Some ideas never completely vanish. They continually recycle themselves like old wine in new wineskins. Overpopulation is one such idea. An offspring of the French Revolution, it is the false belief that the world cannot sustain any more people. Pope Paul VI’s words still ring true today when he warned world leaders that they must strive to multiply bread so that it suffices for the tables of mankind, and not favor an artificial control of birth… to diminish the number of guests at the banquet of life.

A POPULATION PROBLEM

For over 200 years population reformers have been laboring to limit the seats at the global banquet table. Like John Paul Sartre’s nihilistic play, No Exit, they believe that Hell is other people…too many other people, spoiling their utopian dreams of heaven on earth. In his 2008 book, Population Control: Real Costs, Illusory Benefits, Steven Mosher, the president of the highly respected Population Research Institute, illustrates that their dire warnings of global famine, starvation and horror are illusory. He faults them for wasting vast public and private resources in advancing an inhuman fraud upon the human race. Mosher believes that they have deprived the people of the developing countries of their progeny and their pocketbooks.

Population controllers have also skewed the foreign aid programs of the United States and other developed nations in an anti-natal direction that has corrupted dozens of beneficent non-governmental organizations, and impoverished authentic development programs. However the issue of population control has deeper roots that predate the purview of Mosher’s book. In effect the population problem serves as the matrix of progressive ideas that have been passed down in one form or another since the 18th century. The banner of population control has attracted a myriad of fiery radicals, from birth controllers and environmentalists to evolutionists, eugenicists, communists, neo-cons and even many anti-Communists. It has become the universal magnet that has pitted an elite intelligentsia against the lowest rank on the human totem pole.

The prime mover in population control is eugenics. In his 2008 book, Liberal Fascism, Jonah Goldberg explains the symbiotic relationship that eugenics enjoys with a host of other anti-natal philosophies and organizations, including communism, Nazism and Fascism. If nations are like bodies, then their problems are in some ways akin to diseases. Then politics becomes a branch of medicine and government can legitimately engage in what Goldberg calls the science of maintaining social health. Goldberg also believes that the so-called population explosion and in particular the explosion of the wrong people was integral to the thinking of Charles Darwin.

A DISMAL THEOREM

Charles Darwin once admitted that his ideas on the natural world were an extension of the thinking of Malthus. Historically it has been a given that the impetus for controlling human demography originated with the apocalyptic prophecies of 18th century British economist, the Reverend Thomas Malthus. Since the publication of his landmark work Essay on the Principle of Population in 1798, government officials, bureaucrats, religious leaders, and intellectuals have engaged in a tremendous battle of minds over the vexing problem of world population vs. world food supply.

The cornerstone of Malthus book revolves around his idea that population, when unchecked, increases in a geometrical ratio. This led to Malthus’ dire prediction that there would only be standing room available on the earth by 1890. His Dismal Theorem has spawned a vast number of equally dismal corollaries. Population growth has been said to hinder economic development because it increases consumption, reduces savings, and diminishes the stock of land and other capital. It also overwhelms transportation and sets additional roadblocks on the road of civilization.

Population controllers have used these propositions to scare a trusting public into believing they had the necessary technology to ward off a Malthusian apocalypse. Unlike Malthus, who was willing to let wars, plagues and famine reduce population, his intellectual heirs have taken a more Darwinian role in promoting intrusive methods of population control, namely contraception, unnecessary famine and abortion.
SCIENTIFIC RACISM

Charles Darwin contrasted *civilized races of man* with the *savage races* without making a clear distinction between biological races and cultural races. Social Scientists were quick to apply his concepts to human society. Darwin’s work set the stage for *the survival of the fittest*, which would imply a disparity between different human beings.

In 1855 Arthur Gobineau wrote *An Essay on the Inequality of the Races*, in which he established his Polygenist theory that there were three distinct races of man. With three different human origins, scientists were able to conceive of different human races, and even classify other humans as akin to lower animals. As a result of race mixture or miscegenation, they believed this invariably led to the collapse of civilization.

Gobineau’s thinking was later merged with ideas abstracted from Francis Galton’s concept of *eugenics* or *good birth*. Galton, who was Darwin’s cousin, offered a pseudo-scientific gloss to what he perceived as the genetic decline of racial stock in England. Gobineau’s thinking later merged with other currents of thought to lay the basis for Social Darwinism and what Herbert Spencer later called the *survival of the fittest*. Racism and later eugenics were the driving forces behind this adaptive way of social reconstruction.

Eugenics fostered the dehumanization of mankind and eventually led to Nazism, Communism and Fascism. While eugenics was designed to encourage more children from the fit and less from the unfit, as it worked out in the 20th century, the poor continued to reproduce in alarming numbers while the elite became smaller.

THE NEW MALTHSIANS

For over 150 years the eclectic mixture of Malthus’ theories, Social Darwinism and eugenics has been widely debated. Despite their complete discreditation, this modernist thinking has attracted a class of new Malthusians who believe in the mathematical mythology that Malthus originated. To affect their global agenda, population controllers have jettisoned the mathematical mythology of the Rockefeller Foundation, who became Eisenhower’s director of foreign aid. In 1959 he produced the *Draper Report*, the first official government report to endorse population control. The *Draper Report* broke new ground by defining population growth as an issue of national security. Afraid of a poverty-inspired social breakdown, Lyndon Johnson became the first US president to actively support family planning both at home and abroad, mainly through Planned Parenthood affiliates around the globe.

A COTTAGE INDUSTRY

It fell to Paul Ehrlich, the dean of the population scare masters, to make a cottage industry out of population control. A butterfly expert, Ehrlich first became involved with over-population when he realized butterfly habitats were disappearing under an ocean of asphalt and DDT. His book *The Population Explosion* was written at the suggestion of David Brower of the radical environmental group, the Sierra Club, following Ehrlich’s article on the subject for the *New Scientist* magazine in December of 1967. The Sierra Club heavily promoted his book and it sold over three million copies. The book heralded the historic marriage of environmentalism to population control. It became a textbook for thousands of high school students. The *Green Movement* emerged as the leading conduit for their anti-natal philosophy.

Ehrlich predicted a true Malthusian apocalypse in the 1970s with widespread famine and millions of dead from starvation despite contradictory evidence. He was terrified that an unruly and underfed lower class would eventually overwhelm American society. He advocated a *system of incentives and penalties* that would employ *compulsion if voluntary measures failed*. Far more radical than Malthus’ solution of natural population limitation, Ehrlich’s *solutions* included starving the countries that refused to implement population control measures. His money-making writings and predictions were fraudulent and inaccurate!

Former Vice President Al Gore employed many of these same ideas in his book, *Earth in the Balance*. During his terms of political office he used every opportunity to warn of an *environmental holocaust*. Thanks to Gore’s book it took less than a generation for mankind to descend from a magnificent creature of God to a cancer on the earth. Many environmentalists have declared war on a woman’s womb. While they turn pale at the thought of inflicting any harm upon animals, they shrug indifferently when confronted with the specter of a late-term unborn baby writhing in agony, as it is torn limb from limb by the steel instruments of the abortionist. Another extreme form of environmentalism is Zero Population Growth. Its goal is to provide a demographic balance by establishing the neutral growth of world population to preserve the ecosphere.

THE POPULATION CZAR

Every important movement has to have an imperious leader with unlimited authority to strictly enforce its agenda. Population controllers found such an individual in Reimert Ravenholt. Mosher calls him the *population Czar*. An epidemiologist by training, he looked upon pregnancy as a *disease* and women as its carriers. He wanted to eradicate this disease as one would yellow fever or small pox. He talked incessantly about distributing more birth control pills and
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WHITE PESTILENCE

The population control philosophy that has permeated American government for the past 30 years has had drastic consequences on the family of man. According to Mosher, there is no workable demographic definition of over-population. Those who argue its case cite a graphic image of soft poverty—low incomes, poor health, unemployment, malnutrition, over-crowded housing to justify their anti-natal programs. Their programs have become a self-fulfilling prophecy which gives the world all the horrors which they have described.

The darker side of population control is that the Western world is slowly committing suicide, especially in the West where most countries are well below their ZPG replacement numbers. The barren world of tomorrow is easily recognizable in Europe. French Historian Pierre Chaunu calls it a white pestilence, a veiled reference to the Black Death that wiped out a third of Europe’s population in the 14th century.

Mosher accuses these population zealots of abusing women, targeting racial and religious minorities, undermining primary health care programs and encouraging repressive actions against millions of people in the West because it is not reproducing itself fast enough to replace those who die. The allurements of sex in the city and the hedonistic lifestyles adopted by too many have put the West in the precarious position of lacking its employees of the future. Mosher says they are filling more coffins than cradles.

In the murderous wake of Roe vs. Wade it has been the Catholic Church who has waged a constant battle against the population control movement on many different fronts. It has been the Catholic Church, which has most consistently decried the global prevention of millions of future children of God from the banquet table of life. It has been the Church, which has vehemently fought against the imposition of demographic policies and the promotion of methods for limiting births, which are contrary to the objective moral order and to the liberty, dignity and conscience of all human beings. While the proponents of the population control movement have offered only more disease and death, the Church has stressed increased food production, better education and more medicine and drugs, especially for Third World countries. It is time the world rejected the false claims and inhumane means of those who want to limit the banquet table of human life.

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October Surprise?

After years of professing their parents’ innocence, the sons of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg now acknowledge that their father was a spy. The about-face came after their father’s co-defendant, Morton Sobell, admitted for the first time that he and Julius Rosenberg stole military and industrial secrets for the Soviet Union. The Rosenbergs were executed in 1953. The brothers still have doubts about their mother being a spy.

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**Terror In India**

Christians in the eastern India state of Orissa were terrorized by Hindu radicals in a violent attempt to eliminate the Christian presence there. 60,000 Christians fled to the forests, hiding in fear. Priests were assaulted, nuns raped. Some Christians had their throats cut or were buried alive. 4,000 homes, 300 villages and 400 churches have been torched or destroyed, orphanages, schools and other church-run institutions attacked. Archbishop Pedro Lopez Quintana said that Hindu radicals are “trying to impose a Hindu state on the entire population, using an ideology with a Nazi totalitarian foundation.”

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**October 12 is Columbus Day**

When Christopher Columbus landed on the first island in the Americas after a long voyage (he named the island “San Salvador” meaning “Holy Savior”), this was his prayer:

O Lord, Almighty and everlasting God, by Thy holy Word Thou hast created the heaven, and the earth, and the sea; Blessed and glorified be Thy Name, and praised be Thy Majesty, which hath deigned to use us, Thy humble servants, that Thy holy Name may be proclaimed in this second part of the earth.

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