

SOCI 312–500 Population and Society Fall 2019

# ASSIGNMENT 1 Due by August 30, 2019 (Friday) at 11:59pm Maximum of possible points: 1

## Instructor information

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Submission

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#### Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is to highlight the fact that we should discuss population issues using scientific data to support our analysis and not rely on preconceptions and perceptions we might have about a specific demographic subject.

### Task

Do you think there are too many people in the world nowadays? Why? In order to help you answer this question, you should watch at least the video by Hans Rosling (link below and on the course website) about analyzing demographic trends with scientific data.

### Format

The document should be on US Letter paper size, one-inch margins, Arial font, size 11, 1.5 line spacing, and a **maximum of 200 words**.

#### References

- Cohen, Joel. 2012. An Introduction to Demography (Malthus Miffed: Are People the Problem?). New York: Big Think. (<u>https://youtu.be/2vr44C\_G0-o</u>)
- Poston, Dudley L.; Bouvier, Leon F. 2017. **Population and Society: An Introduction to Demography**. New York: Cambridge University Press. 2nd edition.

Retro Report. 2015. The Population Bomb? New York: The New York Times. (https://nyti.ms/2jValgb)

Rosling, Hans. 2013. **Don't Panic: Hans Rosling Showing The Facts About Population**. Stockholm: Gapminder. (<u>https://vimeo.com/79878808</u>)