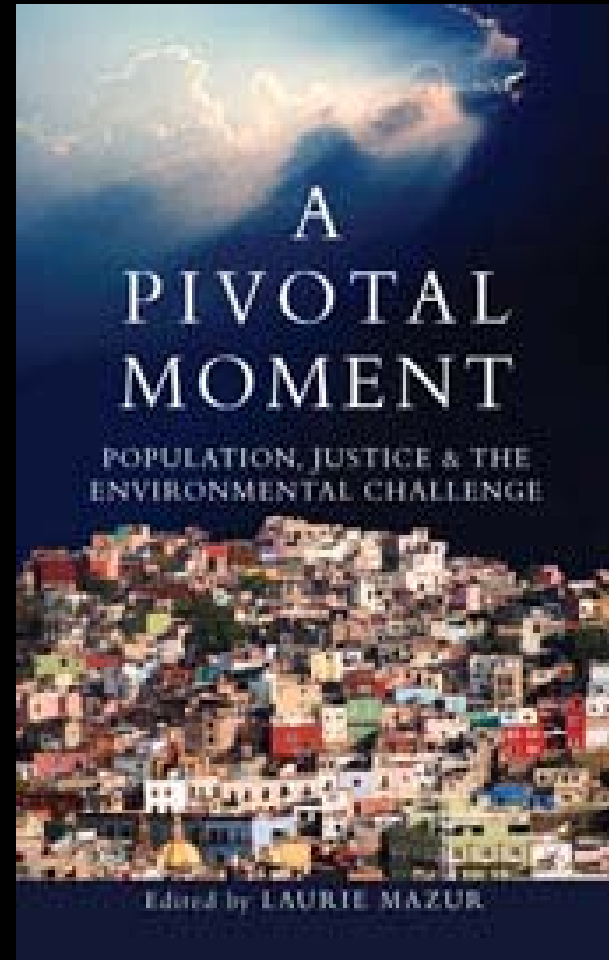


# A Pivotal Moment: Population, Justice and the Environmental Challenge



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A pivotal  
moment

# Population and the environment: a complex connection

- Environmental impact is determined by population and resource use
- Some of us have much greater impact than others







# Carbon emissions: Tanzania vs. U.S.A.



# Deforestation in Ghana





# Awudu's story

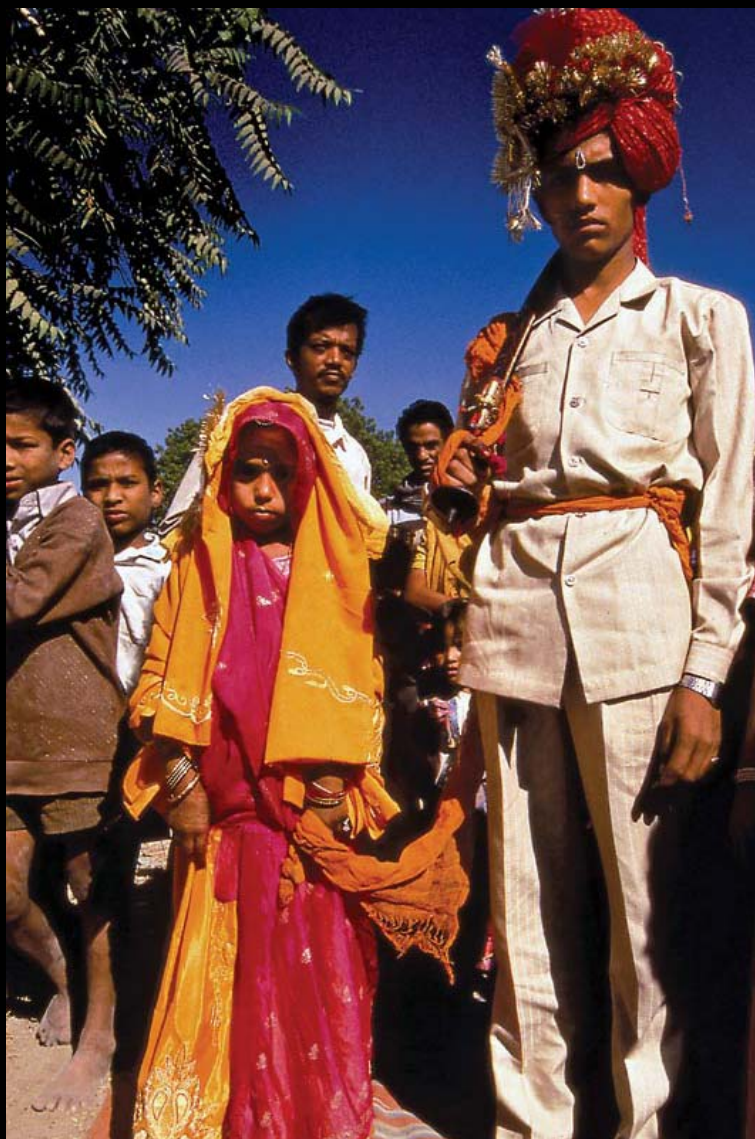
**Evicted from their land, Awudu Mohammed's family now lives in a squatter camp near a gold mine.**





A population problem?  
An environmental problem.

An inequality problem.



# Inequality fuels environmental problems.



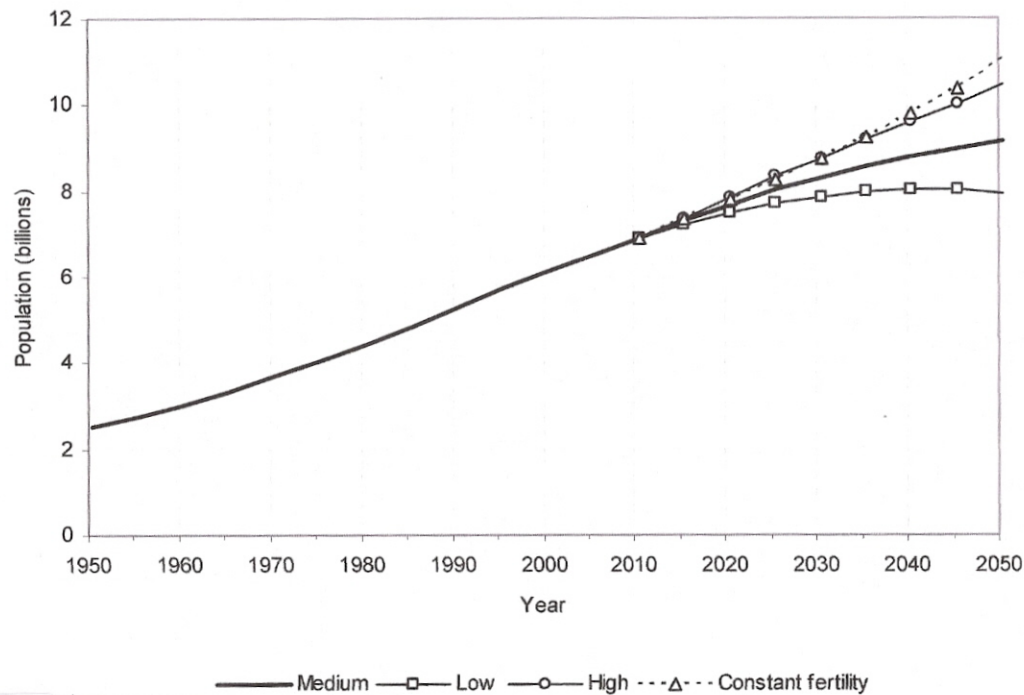


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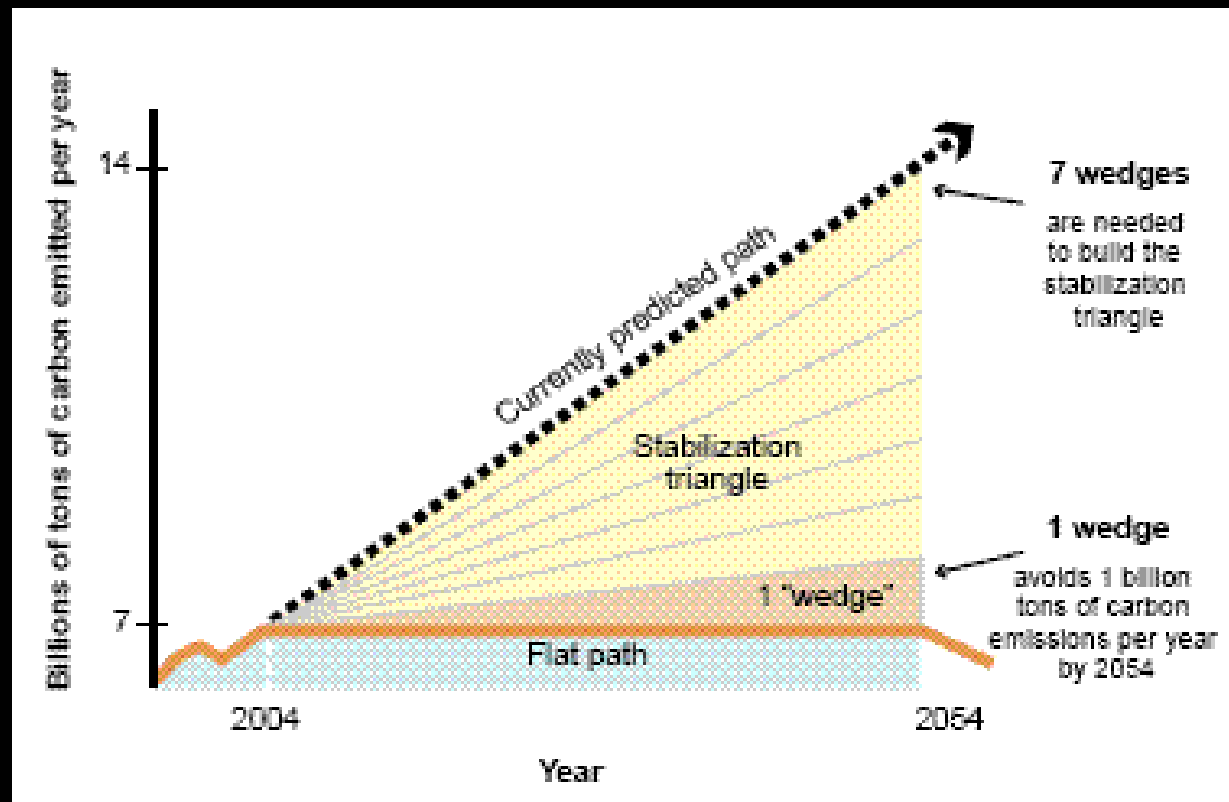
Yes.



# Eight vs. 11 billion



# The “population wedge”



The best way to slow population growth:

Make sure all people have the ***means*** and the ***power*** to make their own decisions about childbearing.

## The *means*:

Ensure universal access to family planning and reproductive health services.

# **The *power*:**

## **Confront gender inequality**

- Educate girls
- End child marriage
- Support women's rights

## **Fight economic inequality**

- Debt relief
- Reform IFI's
- Sustainable, equitable development:  
MDGs

**Invest in the largest generation!**



# Cairo and climate adaptation



# What does it cost?

- The developed countries' share of the cost to provide reproductive health services for every woman on earth is \$20 billion
- The US share is about \$1 billion

# Crisis and opportunity

