**Human Population Growth U.N. Report**

***Task:*** You are an economic policy expert that is currently working as an aide to Secretary of State John Kerry. Mr. Kerry is preparing to attend a UN conference on the eight Millennium Development Goals to end poverty. In preparation for the conference, Mr. Kerry is asking each of his aides to prepare a report on a country that has unsustainable population growth. The goal of this report is to outline a viable strategy that the country can use to decrease population growth.

**Goal:** Your goal is to outline a strategy that can be used to reduce population growth that is specific to a certain country.

**Audience**: UN delegates who are members of the Millennium Development Goals Committee.

**Situation:** This task is of utmost importance since exponential human population growth rate is placing extreme limitations on natural resources. High human population growth rates hinder a countries’ ability to improve living standards of its citizens.

**Performance:** You will select a country that is in need of lowering it’s population growth rate and write a report that includes a policy recommendation.

**Standards:** Your report will be graded on the following:

* Interpreting **two pieces of data** to rationalize for why the country you chose is in need of lowering its population growth rate (this may include fertility rate, inclusion of an age-structure diagram with appropriate explanation, reference to demographic transition model, etc.)
* Description of how high population growth rate is affecting **two local resources** and **the local ecosystem**.
* A logical policy suggestion that serves as a solution to help lower the country’s population growth rate.
* Thorough incorporation of research to support the selection of your country and the policy recommendation.
* A formal writing style that includes proper APA citations (in text citations and a bibliography)

**Format:**

* Times New Roman 12 font
* Double-Spaced
* 5 page minimum (not including images!)

Sources:

* Do NOT use Wikipedia
* Google scholar, your textbook, The Guardian, NBC, NY Times, and .gov websites are all excellent resources

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| Criteria: | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Rationale for selection of country that analyzes two sources of data. | **Rationale:**  Provides a detailed, compelling explanation of why the selected country is in need of lowering population growth rate that is grounded in recent, accurate population growth data **AND compares this data to countries with similar GDP**. | **Rationale:**  Provides a detailed explanation of why the selected country is in need of lowering population growth rate that is grounded in **recent and accurate data**. | **Rationale:**  Provides an explanation of why the selected country is in need of lowering population growth rate that references data **that may be recent but not entirely accurate OR that is accurate but not recent**. | **Rationale:**  Provides a general explanation of why the selected country is in need of lowering population growth rate that references in data that is **neither recent nor accurate**. | **Rationale:**  Provides a limited explanation of why the selected country is in need of lowering population **without reference to data.** |
| Description of how the high population growth rate is affecting two local resources and the local ecosystem. | **Description:** Demonstrates clear understanding of how high population growth rate affects local resources and the local ecosystem through a **comprehensive, detail-oriented** description. | **Description:** Demonstrates understanding of how high population growth rate affects local resources and the local ecosystem through a  **comprehensive** description. | **Description:** Demonstrates understanding of how high population growth rate affects local resources and the local ecosystem through a **general** description. | **Description:** Demonstrates minimal understanding of how high population growth rate affects local resources and the local ecosystem through a **limited** description. | **Description:** Description is **basic** and does not include how high population growth rate is affecting both local resources and the local ecosystem. |
| Inclusion of a policy suggestion that serves as a solution to decrease the high population growth rate | **Policy Suggestion:** The suggestion is innovative, highly likely to reduce population growth, **AND tailored specifically to the needs of that country**. | **Policy Suggestion:** The suggestion is **creative** AND **likely to reduce** population growth. | **Policy Suggestion:** The suggestion is creative OR likely to reduce population growth. | **Policy Suggestion:** The suggestion is lacking creativity and unlikely to reduce population growth. | **Policy Suggestion:** The suggestion is vague. |
| Incorporation of research with proper APA citations and writing style. | **Research:**  The report effectively integrates research from **various sources and all sources are of high quality** (i.e. academic papers, news articles, etc.).  **Writing Style**: Precise language and consistent, formal tone are used throughout the report in a way **that is engaging**.  **Citations:** All sources are cited with in text citations and the bibliography and citations are in APA format. | **Research:**  The report includes research from **multiple sources and most sources are of high quality** (i.e. academic papers, news articles, etc.).  **Writing Style**: Precise language and consistent, formal tone are used throughout the report.  **Citations:** All sources are cited with in text citations and the bibliography and **most** citations are in APA format. | **Research:**  The report includes research from **multiple sources**  **OR**  **most sources are of high quality** (i.e. academic papers, news articles, etc.).  **Writing Style**: Appropriate language and formal tone are used in the report **with occasional lapses.**  **Citations:** Most sources are cited properly. | **Research:**  The report includes research from  **few sources**  **AND**  **most sources are NOT of high quality** (i.e. academic papers, news articles, etc.).  **Writing Style**: Appropriate language and formal tone are used **unevenly** throughout the report.    **Citations:** Some sources are cited properly. | **Research:**  The report relies on one source of information for the entire report.  **Writing Style**: **Basic language and uneven tone** are used throughout the report.    **Citations:** Most sources are **NOT** cited properly. |