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Tom,

I've read most of the John Stossel book and I'm not impressed. I don't think he's very bright. He is often correct, but when he is, it is because the correct position is obvious and few people would disagree. He's taking on an easy target, like "Myth: Price controls protect consumers." I don't think you'd find many people who believe that. Sometimes he is plain wrong, like when he debunks the idea that the world is too crowded. He says the number of people isn't the problem, and that more babies are a blessing: "They're more brains that might cure cancer, more hands to build things, more voices to bring us beautiful music." I would add, more suicide bombers, more Britney Spears, more Jeffrey Dahmers. Stossel says were focusing on the wrong things. Doesn't he think we can address more than one problem at a time? World population is currently 6.6 billion, up from 3 billion in 1960. It is expected to reach 9 billion by 2050. Already, over 1 billion people don't have access to safe water. Does Stossel think there will ever be a point where population is a problem?

Dad

P.S. Here are some websites that question Stossel's credibility:

<http://www.mediatransparency.org/personprofile.php?personID=92>

<http://www.cosmoetica.com/B132-DES83.htm>

<http://www.fair.org/index.php?page=1134>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/blake-fleetwood/what-has-john-stossel-bee_b_64483.html