

The Population of Earth

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A recent reader question got me thinking about the population of the USA and the world. For better or worse, the Land of Uncle Sam has an outsized influence across Earth. How will demographics affect the nation and the world?

Q: Esteemed Committee, over the course of my not-so-short lifetime, Earth's population has increased from 3 to 8 billion, nearly 170%. The USA has not kept pace, the population increasing "only" about 90% and has probably reached its peak. Is this true, will the population of the USA increase significantly?

C: No. The low rates of marriage and birth along with the highest ever ages at which each occur, are the reasons.

Q: Is the current government of the USA, Biden as the front man, allowing high rates of illegal entry, as an effort to combat the negative effects of low population growth?

C: No. The population has not yet begun to shrink, and most citizens are even unaware that it will soon plateau.

Q: Why is it being allowed?

C: Political dominance.

Q: The highest ever average age for marriage, male and female, and highest average age for childbirth, plus the lowest birthrate for women, are being caused by what?

C: Social trends which encourage female education and a professional career as priorities compared to motherhood.

Q: Why can't women do both?

C: Both can be done but neither pursuit will be done nearly as well, in almost every case.

Q: It seems to be a taboo to suggest children will not do as well, if their mother works outside the home.

C: It is a taboo, however keeping a topic quiet does not change facts from and for it.

Q: Is the high average marriage age caused by men or women?

C: Women.

Q: Men aren't a contributing cause, proposing marriage later on, at higher ages?

C: That is part of the process, but less men propose marriage because most men know most women in certain age categories will not accept. Most women in the USA do not seek husbands until the later stages of fertility.

Q: Are men contributing to the high average age of birth?

C: No, women are the source of the change. Women decide upon motherhood, because women have complete control over reproduction, from conception and the act which brings it about, through childbirth and afterwards.

Q: Why are less babies being born?

C: Fewer and fewer women wish multiple offspring.

Q: Why?

C: Women are encouraged to pursue education then work. Not so many decades ago, men outnumbered women in universities, now the opposite has taken hold in several countries most notably the USA.

Women now generally believe it is too risky to depend upon a man's resources and commitment, but are unaware that female nature has not changed to nearly the same degree.

Reader questions:

Q1. Other than the women related factors that The Committee has mentioned, will India's population be reduced significantly by any other factor over the next 50 years e.g. famine, male infertility, death due to epidemic or due to war or due to natural disasters etc.?

C: No, India's population will reduce because of the same factors affecting population reductions everywhere among humanity.

Q2. After the upcoming reduction during the shift, what is the likely figure where the population of the world and that of China, USA, India will stabilize?

C: This is not yet known; humans will decide. The range will be around forty percent of the current world population, several decades from today.

Q3. Will motherhood again be a priority for women in the future?

C: It still is with pocket exceptions in nations which at the moment dominate the world economically.

Q4. Will the rate of marriage increase again post shift?

C: No.

Q5. Will the trend of late marriage be reversed ?

C: No but this question is subjective. Humans will get married at higher ages, and the medium will not be considered late. This has already happened across North America and Europe.