

## US Imperialism against Third World Youth

The US National Security Study, Dec. 1974, stated that rapid population growth in Third World countries could threaten US security, and furthermore, that large numbers of youth in the same countries would build effective protest movements against US domination of their country.

The same study recognised that the US government might be criticised because of the increased spending on birth-control and abortion programmes and at the same time the decreased spending on Health programmes. Health and birth control programmes were deliberately integrated; if you take one, you get the other.

**The US and industrialized countries fund massive abortion and birth-control programmes in the Third World. What the Third World wants and needs in the short term is food and medical supplies and in the long term practical help in establishing their own systems.**

### Abuse of Women's Rights

**International Planned Parenthood (of which the Irish Family Planning Association is a branch) are so dedicated to population control that they carry out the following kind of strategies.**

- In Vietnam, a woman receives 20kg of rice and 2 weeks holiday if an IUD is inserted, 100kg of rice and lighter duties at work if she has a sterilization.
- In Bangladesh, "acceptors" of sterilisation receive a weeks wages. This means a great deal to an unemployed and destitute farmer or peasant woman.
- In the report Food, Saris and Sterilisation, it was revealed that emergency food aid which was donated following the 1984 floods in Bangladesh had been given to women if they agreed to be sterilised.
- In Padang Panjang, children can't get their report cards from school unless they show their mother's identity card to prove she is using birth control.
- An Indian woman, described on the TV programme Something like a War, how her daughter developed severe complications after being fitted with an IUD, and how they refused to remove it when she went back.
- In 1977, 6.5 million men were forced to be sterilised by India's Mrs. Gandai. A further 1,774 died because of the sterilisations. In Uttawar, a small village, 550 men were rounded up and taken away. 180 of them were forcibly sterilised.



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# ARE THERE TOO MANY PEOPLE?



*Do you believe that*

- Planet Earth cannot feed us!
- A population explosion is coming!
- The world is over-crowded!
- Population growth damages the Environment!
- World resources are scarce!
- Population hinders economic growth!

# Are you being population controlled?

## Not Enough Food?

- American farmers have so much surplus food that they must export two thirds of their crops. There are riots in Europe against food imports e.g. France, because of too much food.
- The EU is paying Irish farmers not to produce food and tons of European food is being held in storage by the EU.
- UN figures show that people in every part of the Third World have far better diets than 20 years ago, despite growing populations.
- In Asia, Latin America and the Far East, food production is increasing faster than the rate of population growth.
- Food shortages in Africa are due mostly to war and/or socialism e.g. Mengitzu in Ethiopia.
- India is able to provide the whole world with food if it wishes (*Raj Krishna, Indian Economist*)

## Overcrowding?

- If all the people in the world moved into the State of Texas, each person could have the space of a typical American home and all the rest of the world would be empty.
- Human beings occupy only 1% of the earth's land surface.
- The quantity of agricultural land is increasing world-wide.
- Aristotle worried about overpopulation in 500BC.
- People have always crowded together in cities and towns to exchange goods and services.
- Only cities have large numbers of people living in them. Vast areas of the countryside lie empty. This is true of every country.

## Earth Ruin?

- United Nations data show that the same amount of land was forested in 1950 as in 1987 : 4 billion hectares.
- 2/3 of Brazil, an area 10 times the size of France, is covered in forest.
- Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute found "no appreciable difference in temperatures between 1856 and 1986."
- Measurements in the US between 1974 and 1986 show an actual decrease in Ultraviolet Radiation, the opposite of what should happen if the ozone is being depleted.

## No Resources?

- Resources such as copper, iron, phosphorus, lead, zinc, sulphur, uranium and aluminium in the earth's crust are sufficient for millions of years of use.
- Resources for the Future said "most of our metal needs can be supplied by iron, aluminium and magnesium, all of which are taken from inexhaustible sources."
- Ronald Riker, (Resources for the Future) states that the earth can feed and offer resources to a population 3 times the present size "given a more equitable distribution of food and shifts from less to more abundant resources."

## Pollution?

- Barry Commoner (Environmental Cost of Economic Growth) demonstrated that increases in pollution were not because of population growth but because of changes in technology.
- The International Monetary Fund reported that levels of industrial pollution in the USSR are 10 to 100 times greater than in the West. But the USSR has one of the lowest birth rates and one of the smallest populations relative to land size.

***"If population growth means more mouths to feed, then it also means more hands to work. If it means more demands on the economy, then it also means growing markets."***

*(Nick Eberstadt, Harvard Centre for Population Studies)*