

WE MUST HALT AND EVENTUALLY REVERSE POPULATION GROWTH IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER.

There are no magic solutions to water scarcity. If we allow present trends to continue, earth's population is projected to reach 9 billion people by 2050, and U.S. population will be at least 450 million at that time.

Relying on the technological advances and widespread construction of desalinization plants can only go part of the way in meeting future water needs. It may even get to the point – in the not too distant future – where clean water is traded as a commodity, much like oil and natural gas. That would be a disaster!

The bottom line is that as billions more people stress our planet and demand basic needs, we can't invent new water to quench their thirst or water their crops.

That is why it is absolutely crucial that we work together to ensure that massive population numbers do not overwhelm our environment. World population may not reach the projected 9 billion people by 2050 if we act now to halt and eventually reverse population growth.

Unfortunately, population takes a back seat to other environmental issues and that cannot continue! We must all recognize that population size and growth will determine whether or not we leave our children, grandchildren, and future generations, a livable world.

Negative Population Growth traces its origins back to the catalyst of the very early Earth Day celebrations. For 38 years, we have led the fight to halt and reverse population growth to protect our natural resources and quality of life. We encourage you to join us in our efforts.



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