

Issue 04: Why Might the World Face an Overpopulation Problem?

1. Summarize the arguments of Malthus and the Neo-Malthusians (Robert Kaplan, etc) about the connections between population growth and resources:
2. Summarize the arguments of Malthus' critics concerning:
 - a. The general impact of population growth:
 - b. The finiteness of resources like food:
 - c. The development of food production:
 - d. The real population growth curve:
3. What are the two main means to achieve lower birth rates, and what are the advantages/disadvantages of each? Complete the table below.

Means to lower birth rate		
Advantages		
Disadvantage		

Which of these policies should governments pursue in the following countries?

Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan