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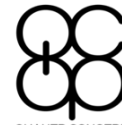
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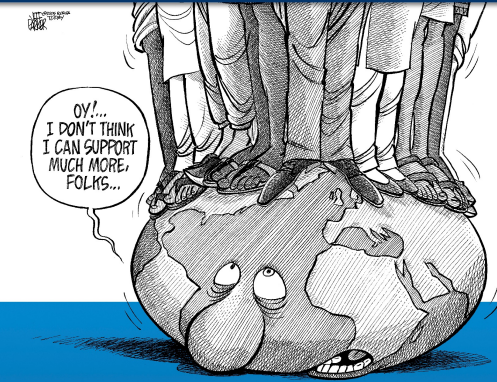


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How on earth have we ended up here?

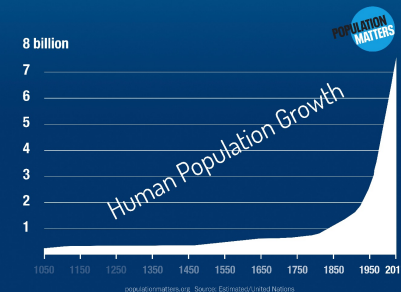
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Helping Friends appreciate the consequences of over-population



"It's not much use reducing our carbon footprint if we keep on increasing the number of feet."

Roger Martin, former diplomat and retired President of Population Matters



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Why are we here?

The world's fertility (average number of children per woman) is falling, from 1.4 in 1994 to 1.15 today, but since population is now much greater than in 1994, growth rate has not declined and remains at about a billion every twelve years. This is clearly unsustainable.

QCOP was set up in 2011 after the writing of the Canterbury Commitment:

“The action we are ready to take at this time is to make a strong corporate commitment to become a low-carbon, sustainable community.”

This, sadly, did not mention population as a major contributor to increases in carbon production.

We recognise that resource depletion, inequality, climate emergency and biodiversity loss are 4 factors which contribute to a very uncertain future for humankind, but believe population growth is a significant contributor which should not be ignored.

Who we are and what do we stand for?

- a lower population achieved through choice - we are totally opposed to coercion
- human rights and the empowerment of women and the most vulnerable
- a change in behaviour of the rich world, including choosing smaller families – these countries have a disproportional environmental impact and poor countries pay the price
- education about population growth – it makes environmental problems worse and people poorer;
- an understanding that fewer consumers helps to bring down consumption;
- “Smaller family sizes” can fix it.

We are aware and concerned about all aspects of the global environmental crisis but choose to focus on population because, even amongst Quakers, it is almost totally ignored.

If you have similar concerns will you please join us? Every new member raises our profile – there is no membership fee.