

Abstract

In this research report I address the question: Is a 'zero population growth policy' morally justifiable in South Africa?¹

My research report focuses on the relative value of two competing ethical claims: that of an individual's reproductive rights, weighed up against the claim that a limitation of freedom in choice will tend to maximise human welfare and human values.

I shall argue that the long-term welfare of the community and human development for all who have potentialities, and not as presently for a privileged few, outweighs the claim that reproductive rights are absolute.²

¹ Dictionary.com, 2011, "Zero Population Growth."

² Rene, 2007, p 53; Lee, 1979, p 67

