

Essay

Shifting the Paradigm: From Overpopulation to Population Management

Outline

I. Introduction

The global population is exponentially increasing, with many countries having more people than they can accommodate.

Since overpopulation cannot be reversed, it can, however, be managed so that it becomes an asset to the world.

II. Debunking The Term 'Overpopulation'

III. Overpopulation: A Liability to the World

A. A strain on the natural and man-made resources

B. Increase in poverty and social inequality

C. Civilization under threat: overcrowding leads to increased crimes and chaos

Case Study 1: Karachi

Case Study 2: Mumbai

IV. Population Management: A Shift From Overpopulation

A. A managed population is a boon for the world
Case study: China

B. State-regulated family sizes
• One-child, two children policies

C. Urban and rural development programs:
Adjusting the existing populations

D. Wars and natural calamities: ~~at~~
Organic and natural population
control/regulation

E. Educating the youth: Turning
the burden into a relief

F. Role of clergy in conservative areas

Example: Pakistan, Afghanistan,
India.

G. Allocating resources where due:
enacting social justice

i. Role of supranational organizations
organizations in population management.

v. What does the future look like?

vi. Conclusion

On November 15, 2022, the world population crossed the 8 billion mark. Population increase is natural. However, the problem with the increase is that it is not linear. It grows exponentially. Thus, if not managed properly, it can be a major liability to the world. The large number of people will exhaust the world ~~out~~ of natural and man-made resources. The increase will also widen the gulf between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'. Moreover, since larger population is more difficult to control, chaos and crime are more likely to wreak havoc. Nonetheless, population management can play a vital role in dealing with this global issue. When managed, population can, even in large numbers, be utilized for the good of the world. It can be done so through state regulation, and role of clergy where the people are less flexible by turning the taboo into a discussable topic. Urban and rural development programs will help adjust the existing population. Although unconventional to agree, wars and natural calamities

act as organic and natural means of population regulation. Furthermore, educating and investing on the youth will turn the population burden into a relief. Also, the supranational organizations can play a pivotal role in population management. There is no doubt that the global population is exponentially increasing with many countries having a population beyond their capacity. Since overpopulation cannot be reversed, it can, however, be managed in a way that it becomes a liability to the world.