Population Policies

Pro-Natalist (a.k.a. Expansive)

What?
Policies that encourage larger families
  -Increase birth rates

Why?
Build an army for war
A sense of national relief (baby boomers)
Move away from ZPG

When?
DTM stage 5, sometimes 4

How?
Banning sale of contraceptives
(ex. Mongolia)
Offering cash for 2nd and subsequent children
(ex. Russia)
Free/cheaper "baby stuff" (ex. Diapers)
Cheap childcare
Paid or longer maternity leaves

Issues?
If child = cash, it could lead to child abandonment
into orphanages (ex. Romania)
Women who are unable to have children can't
receive benefits

Examples
France, Japan, Germany, Russia, Italy
*note: many young career women are putting
having children at the bottom of priority lists

Anti-Natalist (a.k.a. Restrictive)

What?
Policies that encourage smaller families
  -Decrease birth rates

Why?
Not enough resources to support population
(ex. Land area, food production)
Overcrowding problems

When?
DTM stage 2

How?
Lowering price of contraceptives
Publicizing advantages of a smaller family
the media
Increasing taxes on "baby stuff"
Money for childless couples
Propaganda

Issues?
Sterilization could be forced
Human rights infringed upon
Not meeting replacement level (TFR 2.1)
When current generation ages, quick die-out of
population could occur

Examples
China, India (in the past)
Kenya, Nigeria
Singapore (has been going back and forth
between Pro and Anti Natalist)

Eugenic Population Policies
Eugenic policies favor one racial/ethnic group and may lead to the subjugation of other groups with less
political or social influence.
(ex. Nazi Germany, quite a few other countries which subjugate minority groups within their population)