--- On January 5, the second day of the 1995 Congressional session, the newly-elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, was the first witness to appear before the House Ways and Means Committee to testify on his “Contact with America.”

Gingrich opened his testimony by proclaiming that he believed that we had reached a turning point in American history, and he then listed his four primary goals which were at the heart of “where we have to go.” These goals, he continued, “should shape every committee in the House, and they should shape the way in which we work with the administration.”

“The first goal,” said Gingrich, “has to be to take seriously the Alvin and Heidi Toffler concept of the information age, of a Third Wave that follows on a First Wave agricultural society and a Second Wave industrial society.”

After noting some implications for the tax code, etc., he went on to say: “I would suggest to you and to your staff and to the witnesses you bring in, that about every policy we should ask the question, does it accelerate our transition into a Third Wave information age, or does it slow it down; does it increase the freedom of entrepreneurs and individuals to have the sources to get there or does it weaken them? And I believe you will find that you are shaped by different considerations than you might have expected.”

After hearing such gibberish, any rational, normal American might ask “What is this man talking about?” A citizen need only pick up this book—or any of the earlier books by Alvin Toffler from which it is drawn—to see that the ideas that Gingrich and Toffler propose pose a dire threat to our republic and our civilization.

In the view of Gingrich and Toffler, industrial capitalism is the enemy, and the institutions of our society—from the nuclear family to constitutional government—are outmoded and need to be replaced. This is the key to understanding why Gingrich, the “futurist,” manages to find himself in such close programmatic agreement with the followers of one of the most reactionary schools of economics ever to ooze out of the decaying oligarchy of Europe, the so-called “Austrian School” of Ludwig von Mises and Friedrich von Hayek. The Hayekians are the real architects of the “Contract with America,” with its plans to demolish and slash social programs, privatize government agencies, deregulate the economy, and decentralize and dismember our once-great sovereign republic.

The “Austrian School” hates the principles of the American Revolution and the accomplishments of industrial capitalism. In the Nineteenth century, the “American System” of economics—which every literate American used to know was counterposed to the “British System”—was the prime target of the “Austrian School”—along with the growing industrial might of Germany, which was made possible by the Zollverein customs union designed by American System economist Friedrich List.

Today, these anti-republican, anti-capitalist reactionaries are joined by the “futurists” such as Gingrich and Toffler, who arrive at their own hostility to industrial capitalism and republican institutions from a different direction.

How Far The Population Control Gang Will Go To Discredit Its Foes

Population researcher Stephen Mumford has produced another in a long string of hysterical attacks on the Catholic Church for its opposition to population control. This latest was timed to coincide with the U.N.’s September 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo—Mumford distributed four hundred advance copies of the book there— with the obvious intent of discrediting the Vatican’s aggressive campaign to remove the most genocidal elements of the Cairo draft program.

A release promoting *The Life and Death of NSSM 200* bluntly states that its purpose is to examine “the lengths to which the Vatican is willing to go in its battle to save the Papacy from extinction, including the destruction of American democratic institutions,” and quotes Mumford asserting that, “we must publicly identify the arch-enemy of population growth control, and attack it directly. Public enemy number one is clearly the Vatican.”

Using language and methods akin to the wildest Nativist rantings of the Nineteenth Century, Mumford attempts to do just that; but what he actually accomplishes is to reveal the depths to which the population control lobby will descend to destroy its enemies.

One passage from *The Third Wave* which Gingrich’s Progress & Freedom Foundation does not dare include in this book, is one in which Toffler identified what he regards as the three main outmoded ideas that bound Second Wave nations together. These were, according to Toffler: (1) the idea that humans should hold dominion over nature; (2) that industrialism was a higher stage of evolution than non-industrial cultures; and (3) the “progress principle—the idea that history flows irreversibly toward a better life for humanity.”

First in Toffler’s list of such outmoded optimists is the great German philosopher and founder of the modern science of political economy, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz—which goes to the heart of the matter. Common sense can tell you that these people are insane, that computers won’t feed you, house you, or clothe you. If you want to know what’s really wrong with this computerized kookery, you could do no better than to revisit the discussion of information theory in the article “On LaRouche’s Discovery,” published in *Fidelio*, Vol. III, No. 1, Spring 1994.

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is the main obstacle to such measures; therefore, the Vatican must be destroyed.

**NSSM 200**

Aside from its links to the Cairo depopulation conference, what distinguishes Mumford’s latest entry is its explicit focus on NSSM 200, one of the pivotal documents underlying the current global campaign to enforce draconian population reduction. As part of his campaign to encourage NSSM 200’s revival, Mumford prints the study’s entire text—the only useful service the book performs.