

Population

- Education and empowerment of women are critical factors for the success of contraceptive programs. Such programs must reflect the the cultural context of each society in order be effective.
- Current evidence shows that economic well being and education promote low birthrates. When women have social status that allows them control over their own lives, birthrates decrease. Any policy addressing population must include a discussion of women throughout the world.
- We need to address the underlying causes of overpopulation in order to bring our planet back into balance between people and nature. Overconsumption in developed nations and exploitation of developing countries are the root causes of this imbalance.
- I agree with the 5 key points of the Green Party US platform as follow:
 1. Those living in the industrialized world must end the habits of waste and over-consumption that place as much stress on the environment as does population growth in developing nations.
 2. We must remove the political and economic barriers that prevent women around the world from having all the resources necessary to become skilled family planners.
 3. Funds must be allocated for expanded scientific research into safer and more effective birth control techniques and devices. We demand better-than-adequate health care for women and children--especially prenatal care.
 4. There must be access to free birth control devices, information counseling, and clinics to all who desire them. We call for implementation of family planning education for both genders in all levels of the state school system.
 5. We must promote new traditions and images of men becoming fully involved in all aspects of the family planning process.
- I will help develop and support policy that works toward sustainable consumption in developed countries. I will promote foreign policy that helps developing countries encourage education, social and cultural equality for women and distribution of food where the need exists.

- We must look at the root causes of unsustainable practices to address the perceived problems of “overpopulation”. Reduction of poverty, increased access to contraceptives and immunizations and the education and empowerment of women combined with demilitarization and sustainable environmental policy will address the real global problems of population without reaching the tipping point for quality human existence for all nations.