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The primary objective of this project will be to address the salient question regarding the decline in birth rates in Europe over the past two decades.

1. PRIMARY RESEARCH QUESTION

- How has the birth rate declined in Europe over the last 20 years, and what factors are most associated with this trend?

2. SECONDARY RESEARCH QUESTIONS

2.1 TRENDS AND PATTERNS

- What are the general trends in birth rates across Europe over the past two decades?
- How do these trends differ among regions (Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western Europe)?

2.2 SOCIOECONOMIC CORRELATIONS

- Is there a significant correlation between birth rates and GDP per capita, average salary, or unemployment rates?
- How does health expenditure relate to changes in birth rates and fertility rates?

2.3 DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL FACTORS

- How does the average age of women at marriage affect birth rates across regions?
- What role do education levels (high education in women) play in birth rate trends?

2.4 URBANIZATION AND POPULATION

- What impact does urbanization (urban vs. rural population) have on fertility rates and birth rates?

2.5 HEALTH INDICATORS

- How do infant mortality rates and health expenditure influence fertility and birth rates?

2.6 CULTURAL AND GEOGRAPHIC INFLUENCES

- Identify actionable insights for governments to address the decline in birth rates.
- Examine how regional differences and socioeconomic factors influence population dynamics.
- Explore potential policy implications related to education, health, and urban planning.