

**ASSIGNMENT 2 – FERTILITY AND MORTALITY****Due by April 13, 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 discuss the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on fertility and mortality levels and trends. Students should use scientific theoretical framework discussed in the classroom to support their analysis and not rely on preconceptions and perceptions we might have about specific demographic subjects.

**Task**

Based on the course material and discussions during our lectures, what do you expect will be the effect of the coronavirus pandemic on fertility and mortality trends and levels in the next years?

You should utilize framework of predicting fertility and proximate determinants of fertility (Bongaarts 1978, 1982) to support your analysis. You can discuss effects of the pandemic on different fertility indicators, such as age-specific fertility rates and total fertility rate.

You should also discuss possible effects of the pandemic on life expectancy, including contextual and broader socioeconomic and cultural effects, as well as more immediate factors.

**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**.