

## Suicide

The certainty of coming calamity is nothing new to the human species. Many civilizations have come and gone, but the size and complexity of this civilization is completely unprecedented in human history, and the potential for catastrophe is correspondingly unprecedented. We're facing the first collapse of a global civilization.

People get their genetic and most of their cultural inheritance from their parents. I'm starting to meet a lot of couples who have decided not to bring children into the mess we've made. It's a comfortable choice on a personal level, but on a generational cultural level it's a choice of suicide rather than face the hard challenges ahead.

It's the most intelligent and well educated people who best see the potential scope of coming misery, but it's already the lack of a high enough percentage of intelligent, responsible, well educated people in the global community that's the root of many of our problems.

If you're smart enough to see the immensity of the mess we've gotten ourselves into, it's easy to see that we've got too many people and the planet is getting dangerously crowded and do the supposedly responsible thing or call it hopeless and not even try. It's a copout. It's a form of spoiled brat syndrome. A generation has grown up without hard challenges and are lacking the personal and social abilities to deal with hardship. They're so accustomed and addicted to the toys and comforts of the moment, that they've abandoned the future. Unfortunately, the future has become the present and we are already experiencing a number of mass insanities due to increasing human ignorance.

While we still have an urgent need to reduce global population, it's becoming increasingly evident that the unintended culturally and genetically inherited side effects of our contemporary attempts at birth control could become one of the greatest catastrophes in all of human history. In the past, intelligent, educated, responsible people had fewer children, but they raised a much higher percentage to adulthood. This resulted in a steady rise in human competency. The lack of medical knowledge and technology kept the child mortality rate high enough and the average lifespan low enough to moderate population increase. Contemporary birth control in conjunction with modern technology has reversed this, and the result is fast becoming a tragedy far worse in the long run than population explosion and subsequent collapse. As the percentage of educated, intelligent, responsible people within the global community decreases, our chances of salvaging the remnants of this civilization steadily decrease. Birth control has allowed us to avoid a population explosion that would have already resulted in drastic war, famine, and disease, but we've traded it for a mass extinction of species, an extreme devastation of environment, and a serious degradation of human competency that will eventually result in even more drastic war, famine,

and disease, but with a much less intelligent, educated, capable, responsible remnant population to deal with the building of a new civilization.

There is a growing polarity between a vast increase in human awareness and a correspondingly vast increase in the number of people who are aware of very little that's real and are easily duped by tyrants. It's easy to not notice that, due to a number of factors, the most dominant being the de-evolution of birth control and the distraction and dishonesty of idle electronic chatter, fewer and fewer people are knowing more and more, and more and more people are knowing less and less. This is a dangerous slippery slope. We're dancing on the tipping point. Never underestimate the power of ignorant people in large numbers.

Around the world, birth control has entered the population in a variety of different ways and has had very different effects in different places.

In the US, three generations ago, as birth control became widely available, it was the more intelligent, better educated, more responsible portion of the population who first had access and motivation. Over the next generation, the use of birth control gradually spread into the general population, but not uniformly. The Catholic, Muslim, and Mormon religions were still pushing for as many kids as possible, the religious conservatives tended to look at birth control as something from Satan, and the ignorant, unintelligent, and irresponsible still couldn't figure it out. While there are many exceptions, the overwhelming trend was toward the next generation of Americans becoming less intelligent, less well educated, less rational, and less responsible. The following generation finally saw much more uniform use and these trends tended to stabilize and occasionally reverse. Unfortunately, the current generation just reaching child bearing age is once again trending sharply toward de-evolution.

In China, birth control was generally spread uniformly and effectively throughout the population in the cities, and stopped and reversed population increase in one generation, without most of the negative side effects experienced by most of the world, although it was widely ignored in rural areas. The side effects in China were quite different. One was the disappearance of aunts and uncles. Another was widespread 'only child syndrome'. Nothing brings prosperity like a sudden, indiscriminant drop in population, and China flourished, but, unlike previous population reductions from war, famine, and disease, which tend to leave a more balanced age spread amongst the survivors, birth control only takes the babies. This has created a huge ripple in the labor force, but in the meantime, they've leveraged a vast untapped resource base and prospered.

In much of Africa, the first generation of birth control went almost exclusively to the literate class and resulted in a one generation later substantial drop in the literacy rate. At the end of the first generation of birth control in Zimbabwe, swarms of young blacks ran off the old white farmers. Just about everyone accepted the reasons as racism, but what I saw was a bunch of ignorant, illiterate kids and a few old farmers with a few children who were off to see the world.

In Europe, the existence of a moderately effective universal health care system caused a more uniform spread of birth control that gradually slowed and eventually reversed population increase without as much of the dumbing down. Europe's current ripple in the labor force has been less abrupt than China's, and the depth of northern Europe's industrial base has substantially cushioned the fall, but the current massive influx of refugees leaves them with a new set of problems.

In Japan, birth control also spread across the country without as much of the cultural bias seen in places like the U.S. or Africa.

In the Soviet Union, birth control entered the culture at the end of a massive cultural realignment. The First and Second World Wars and the Revolution and Civil War killed off almost all of their brave young men and Stalin killed off a large percentage of the farmers and intellectuals. The Soviet Union entered the age of birth control with a very high percentage of single women, wimps, corruption, and a lot of alcohol. While they had a somewhat uniform use of birth control, they started with serious disadvantages.

In the Middle East, birth control has caused major cultural realignment due largely to the destruction of schools and varying interpretations of the Quran. The demographics in the Middle East have substantially shifted toward ignorance and religious fanaticism.

Population control has always been the cure for poverty. It took the Black Death in Europe to bring on the Renaissance. The Black Death was relatively indiscriminant. Contemporary birth control is not. Birth control only takes babies, with a distinct bias toward the eventual extinction of intelligence, literacy and responsibility.

Population control will be the eventual solution to the poverty beginning to engulf the world. If we don't do it, Mother Nature will, but we've made her job a lot harder with our contemporary de-evolution due to the hereditary selection for lack of intelligence, literacy, and responsibility that our initial attempts at birth control have caused. If we don't get our shit together, Mother Nature might decide to start all over again.

As we enter the third generation of contemporary birth control, to understand its impact we need to crunch the numbers. In three generations, the difference between one child and four is 64/1. The difference between one child and ten is 1,000/1. If child rearing begins at 30 instead of 15, the ratios double.

We need to develop and enable a new form of birth control that will entice those without the wit, the will, or the wisdom. Cheap, tasty, and mildly addicting would be a good start.