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War is Good

Support Paragraph #1

The first reason that war is good is that it can help control populations. Now, I know what you are thinking. You are thinking that I am a sadistic monster, and how could I say such a thing? I've heard it many times before. The reality is, with the population of the Earth at nearly eight billion people, we will eventually either run out of resources or die from the effects of climate change. That could be our reality, or war could kill a lot of people, therefore helping us. According to the text, "Is War a Method of Population Control?", "

Mongol conquest 5,000,000 dead

Napoleonic Wars 6,500,000 dead

American Civil War 625,000 dead

Spanish Civil War 500,000 dead

World War I 9,911,000 dead

World War II 61,000,000 dead

Korean War 3,500,000 dead

Vietnam War 3,900,000 dead

We can document the deaths of over 2,000,000,000 people in various ‘war efforts.’”(Learningmind.com) If we tally up the deaths mentioned, we get a grand total of 90,936,000 people dead. This doesn’t mention every war documented, but the figure of 2,000,000,000 does. That is just that many fewer people we need to share our resources with.

Secondly, population decline is good because when fewer people occupy a place, there will be fewer homes, schools, and other facilities, meaning there will be lower home pricing, lower taxes, and, most importantly, more room for nature. According to government.nl, “Other effects of population decline include:

- fewer schools, due to there being fewer children;
- a drop in house prices because more homes are unoccupied;
- fewer new homes being built;
- less demand for rented accommodation;
- fewer care facilities;
- less turnover for shopkeepers and businesses;
- fewer sports facilities;
- fewer people going to the theatre, cinema or concerts, so these facilities are eventually cut back;
- fewer people travelling by public transport, which thus costlier to run;
- local residents have to travel further to reach the facilities they want.”

This shows that there would be fewer facilities, meaning housing would be cheaper due to less demand, taxes would be lower due to less need for government funding, and, of course, more living space for animals and plants. These quotes show that war is good because less of the Earth will be depleted, there can be lower pricing of homes, lower taxes, and the environment can be saved.

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Rebuttal

Although I will admit that war does have downsides (e.g. environmental loss, pollution [and birth defects from it], etc.), and of course there are some downsides to loss of life, war is still good. Though there are some negatives to war, there are positive sides to those negatives.

Environmental loss can be good. There are 8.623 million people living in New York City, and therefore if it were destroyed, there would be a lot less CO₂ emissions. According to dec.ny.gov, “New York City’s per capita GHG emissions in 2015 was an average of 6.1 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e) emissions per capita, significantly lower than the American average of 19 tCO₂e per capita.” (dec.ny.gov). This means that if all 8.2 million people who live in New York City were to die then there would be approximately 50 million metric tons less carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere each year.

Secondly, you say that birth defects are bad, but a study by Michael Bamshad says otherwise. According to that study, “The genetic analysis of birth defects allows us to dissect the roles of these molecules in developmental programs. Molecular evolution of the regulation of the genes coordinating developmental programs underlies, in part, morphologic differences within and between species.” This quote gives the reasons that birth defects can lead to evolution by saying that when the genes change and a birth defect is present it can be genetic, and there could

be some defects that are helpful to humanity. Evolution comes from mutation, and birth defects are mutations.

I hope that this information lets you understand the good side of your “problems.”

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