Subject: Depopulating Countries
Posted by noodle on Fri, 17 Feb 2023 02:51:59 GMT
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So far in 2023, these are the top 20.
https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/countries-with-declining-population
I can't help wondering what these places may look like in a few decades and how they'll function without a sizable young demographic. What are your thoughts?

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by Rusty on Fri, 17 Feb 2023 12:12:52 GMT
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At least for the Baltic states, giving Latvia as an example of the post Soviet countries that joined the EU to experience Neoliberalism. When austerity was imposed that the financial masters demanded, the youth as pointed out in this article, "instead of protesting, voted with their backsides and began emigrating when wages shrank and taxes burdened labor".
https://michael-hudson.com/2013/01/latvias-economic-disaster-as-a-neoliberal-success-story-a-model-for-europe-and-the-us/
Economics plays a great part in society, and it's tendency to either work for the benefit of the working people or the financial few determines the overall health that a population trends towards.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by Porter on Sat, 18 Feb 2023 18:47:08 GMT
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I'd like to see things change, but I don't see how it can be done. Unfortunately, in many of the poorest regions, birth control is unavailable to women. Sometimes religion plays a major role in overpopulation as well. What do you do when your faith tells you to only have sex for procreation and not to use any form of family planning? Also, many of these women are not allowed to say no to their husbands, who often demand intimacy. Misogyny is deeply rooted. It's a lot to tackle.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by Rusty on Sun, 19 Feb 2023 12:18:33 GMT
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Chronic eroding conditions in our world are looked at, or more likely ignored, as just one of those vexing things. Not considering the underlying conditions is like a disease causing the malignancy. Topical ointments it seems are used to treat it.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by Leot55 on Sat, 25 Feb 2023 02:30:23 GMT

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I think I'm with Porter on this one. Maybe depopulation really isn't a problem that needs to be addressed. Like Porter mentioned, in countries with large populations, the women often lack the choices and health care that could lead to fewer numbers. I looked at the list, and I don't know the politics or gender rights behind many of those that made it, but perhaps there are fewer babies because the women aren't making that choice. When they can choose, women often choose to limit their family size. We've seen that in the US as well.

Rusty, you're my kind of man. I do agree with you about working rights and how our financial stability has been eroded over the years due to the greed of an elite few and the politicians that lap up the spoils. It's shameful.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by Rusty on Sat, 25 Feb 2023 14:47:44 GMT
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Did you guys look at the map? Do the poorer countries in Africa, Middle Eastern and South America show a decline? Japan's an exception being a wealthy country. But they don't have any immigration influx. Greece has been under the thumb of the International Monetary Fund and the European Neoliberal austerity to pay back loans. The main pressure on these populations is to leave in search of income. Young people in particular, of child rearing age.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by noodle on Sun, 26 Feb 2023 01:33:55 GMT
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If younger folks are leaving in droves and/or having one or no kids, imagine the strain on health care and other services because of the remaining and growing senior populations.

Some say it's good to have a drop in numbers; it would help the environment and lessen job competition.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by Porter on Mon, 27 Feb 2023 09:47:18 GMT
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Rusty, yes, I looked at the map. I agree with what you're saying. However, my take on the subject is that we'd see a larger decline in the poorer countries of Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and South America if the women had the option to control their family size. So, I think the map is a little biased because it doesn't take that into account. There's a lot of bad stuff going on in the world, and I believe we'd see depopulation in droves if possible. I'll also admit that I don't know much about some of the countries that did make the list. Plus, I assumed that it wasn't that easy to

immigrate. I've looked into it myself, and it seemed pretty difficult to do so. I'm sure the war in Ukraine has had an impact as well. It's also important to note that the map is a projected decline. It's what they believe will happen through 2050. A lot could change in that time. I agree with you about the economic and political situation, though.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by Silver on Tue, 02 May 2023 22:58:30 GMT
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So the question is, what is the purpose of a map projecting population declines? Is it a guide on where to be proactive against it happening? If so, why? I don't mean to sound harsh, but a sinking ship is a sinking ship.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by Concorde on Tue, 02 May 2023 23:05:10 GMT
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Even if the projections have a 5% window of error, these are countries who do business with other countries. Depopulation equates to a shrinking workforce which equates to a failing economy which equates to a failed country if the issue is left unattended long enough.

Maybe no one can stop the depopulation, but someone or something needs to be ready to pick up the pieces.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by Rusty on Tue, 02 May 2023 23:49:31 GMT
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Why maps, why take notice? Of anything. Because we all live in this world. We need information, statistics, being aware of history and in general knowledge of what's going on in it. People historically leave countries because of difficult conditions, usually economic and political hardship. Which tend to go together hand in hand. Uprooting from your homeland indicates desperate condition going on there. A close example is the human herd of people leaving Central America, walking hundreds of miles to a political quagmire at the border of the US.

Problems are left to fester in this world until they become crises and political hot potatoes. Much of it stemming I feel from terrible economic policies imposed and conducted by governments.

Subject: Re: Depopulating Countries
Posted by gofar99 on Sat, 06 May 2023 02:41:42 GMT
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Hi, I suspect that it is more pervasive than that. As both a population and as individuals we tend to put things off until there is either a crisis or something that must be done by a certain time. Folks call it procrastination on the individual level and several unprintable names associated with government when at a greater level. I fear it is getting worse on the macro scale. Climate, immigration, inflation and crime seem to be good examples at present.