

# The Social and Economic Legacy of Population Control

Or, numbers don't lie; wonks do.

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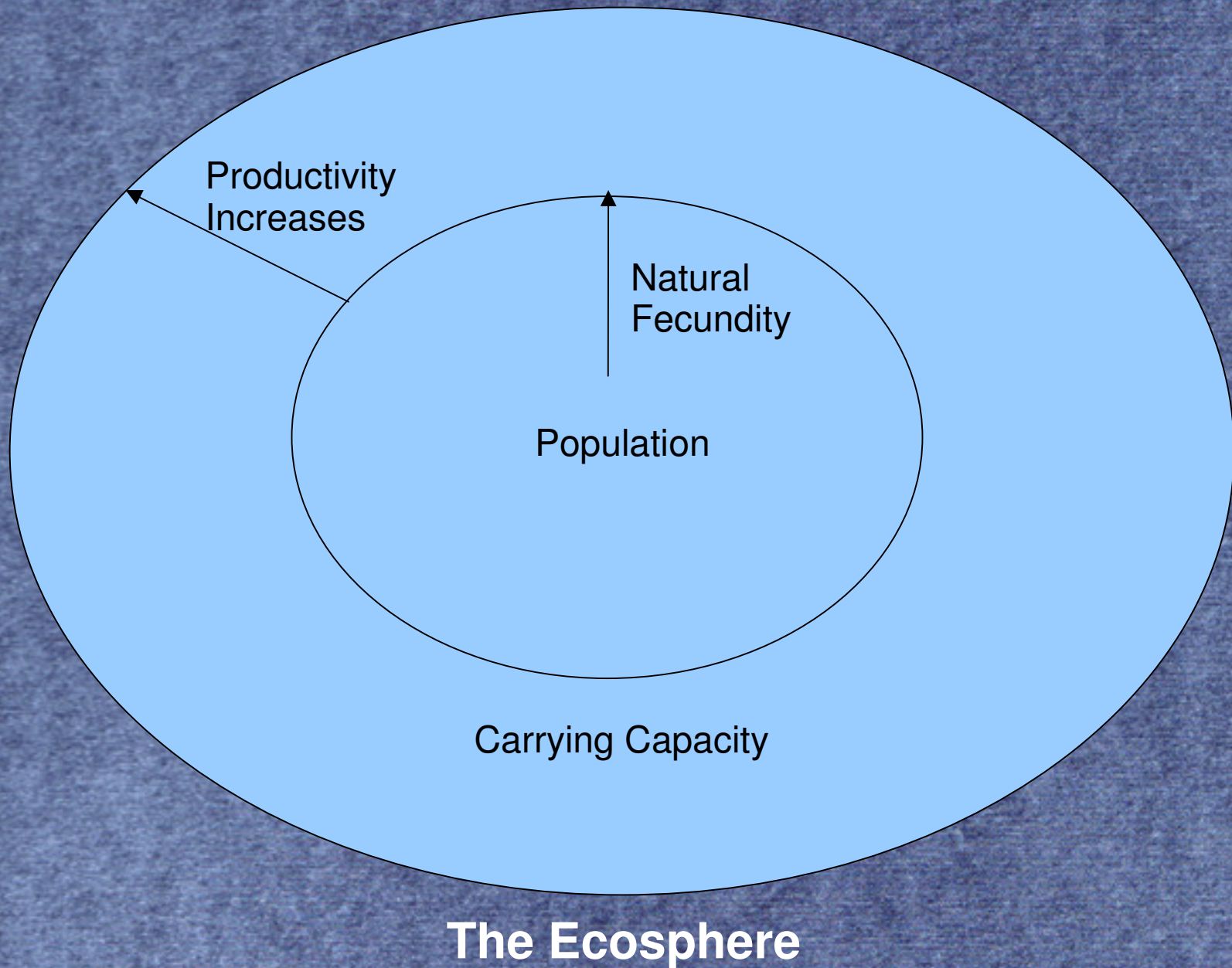
# Population Control

- Enlightenment Roots
- Thomas Malthus' Social/Economic Theory
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- Social Impact
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- Fundamental Natural Issues

# Enlightenment Roots

- Thomas Hobbes' Social Contract Theory
  - *Leviathan*, 1651
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau's Natural Man
  - "Discourse on Inequality," 1754
- Adam Smith Economic Theory
  - *The Wealth of Nations*, 1776
- Condorcet (1743-1794), Godwin (1756-1836)
- Thomas Robert Malthus
  - *An Essay on the Principle of Population*, 1798

# Malthus' Social/Economic Theory



# Issues on the Ecosphere

- Nonrenewable resources: e.g., Peak Oil
- Renewable resources: land, water, metals, organics
- Airable Land
  - Deforestation, Desertification
  - Petroleum-base Fertilization, GM Crops
- Potable Water
  - Energy, waste and bottled water
- Toxic Emissions
- Global Warming/Climate Change

# 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Developments

- Influence on Charles Darwin and Herbert Spencer
  - Survival of the fittest
- Sir Francis Galton
  - Eugenics, Nature versus nurture
  - Statistical methodologies
- Sir Julian Huxley *New Bottles for New Wine* (1959)
  - Called for international population control
  - Invented Transhumanism
- Paul Ehrlich: *The Population Bomb* (1968)

# Demographics, Demand, Productivity

- Economist Harry Dent
  - Predicted booms/busts based on demographics
  - "Call it a boomer boom," *Business Week*, March 27, 2000
- Reserve Bank of Australia Study
  - "Demography and Growth," June, 2010
  - $\text{GDP Growth} = \text{Product. Growth} + \text{Pop. Growth}$
  - Pop. growth correlates to productivity growth

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Turmoil

## Global Demographic Inversion

- Ben Wattenberg
  - *The Birth Dearth*, 1987
- Management Guru Peter F. Drucker
  - "The New Demographics," *Economist*, Nov. 1, 2001
- Nobel Laureate Gary S. Becker
  - "Missing Children," *WSJ*, Sept. 1, 2006
- Heritage Foundation
  - *Entitlement Debt: Unfunded Obligations*, 2010



# Global Dislocations

- Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing
- China's One-Child Policy and Sex Selection
- Condoms as a Panacea
- Vacuum-induced Migration Patterns
- Demographic Inversions and the Nanny State

# Demographic Inertia

- Crashing populations and government policy
  - Russia, Europe, Japan
  - Incentives yield disappointing results
  - Entitlement narcissism vs. Sacrificial initiative
- Immigration policies
  - Europe: Immigration and Islamification
  - U.S.: Illegal Immigration

# Tribalismn vs. Acculturation

- The PC view: acculturation is cultural imperialism
  - Abets tribalism, even among dysfunctional or hostile cultures
  - Oblivious to cultural imperialism of sec. humanism
- Electronic technology and tribalism
  - Connects disparate geographic enclaves
  - Enables easy translation, official multilingualism
- A New Tower of Babel

# Biblical Mandate

- Genesis 1:27-28 [*RSV*]
  - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
  - And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

# Fundamental Natural Issues

- Individual vs. Collective Dignity and Freedom
- Self Control and Altruism vs. Narcissism
- Subsidiarity vs. Supersidiarity and Imperialism
- Responsibility vs. Moral Hazard
- Community, Inventiveness and Critical Mass
- Communication, Transparency and Secrecy
- Energy Cost of Farming, Recycling, Transportation
- Anthropogenic Climate Change