

"As far as I know, most organizations are avoiding population issues because they're politically frightened by the charge that comes from some proponents of immigration that if you oppose the immigration policy we have now, you're a racist. There is no way in the world we can forge a sustainable society without stabilizing the population. ... There's no practical way of stabilizing the population of the U.S. without reducing the immigration rate. When do we decide we have to do something, or do we wait until things are as bad here as they are in the countries people want to leave?"

-Gaylord Nelson, Co-Founder of Earth Day

- Our population is growing exponentially, and we are looking to add an additional **130 million people over the next fifty years. We have added 100 million people since 1970-** from 200 million to 300 million in 2006. We are adding over 30 million people each decade. All of these additional people contribute to the depletion of our resources- water, gas, oil, food, and land.
- Our research of government data finds that most of the new development and urban sprawl in America is now driven by our biggest population explosion in the nation's history. And because Americans' birth rates have been just below replacement-level since 1972, all the long-term population growth is due to our immigration policies.
- **Congress is responsible for this destruction** because it has quadrupled annual immigration since the 1960s over the traditional average of 250,000 a year.
- Congress has been giving out a **million Green Cards a year since 1990**. And in 2009, it gave out more than 1.1 million, the most since 2006 and 4th largest in history.
- Overall, it takes another **1 million acres of open space every year** to provide for the extra population.

"We are preparing to celebrate the 32nd Earth Day just after the Census Bureau has announced that far from winding down in the 1990s, U.S. population growth boomed at its highest level in the nation's history! Not even the peak of the Baby Boom in the 1950s added as many people! This new population boom represents a profound failure in our nation's pursuit of environmental quality. Since 1970, another 80 million people have been added to the country. Every environmental goal has been delayed because of this failure."

-Gaylord Nelson

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