
EUROPE BADLY NEEDS IMMIGRANTS. ITS LEADERS NEED TO STOP PRETENDING OTHERWISE

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The demographic decline is a big problem. The total population of the EU could decline by six percent, or 27 million people, by 2100, which is one big reason why legal migrants should be welcome

If demography is destiny, as the French philosopher Auguste Comte is believed to have said, then we know we are going to be in for some big changes by the turn of the next century. According to projections by the French Institute for Demographic Studies, in 2100 India could have double the population of China and the number of people in some sub-Saharan African countries may have doubled or nearly tripled.

For many developed countries today, the challenge is the opposite: they are already shrinking. Two major economies in East Asia have woken up to that fact; in Europe, it appears that nearly the whole political class have buried their heads in the sand.

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