The Over-Population Cabal

On May 11, 1998, The New Yorker featured a startling article by staff writer Philip Gourevitch entitled "The Genocide File" accusing high officials of the United Nations of knowing in advance of the planned systematic massacre of nearly one million minority Tutsi citizens—men, women, and children—of Rwanda in 1994 and doing nothing at all about it. In fact, the UN, the Clinton White House and the U.S. State Department continued to conceal this genocide from the American people until it was exposed on January 26 by—all sources—the very left-wing-oriented Public Broadcast Service (PBS) television show "Triumph of Evil" in its Frontline documentary series.

It probably is not surprising that United Nations officials didn’t move to thwart the massacre of a million Rwandans—mostly hacked to death with hoes or machetes—since that poor African nation is among those countries counted as drastically "overpopulated" by a coterie of politicians, pseudo-scientists, media propagandists and one-world planners who preach as undeniable a connection between birth rates and economic prosperity. Like their 1758 mentor, British clergyman Thomas Malthus, they continue to argue that as population increases, food and other necessities of life become more scarce and human catastrophe ensues—starvation, disease, homelessness and—ultimately—the end of civilization.

It is a matter of general knowledge that the United Nations organization and its myriad of agencies with important sounding alphabetically-abbreviated titles—UNEPs, WHO, IFAWHO, INPEM and such—is the international center and chief base in a well-financed case to dictate how individual nations, industries, and citizens conduct their lives and businesses under the guise of helping stem a non-existent "population crisis." What few but a small circle of government officials know however, is that the United States has secretly committed billions of taxpayers dollars to promoting population control globally as a "national security" strategy.

Declassified Confidential Documents

In a most astonishing but little-known journalistic scoop, the monthly Catholic World Report has discovered a group of key documents classified as "secret" up until about 1990 that offer supporting evidence on why and how billions of dollars are being spent to finance worldwide population control programs through the UN and elsewhere. Included are not only contraception, but also abortion and, sterilization.

The key document needed to understand U.S. policy toward world population during the past 20 years, Catholic World Report points out, was declassified in 1980 but not made publicly available until June 1990. Dated December 10, 1974, it is a study by the National Security Council (NSC) entitled "NSSM 200: Implications of Worldwide Population Growth for U.S. Security and Overseas Interests." This document views population growth in less developed countries as not only a serious threat to strategic interests of the U.S. but also the prime cause of political instability in Third World nations, threatening dangerous consequences for American overseas investments.

NSSM 200 is the first official document in which population control is considered a means to safeguard "national security," according to Catholic World Report, which continues: "A later document, National Security Decision Memorandum 314, shows that the proposals put forward in NSSM 200 became an integral part of United States foreign policy after November 1976. All the succeeding administrations made U.S. economic aid policies to foreign countries dependent on the acceptance of birth control programs. Even the three Republican terms of the 1980s headed by presidents who opposed abortion (Ronald Reagan and George Bush), continued to promote acceptance of birth control programs in the poor countries."

As to origins of this policy, Catholic World Report explains it was on Aug. 10, 1970 that President Richard Nixon gave the task of preparing a population policy report to the National Security Council. This document "National Decision Memorandum 76" was the first time an American president described the growth of
population in the Third World as a possible threat to U.S. interests. It was prepared by a NSC committee under the supervision of Henry Kissinger, then Secretary of State and president of the NSC. A 197-page report, it was published on Dec. 10, 1974. On Oct. 16, 1975, Kissinger sent a confidential memo to then President Gerald Ford, asking for authorization to make NSM 200 operative to all the factionaries of the U.S. government. President Ford approved Kissinger’s request on Nov. 26, 1975.

NSM 200 and NSM 314, countersigned by Brent Scowcroft who had by then replaced Kissinger as National Security Advisor, were issued as “guidelines” of policies to be followed and sent to the Secretary of State; the Departments of Treasury, Health and Human Services; Defense and Agriculture; the Commanders in Chief of the three armed forces; the director of the CIA; the President’s Economic Council; the Environmental Council; and the head of the Agency for International Development (AID). Two years later, in May 1977, the NSC drafted its “First Annual Report on U.S. Population Policy” analyzing the progress being made on controlling and reducing population around the world.

**Blueprint for Population Control**

To those now familiar with the modus operandi of population control strategy, NSM 200 is a blueprint, outlining in detail how to proceed in achieving desired results. As Catholic World Report notes, it proposes to use persuasion rather than coercion, such as “family planning programs” introduced directly by local governments or—better yet—religious groups. Also, economic incentives for spreading the use of contraceptives and clinical assistance in case of abortion and sterilization. (As a footnote, it should be pointed out that one poor Third World country, Nepal, was so inundated with condoms that it cost the local government $50,000 to dispose of them.)

In 1978, U.S. Congress—which has its own Select House Committee on Population—passed at the request of the Agency for International Development (AID) a series of measures to grant special foreign aid to those countries setting up birth control programs awarding sums of money to families or individuals “accepting family planning measures” such as sterilizations or paid abortions. While U.S. federal laws actually prohibit giving funds to foreign countries to promote abortion, NSM 200 hinted that in many countries government authorities will not interfere with such practices.

To finance population control throughout the world, the U.S. has depleted citizens’ tax revenues by at least $4 billion—spent by AID alone—over the past two decades. In addition, huge sums for the same purpose have been donated by such private institutions as the Rockefeller Foundation (Ochind-the-Scenes U.S. promoter of the IU-486 abortion pill), the Sierra Club, the Worldwatch Institute, the Ford Foundation, the Pathfinder Fund and others. One of those significant others is Ted Turner, founder of CNN television—vice chairman of Time Warner Inc. publishing empire, and owner of both the Atlanta Braves baseball and Atlanta Hawks basketball teams.

Turner is known also, for often putting his large foot in his mouth—for example, calling Christianity “a religion of losers” and anti-abortionists “bozos,” as well as people who abhor Communist China’s one-child forced-abortion policy “dumb-dumbs.”

At a real estate development conference sponsored by a group of environmental agencies, he went so far as to express regret for fathering five children of his own. “I can’t shoot them now that they are here,” he quipped, perhaps alluding to his present wife Jana Fonda’s movie, “They Shoot Horses, Don’t They?”

For all his crude outbitts in public, however, Ted Turner remains a beloved media darling. With such press fanfare, Turner’s pledged $1 billion to the United Nations for population-control programs was a challenge to other big-money industrialists and internationalists to kick-in likewise. As NSM 200 stresses, of all the intermediate—that is non-governmental—organizations needed to carry out global population control policy, the most important is the United Nations, followed by International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) which plays a major role in organizing the various expensive UN. Population conferences held in world capitals such as Beijing, China, Cairo, Egypt and elsewhere.

Acts in over 100 countries, IPPF finances such projects as village-to-village sterilization of poor women in exchange for food and other rewards. In one country, Peru, teams of Ministry of Health workers were given quotas in 1988 to round up Indian and women of mixed descent for “liligation festivals” (the term liligation meaning medically bying off a woman’s reproduction organs) in a massive sterilization campaign ordered by President Alberto Fujimori. The health workers were warned they could lose their jobs for failing to meet quotas. Some Peruvian women even reported sterilizations without their consent, often during the course of other medical procedures—for example during Cesarean deliveries.

Another agency, the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA) operates over 2,000 birth control programs throughout the world.

In 1983 alone, according to its own records (the latest available) such programs cost $122.7 million—with a quarter of those funds directly from U.S. taxpayers. Since 1969, reports population-planning researcher Mercedes Arm Wilson, the U.S. has spent more money on population control programs than its total worldwide health-related expenditures. In some years, spending on contraception “re-education” has been almost three times the expenditures on health assistance.
One member of the Honduran delegation to the UN’s 1994 International Conference on Population and Development Conference held in Cairo hit the nail on the head on how the UN talks about helping the Third World become more prosperous through development but actually is more interested in reducing its population. As the Washington Times (Aug. 26, 1994) pointed out, delegate Leonardo Casco expressed dismay that, out of 89 pages within the 1994 UN document on population and development, “only six pages dealt with development.”

Myth of Over-Population

Contrary to what “population crisis” proclamations of the United Nations and other “experts” continue to blather—and the media willingly echoes—worldwide population is declining. One needs only turn to page 70 of the 1999 New York Times Almanac to confirm the figures. In 79 countries, today, birthrates are now below replacement levels. In such countries as Italy, Japan and even China, notes the Wall Street Journal (Feb. 10, 1999) their “societies are graying at an unprecedented rate [which] means a future where even fewer workers support increasing numbers of elderly.”

Nonetheless, says the W3, “rather than looking to increase the freedom that would allow Third World peoples to provide for themselves and expand the world pie, what we have...is a concerted call for redoubling efforts to control population...that would keep those people in perpetual dependency (not to mention keeping UN functionaries employed). Indeed, even a cursory look at the Cairo and Hague (UN) documents makes clear that though the talk may be of empowering women and families, what they really empower are bureaucrats.”

Few Americans know, in fact, that since 1974 the U.S. fertility rate has been well below the long-term zero growth level where each generation just reproduces itself. The U.S. is not experiencing a “population crisis”. The population of the entire world, as amazing as it might seem, could fit into the state of Texas—with 1300 square feet of land allotted to each person. While the population density of this giant city would be about 21,000 people per square mile, somewhat more than San Francisco and less than the Bronx, the rest of the world would be completely empty, available for all of mankind's agricultural, manufacturing, educational and recreational activities.

(Note: For the mathematics on this, we are indebted to Dr. Frank Felice, biologist at the University of San Francisco “7.438,152,268.800 square feet in Texas divided by world population of 5,860,000,000 = 1269 square feet per person” also to The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1993, [New York, Pharos Books], pg. 613; The 1994 World Population Data Sheet [Washington, D.C.: Population Reference Bureau] and Jacqueline Kasun who obtained the NNSM 200 document originally from the National Archives in Washington, D.C.)

Professor Kasun, as a matter of fact, is author of one of the most important books on the subject of population control, The War on Population: The Economics and Ideology of Population Control (Ignatius Press) which will be available in an updated new version later in 1999. It is a scholarly work that deserves a place on every library shelf as a prime reference source. As the Detroit News observes, Kasun “ably dissects the course and flawed reasoning” behind what is “probably the oddest exercise in official mental illness” of our time by “bonding reality to factual ignorance” in a battle against a non-existent “population crisis.”

Allan Carlson, president of the Howard Center adds: “She is at her best when exposing the anti-empirical nature of the ‘over-population’ idea; when factors such as political development and the degree of freedom are brought into the analysis, the concepts evaporate. She also shows the strong linkages between the desires to control populations and to control economies, explaining why families and individuals making free choices always produce better results than government planners.”

As Professor Kasun and others—such as Michael Samura and Jane Shaw in their book Facts Not Fear (Regnery)—point out, there are not too many people for earth to support. The scaremongers’ argument about population growth causing starvation is proven nonsense, for just one example of misinformation. Food production has increased faster than world population and the trend is likely to continue. It is political strife and misguided government policies that are main factors leading to starvation. Communist governments in both the former U.S.S.R. and China have created famines to further their consolidation of power.

What You Can Do

Former director of the Population Office of USAID, Dr. Charles Ravenholt, has stated that “population control is needed to maintain normal operation of the United States commercial interests around the world.” That outrageous claim shows the misguided assumption of the “population control” cabal. In 1986 Congress passed the Kemp-Kasten Amendment forbidding U.S. funds from going to countries engaged in abortion or sterilization as population control schemes. The Clinton administration, however, restored the funding to help pay for these practices in Communist China and elsewhere.

Write your Congressmen and urge that this funding with your tax dollars be halted now and forever. America should take no part in the United Nations effort to force other nations to adopt a contraceptive mentality under the false guise of U.S. national security.
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