

Breed or Die: Inside Pronatalism

Malcolm and Simone Collins say they want people to have more babies. But which people?

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Find in the text, and in that particular order, the words corresponding to the following definitions.

1. Absorbent material wrapped around a baby's bottom and between its legs:
2. A mark or series of signs left behind by the passage of someone or something:
3. Complain or protest strongly and persistently about:
4. Surround and have or hold within:

Rephrase in your own words one of the following sentences, paying particular attention to the words underlined.

5. "They toy with controversial ideas to nudge birth rates in an upward direction" (1.21):
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6. "Low-fertility societies are staring down the barrel":
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Right or wrong? Justify your answer.

7. Malcolm and Simone Collins do not question equality between genders.
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8. Malcolm wants to use reason to persuade the American population to have more babies.
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9. According to the pronatalist Collinses, the more babies are born, the better for the civilization.
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10. The Collinses claim financially independent women will not increase the birth rate.
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11. The data and figures Malcolm Collins is quoting to support the view IQ is falling are wrong.
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Answer the following questions.

12. Quote one social and one political argument suggesting Malcolm Collins is on the right side of the political spectrum.
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13. Define "dysgenics" in simple terms.
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14. What would the Collinses' dream world for the future be?
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15. Quote one strategy Malcolm Collins might have on his mind to make sure the future of society is not "imperilled".
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16. Written expression

Briefly answer and discuss the following subject.

Parents should be able to choose the features of their children.

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