

# Racist demographics of Bush's genocide

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As a result of George Bush's Operation Desert Storm, one out of every two Iraqi infants has died, yielding one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world, in what was formerly a relatively advanced and industrialized developing country. As recently declassified U.S. National Security Council (NSC) documents dating back to the 1970s show, this is a deliberate policy by the Anglo-American establishment, to deal with what they consider the "population problem"—the fact that, in their view, too many black and brown babies are being born in the world.

That genocide is the official policy was again made clear on April 30, when the U.S. government announced that it would veto an Iraqi request for the U.N. to authorize it to sell \$1 billion of oil to purchase desperately needed food. The continuing embargo on medical and food relief is ensuring that millions more Iraqis will die of starvation and epidemics this summer. The U.S. Air Force has also threatened to shoot down an Iraqi plane spraying insecticide, claiming that the insecticide might be used to poison insurgent Kurds. As a result, some 60% of the wheat and barley harvest is threatened with destruction.

Meanwhile, the U.S. administration has encouraged the Israeli government to continue its oppression against 1.7 million Palestinians in the Occupied Territories. During the war with Iraq, Israel cut off all food supplies to the Palestinians, transforming the territories into a gigantic concentration camp. Despite U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's supposed new peace initiative, Israel is building new settlements in the territories, designed to displace the Palestinians.

There are several reasons for this U.S. policy. One reason is generally overlooked. The Palestinians of the Gaza Strip have the highest birth rate of the Mideast; the Iraqis had—until the war—the second highest. Jewish Israel, on the other hand, is, except for Soviet Jewish immigration, barely sustaining its own population.

Bush war's with Iraq has partially reversed this demographic trend. The infant mortality rate in Iraq now exceeds 50%, while the death rate of children overall is 10 to 20 times what it was before the war, the Red Cross reports.

## A Kissinger policy

In last week's *EIR*, we published excerpts from recently declassified NSC documents which reveal that the policy being imposed on the Arabs is not a new one. In spring 1974,

shortly after he personally set up the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger prepared a 200-page, top-secret study entitled "National Security Study Memorandum 200: Implications of Worldwide Population Growth for U.S. Security and Overseas Interests."

Kissinger lists 13 "target countries" in which the United States has a "special national security interest" in reducing those countries' populations. One of these countries is Egypt. The Gaza Strip, seized by Israel in the 1967 war, is part of Egypt.

Here is what Kissinger has to say about the demographic relationship between the Arabs and Jews of the region in NSSM 200: "Egypt with about 37 million today is growing at 2.8% per year. It will approximate 48 million by 1995, and more than 85 million by 2000. . . . With Israel starting at today's population of 3.3 million, the disparity between its population and those of the Arab states will rapidly increase. Inside Israel, unless Jewish immigration continues, the gap between the size of the Arab and Jewish populations will diminish."

This difference in Arab and Jewish population growth has an "ominous" effect on "U.S. interests," Kissinger concludes. For such reasons, he continues, Egypt must be induced to reduce its population growth rate. A similar policy applies toward Israeli Arabs, and Arabs in the Occupied Territories.

## Israel, Islam, and the new world order

It is noteworthy that Kissinger, in this and related declassified documents, decries "religious factors" and "pro-natalism," which make it difficult to convince states like Egypt to accept population control. It remains unstated, but obvious, that one of the primary reasons for the U.S. government's hostility toward Islam, as in the case of its hostility to the Vatican, is Islam's aversion to abortion and contraception. For such reasons, Islam cannot be assimilated, at least in its present form, into the "new world order."

If a population, such as the Palestinians or Iraqis, will not reduce its population growth voluntarily, its population can be reduced involuntarily. Wars and disease, as well as the usurious financial policies pursued by the International Monetary Fund, which increase malnutrition and disease, are such means.

Kissinger's reference to Jewish immigration is particularly striking.

In 1971, Kissinger held a series of meetings with then-Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko relating to the ongoing negotiations over the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT). But that was not their only topic of discussion. They also took up the issue of opening the floodgates for mass Soviet Jewish emigration. These Jews, who were first allowed to enter the United States in the 1970s, are now, through U.S. and Soviet agreement, only allowed to emigrate to Israel.