth past maturity for any entity becomes obesity or cancer." As we all know, both problems create a debilitating existence or shortened lifespan.

The author of ***The Population Bomb***, Paul Ehrlich said, "Few problems are less recognized, but more important than, the accelerating disappearance of the earth's biological resources. In pushing other species to extinction, humanity is busy sawing off the limb on which it is perched."

SIX EXTINCTION SESSION FACING HUMANITY ON EARTH

Over the course of this planet's six billion years of existence, 'life' popped up a short time ago, and during its survival and through great geological and special traumas, millions of creatures suffered extinction from climate change, ice ages and meteor hits that created 'nuclear winters' that blocked out the sun—thus stopping all photosynthesis that allowed the food chain to feed dependent life beings. To date, five "Extinction Sessions" killed off up to 97 percent of living species on the planet. The three percent that survived allowed all life that you see on this planet today. Now, in the 21st century, we plunge into the 6th Extinction Session.

In his work, Professor Norman Meyers, UK, wrote, "Winnowing for Today's World", on the concept of mass extinction. As shown by the National Academy of Sciences and (www.worldwildlifefund.org), humans, via encroachment on wilderness habitat, cause the extinction of 80 to 100 creatures daily around the globe. Meyers said, "These, then, are some ultimate issues for us to bear in mind as we begin to impose a fundamental shift on evolutions course. The biggest factor by far is that, as we proceed on our impoverishing way, we scarcely pause to consider what we are doing. We are "deciding" without even the most superficial reflection - deciding all too unwittingly, but effectively and increasingly."

In 1993, Harvard biologist E.O. Wilson estimated that the planet loses 30,000 species per year: around three species per hour. Some biologists feel that the biodiversity crisis dubbed the "Sixth Extinction" accelerates more severely than Wilson expected.

SPECIES EXTINCTION IN THE UNITED STATES ACCELERATING

At 310 million and headed for 400 million within 25 years, America adds 3.1 to 3.4 million humans annually. Each added American requires the destruction of 12.6 acres of wilderness habitat known as 'ecological footprint'. That many acres must be developed into homes, roads, cities, schools, malls and land for food production. When you multiply 100 million added humans times 12.6 acres—that equals a loss of 1.26 billion acres of wilderness habitat in the next 25 years. Since demographers expect the USA to double to 600 million, work the math!

Where will the animals flee to eat, procreate and flourish? Where will we find that much arable land? How about water?

According to reports, 6,330 animal species in North America teeter on the edge of extinction. The National Academy of Sciences predicts 2,500 plants and animals go extinct every decade from habitat loss. At some point, these extinction rates create a 'cascading effect' for all other dependent species. We answer to an intertwined ecosystem.

In the West, the prairie dog provides sustenance for 67 other creatures in the food chain. Over half of prairie dog colonies suffered human development destruction in the past 30 years. As their numbers plummeted, every creature depending on those rodents declined commensurately.

In a report in the Boston Globe, October 19, 2006, by John Donnelly, "*Scientists Alarmed at Loss of Pollinators*," he reported rapidly dropping numbers of birds, bees and bats could impact humanity's food supply. Most plants depend on their pollen being picked up by birds, bats and bees to be distributed so that fruits, nuts and vegetables can reproduce and grow.

In 2007, on Colorado's eastern plains, farmers imported beekeepers with their mobile bee hives to pollinate crops. The lack of bees in the United States created the first imports of bees since 1922. Reports suggest bees being killed by pesticides called *neonicotinoids*, that impair the bees' immune systems. One of the most widely used is *imidacloprid*. It's sprayed all over crops from California to Maine. Consequently, bees get sick and die!

"In addition," Donnelly reported, "wild pollinators from bumblebees to butterflies to nocturnal moths—have lost much of their habitat, due to vast use of pesticides and herbicides that kill plants and hedges in which the insects and birds live."

With over 80,000 manmade chemicals being injected into the land, water and air—doesn't it make you wonder what in the heck we're doing to ourselves and future generations?

At the same time, humans continue overpopulation this planet by a net gain of 80 million annually. At what point will leaders, citizens, media and the rest of us speak up? Can it be too soon, too late or do we simply watch our civilization collapse from our apathy?

"The American people today are involved in warfare more deadly than the war in Vietnam, but few of them seem aware of it and even fewer of them are doing anything about it. This is a war that is being waged against the American environment, against our lands, air, and water, which are the basis of that environment." Norman Cousins (1915-1990)

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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

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Visit www.TheSocialContract.com for the best information on what we face as a civilization as to overpopulation, energy, immigration and much more.

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Must see DVD: "Blind Spot" www.snagfilms.com/films/title/blind_spot/ , This movie illustrates America's future without oil, water and other resources to keep this civilization functioning. It's a brilliant educational movie! www.blindspotdoc.com

Must see: Rapid Population Decline, seven minute video by Dr. Jack Alpert-
www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTWduFB_RX0

Must see and funny: www.growthbusters.org ;
www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXSTrW_dARc

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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 ; 760 Wycliffe Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 USA; +1 719-576-5565

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