

# Overpopulation quotes #2



## Vanessa Nakate, Uganda

Climate activist at Fridays for Future

“Girls who have been to school grow up to be empowered women. They are not forced into early marriage, and they tend to have healthier, smaller families, reducing emissions well into the future.”



## Martin Luther King, USA

Baptist pastor and civil rights activist

“Unlike plagues of the dark ages or contemporary diseases we do not yet understand, the modern plague of overpopulation is soluble by means we have discovered and with resources we possess. What is lacking is not sufficient knowledge of the solution but universal consciousness of the gravity of the problem and education of the billions who are its victims.”

## Joanna Lumley, GB

Actress and model

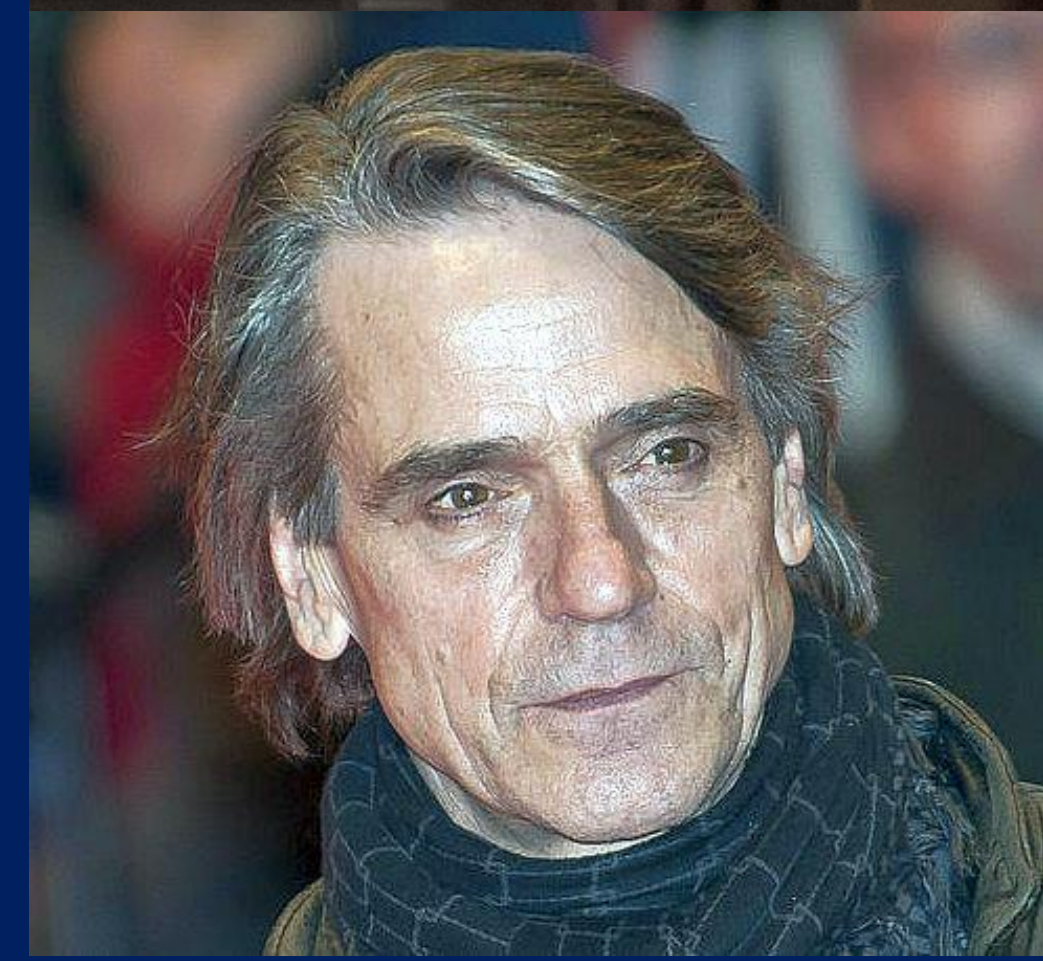
“I don't think there's any denying the fact that there are too many people in the world. I know that's an awful thing to say, and people say you're Hitler if you say it, but the human population is growing now so fast, and they need so much more to keep themselves alive ...”



## Jeremy Irons, GB

Actor

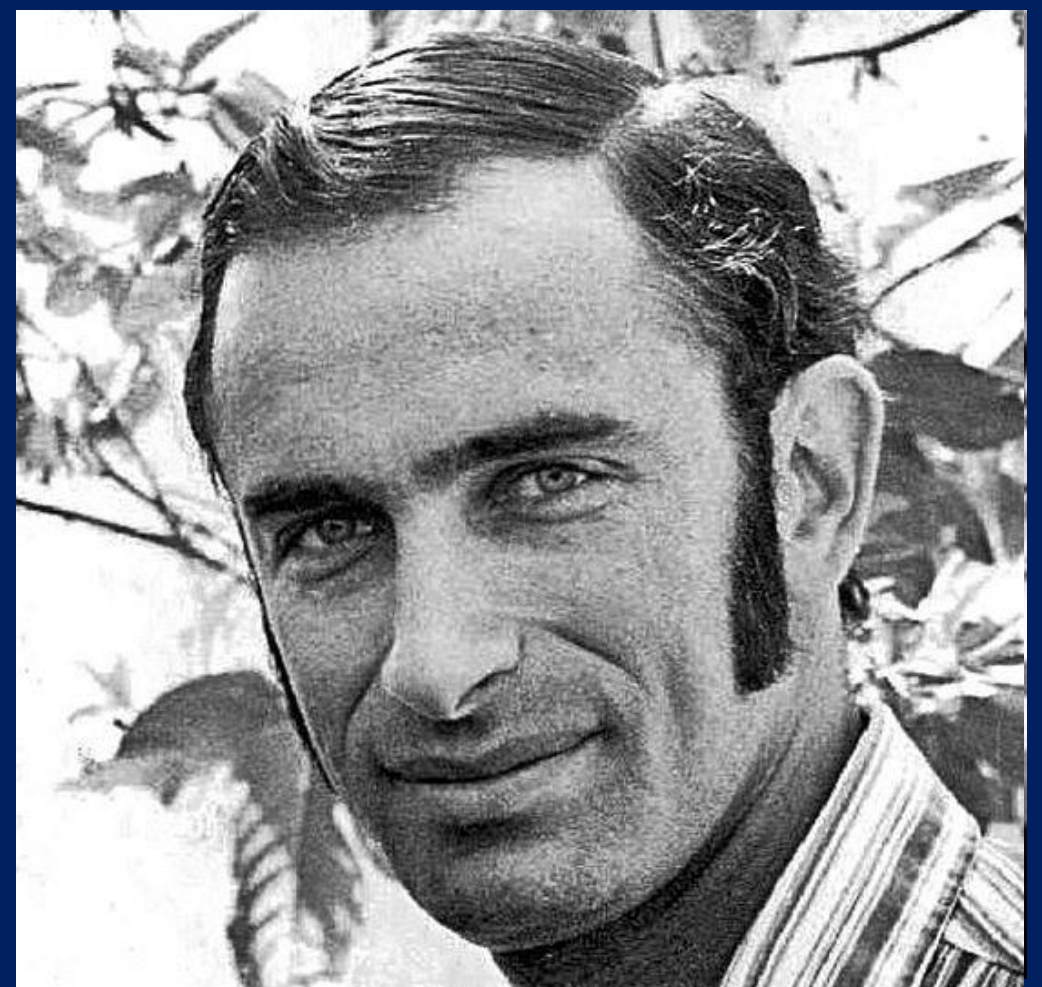
“One always returns to the fact that there are just too many of us, the population continues to rise and it's unsustainable.”



## Helen Mirren, GB

Actress

“I think still it is very fine not to want children. There are far too many people in the world. It is my contribution to ecology.”



## Paul Ehrlich, USA

Professor of Biology

“Solving the population problem is not going to solve the problems of racism, of sexism, of religious intolerance, of war, of gross economic inequality. But if you don't solve the population problem, you're not going to solve any of those problems. Whatever problem you're interested in, you're not going to solve it unless you also solve the population problem.”

## Susan Hampshire, GB

Actress

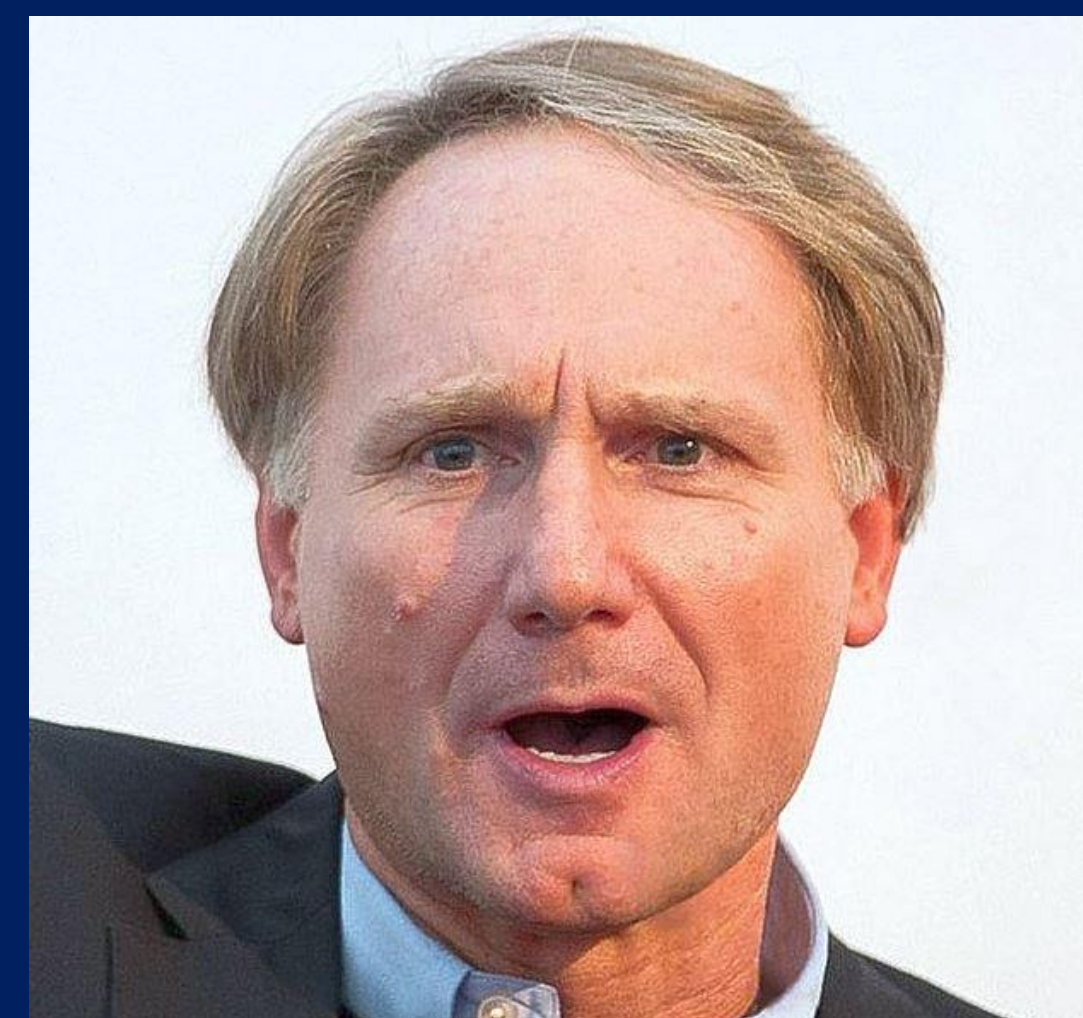
“It's been so obvious to me for so long that cramming ever more people onto our little planet does it ever more damage — I can not understand why so many people find this so hard to grasp, and why so many Governments ignore it.”



## Dan Brown, USA

Thriller author

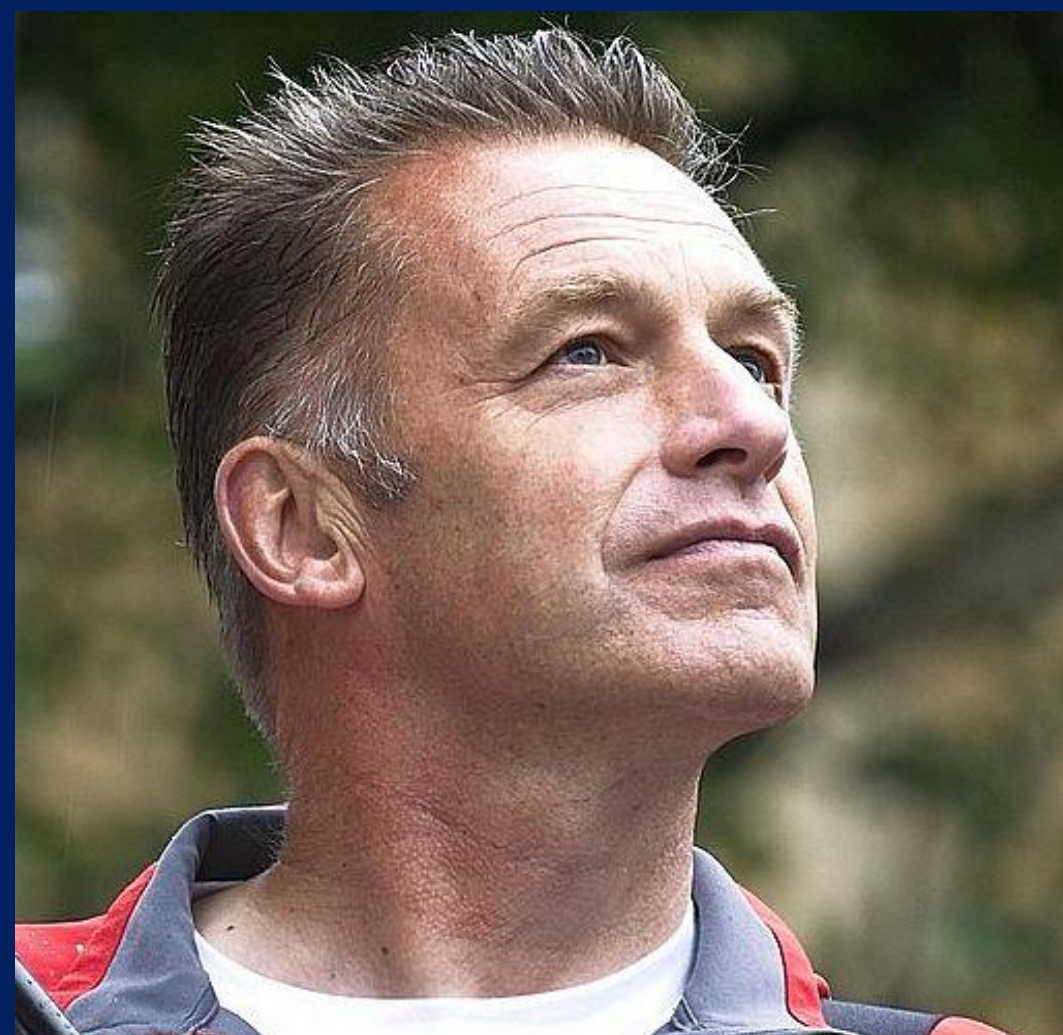
“Overpopulation is an issue so profound that all of us need to ask what should be done.”



## Gloria Steinem, USA

Feminist, journalist and women's rights activist

“Everybody with a womb doesn't have to have a child any more than everybody with vocal chords has to be an opera singer.”



## Chris Packham, GB

Naturalist, nature photographer, TV presenter and author

“There's no point bleating about the future of pandas, polar bears and tigers when we're not addressing the one single factor that's putting more pressure on the ecosystem than any other — namely the ever-increasing size of the world's population.”

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