

Assignment #1  
Human Geography Online

**Geographies of Population Control, Migration, or Globalization**

For this assignment, choose **one** of the following:

**Choice 1: Population Control in Two Countries**

Compare and contrast the methods of population control undertaken in two countries. Choose any two countries. You may select the United States, however it may be more interesting and informative to learn about two other countries (and possibly find out how the U.S. intervenes in some countries' population control measures). Some countries famous (or infamous) for their population control policies are China, Uzbekistan, India, Uzbekistan, Singapore, Iran, and the United States. It may also be interesting to see what is happening in Japan, Germany, and Russia (these are just three of the countries with shrinking populations).

To complete this assignment, be sure you are familiar with the concepts and arguments in Chapter 3. Watch videos #3-#7 on the [YouTube Playlist](#). Then, research population control measures in your chosen countries. You may start with Wikipedia, but please do not plagiarize or cite it. If you would like to cite facts stated on Wikipedia, trace them back to the original source and give credit with in-text citations, parenthetical references, a works cited page/bibliography, etc. Wikipedia is not the origin of truth, however sometimes it is a truthful summary of information and a good way to start learning about an unfamiliar topic.

**Choice 2: Migration**

Research a 21<sup>st</sup> Century migration stream. Possible topics include migrants uprooted from their homes because of conflict, political upheaval and disasters, as well as by climate change and development projects. Syrian refugees cover a few of these topics. Much of the migration for people who are uprooted is from rural areas to cities in the developing world. A partial list of countries with large numbers of people fleeing conflict or disaster: Iraq, Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Yemen, and Haiti.

To complete this assignment, you will have to select and research one migration stream (if you choose Syrian refugees, for example, you may narrow the scope of your topic to cover just one or two countries that have accepted Syrian refugees). Treat this like a typical research paper with an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Include 3-5 sources and properly cite information from these sources in the paper (in-text citations and/or parenthetical references). If you would like to run a topic by the professor, feel free to email Prof. Bjerke by the day before the assignment deadline.

**Choice 3: Globalization, Uneven Development, and Cities in the Developing World**

Research one developing world city that is experiencing rapid growth, or has experienced rapid growth in the past (ex: Kabul or Rio de Janeiro).

- How is the city coping (or how did it cope) with an influx of new migrants?
- Are there slums/shantytowns? If so, are they permanent or temporary?

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- What is the source of growth? Which countries are involved? Which push and pull factors?
- What are the future prospects for the city? What are the plans for development? If there is uneven development, will it persist?

Possible sources for this assignment include city websites, including local government documents (such as a master plan). You may also want to look at major governmental and non-governmental organizations, news segments, and other publications.

#### **Requirements (these apply whether you pick Choice 1, 2, or 3):**

- 2-4 pages. 2 pages minimum (images, bibliographies, and other material do not count toward the number of pages – they should be at the end, on a separate page)
- Typed
- Double spaced
- 1 inch margins
- Common, 12 point font (Times/Times New Roman/Arial)
- Please, do not put your name or course info on your paper
- Include any images in your document (upload everything in one file)
- Turnitin checks for plagiarism - be sure you are submitting your original work, or citing sources where appropriate
- A note about citations: parenthetical references and in-text citations are often necessary in papers for this class in order to properly cite and give credit for ideas borrowed from an original source. Citations should be appropriate to the length of the paper (in a 2-4 page paper, long direct quotes are not appropriate).

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