
Contents

Preface to the Second Edition	xi
Introduction	xiii
Part I. Influences on Malthus	1
David Hume • Of the Populousness of Antient Nations (1752)	3
Robert Wallace • A Dissertation on the Numbers of Mankind in Antient and Modern Times (1753)	4
Benjamin Franklin • Observations Concerning the Increase of Mankind (1755)	5
Adam Smith • An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations (1776)	6
Condorcet • The Future Progress of the Human Mind (1795)	8
William Godwin • Of Avarice and Profusion (1797)	10
Part II. Selections from Malthus' Work	13
An Essay on the Principle of Population (1798)	15
An Essay on the Principle of Population: From the Revised Edition (1803—)	125
Part III. Nineteenth-Century Comment	135
William Godwin • Of Population (1820)	137
Francis Place • Illustrations and Proofs of the Principle of Population (1822)	139
Nassau W. Senior • Two Lectures on Population (1829)	140
Harriet Martineau • Illustrations of Political Economy (1832)	143
Friedrich Engels • Outlines of a Critique of Political Economy (1844)	145
John Stuart Mill • Principles of Political Economy (1848)	148
Charles Darwin • The Origin of Species (1859)	154
Karl Marx • Capital (1867)	156
George Bernard Shaw • Fabian Essays (1889)	158

Part IV: Malthus in the Twenty-First Century	163
A. POPULATION GROWTH IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: A NEW LOOK AT MALTHUS	165
The United Nations Population Fund • Footprints and Milestones: Population and Environmental Change (2001)	165
Lester R. Brown • The Population Challenge (1999)	168
William R. Catton Jr. • Overshoot (1982)	173
B. POPULATION AND FOOD SUPPLIES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY	185
Gary Gardner • Shrinking Fields (1996)	185
Lester R. Brown • Eradicating Hunger: A Growing Challenge (2001)	189
C. POPULATION AND WATER SUPPLIES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY	197
Sandra Postel • Last Oasis (1997)	197
D. POPULATION AND ENERGY SUPPLIES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY	205
David Pimentel and Marcia Pimentel • Food, Energy, and Society (1996)	205
E. POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY	211
Paul R. Ehrlich and Anne H. Ehrlich • How Anti- Environmental Rhetoric Threatens Our Future (1996)	211
F. POPULATION AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY	221
Bingham Kennedy Jr. • Environmental Scarcity and the Outbreak of Conflict (2001)	221
Lester R. Brown • The Emergence of Demographic Fatigue (1999)	224
G. SOME CONTEMPORARY CRITICS OF MALTHUSIANISM	233
Frances Moore Lappé, Joseph Collins, and Peter Rosset • Beyond the Myths of Hunger (1998)	233
Eric B. Ross • The Malthus Factor (1998)	237
Julian L. Simon • The Ultimate Resource (1996)	240
Pope Paul VI • Humane Vitae (1968)	243
H. RETHINKING ENDLESS POPULATION GROWTH	247
Joel E. Cohen • How Many People Can the Earth Support? (1995)	247
Garrett Hardin • Nobody Ever Dies of Overpopulation (1993)	258
Rodolfo A. Bulatao • The Value of Family Planning Programs in Developing Countries (1998)	263

Mark W. Nowak • Why Population Policy Matters to America (1998)	267
J. Kenneth Smail • Remembering Malthus: A Preliminary Argument for a Significant Reduction in Global Human Numbers (2002)	274
Robert Engelman, Brian Halweil, and Dannielle Nierenberg • Rethinking Population, Improving Lives (2002)	283
I. THREE SIGNIFICANT POSTSCRIPTS	291
World Scientists' Warning to Humanity (1993)	291
Statement on Population Stabilization by World Leaders (1985/1995)	299
Priority Statement on Population (1991)	301
Selected Readings	307
Index	311