**Sociology 320 (#9906): Population Challenges, Spring 2020**

**Due Friday, May 8, 2020, by 11:59 pm, Blackboard**

**Final paper assignment**

Congratulations! You just got accepted into a summer internship program with the United Nations’ department of Population Statistics. Your first assignment as an intern is to prepare a country report (8-10 pages double spaced, including graphs and tables, if any).

**List of countries your department is currently interested in:**

**India, China, Philippines, Japan, South Korea, Sweden, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Poland, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Egypt, South Africa, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Kenya.**

The goal of the report is to give an overview of the country’s population challenges. Specifically, you need to:

1. Briefly describe the country (e.g., geographic location, population size, political system, language, religion, level of economic development, and any other relevant information) (1 paragraph).
2. Briefly summarize the current demographic situation in this country with respect to the main demographic processes – fertility, mortality, migration – and population structure, citing the appropriate measures (include 2020 population pyramid). Is this country’s population expected to grow or decline? At what rate? Due to which of the main demographic process(es)? (1 paragraph).
3. Identify 3 population challenges that the country is facing *right now*. Explain their causes and consequences (e.g., for the individuals residing in this country, the society, the region, the world, if applicable). (1 paragraph for each challenge = 3 paragraphs).
4. Use the population projections to describe how the country’s population might look like in 2050 (include the population pyramid in 2050). How is the population expected to change with respect to size and age/sex structure? (1 short paragraph).
5. Identify 3 population challenges that this country *is likely to be facing in 2050*. Explain their causes and consequences (e.g., for the individuals residing in this country, the society, the society, the region, the world, if applicable). (1 paragraph for each challenge = 3 paragraphs).
6. Given everything you wrote, what policy recommendations can you make to the government of this country? Provide 3 recommendations addressing 3 different current or future population challenges you identified earlier. Explain how your recommendations will help mitigate the current or future population challenges. (1 paragraph).

Use relevant class readings and additional resources (e.g., scientific articles, research reports, newspaper articles; at least 10 total**)** to describe and explain the population challenges. Cite your sources (use APA style) and include the bibliography at the end of the paper. To make a good impression, pay attention not only to the content, but also to the grammar, vocabulary, style, and formatting of your report. Good luck!

**Other content and formatting requirements:**

1. Include a title page with:

Title of your paper (be creative, make sure to indicate the country you are writing about)

Your name and student ID

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1. Do NOT include an abstract, an introduction (#1 can serve as an introduction) or a conclusion paragraphs (#6 can serve as a conclusion)
2. Use 12pt Time News Roman font, double spaced, 1 inch margins on all sides.
3. Include page numbers.
4. For each graph, include number (e.g., Figure 1), title and source of data.
5. You are required to include 2 population pyramids; you may also include up to 2 additional tables/graphs in any combination (2 graphs or 2 tables or 1 graph and 1 table); please, choose them carefully, make sure they convey an important information and indicate the source.
6. Use in-text citations in APA style if you want to reference certain information.
7. DO NOT use direct quotes. To avoid plagiarism, rephrase the information and use in-text citations to reference the source.
8. DO NOT include any pictures.
9. DO NOT use footnotes or endnotes.
10. DO NOT use hyperlinks except in the list of references where they may be appropriate.
11. Include the alphabetized list of references (use at least 10 sources) at the end of the paper (References). Use APA style to format the references.
12. Follow the page limits requirement (8-10 pages). The title page and the reference page DO NOT count toward the page limit.

**Resources:**

1. *Population pyramids, projections and other demographic data:*

<https://population.un.org/wpp/Graphs/DemographicProfiles/>

(Select country and Under “Select the graph”, choose “Population pyramid.” Change the year, if needed. Right click on the graph and select “Copy”, then “Paste” it in your text document. You can also “Download a high-resolution profile” in .pdf by clicking on the link about the graph.)

<https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/idb/informationGateway.php>

Other sources of demographic data can be found on the following websites:

* [Population Reference Bureau](http://www.prb.org/)
* [The World Bank](http://www.worldbank.org/)
* [The World Health Organization (WHO)](http://www.who.int/en/)
* [Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)](http://www.oecd.org/)
1. *Info on APA style citations:* <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/asa_style/index.html>

**Submission process:**

Please submit your paper on Blackboard in either .docx, doc or .pdf formats. DO NOT submit .pages or other types of documents as I won’t be able to read them. I will use SafeAssign feature on Blackboard to check for plagiarism. If your file cannot be processed in SaveAssign, I will ask you to reformat and resubmit your paper. If I don’t hear from you within a few days, I will take 10 points off. If after reviewing the originality report I conclude that you plagiarize significant portions of your paper, your grade will be reduced by 5-20 points. Papers that are over 70% plagiarized will receive 0.

Two submission attempts will be allowed, and the latest attempt will be graded.

Papers submitted late will be penalized by 5 points per each 24 hour period they are late.

If you really want to write your paper about **a country that is NOT on the** **list**, please email me your request no later than **April 8, 2020.** All such requests need to be approved by the instructor. Before submitting your request, consider whether you would be able to find additional information to identify and describe this country’s population challenges.