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POPULATION EXPLOSION

The Christmas season is a time for children -- and also a time to explode the myth of the alleged population explosion. Our birth-rate today is only two children per family. We have already reached Zero Population Growth, and the birth rate is still falling. All over the country, hospitals have drastically reduced the size of their maternity wards or closed them down entirely. All those grade schools, which we built at such expense a few years ago, have declining enrollments. We face a future of becoming a nation of old people, instead of a country which has the vigor and dynamism of youth.

This month the U.S. Census Bureau reported that, for the first time in census history, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois lost population. I don't mean that they just lost their rank in comparison to western and southern states; I mean that New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois each have fewer people this year than they did last year.

Somehow, a whole generation has been victimized into believing that people are pollution and that it's patriotic not to have children. It is a good thing that such anti-children propaganda was not rampant in the early days of our country. If our ancestors hadn't been hardy parents who had large families, America would still be a weak, little nation of a few million people huddled along the Atlantic coast.

Amitai Etzoni, Professor of sociology at Columbia University, in a recent study on population concluded: "We have been conditioned by years of intensive campaigns to view population growth as a source of many evils, including crowding, tough competition over ever scarer

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resources, war, low standards of living, and so on. But as with most propagandistic campaigns, the fight for smaller families has looked away from the less attractive facets of the goal."

Among the "less attractive facets," Professor Etzoni lists an aging population making heavier demands for assistance to the elderly on a smaller number of producers; a contracting, declining economy, with more disputes over dividing the wealth because there is less to divide; and increased ethnic and racial strains. He calls attention to the fact that "if there will be fewer young producers and more older consumers, there will be less to go around."

The business magazine named VISION recently conducted a poll to find out which is "The Most Livable Nation in Europe," and guess which won. The Netherlands -- the most densely populated country in the world, which has 802 people to the square mile. The United States, on the other hand, has only 55 people to the square mile.

Two other countries which are almost as densely populated as the Netherlands are Belgium and Japan -- and they are also very prosperous. These three countries lack mineral wealth, but they are rich in a more important resource, namely, hard-working people. Their prosperity offers a striking contrast to India which has only half the population density, and China, which has only one-fourth the population density of the Netherlands.

The population-explosion mythmakers are spreading a big lie, they are promoting national decline, and they are depriving their victims of the glorious fun of children at Christmas.

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