

Declining Birthrate in Japan

1) Predictions

- a) In 50 years, projected to be 1.35 kids per woman
- b) Elderly population will continue to grow
- c) Life Expectancy of Men 86.39 years
- d) Life Expectance of Women 90.9
- e) Soon, death rate will be 1 million per year
 - i) Population 87 Million by 2060
 - ii) 40% to be over 65 years old

2) Causes

- a) Economic and Systematic
 - i) Years of stagnant income
 - (1) Men less attractive
 - ii) System of promoting seniority over experience
 - iii) Work and overtime
 - (1) Exhaustion and stress
 - iv) Economic uncertainty leading couples to delay marriage and kids
 - v) Shortage of public day cares, mainly in cities
 - vi) Cost and burden of parenthood high
 - (1) First 5 years cost an estimated \$73,000.
- b) Cultural
 - i) Not supportive environment to women
 - (1) Less likely to want to have kids
 - ii) Women in workforce
 - (1) Women now can choose to have career
 - (a) Must choose either or, family or career
 - iii) Sex rate decreasing

- (1) Percent of couples who are sexless is 40%
- (2) Increased from 31% from 2004
- iv) Law
 - (1) Made by Men
 - (2) One-sided thinking
- 3) Is declination bad overall?
 - a) Current World Population
 - i) 6,974,000,000
 - b) USA
 - i) 311,6000,000
 - c) Japan
 - i) 127,800,000
 - ii) Only 1.8% of world's population
 - d) Declining Resources
 - i) Need to find a way to sustain 6.9 billion people
 - ii) Declining birthrate is a way to help w/o need of laws, such as China
- 4) Solutions
 - a) 子ども手当
 - i) If kid is 15 and below
 - (1) Government provides family 13,000 Yen a month.
 - b) Abenomics
 - i) Women in workforce with kids
 - (1) Wants to increase # of daycares
 - (2) Problem is waiting list
 - ii) Company Subsidies
 - (1) Establish for companies that allow M and W to leave their job until child is 3 yrs old

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