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New NPG Forum Paper Calls for Action Beyond Name Changes

Name Changes or Federal Policies, Which One Can Shape Tomorrow's World?

Alexandria, VA, (February 22, 2024): Negative Population Growth, Inc. (NPG), a leading national organization advocating for responsible population policies, has announced the release of a thought-provoking new Forum paper by Dr. Karen I. Shragg, titled "[Strictly Accountable: A Call for the Tough Love of Real Solutions.](#)"

Transforming Renaming Movements into Real Change

In this eye-opening new work, Shragg invites readers not to be satisfied with the mere renaming of places, animals, and things – but to push beyond the status quo to implement substantial changes in how we approach our environment and resources. She skillfully illustrates her points by examining the recent efforts to rename landmarks and species to reflect cultural and ecological sensitivity, compelling us to look deeper at the issues these acts gloss over.

A Bold Wake-Up Call

Shragg does not shy away from drawing attention to the formidable challenges created by population growth. "We are living at a time of macroaggression against the source of life itself, our fragile biosphere," she writes. Her paper serves as a call to go beyond renaming and to focus national efforts on population policies in light of pressing environmental realities.

"The US, like every other country, has limits... We cannot keep building on every square inch of soil to accommodate more and more newcomers without threatening our quality of life," remarks Shragg. She further argues that technology, while providing solutions in some areas, cannot replace the finite nature of essential resources like water.

The Deeper Quest for a Sustainable Future

NPG's latest paper echoes the urgency of addressing the core matters of overpopulation and resource depletion. It asks us to sculpt new narratives based on ecological and economic facts: "There is a deeper, longer-term humanity in the efforts to set and enforce limits at the border," Shragg observes, challenging both individuals and policymakers to move from passive acknowledgment to active solution-finding.

Realigning Priorities for a Fairer World

Addressing Americans directly, Shragg postulates that the focus on renaming as a means to avoid offense serves as a distraction from the stark problems of climate change and habitat destruction. She encourages a shift of energies toward protecting our environment: "We cannot for a moment allow ourselves to think that any name changes will help birds survive our obsession with growth."

About Negative Population Growth, Inc.

Since 1972, NPG has worked to educate both the public and policy leaders about the impacts of overpopulation. With a steadfast commitment to reducing population growth to achieve a sustainable balance with our environmental resources, NPG continues to be a leading voice of reason in a world often driven by the pursuit of perpetual growth. NPG advocates the adoption of its [Proposed National Population Policy](#), with the goal of eventually stabilizing U.S. population at a sustainable level – far lower than today's. We do not simply identify the problems – we propose solutions. For more information, visit our website at NPG.org, follow us on Facebook @[NegativePopulationGrowth](#), or follow us on Twitter @[npg_org](#).

Take Action

NPG encourages readers and lawmakers alike to absorb the insights from Shragg's paper and to advocate for responsible, informed population policies that ensure a viable future for the planet and its inhabitants.