Population Policies

Pro-natalist / Expansive

Anti-natalist / Restrictive
Why would a country want a pro-natalist policy?

http://www.imb.org/southern-africa/images/Malagasy_children.jpg
Why would a country want an anti-natalist policy?
Starting on July 8, 1944 the government of the U.S.S.R. began awarding medals to women in order to encourage a high fertility rate.
3 main categories of medals were presented

- Motherhood Medals
- Order of the Glory of Motherhood
  or
  Order of Maternal Glory
- Order of Mother Heroine
Motherhood Medal  2nd Class

5 children =  8,000,000 awarded
Motherhood Medal 1st Class

6 children = 4,000,000 awarded
Order of Maternal Glory 3rd Class

7 children = 2,000,000 awarded
Order of Maternal Glory 2nd Class

8 children = 1,000,000 awarded
9 children = 500,000 awarded
Order Mother Heroine

10 children = 200,000 awarded
Germany

Cross of Honor of the German Mother
(Ehrenkreuz der deutschen Mutter)

http://www.nobeliefs.com/mementoes.htm

1938 - 1944
Bronze 3\textsuperscript{rd} Class Mother’s Nazi Cross 4, 5
Silver 2\textsuperscript{nd} Class Mother’s Nazi Cross 6, 7
Gold 1\textsuperscript{st} Class Mother’s Nazi Cross 8 or more
Diamond – 14 or more?

http://www.diggerhistory.info/pages-medals/nazi2.htm
China - anti-natalist

2 different programs in recent years

• Later, Longer, Fewer Policy
• One Child Policy
Later, Longer, Fewer (wan xi shao) 1971

- get married later in life (mid - late twenties)
- wait longer for first baby and in between babies
- have fewer, 2 in urban areas & 3 in rural areas
What difference would it make when you got married?
One Child Policy 1979

- rewards start once 1 child contract is signed

Rewards

- free medical care
- free daycare and schooling
- guaranteed job for child
- bonuses for parents
- extra maternity leave
- better housing
- bigger old age pension

Penalties

- must repay financial benefits
- educational, medical benefits, & guaranteed jobs are withdrawn
- parents’ wages reduced
Why are improved old age pensions such an important part of the policy?

How did the government persuade its citizens to cooperate?
为革命搞好计划生育
Part of Education Program
Peer pressure is also effectively used to keep birth rates down
In the majority of the posters, is the 1 child male or female?

In addition to showing a happy child and parent(s), what other idea is often linked with the single child.
Millions of dollars have been spent on education and on advertizing.
Carry out family planning
Implement the basic national policy
Clever and pretty
healthy and lovely

source: http://www.iisg.nl/~landsberger/pop.html
Do a good job in family planning to promote economic development
Why do the posters often suggest an association between economic prosperity and happy 1 child families?
How many missing girls are there in the under 20 categories?
Iran: - Anti-natalist or pro-natalist  ?

http://www1.istockphoto.com/file_thumbview_approve/398959/2/istockphoto_398959_iran.jpg
1967 – first anti-natalist policy

1979 – pro-natalist

1988 – anti-natalist

2006 – pro-natalist ?
1967

start of family planning

• accelerating economic growth

• slow rapid growth (2.75%)
1979 - start of Islamic Revolution

family planning program - western influence

promotion of contraception by health officials banned

Procreation to bolster the ranks of “soldiers for Islam” (8 year war with Iraq)

Ayatollah Khomeini

http://www.fnb.to/FNB/Article/Khomeyni/Khomeiny3.jpg
Khomeini’s pro-natalist policy resulted in a growth rate of 3.2%.

Total fertility rate rose to 7.
1988

Khomeini reconsidered his stance due to:

• faltering economy
• severe unemployment
• overcrowded & polluted cities
1988 – 2001

national family planning program was revived

• encouraged women to wait 3 – 4 years between children

• discouraged childbearing for those < 18 and > 35

• limit family size to 3 children
• restricted maternity leave after 3 children

• family planning & mother / infant health care information incorporated into school curriculum

• government controlled media promoted family planning
• religious leaders supported the gov’n’t plan (fatwas permitted & encouraged the use of all types of contraception including male and female sterilization)

• all couples take a class on modern contraception before marriage

• gov’n’t. sanctioned condom factory
• free birth control and sterilization

• investment in literacy (between 1970 & 2001)

males (48% – 84%)

females (25% - 70%)**

Total fertility rate dropped < 3
(expected to be 2 by 2010)
"Fewer children, better education."

"Less population, more opportunities, prosperous future."

"Better life with fewer children: Girl or boy, two is enough."
"It is said that two children is enough. I oppose this," President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told legislators. "Our country has a lot of capacities. It even has the capacity for 120 million people."

reduction in working hours for women to allow for more child bearing & rearing
Quebec - Pro-natalist

1950’s - one of the highest Fertility Rates in the developed world (Catholic & rural)

1987 - FR of 1.4 (1.7 Canada) & Quebec’s share of Canadian population was decreasing
Why did the fertility rates decrease so drastically?

Why were the issues of lower fertility rate than the Canadian average and the decreasing % of Canadian population in Quebec, so important to the politicians of Quebec?
1987

1st set of incentives

• $500 for each of 1st 2 children
• $3000 for each subsequent child
• Child care facilities improved & expanded
• Tax free family allowance if 2 or more children
• Interest free housing loans (up to $7000)
1992

2nd set of incentives

• $500 for 1st child
• $1000 for 2nd child
• $6000 for each subsequent child
• Other benefits remained the same

1997

Program ended after 10 yrs. of minimal success
Some people were extremely opposed to the use of money as an incentive.

Why would this have been the case?
2003 election

Parti Quebecois’ platform involved population expansion

couples who have a baby within 5 years of finishing university will get 1/2 their student loan paid off
Why do you think this offer was good for only 5 years after university?

What group of people would be favoured by this policy?
Since the mid-1960s, Singapore's government has attempted to control the country's rate of population growth with a mixture of publicity, exhortation, and material incentives and disincentives.
Singapore - anti-natalist & pro-natalist

1947 – 1957

GR = 4.4 %  (doubling time = ? years)

various government & private programs

slowed until 1970’s
Why did the population start to rise again quickly in the 70’s?
1969 – 1972 population disincentives

- raise cost of 3rd and subsequent children
- civil servants received no paid maternity leave for 3rd +
- income tax deductions for 2 only
- maternity hospitals charged progressively more for each additional child
- enrollment to top primary schools went to children of pre – 40 sterilized parents
• voluntary sterilization rewarded by seven days of paid sick leave and by priority in the allocation of such public goods as housing and education

• publicity campaigns: "Stop at Two" and arguing that large families threatened parents' present livelihood and future security.

• penalties affected poor more than rich
The anti-natalist policies worked so well, now Singapore is promoting births again
Dating pamphlets to encourage and help young couple

www.wow-her.com.sg/events.htm
Japan

Princesses Masako & Aiko
Nepal
La planificación familiar es un derecho de todos

para mayor información asista a:
COF

http://info.k4health.org/pr/j50/p5.jpg
Ethiopia

Family planning enables us to create a bright future for our children.
Indonesia
Vietnam

2 children is enough
Vietnam
Vietnam
India

Wait until the 1st child is 3 before having your 2nd

www.ecoworld.com/waters/indias-population.html
Egypt
United States

Together we know what we need.

Family planning
Annual exams
Birth control
558-4472

San Mateo County Health Services Agency
hsahealth.org
Family Planning
India's Hindu extremist party, the VHP, has asked the government to enforce family planning measures on the Muslim population, saying its rapid increase is "detrimental" to Hindus in the country.