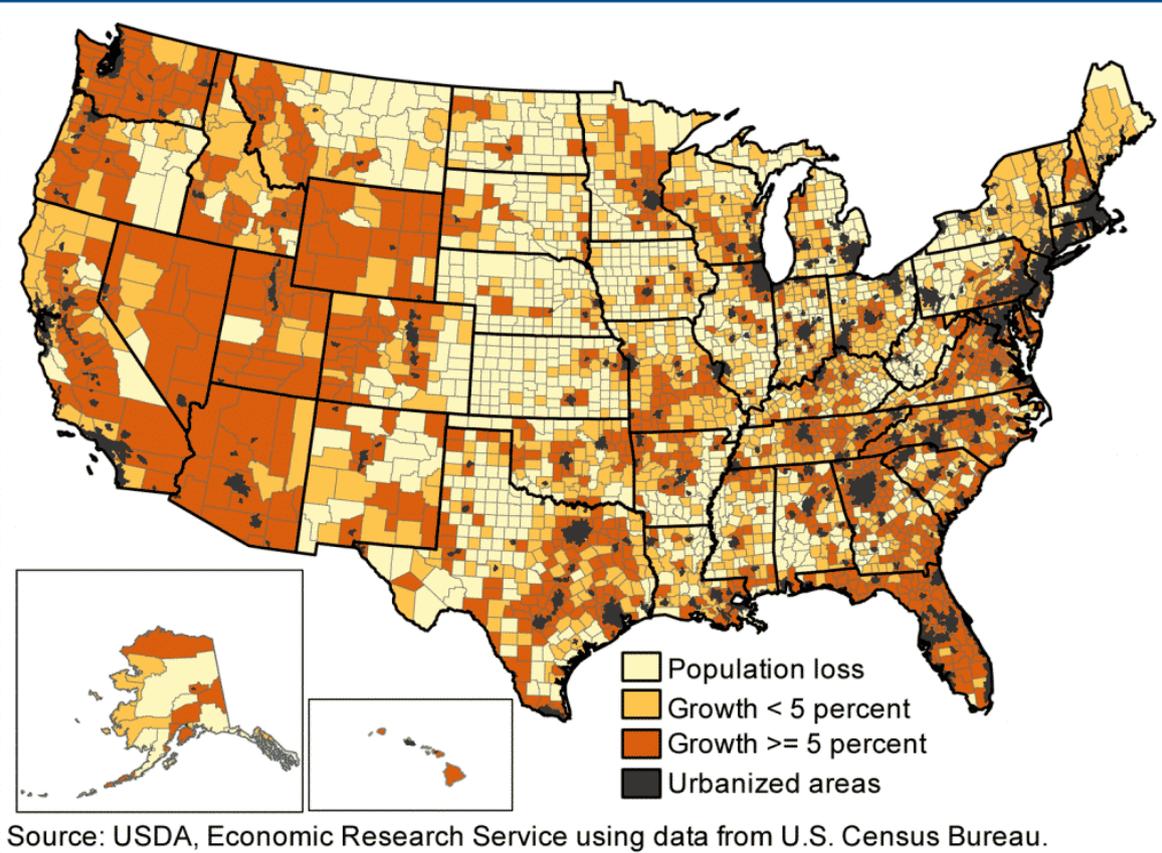


## Population change, 2002-08



# Population Control? Sustainable Development IS The Proven Solution

Dr. Tim Ball makes an important correlation that development drives population down, not up. This was likely well-understood by the creators of Agenda 21 in 1992, when they called for a reduced global population in order to achieve Sustainable Development. In other words, the concept of population reduction is implicit in the concept of Sustainable Development. □ TN Editor

The claim of anthropogenic global warming (AGW) was the final strategy used to bully the world into accepting that the world was on a path of self-destruction. The sequence promoted by the Club of Rome (COR) was that world population was growing at an unsustainable rate relative to the resources. It took the Malthusian idea that population would

outgrow food supply and applied it to all resources. The increasing pressure was a combination of increasing overall population, amplified by development, so each person was demanding more each year.

The socialists in the COR like Mikhail Gorbachev, who said in 1997 “We are moving to a New World Order” and Maurice Strong, who speculated that the problem for the world was the industrialized nations, saw the political opportunity. CO<sub>2</sub> was the byproduct of burning fossil fuels that those industrialized nations were using resources at an unsustainable rate. The political objective was to create a world government with the power to punish the developed nations by making them pay and redistribute that ill-gotten wealth to the under-developed nations who were suffering the impact of global warming. The science was deliberately created to prove CO<sub>2</sub> was the problem and the Kyoto Protocol (KP) and its successor the Green Climate Fund (GCF) were designed to collect the fine and transfer the wealth following classic socialist principles.

Most of the world still thinks that global warming is the problem, but an increasing number are aware it is a contrived problem. However, most of those who know it is contrived still believe overpopulation is a problem. It is not; it is also contrived. Most of the world’s population occupies about 4 percent of the total land surface (Figure 1). Don’t believe me on this, Paul Ehrlich, who started the false overpopulation claim with his 1968 book “The Population Bomb,” said it. His credibility is determined by his failed predictions. For example, he wrote,

*“The battle to feed humanity is over. In the 1970s, the world will undergo famines. Hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now. Population control is the only answer.”*

On the second day of a search and rescue mission out of Fort Chipewyan in northern Alberta, we carried the brother of the missing plane owner and his wife. After a morning of searching along the flight path to Edmonton, the man came into the cockpit and angrily accused us of flying circles, and he was going to report us to former Governor Brown of California. I showed him the map of the approximately 10,000

square miles we had covered that morning in a regular search pattern (CLA). He said I have not seen a road, a house, a village, a person, nothing. I said welcome to Canada. His only 'apology' consisted of saying as he left the airplane, "I will never believe in overpopulation again."

Most of the world is unoccupied with population concentrated in flood plains and deltas. Canada is the second largest country in the world with approximately 33.6 million residents (2009). California had a 2008 population of 36.8 million people. Statistically, the entire population fits certain islands or regions. For example, Texas at 7,438,152,268,800 square feet divided by a world population of 6,774,436,692 gives 1098 sq. ft. per person. Fitting them in is different from the ability to live there. Population geographers distinguish between ecumene, the inhabited area, and non-ecumene, the uninhabited areas. Habitable areas change all the time. The area of the earth that is habitable has changed because of technology, communications, and food production capacity.

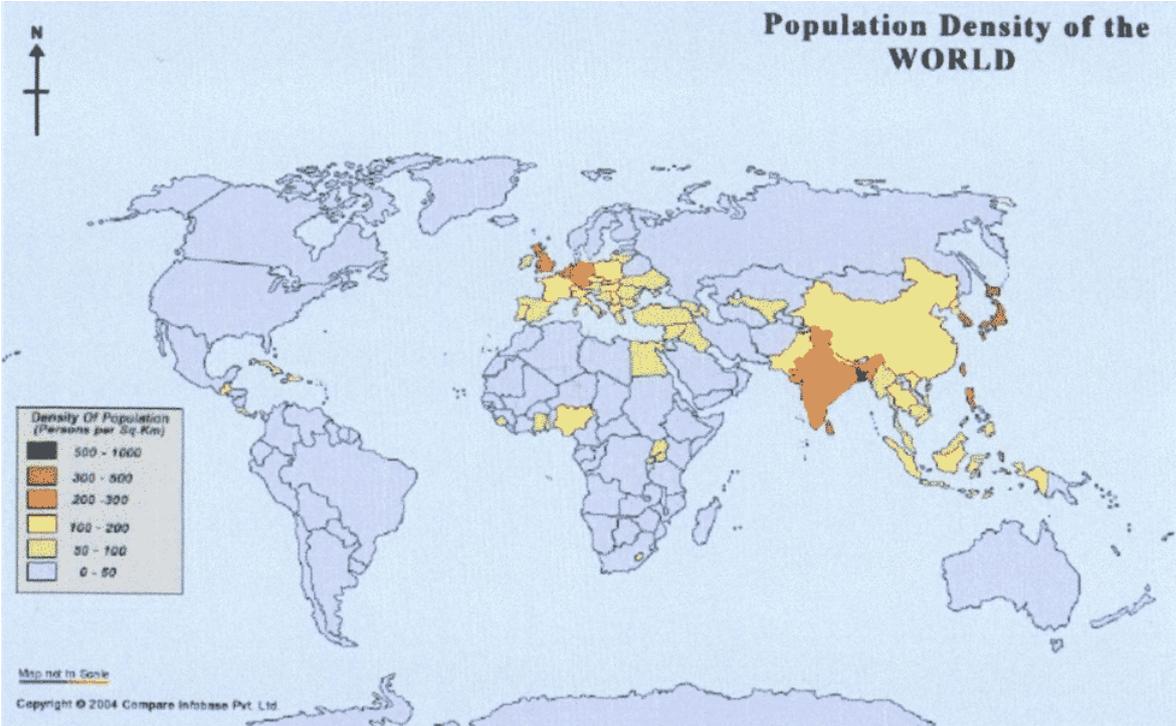


Figure 1

Governments and academics talk about population statistics as if they know what is going on. For a more realistic perspective consider numbers given for world population. The US Census Bureau provides a

running estimate of population, and it was 6,994,551,619 on February 15, 2012. This contradicts the UN claim that it passed 7 billion on October 30, 2011. The difference is 5,448,381. This is more than the population of 129 countries of the 242 listed by Wikipedia. It is greater than Finland or Ireland. It illustrates how most statistics are crude estimates, especially those of the UN who rely on individual member countries and no accurate census exists for any country. This includes the US that spends more money and effort than any other nation.

Everybody knows about Al Gore's involvement in promoting the deception of global warming, but few know his influence in organizing the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt. It was the third conference after the first in Budapest in 1974 and the second in Mexico City in 1984. The Cairo conference emerged from the 1992 Rio conference where they linked population to all other supposed problems.

*“Explicitly integrating population into economic and development strategies will both speed up the pace of sustainable development and poverty alleviation and contribute to the achievement of population objectives and an improved quality of life of the population.”*

John Holdren, a co-author with Paul Ehrlich of the 1977 book “Ecoscience: Population, Resources, Environment” and later Obama's Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, linked the three and recommended drastic almost total population control including compulsory abortions. In his confirmation hearing, Holdren said he no longer held the extreme views expressed in the book. There are two problems. First, he still believes the world is overpopulated. Second, even if a majority of his views are changed, they are still extreme.

Claims of human-caused global warming are the biggest deception in history and claims of overpopulation are a close second. It is no surprise that they engender a massive misdirection. While they are blaming development for overpopulation, the evidence is that the best way to reduce population is development.

The climate predictions were wrong, but more important another pattern had emerged that they ignored and therefore is unknown to most of the public. They ignored it because it completely contradicted their basic belief that development is bad. This was encompassed in the phrase “sustainable development.” I said years ago, it means everything to everyone and nothing to anyone. It implies development is not sustainable by implying a contradiction that development is unlimited and, of course, that is unsustainable. This fits the narrative that the combination of population growth and development is unsustainable. All you need to do is turn the phrase around, and it works. We need to develop a sustainable society, and that is done through development.

In fact, what happens is that as a nation develops the population declines. It is known as the Demographic Transition (Figure 2).

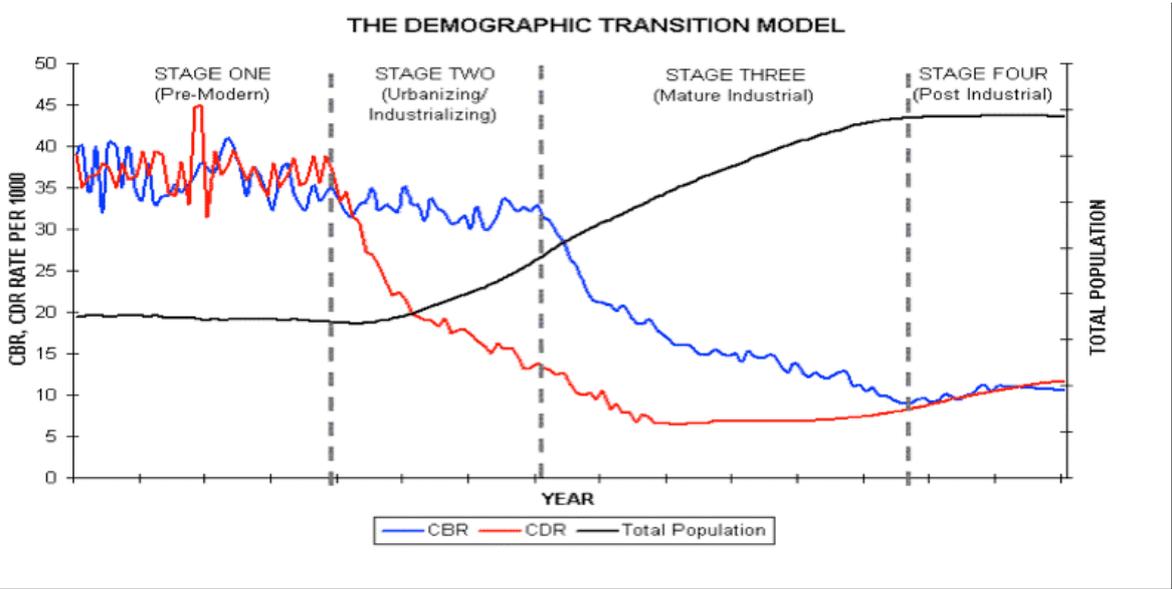


Figure 2

It shows, and statistics confirm, population declines as nations industrialize and develop. It is so dramatic in developed countries it means there are too few young people to support the massively expensive social programs for the elderly. Figures 3 to 5 show the population pyramids for three different nations and illustrate the real story of population and migration.

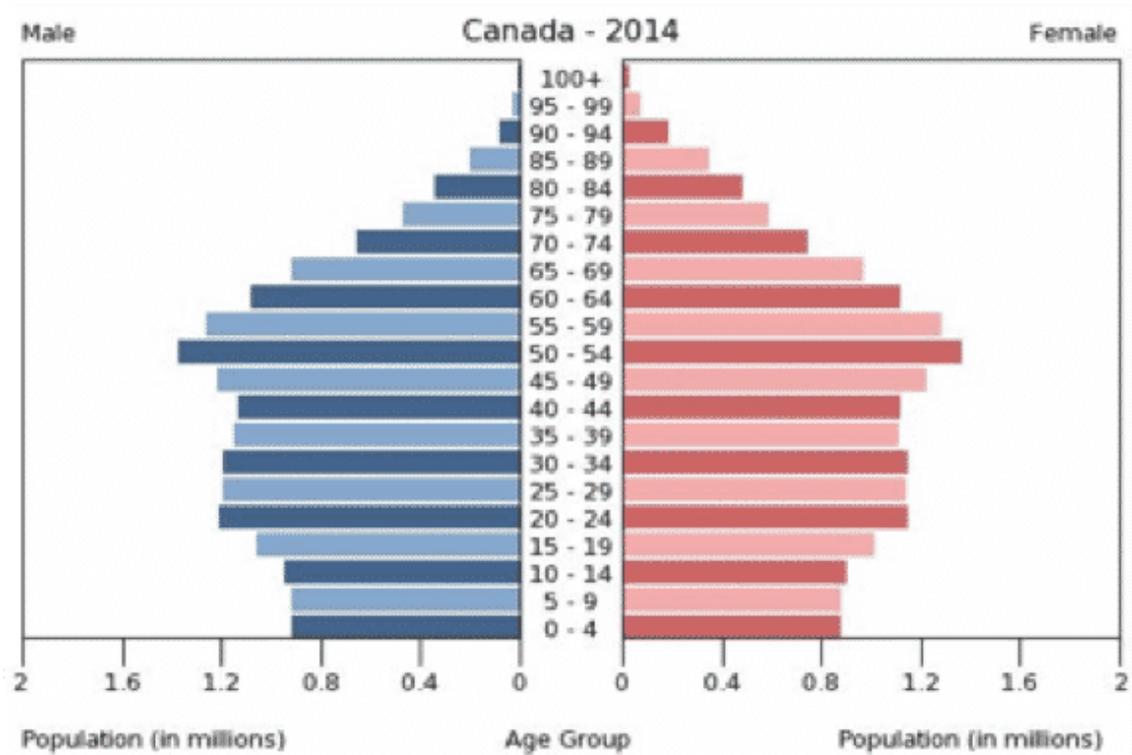


Figure 3

What happens in developed countries like Canada is they do not produce enough children to maintain the population. So, most of them offset the deficit by encouraging immigration. The debate about how many and who you allow in is raging in the US right now. Regardless of the outcome, and it appears the US is looking at the Canadian model of merit-based immigration, they do not address the larger problem of the global impact. When they take the skilled people from the developing nations, they reduce their ability to develop.

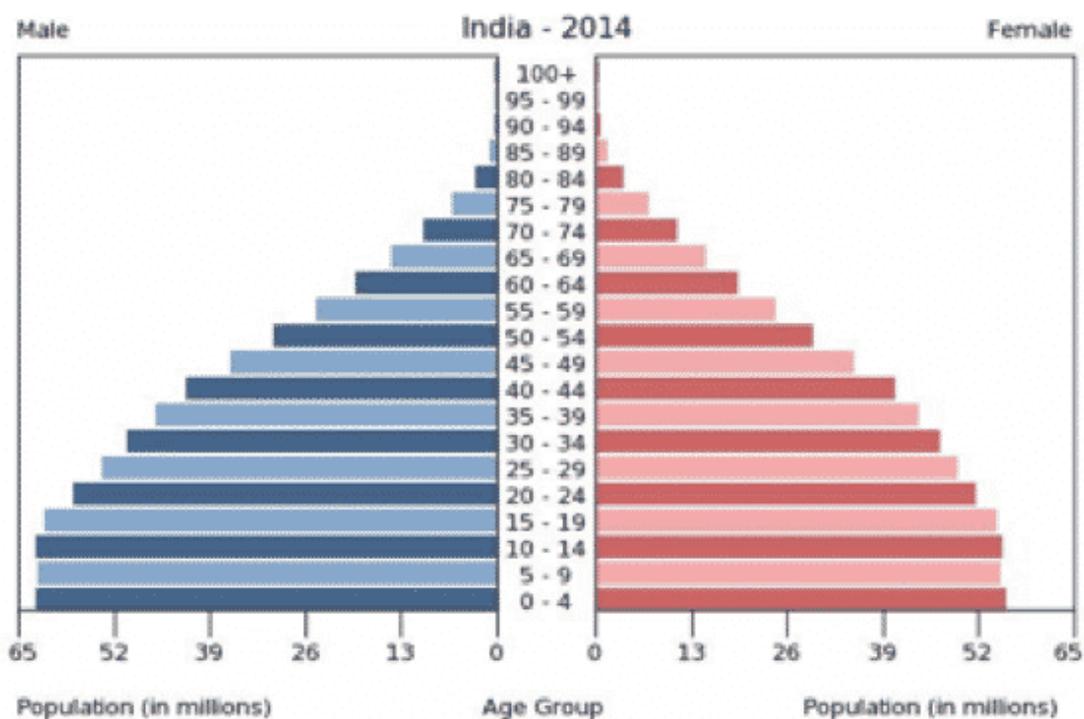


Figure 4

Figure 4 shows the pyramid for India and the opposite problem of not enough young people - too many. These are generally unproductive members of the society and place a huge burden on funds available for development. Japan (Figure 5) is at the other extreme. They do not offset a declining population with immigration and as a result, do not have the people to support the aging population. Compare the percentage of the population between 80-84 in Japan and India.

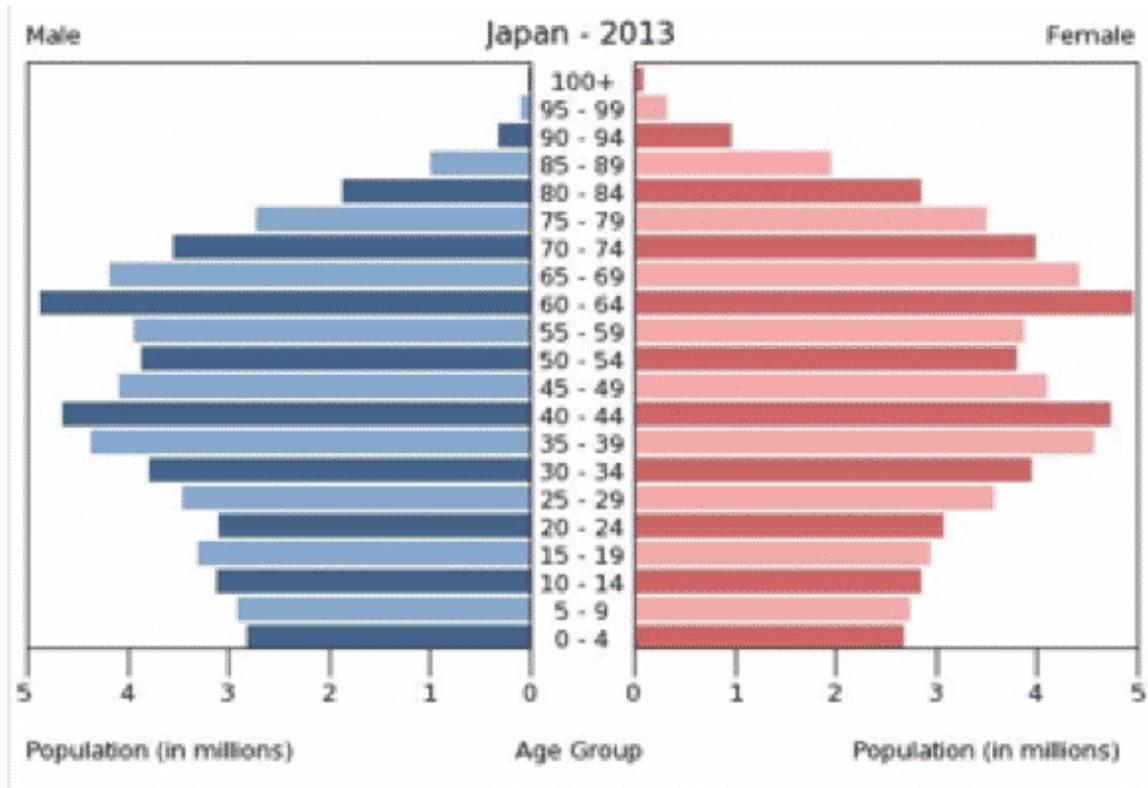


Figure 5

Political exploitation of the valuable concept of environmentalism usually creates situations where the proper solution is ignored. The eco-bullying that occurs with all these issues combines with politics to stifle debate, marginalize experts, and ignore solutions, both proven and potential. Overpopulation is a classic example. It was never a problem and even if it was the solution is development, the very thing they blame for the overpopulation.