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"No Children Without Connection: A Contextual Reframing of the Low Fertility Crisis"

### 1. Core Diagnosis

- Low fertility is not merely an economic issue.
- The root cause lies in the breakdown of social trust and the collapse of relational infrastructure.
- Childbearing is not an institutional decision but a personal choice grounded in sustainable connection and trust.

### 2. Blind Spots in Current Policy

- While policy encourages birth, society discourages it.
- Young people live in structural isolation and have lost faith in lasting relationships.
- Morality-driven messaging centered on "empathy" and "sensitivity" often undermines actual trust-building.

### 3. Analytical Framework: The Concept of Contextual Politics

- Contextual Politics shifts focus from numeric responses to structure design that reflects real-life rhythms.
- It emphasizes emotional grounding, relational continuity, and psychological sustainability.
- The younger generation no longer responds to moral or ideological appeals, but to structural conditions they can actually rely on.

### 4. Strategic Proposals

#### (1) Relationship-Centered Policy Shift:

- Move from short-term birth incentives to designing environments that support long-term

connection.

(2) Design Sensitivity in Policymaking:

- Replace traditional public campaigns with platform-based engagement policies that young people can feel and experience.
- Focus on creating connection through lived experience, not abstract messaging.

(3) Rebuilding Trust:

- Recognize that "a society where people can trust each other" is the structural prerequisite for fertility.
- Pilot public projects to rebuild the emotional infrastructure of daily life.

5. Conclusion

- Low fertility is not primarily a welfare issue-it is a crisis of trust and disconnection.
- Effective policies must go beyond systems and engage with the real flow of lived experience.
- We propose the term "Contextual Politics" as a core strategy for future policy renewal.