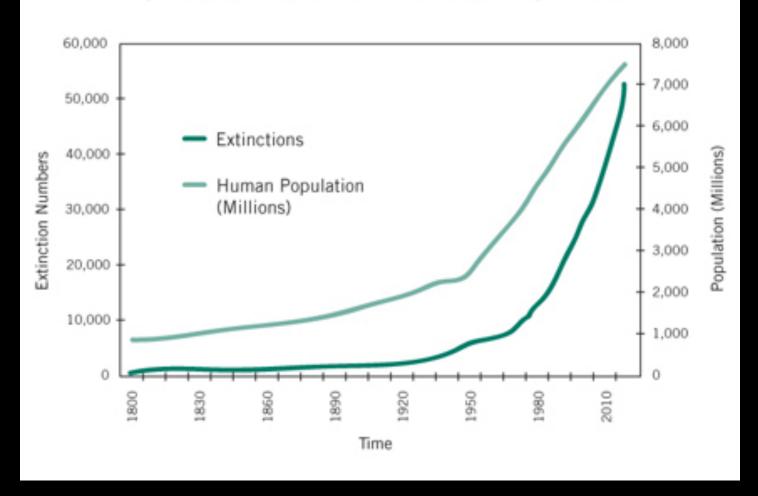
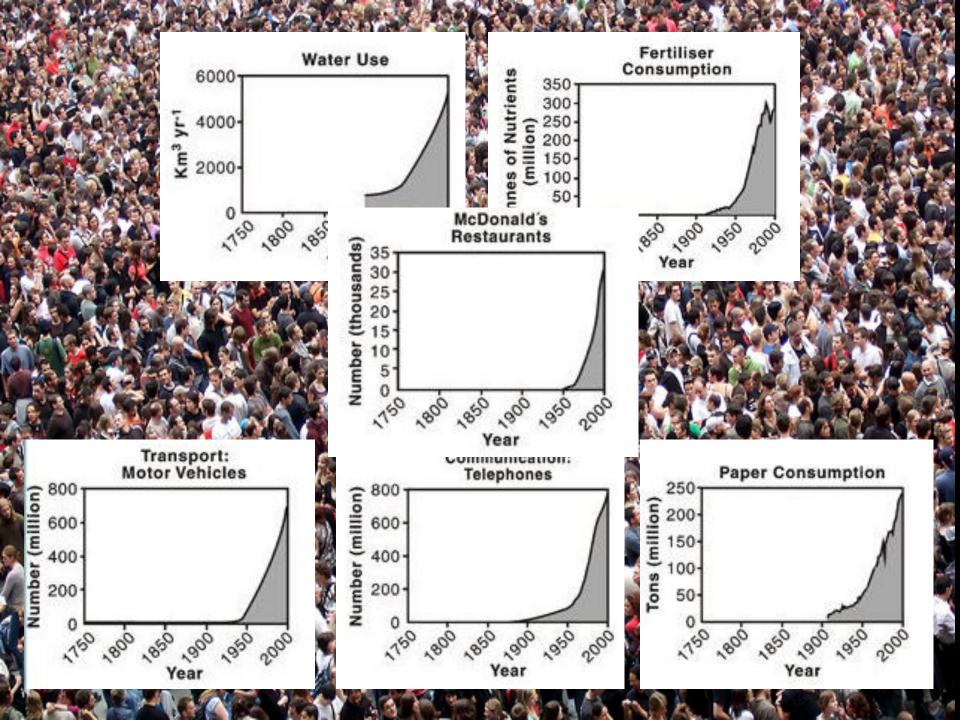


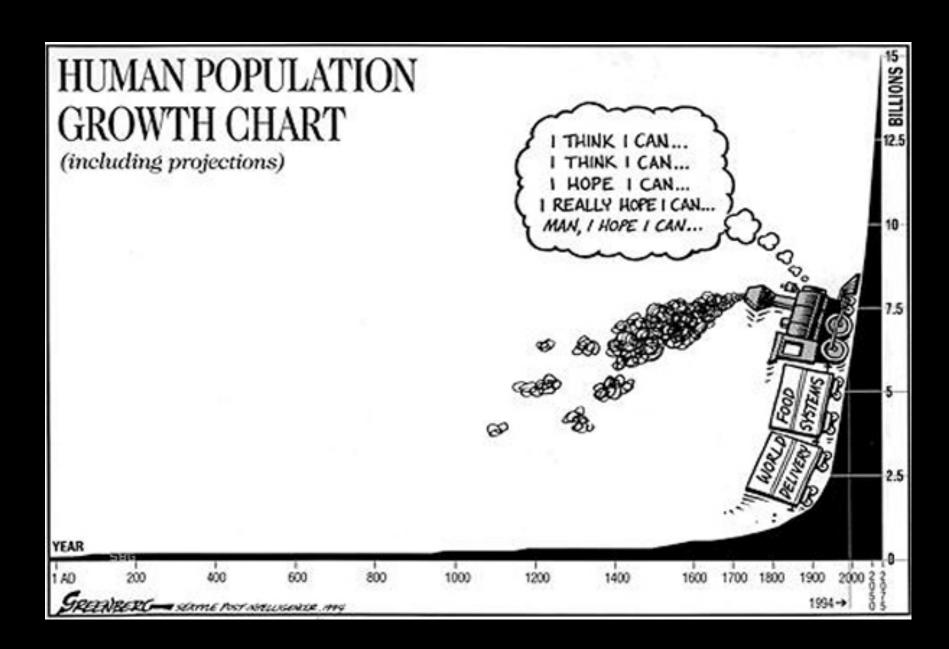
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#### Species Extinction and Human Population

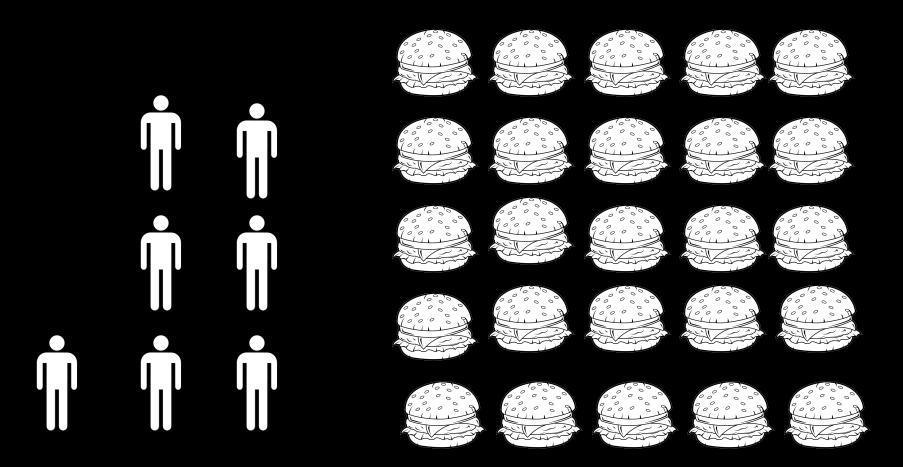


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### **Human vs Wild Vertebrate Biomass**

Metric tons (dry weight)

Land Vertebrates

**Humans** 

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Metric tons (dry weight)

Cattle **Humans** 

Land Vertebrates

### **Human vs Wild Vertebrate Biomass**

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Poultry Pigs

Sheep

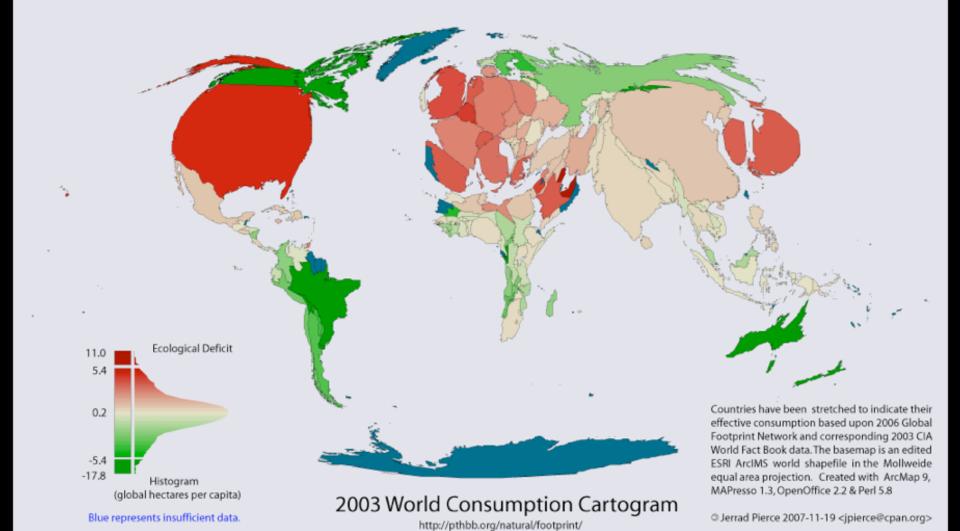
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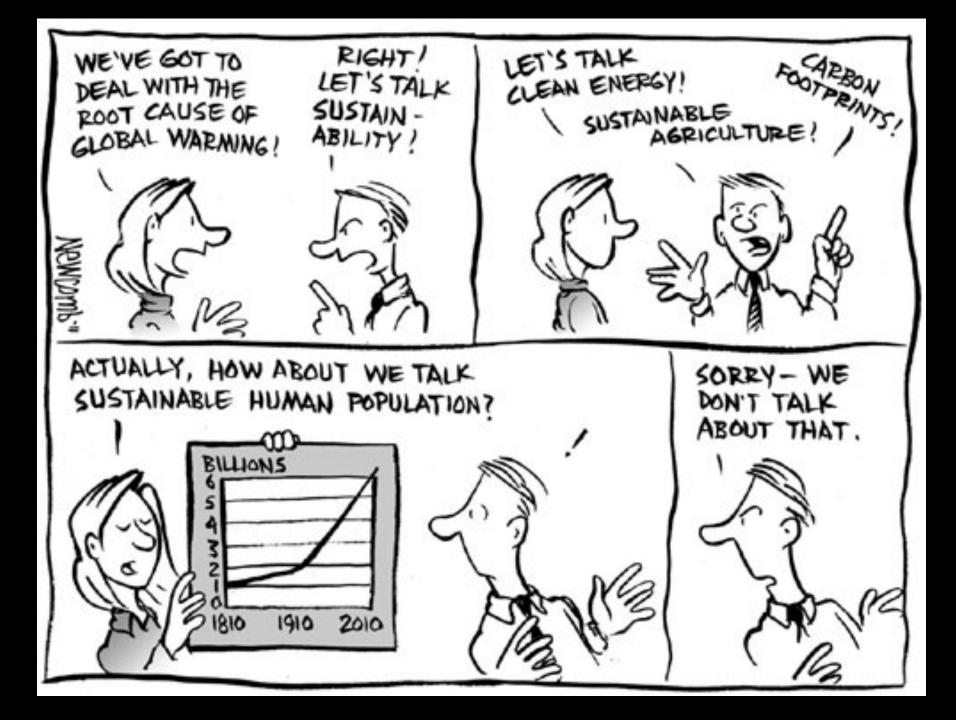
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### What Can We Do About It?





# What About the Law?



#### **National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**

Sec. 101 (a) "The Congress, recognizing the profound impact of man's activity on the interrelations of all components of the natural environment, particularly the profound influences of population growth ... declares that it is the continuing policy ... to use all practicable means and measures ... to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony..."

"The common root or driver of most, possibly all, of these threats is the number of humans populating the planet and the level of human consumption of natural resources, both of which are increasing in most areas around the globe."

National Marine Fisheries Service, 2012



## **Population Policy**

- ➤ Must advance human rights and social justice
- ➤ Access to family planning and reproductive health care
- ➤ Promotes choosing a small family vs. rewarding large families
- ➤ Urban planning



# **Meat Consumption Policy**



- ► Advance cultural shift
- ➤ Make alternatives more accessible
- > Factory farm regulation
- Subsidies vs. true cost

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