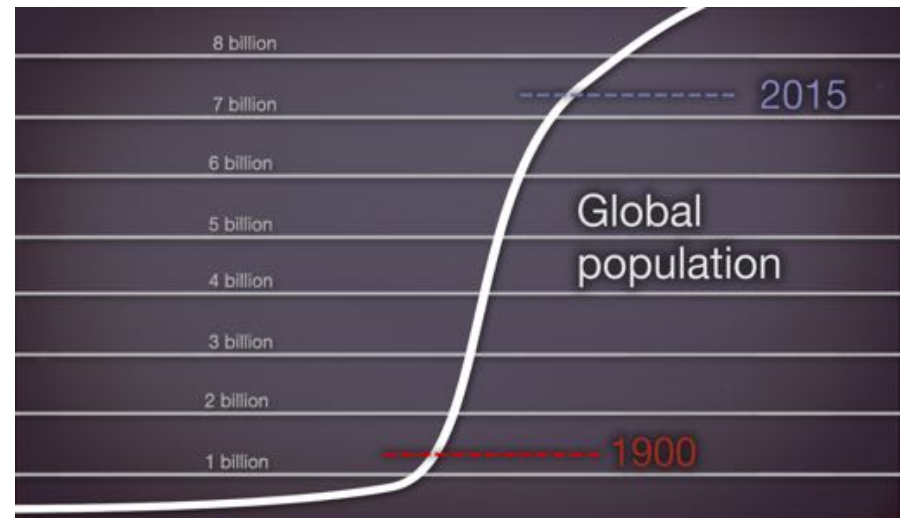


The World Today



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World population:
approximately
7.2 billion people

Growth rate:
rate at which a
population changes
over a year

How many people can
the earth support?

8,602,011,176



Carrying capacity:
number of organisms a
given habitat can
hold indefinitely

The Malthusian view:
human population could
one day exceed
Earth's carrying capacity