

gated agriculture has become more and more important over the past few decades, as a result of drought, rainfall variability, and uncertainty. It remains a central option to boost the economy in general and increase the living standard of the majority of the population.

According to the FAO, the total area equipped for irrigation in 2000 was 1,863,000 ha, comprising 1,730,970 ha equipped for full or partial control irrigation, and 132,030 ha equipped for spate irrigation. Only about 800,000 ha, or 43% of the total area, are actually irrigated, because of deterioration of the irrigation and drainage infrastructures. In 1995, surface water was the source for 96% of the total irrigated area land; the remaining 4% was irrigated from groundwater. The irrigated area where pumps are used to lift water was 346,680 ha in 2000.

In May 2008, the Chinese Ambassador to Sudan, Li Chengwen, signed an agreement with the governor of the State of Al-Gezira permitting China to develop 500,000 hectares of land adjacent to the Al-Gezira project. This Chinese initiative can expand potentially to 1 million hectares, which would mean a doubling of the irrigated area in the same project to about 2 million ha.

Additionally, Arab countries, such as the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, and Jordan have been entering agreements with the government of Sudan to finance new irrigation projects to secure their own food needs.

The Bankrupt Liberal Free Market Policy

The futility of liberal free market policies, can be seen in an anecdote from the Al-Gezira project in the 1990s: Under pressure from the IMF in 1995, and as part of the liberalization of the economy, the government withdrew from financing the cost of irrigation services, among other things. As reported by the FAO, farmers were left to pay irrigation fees to the newly established Irrigation Water Corporation (IWC), which would use these fees to supply water services to the farmers.

Instead of setting up its own mechanism for collecting the fees directly from the farmers, the IWC relied for collection on the agricultural associations that were managing the project. Because the associations themselves were facing financial difficulties, a great part of the fees paid by the farmers were used for other urgent activities. This resulted in the inability of the IWC to collect sufficient resources to deliver the water services. This in turn led to the accumulation of sediment in the irrigation canals, and deterioration of the water regulation structures, machinery, and pumps.

Fortunately, the IWC was dissolved by the government in 2000, and the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources once again took responsibility for the management of the irrigation projects. The Ministry of Finance and National Economy now provides the MIWR with the annual budgets for operation and maintenance. And everything is functioning as well as possible.

World Food Crisis

Is It a Policy of ‘Silent Genocide’?

by Karel Vereycken

It will hopefully shock you to discover that the largest genocide ever in human history is taking place openly in front of our eyes. The reason you haven't heard about it, is, because it is a "silent genocide": the killing of the not-yet-born can be done without too much noise.

Let me explain: Statistics on demography generally start with indicating the steep rise of demographic curves since the early beginning of mankind on the planet (**Figure 1**). Note that some major irregularities appear on the curve of population growth over the millennia. One of the first is the birth of Christianity around 1 A.D.; another, under the Sung Renaissance in China, 970-1279 A.D.; the sudden drop caused by the Black Death of 1348-51; and then, the explosive acceleration of population growth starting with the Italian Renaissance, bringing us up to about 1 billion people inhabiting the planet by 1800, reaching 2 billion by 1930 (130 years later); 3 billion in 1960 (30 years later); and 4 billion in 1974 (14 years later).

If one continues that rising rate of increase, by halving the time required to add an extra billion people, we should have been 5 billion in 1981 (7 years later); 6 billion in 1985 (4 years later); and 7 billion in 1987 (2 years later).

But that did not happen: There are now only 6.8 billion people, 11 years later, in 2008, while we should have already gone over the 10 billion mark in 1990.

Why?

In the early 1970s, the London-based international financier oligarchy decided that the world population had to be "stabilized" at maximum around 8-10 billion people, a number they, in their magnanimity, considered to be the absolute limit of what they, ideologically, have determined to be a fixed universe with limited resources.

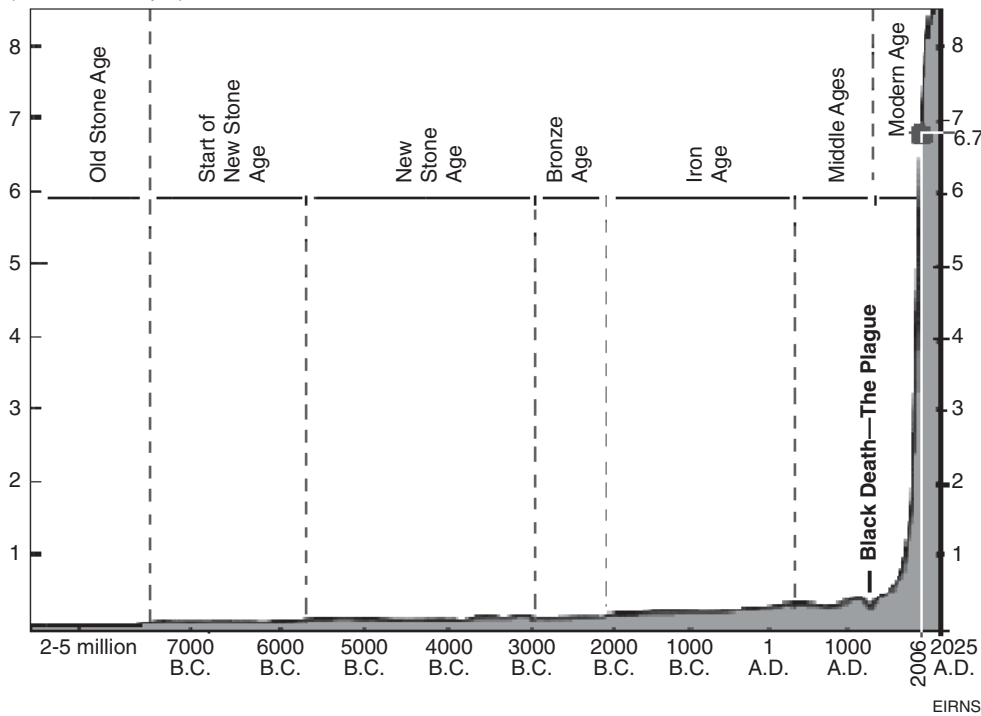
That program was the objective of the Club of Rome's 1972 *Limits to Growth*, of which 30 million copies were sold in 30 languages, and which became the de facto practice throughout the world, over those years. Lyndon LaRouche condemned the policy at the time as "a blueprint for extinction."

Today, according to statistics published by the International Data Base of the U.S. Census Bureau (the 2008 First Update), the yearly increase of the world population reached a peak in 1990, with an increase of 85 million for that year; the

FIGURE 1

World Population

(Billions of People)



yearly increase started declining from there on (Figure 2).

World population's yearly increase fell to only 79 million in 1998, and the Bureau's projections anticipate a sharp drop after 2013, leading to a yearly increase of only 40 million each year, the same number as in 1950.

Remember that the evil Rev. Thomas Malthus, a leading propagandist for the British Empire, "predicted" that population growth increased geometrically (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32...), while lying that available resources increased only arithmetically (1, 2, 3, 4...) forming a straight line: obviously, a total fraud in respect to history.

Current fascist sick-minded demographic "planners" have decided to prove that Malthus was wrong. Not by showing how leaps of human creativity can provoke the necessary increases of productivity and resources, allowing mankind to cope with exponential population growth, but by *curbing population growth*, in order to make it as linear as the rate of growth of the means to sustain it! (Figure 3).

Pol Pot or 'Hitler-Light'

While UN statistics emphasize that they expect world population to reach 9.8 billion in 2050, they "forget" to tell you that this is only one of their three long-range scenarios (Figure 4).

1. The "low" variant, the perfect fantasy for the oligarchy, would give the planet a demographic peak of about 8 billion people in 2050, and then steadily *reduce* world population to

a mere 4.3 billion people in the year 2150!

2. The "medium" variant would give us 9.8 billion people by 2050, and then "stabilize" the world population from then on, at around 11.5 billion in 2150.

3. The "high" variant (which, again, is nothing but a linear arithmetic projection) would give the planet up to 28 billion souls by 2150.

If the "low variant" looks like a Pol Pot genocide program, the adopted "medium" version remains a "Hitler-light" version.

Note here that even the UN's "high" variant is only a linear projection of world population, while even Malthus, for the benefit of his own demonstrations, said that population growth was not linear (as the UN

pretends) but geometric and exponential! However, this "Hitler-light" medium variant is what all the leading institutions (International Monetary Fund, World Bank, UN Food and Agriculture Organization, etc.) have officially adopted as their objectives and figures of reference since at least 1991!

So am I accusing the United Nations of committing genocide?

Yes! An article published in the *New York Times* on July 1, 1999, titled "U.N. Takes Up Plan To Limit Population," reads as follows: "The General Assembly today began debating an action plan first drawn up five years ago to limit world population growth, although developing countries remained deeply divided over some aspects of the plan. 'We have to stabilize the population of this planet,' Secretary General Kofi Annan said in an address opening the special session.

"Most of the plan—which seeks to freeze the world's population, now 6 billion, at 9.8 billion in 2050 by improving the status of women—is accepted and being put into effect.

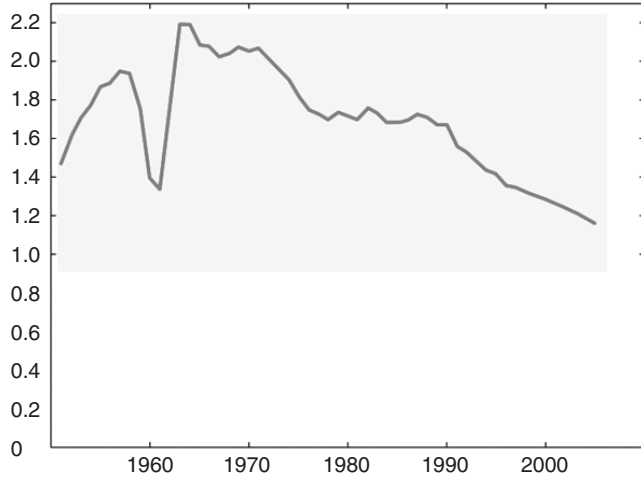
"But a small group of conservative Muslim and Roman Catholic third-world countries, backed by the Vatican, continues to oppose certain aspects. During negotiations today those countries, which include Libya, Egypt, Argentina, Sudan and Nicaragua, pressed on with their campaign to water down provisions calling for safe abortions, sex education in schools and contraceptive advice for young people."

Five years earlier, on September 1994, the International

FIGURE 2

Increase in World Population

(Yearly Growth Rate, Percent)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Data Base, 2008 First Update.

Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), took place. It was a remake of the infamous Bucharest 1974 conference, where Helga Zepp-LaRouche personally intervened to expose the Club of Rome’s Malthusian fascism.

Already, in the *Courrier de l’UNESCO* of November 1991, the popular French Commandant Jacques Cousteau, an insider in the Malthusian cult, stated that he was uncertain whether modern medicine was that good for humanity:

“The elimination of viruses proceeds from a noble idea, but creates in turn enormous problems. Between the year 1 and the year 1400, population levels remained nearly unchanged. Through epidemics, nature sanctioned the abuses of birthrate with abuses of mortality.... We desire to eliminate the suffering and the sickness? The idea is nice, but maybe not entirely beneficial on the long run. One has to fear that it will compromise the existence of our species. It is terrible to say so. The world population has to be stabilized and therefore, 350,000 people should be eliminated each day. It is so horrible to say so, that one should not even speak about it.”

One is reminded of Prince Philip, the British royal consort and head of the World Wildlife Fund, who, more than once, expressed the desire to be reincarnated as a deadly virus, so that he could contribute to reducing overpopulation.

Poverty and the destruction of the world’s food production is obviously the

most efficient way to make disease successful and reduce the world population.

The Green Face of Malthusian Fascism

Unfortunately, Malthusianism has quite some followers in the United States. As writes Nicolas Eberstadt, a “scholar” in Political Economy at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI): “Further, ‘stabilizing world population’ is a prospect that has been welcomed and financially supported by many of America’s most prominent and successful captains of industry: among them, self-made multi-billionaires Ted Turner, Warren Buffet, and Bill Gates. The propriety—or necessity—of ‘stabilizing global population’ has been expounded by a wide array of respected writers, spokespersons, and commentators in the U.S. media. Politically, the goal of ‘stabilizing world population’ is officially approved by USAID (America’s foreign aid apparatus). And the quest to ‘stabilize world population’ is championed in the United States by political figures who are both influential and widely popular: one of America’s most passionate and outspoken exponents of ‘world population stabilization,’ former Vice President Al Gore, very nearly won the Presidency in the closely contested 2000 election.”

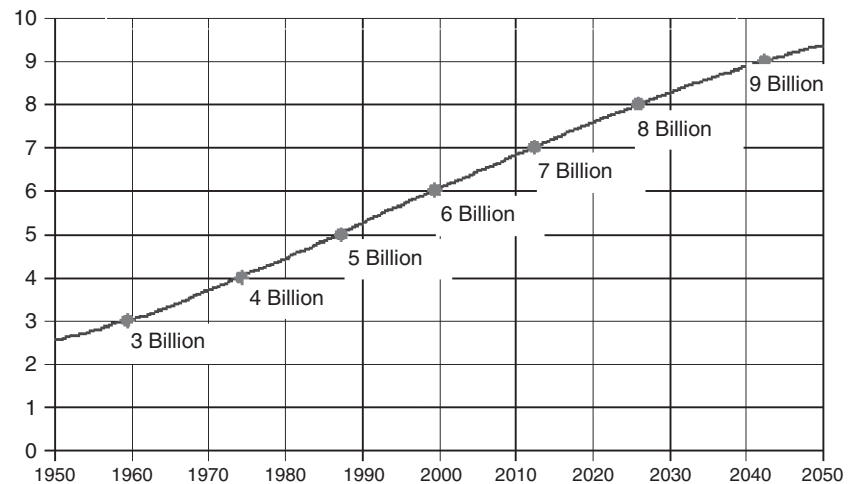
Today, Eberstadt lectures, as does Gore, on global warming, the green face of Malthusian fascism, and on July 2, Eberstadt shared a forum with World Bank boss Robert Zoellick called “Was Malthus Right? Was Today’s Global Food Crisis Inevitable?”

Indicating how political this all is, is another article by Eberstadt, titled, “The future of AIDS” published in the November 2002 *Foreign Affairs*. There, Eberstadt claims that the HIV/AIDS pandemic “is set to shift from Africa to Eurasia. The death toll in that region’s three pivotal countries—

FIGURE 3

A Malthusian Projection of World Population: 1950-2050

(Billions)

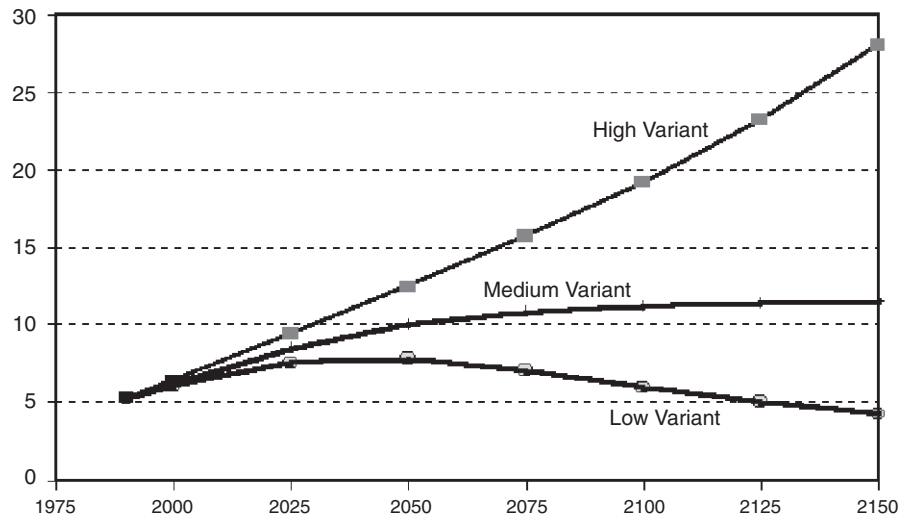


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Data Base, 2008 First Update.

FIGURE 4

United Nations Long-Range Projections 1990-2150

(Population, Billions)



Source: United Nations.

been raised, saying that the United Nations is engaged in population-control without regard to economic development.

For instance: “The whole tenor of the negotiations appears to be long on population control and short on development,” said Jeanne Head, chief UN lobbyist for the International Right to Life Foundation. “In the review document, the term ‘reproductive health’ is listed 57 times, where ‘basic health’ is in there only three times.” According to UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) data, many women in developing countries have access to birth control, but lack access even to clean water. In Haiti, 81% have access to contraception, whereas only 28% have access to safe water. In mountainous Nepal, 95% have access to contraception, but only 44% have clean water.

Russia, India, and China—could be staggering. This will assuredly be a humanitarian tragedy, but it will be much more than that. The disease will alter the economic potential of the region’s major states and the global balance of power. Moscow, New Delhi, and Beijing could take steps to mitigate the disaster—but so far they have not.”

Eberstadt wrote that “stabilizing world population” is officially approved by USAID. On page 14 of a report of the International Programs Center (IPC) of USAID, titled, “World Population Profile: 1998, with a special chapter focusing on HIV/AIDS in the developing world,” one senses the worried tone in the statement that, “Population growth has continued throughout the past three decades in spite of the decline in fertility rates that began in many developing countries in the late 1970s and, in some countries, in spite of the toll taken by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Even though the increase in world population in 1998 reflects a slowing of growth, in absolute terms world population growth continues to be substantial. World population increase is currently equivalent to adding a new Israel, Egypt, Jordan, West Bank, and Gaza to the existing world total each year... The current Census Bureau assumptions about future trends of fertility and mortality imply that world population will increase to a level of nearly 8 billion by the end of the next quarter century, and will reach 9.3 billion persons by 2050.”

If their “successes” in curbing population growth are officially attributed to “better family planning,” now renamed “access to reproductive health care,” the reality is far less healthy. Even inside the UN, some voices of concern have

Crushing the ‘Green Revolution’

In reality, the demographic collapse coincides perfectly with the implementation of the IMF’s and World Bank’s Structural Adjustment Programs. In the name of the “Washington Consensus,” a world dictatorship of British Empire-inspired “free trade,” forced privatizations, and unbridled liberalization that destroyed food security and food self sufficiency, has been imposed.

In the name of these free-trade economic “reforms,” developed countries were forced to privatize or close down their state-administered agriculture programs, enslaving them to the irregular income of cash crops, and if that failed, emergency food relief. The “Green Revolution,” a heritage of the farm policies of President Franklin Roosevelt’s Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, that revolutionized seed production in Mexico after the Second World War before being successfully adopted by India, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Zimbabwe, among others, is now on the way of being crushed by these Malthusian maniacs.

The resulting hunger and poverty have created a vast terrain where new epidemics could prosper and the older ones reappear. Major epidemics such as polio and malaria, which were on the path to being eradicated from the planet, are now again increasing their daily toll, killing every year at least 15 million people in the developing nations, where 90% of all infectious diseases prosper.

On the other hand, by employing advanced technologies based on nuclear fission and fusion, for irrigation, desalination, electric power, transportation, etc., the planet can easily support a healthy and thriving population of 25 billion—pending human colonization of Mars, and beyond.