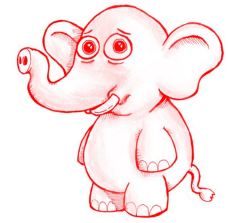


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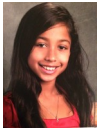
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## Overpopulation—Not an Issue?

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Several civilians now think that in the future, the human race will suffer from overpopulation. I strongly contradict this statement. I am convinced that in future conflicts, overpopulation will have no effect on people.

Though it is not just to me, a silly statement however, but logic. As many lives enter the world, several leave it. Also, people may have mistaken overpopulation in the *world* for overpopulation in an *area* or *region*. Finally, humans could go extinct or the Earth may not be habitable for people because of other problems before overpopulation is considered a major issue.

The first reason why I am certain overpopulation is not going to be an issue in the future is that several people keep saying that overpopulation is caused because millions of babies are born a day. But these people are easily contradicted, because while a soul is born, a soul dies. Really, the population is decreasing as much as it is increasing, for nobody can live forever.

A second reason why I contradict the belief of overpopulation occurring in the future is also one factor people ignore. Billions of people live in places such as the United States, China, France, and more. It is logical that one day there will be too many people in these countries.

But places like Greenland, Alaska, and Antarctica tend to be big states, countries, or continents and have plenty of room for more people. Alaska is nearly twice the size of Texas (which many people believe is the biggest state in the U.S.), Greenland is the world's largest island and is nearly as big as Africa, and Antarctica is a whole continent. But these three areas have one thing in common: hardly anyone lives there compared to other populated areas. Antarctica has barely 1,000 people living there. Plenty of room for people in China, right?

A final reason why I feel that overpopulation won't be a concern is because before overpopulation could even begin, another problem that could *wipe out the human race* could occur. For ex-



ample, currently, people produce 3.5 million tons of trash a day. By the end of the century, scientists predict that each day, 11 million tons will be produced, all garbage. So, before overpopulation begins to take a course of action, Earth pollution could take over and before you know it, the Earth won't be habitable to humans.

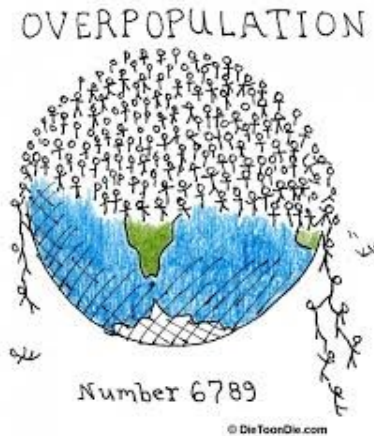
Pollution isn't the only problem though. Global Warming is one too. How long does it take for Mother Earth to be heated up like an oven? Basically, just stop worrying about there being too many people on Earth and start worrying about those other exemplary problems.

In conclusion, with the possibilities of the other Earth's problems taking a course to destruction, as many babies are born, many more die, and the fact that places may be overpopulated while other areas have plenty of room, it brings me to realize that it is highly improbable that overpopulation in the future will be an issue.

What may have sparked a concern for this topic is of the Netflix movie *What Happened to Monday*. In this science fiction film, the time is in a future with a strict one child policy due to overpopulation.

For instance, if a boy and a girl were to be born into the same family, the girl would be taken away. Anyway, a family of septuplets (seven twins) are born. To hide this, the parents of the girls set out one girl each day. Outside, the girls are the same girl. But inside the family, each girl is named for the day of the week they live outside. The first girl is Sunday, the second girl is Monday, then Tuesday, and so on. But trouble strikes. One day, Monday doesn't return to the family doorstep. Monday's sisters go on an adventure to find her. Can they avoid the government from discovering their secret? I personally feel the movie is a little too violent, and do not recommend it.

It has come to my attention that people are worrying too much about "problems" like this (which by the way, was in a movie!), instead of real problems with a more drastic ending such as cancer, pollution, and global warming. Basically, I am certain that out of all the problems in the future, overpopulation *will not* be one of the major issues.



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## The Backpack Debate—Pros and Cons



By Isabella Youngs  
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The majority of students I asked are in favor of bringing their backpacks to class. However, to be fair, I thought I would give reasons for both sides of the issue.

### Reason why we should

I think that students should be able to bring their backpacks around school. I think this because students wouldn't have to go to their lockers and most students would rather bring their backpacks around.

Students would hardly be late to any class because they would have all their books and wouldn't have to stop at their lockers before going to class so they wouldn't have the excuses like, "I



had to get something out of my locker" or "My locker got jammed so I was late."

### Reasons why we shouldn't

There are many good reasons why kids should bring backpacks around school, but then again there are also reasons they shouldn't. One reason they shouldn't is because it can cause back problems and kids could get distracted. Students could start having back problems because they would have a heavy backpack on for most of the school day which could hurt them in the long run.

Students would also get distracted easily because they would have their backpacks in class and most kids keep their phones and other things in their backpack that will cause a distraction for them and other students in the class.

## Basketball Can Really Grab Your Interest



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Basketball is a great sport. So exciting and so stressful. It's one sport that you need to try because you're going to like it. If not just watch one game on T.V.

In basketball, there are so many leagues and so many games. It's also, very popular. When you reach the NBA, that is the highest skill level. After that you could go to street ball or maybe start a camp.

Some of the greatest players in the world play or played in the NBA, like Michel Jordan, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Larry Bird, LeBron James, and Magic Jonson, just to name a few. A lot of things can happen in the NBA because it's



LIVE, like Tracy McGrady's 13 points in 35 seconds, or Reggie Miller's 8 points in 9 seconds, or even Wilt Chamberlin's 100 POINT GAME, and those are some of the greatest moments in NBA HISTORY!

Another thing that can happen live is unbearable. Like when someone dunks on someone, or when someone hits a buzzer beater (game winner), or a great scoring performance. There are a lot of things that can happen in the NBA and you can be one that does one of those great things.

That's all, but when you see a basketball, make sure to try and play.

## No Place for Hate Needs YOUR Help!



By Juliana Spano  
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Attention all students! We are looking for new members to join our **No Place for Hate Club**, specifically, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

We have our meetings mostly after school but we have started to have some meetings during ALL lunch periods.



Yes, ALL lunch periods. You don't need a pass to come; just get your lunch and come to the room that we are meeting in for the lunch meetings.

For the after school meetings you back up your bag and head straight to the library for one hour. After that you can either take the late bus home or get picked up. Please consider joining our club and help us make our school a better place!

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