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Social Structure

A Number Everyone Should Know

Five, that is the number of babies born to the world every second. This means that in the approximately three seconds that it took you to read the first sentence, 15 babies were born. Contrasted to the five babies born every second, are the two people who will die. According to these statistics, the world grows on average by approximately 3 people every second.

This immense population growth is threatening the world’s citizens. Earth was not created to be able to sustain this incredible about of people. Because of this, many countries are having food crises. Many parts of the third world struggle and occasionally fail to feed the masses that live there. This leads to death by starvation. Sadly this has already claimed 7,677,714 lives this year and counting. By approximation, a person will die of starvation every other second. Of those who have died, 85% are children.

Another problem caused by the ever increasing number of people on earth, is the problem of space. Places like Japan are running out of places to put everyone. In response to this same problem China’s government has instituted a one child policy on their citizens. Nations that are plagued by an overabundance of people do have one advantage over nations who are not though. The overpopulated nations have more human resources to work with. This allows these nations to create greater specialization within the job market. This specialization can potentially lead to greater technology in all areas of life including medicine and military. As long as these countries are able to
organize their workers effectively, they will be much more likely to be able to keep themselves economically stable.

The birthrate is a very important number to know because although they are only babies now, they will grow to become the people who will rule the world.
