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Mr. Montgomery’s essay passionately argues a very shallow reasoning. His point of view does not assign responsibility to the industrial world for the current environmental conditions. His belief in the well-provided-for-children as the sole vanguards of future as well as his rational for the number of “black, female PhD’s” (Montgomery 2) is presumptuous at best. Neither creativity is limited to privileged children nor is love of motherhood adamantly extinguished in women, black or white, who had to sacrifice to reach their academic or professional goals.

Mr. Montgomery continues with another trivial assumption “the fewer of us there are, the more there will be for each” (Montgomery 2) without citing a single example of equality in the history of mankind. He simply ignores that rationing resources failed in communist nations and among hippies alike. There is no justice in equality.

Dr. Rosling on the other hand, armed with his study of statistics and medicine, presented a compelling scenario in which global human inventiveness coupled with technological support of affluent nations provide a foundation for sustainable population rates. His counterintuitive point “working to reduce infant mortality, eliminating illiteracy and improving vaccination results in better population control” (Rosling) is balanced with his use of data presented via modest visual aids.

I find Dr. Rosling’s cool Swedish rational compelling and inspiring, and Mr. Montgomery’s argumentative retinoic irresponsible and dull.

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