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*Population panic lets rich people off the hook for the climate crisis they are fuelling*

*Rising consumption by the affluent has a far greater environmental impact than the birth rate in poorer nations*

When a major study was published last month, showing that the global population is likely to peak then crash much sooner than most scientists had assumed, I naively imagined that people in rich nations would at last stop blaming all the world's environmental problems on population growth. I was wrong. If anything, it appears to have got worse.

George Monbiot, *The Guardian*