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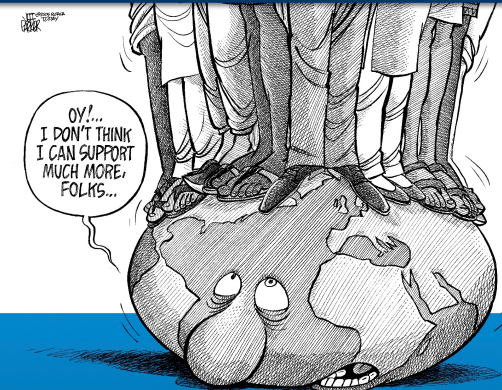


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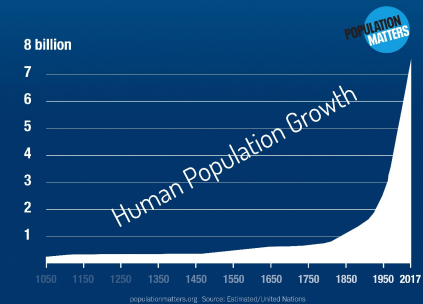
QUAKER CONCERN OVER POPULATION

Helping Friends appreciate the consequences of over-population



"It's not much use reducing our carbon footprint if we keep on increasing the number of feet."

Roger Martin, former diplomat and retired President of Population Matters



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Quaker Concern over Population. Why are we here?

The world's population **growth rate** has fallen, from 1.4% in 1994 to around 0.9% in 2024. However, since the human population is now much greater than in 1994, our numbers continue to grow by around nearly one billion every 12 years. This staggering figure is the largest ever rise and is clearly unsustainable.

QCOP was set up in 2011 after the writing of the Canterbury Commitment:

“The action we are ready to take at this time is to make a strong corporate commitment to become a low-carbon, sustainable community.”

The Commitment, sadly, did not mention population as a major contributor to increases in carbon production.

We recognise that resource depletion, inequality, climate emergency and biodiversity loss are four factors which contribute to a very uncertain future for humankind, but believe population growth is a significant contributor which should not be ignored.



Who are we and what do we stand for?

- a lower population achieved through choice - we are totally opposed to coercion
- human rights and the empowerment of women and the most vulnerable
- a change in behaviour of the rich world, including choosing smaller families – these countries have a disproportional environmental impact and poor countries pay the price
- education about population growth and how it makes environmental problems worse and people poorer
- an understanding that fewer consumers helps to bring down consumption
- “smaller family size” can fix it

We are concerned about all aspects of the global environmental crisis but focus on population is almost totally ignored. If you have similar concerns will you consider joining us? Every new member raises our profile. Simply complete and return the form overleaf.

Donations There is no membership fee but donations are welcome; a suggested amount is £10. Regular annual donations are particularly helpful.

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