

## Can Earth handle 8 billion people?



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1. What do these cartoons say about the UN's recent estimate that the world's population has grown to 8 billion people?
2. Nations with the fastest growing populations also are the poorest, producing a tiny fraction of the greenhouse gasses that cause climate change. Which countries caused most global warming?
3. Many of those fast-growing poor nations are among the hardest hit by climate change. Is that likely to cause more warfare and mass migrations?
4. What will happen as those fast-growing populations demand a better standard of living?

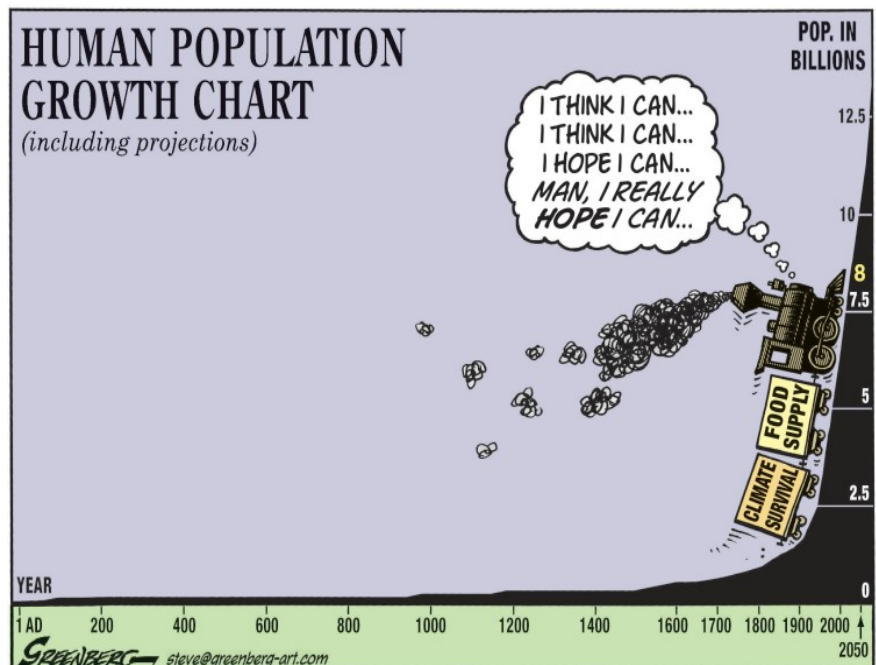
### Between the lines

"We do have a population problem and we do have a population issue. But I think most importantly, we have an overconsumption issue." - Vanessa Perez-Cicera, the World Resources Institute.

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