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INVITATION

Dear Friend of Earth & Humanity,

The conversation about population reduction on Earth seems to be a taboo subject for many.

Some people love to have large families. Many nations require increasing populations to supply workers and taxpayers to pay into pension systems for the elderly. Some countries rely on children to support their parents as they age.

The reality is humans are overconsuming resources by 300%, causing a range of environmental problems, including global warming, ecosystem collapse, and loss of biodiversity.

Join this conversation about population and help break the taboo.

Sandy Hinden

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PRONATALISM

- In the past, agrarian families had many children who helped on farms
- Pronatalism is an ideology that promotes the reproduction of human life as an important objective of being human and advocates a high birthrate.
- Pronatalism may be encouraged as a strategic process to "outbirth" other voting blocks.
- It may be promulgated by paternalistic religions that subjugate women to becoming [baby-making machines](#).

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EUGENICS

- Eugenics is the study of how to arrange reproduction within a human population to increase the occurrence of heritable characteristics regarded as desirable.
- Developed largely by Sir Francis Galton as a method of improving the human race, eugenics was increasingly discredited as unscientific and racially biased during the 20th century, especially after the adoption of its doctrines by the Nazis in order to justify their treatment of Jews, disabled people, and other minority groups.
- People feel proud of their tribes and families.
- Elon Musk has 11 children.

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WORLD POPULATION

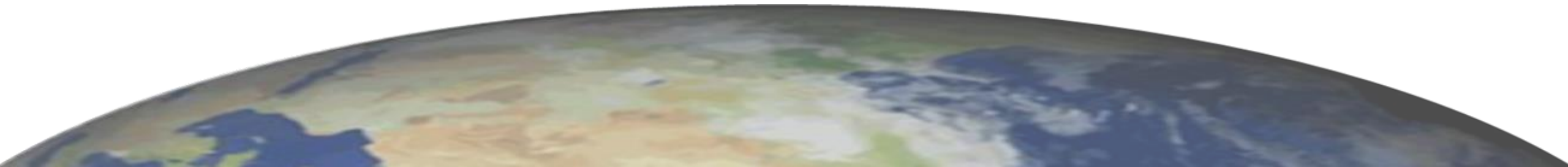
- Humans have been evolving for a million years.
- In the time of Jesus, there were 70 million people on Earth.
- Humans reached 1 billion people in 1800.
- World population then exponentially grew to 6 billion in just 200 years.
- It took just 12 years to grow from 6 to 7 billion.
- There are now 110 wars and conflicts on Earth.

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“Democracy cannot survive overpopulation.
Human dignity cannot survive it.
Convenience and decency cannot survive it.
As you put more and more people into the world
the value of life not only declines, it disappears.
It doesn't matter if someone dies.
The more people there are
the less one individual matters.”

Isaac Asimov



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EARTH'S CARRYING CAPACITY

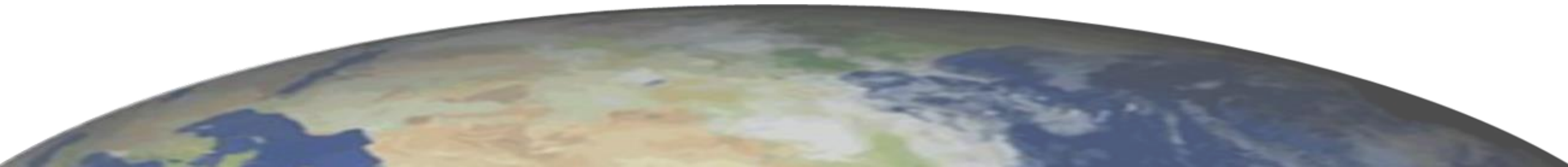
- $I=PAT$ is a formula that describes the impact of human activity on the environment.
- The formula equates human impact on the environment to a function of three factors: population (P), affluence (A), and technology (T).
- The formula is often cited to describe the factors that cause environmental degradation.
- The formula can be expressed as $I = P \times A \times T$, where:
 - I is the environmental impact
 - P is the population
 - A is the affluence or amount consumed per person
 - T is the technology or resources needed to produce each unit of consumption.
- Environmental degradation will increase global migration and conflict.
- We cannot achieve any genuine longer-term wellbeing without reducing Gross World Product by at least 75% very rapidly.
- We are exceeding Earth's carrying capacity by 300%.

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“Crime, corruption, and violence in countries are leading to economic deterioration and more than 250 million people a year migrating, causing arrival-country political hatred and backlash, and moving governments to the political right, leading to further authoritarianism and brutality.”

Sandy Hinden
[Healing Brutality on Earth](#)



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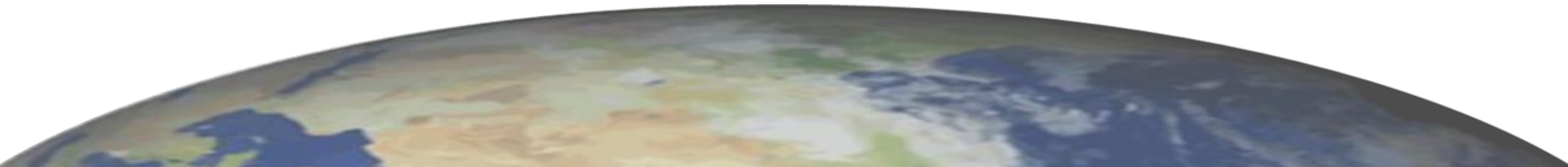
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VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY

in a degrowth economy

**is seen as a necessary component of
a transition away from a growth-based economic model,
by reducing one's consumption of goods and services, and family size.**

**Deconsumption and depopulation may then lead
to an Earth-carrying capacity balance and
a more sustainable and fulfilling life.**



Voluntary Simplicity for Degrowth Economy

Reduce Consumption	Embrace Self-Sufficiency	Prioritize Community	Reduce Waste	Embrace Low-Tech Solutions	Prioritize Experiences Over Possessions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce consumption of goods and services <input type="checkbox"/> Buy only what is necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Repair and reuse items <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid unnecessary purchases <input type="checkbox"/> End unnecessary travel <input type="checkbox"/> End fossil fuel-based entertainment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace self-sufficiency <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce dependence on external sources of goods and services <input type="checkbox"/> Grow own food <input type="checkbox"/> Generate own energy <input type="checkbox"/> Engage in DIY projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Community is seen as a key part of sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize community <input type="checkbox"/> Build strong relationships with neighbors and local businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Use public transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce waste <input type="checkbox"/> Compost <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce use of single-use items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace low-tech solutions <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce dependence on high-tech gadgets and appliances <input type="checkbox"/> Use manual tools <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce screen time, avoid unnecessary electronic devices <input type="checkbox"/> Choose low tech end-of-life procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize experiences over possessions <input type="checkbox"/> Spend time in nature <input type="checkbox"/> Engage in creative pursuits <input type="checkbox"/> Build strong relationships with friends and family

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EMERGING QUESTIONS

1. How to re-bridge the connection that our ancestors once had to nature?
2. How to relearn the value of being connected to our home, Earth?
3. How to live simply and feel connected to humanity and Earth?
4. How to not only seek our "rights", but also be responsible to each other and our Earth?
5. How to convince people to have smaller families when many depend on children to take care of them as they age?
6. How to create communities that take care of their people who have no children?
7. How to lower the Gross Domestic Product by 75% and transition to Wellbeing Economy?



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