

RADICAL ENVIRONMENTALISM FACT SHEET

KEY VERSES:

Genesis 1ff.; 3:17–19; 9:2–3	Romans 8:18–23	Hebrews 1:3
Psalms 8:4–8; 115:16	Colossians 1:17	2 Peter 2:12

KEY QUOTES:

"Human beings inhabit no more than 3 percent of the land surface of the earth. What's more, the amount of habitable land is not limited. Singapore was once marshland. Much of Holland was once under water...."

To put the matter in perspective, if the world's 5.4 billion people were put in Jacksonville, Florida, each person would have four square feet to stand in. In Texas each person would have at least fourteen hundred square feet, the area of a good-sized two-bedroom apartment."¹

"The advocates of government family planning have their own set of justification, thinly disguised to avoid arousing resistance to population control. Sex education, for instance, will overcome 'ignorance' and 'fears and anxieties', and the adolescent pregnancy programs will in turn 'reduce teenage pregnancy and prevent abortion.' Not reported in the headlines, but frankly admitted in the programs, is the truth: the limitation of population. Equally absent from the news are the results of the government programs—no improvement in the psychological or physical health of the young and no reduction in pregnancy or abortion. Nor, ironically, is there any proof that they have reduced fertility. What the programs have achieved, and to a frightening degree, is the power and influence of the clique advocating government family planning, which it well understands is an essential intermediate step toward comprehensive population control."²

[Regarding old growth forests, atmospheric CO₂, and the "Greenhouse Effect":]
"Mature trees, like all living things, metabolize more slowly as they grow old. A forest of young, vigorously growing trees will remove five to seven tons more CO₂ per acre than old growth. There are plenty of good reasons to preserve old growth forests, but redressing the CO₂ balance is not one of them. If we were really interested (as we should be) in reducing atmospheric CO₂, we should be vigorously pursuing reforestation and the planting of trees and shrubs, including in urban areas, where local impacts on the atmosphere are greatest.

"Reforestation has been going on through enlightened forestry practices on private lands by timber companies and as a result of changes in agricultural and land use. In the United States, the average annual wood growth is now more than three times what it was in 1920, and the growing stock has increased 18 percent from 1952 to 1977. Forests in America continue to increase in size, even while supplying a substantial fraction of the world's timber needs."³

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