

ASSIGNMENT 1 – CRITICAL THINKING
Due by March 09, 2021 (Tuesday) at 12pm
Maximum of possible points: 3**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

A consistent discussion in demographic literature is related to how rapid population growth could potentially impact natural resources, climate change, and poverty in developing countries. Some researchers emphasize the need for more improvements in agricultural production and increased concern with the environmental limitations facing a growing population. They argue that there are too many people on Earth and we would all be better off if there were fewer people on the planet. Other researchers indicate that we've overcome these challenges through a reduction in poverty, educational improvements, and the provision of food to large populations.

Based on course material, are there too many people in the world nowadays? Why? Why population composition (e.g., by age, sex, race/ethnicity, marital status, and socioeconomic status) and population changes over time are important topics for demographers? Why spatial distribution is an essential topic to understand human populations? How theories of demography are important to explain different trends and levels of mortality, fertility, and migration? Give examples. Discuss these different concerns related to population growth, transition, and evolution for current societies.

Format

The document in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx) should be on US Letter paper size, one-inch margins, Arial font, size 11, 1.5 line spacing, and a **maximum of 500 words**.