

## Assignment:

Research and write a report describing the major population trends and their national security implications for a country you choose in consultation with the instructor.

Note: this assignment is *not* about the implications for demographics of a national security issue. Make sure your causal arrow runs from demographics to national security, not the other way around.

## Questions to answer in your report:

1. What are the fertility, mortality, and migration dynamics in this country and in what major ways have they developed over recent history?
2. What have been the political, economic, and social implications of those demographic trends, relevant to national security? (Capture a snapshot of the country up through today – the bulk of the paper should be retrospective.)
3. How do this state's population trends create challenges and opportunities for national security in the future? (You should spend less time on this than on the second question.)

## Details:

- **17-18 pages, double-spaced, inclusive of visuals, notes, and works cited** (original syllabus said
  - 15-18 but I decided to make it 17-18 **inclusive**).
- **Include 2 appropriate visuals** (one should be a population pyramid and the other could be a
  - graph, table, map, or something else. I expect high quality and relevance.)
- **50% of your grade**

## Deadlines:

- **2/16 – Country choices due 2/16 (15% of paper grade)**
- **3/15 – Description of issues and population pyramid due on Moodle by 12:30pm (35% of**
  - **paper grade)**
- **5/4 – Final report due on Moodle by 12:30pm (50% of paper grade)**

## Description of issues (due 3/15)

For this part of the assignment, you are required to describe the major trends in fertility, mortality, and migration for your country. You should thoroughly answer question #1 (above) and project the future trends (relevant to question #3 above).

- The total length should be LESS than half of the final brief, probably anywhere between 5-8 pages.
- You are required to include your population pyramid (which you will make using Excel) but not the second illustration.
- In your review of the trends, you should mention how they have changed over time and are likely to change between now and the next twenty years, although the majority of your information will be retrospective (how have demographics affected the politics, economics, and social dynamics of the country?).
- Include sub-national data as appropriate and available. As we discuss in class, country-level data can often obscure what is happening on the ground. Try to find data at the regional, state, or city level to tease out the major trends. This will take some digging but is possible.

### Final brief (due 5/4)

You will have described your case's population trends for the first draft. For the final draft you will add a thorough discussion of the political, economic, and social implications of those trends and how these have created and will create challenges and opportunities for national security. You should also include a proper introduction, conclusion, and a brief review of the literature, which will help you formulate your arguments. In that review, you should briefly summarize what others have argued and found on this topic.

### Citations & sources

Don't forget to cite your data. You may use **APA parenthetical or Chicago 15<sup>th</sup> footnotes**. There are style manuals online (see Perdue OWL).