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Dear Brian and Staff:

May I cast my vote for a
future Booknotes program?

Population Politics
by Virginia Abernethy

Insight Books, New York, NY, 1993^{C.}

In deciding whether to invite
Dr. Abernethy to Booknotes, perhaps you
should view the tape of Firing Line, guests
Virginia Abernethy and Robert Bartley,
Editorial page Editor of the Wall Street Journal
(seen Sunday June 13, 1993 in San Diego).
The book was held up and referred to several
times.

Sincerely,

"A provocative book that raises disturbing questions about demographic and immigration policies and their implications for the future of the world. The questions are not comfortable ones, but we risk our future if we neglect to address them."

—**Paul R. Ehrlich, Ph.D.**, Bing Professor of Population Studies, and
Anne H. Ehrlich, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate,
Biological Sciences, Stanford University, Stanford, California

"Dr. Abernethy delivers a knockout blow to the more-the-merrier advocates by showing that, throughout history, nations with rapidly growing populations have cast most citizens into poverty, not affluence. With careful scholarship, she makes a compelling case for a new national policy on population and immigration."

—**William B. Dickinson**, Senior Media Consultant, The Biocentric
Institute, Airlie, Virginia; Past Editorial Director and General
Manager, The Washington Post Writers Group, Washington, D.C.

"Population is thrusting itself into public policy in both the developed and the underdeveloped worlds. In most political circles, people are recognizing that population exacerbates existing social and environmental problems. Dr. Abernethy gives us an informative and entertaining tour of this dialogue."

—**Richard D. Lamm, LL.B.**, Director, Center for Public Policy and
Contemporary Issues, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado;
Former Governor of Colorado

"...addresses one of the most vexing issues of our time—why, after five or more decades of 'helping' poor countries improve their standard of living, is poverty still the rule? In light of Abernethy's facts, leaders in the United States cannot be excused from rethinking policies with respect to immigration and foreign aid. This book provides a fresh look at classic and neoclassic views of overpopulation."

—**Kingsley Davis, Ph.D.**, Senior Research Fellow, The Hoover
Institution, Stanford, California

"Nothing is quite so political, in that it concerns power in society, as population. This book explores the ramifications of that power in a world whose population could triple. It is no less concerned with the developing nations than it is with the United States, which, it argues, should become a sustainable, stable population society."

—**Maurice King, M.D., F.R.C.P.**, Reader, Academic Unit of Public
Health Medicine, The University of Leeds, England

"A splendid critique of how U.S. foreign aid and liberal immigration [policy] result in population growth here and abroad."

—**Donald L. Huddle, Ph.D.**, Professor of Economics, Rice University,
Houston, Texas



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