

Population Policy

The Sierra Club is a pro-choice organization that endorses comprehensive, voluntary reproductive health care for all. Sexual and reproductive health and rights are inalienable human rights that should be guaranteed for all people with no ulterior motive.

The Sierra Club focuses on unsustainable, excessive, and inequitable use of resources associated with Western consumption as the primary drivers of environmental and climate degradation. Calls to reduce stress on Earth's resources must be to stop destructive consumption and to create environmentally responsible societies, not to slow global population growth.

The Sierra Club rejects any and all reproductive policies, programs, and activities that promote or condone coercion or targets to reduce population. This includes policies and positions made in the name of preventing "overpopulation" by ideas and means that include, but are not limited to: zero-growth, population stabilization, family planning as climate mitigation, or promoting women's empowerment or girls' education as an indirect means to limit population growth.

Blame cannot be placed on the communities that contribute least to global emissions and environmental degradation, especially when their home countries are among the most negatively impacted by the harsh effect of the climate catastrophe (such as in Africa and across Asia).

The Sierra Club reaffirms our support of sexual and reproductive health and rights as a matter of self-determination for all people as we envision a world where human beings live in harmony with nature and protect it.

Adopted by Sierra Club Board of Directors

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12 in favor

2 abstentions

1 absent