

'This house would propose that we should impose a one-child, one house policy or be sterilised due to increasing overpopulation'

I strongly agree with the statement quoted above for a number of reasons including overpopulation, lack of housing, lack of jobs and neglect of children. As shown in the evidence gathered and exhibited below, I believe it is time to begin considering vasectomy for offenders who chose to commit crimes.

My first point in accordance with the statement is the high amount of overwhelmingly overpopulated countries that can be seen across the world. The world's current population is over 7.3 billion people and this constantly increasing amount could reach over 11 billion people by 2100. The more the population increases, the more problems begin to emerge such as global warming, prodigious proportions of environmental pollution and a lack of resources worldwide. It is estimated that there are currently over 280,000 known cases of homelessness in England (as of December 2019) and this number will only increase over the years to come. Surely if we continue reproducing so quickly, we are destined for global destruction.

A second factor in the agreement with the statement is the ramifications of overpopulation on children. Finding the right school for a child can be a difficult enough task without having the added problem of being turned away due to overcrowding. If no places are available in schools local to a family, they may face a long daily commute or even have to consider moving to a property closer to an available school. Class sizes are also facing substantial increases engendering a higher student-teacher ratio thus making it nearly impossible for a teacher to engage an entire class. In addition to this, if a student within an overcrowded class falls behind, this may not be picked up on and the child may not academically advance at the same level or speed as the rest of the class. A child achieving highly may find themselves in a similar situation where their ability is not picked up and they cannot attain their full potential.

Another way overpopulation affects a child is through deprivation. An increase in people across the planet prompts a global increase in house prices. Many families may find themselves living in more run down areas that are constantly loud or busy and ergo, a child may find themselves unable to complete homework or revision. This is known as material deprivation and a second example of this could be a parent not being able to afford a tutor to aid their child or the equipment/s needed such as textbooks due to all spare money going towards housing. Ultimately, a child who has suffered from any of these issues will be going into the world with a lack of skills and less chance of achieving success. So wouldn't it be better to stop humans reproducing and overpopulating and consequently stop any of these problems from being inflicted upon a child?

Since its creation, the earth has been exploited by humans for resources but this could now all be becoming too much. Each day, around 385,000 babies are born, all of which will require decent food, water and shelter to survive. The earth has been providing these for billions of years but the huge surge in demand could become too large and vital supplies could begin to diminish. Woodland, rainforests and farmland are being built over to provide housing and factories for people to work in and while this may have positive outcomes, it is not short of negatives either. Ecosystems are vitiated and the climate faces significant

changes such as an inflation of natural disasters. Preventing humans from reproducing could allow the earth time to rejuvenate and repair before it becomes too late.

My final argument for why humans should be prohibited from breeding is due to the way that some children are nurtured. There is clear evidence to show a correlation between an egregious childhood during which a child may have been neglected or abused and a life of crime once adulthood is reached. From my perspective, I think it is clear that there should be some sort of background check on a couple before they are allowed to procreate to ensure the child will not grow up into a life that will be damaging to society due to the mistreatment they may have received from the parents. These checks do not ensure that the child will not live a deviant life but they can increase the likelihood of conformity.

Overall, I believe that preventing humans from reproducing will have a positive outcome on society, even if it is only put in place for a few years. I also believe restrictions on who is allowed to reproduce will benefit society in the long run.

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