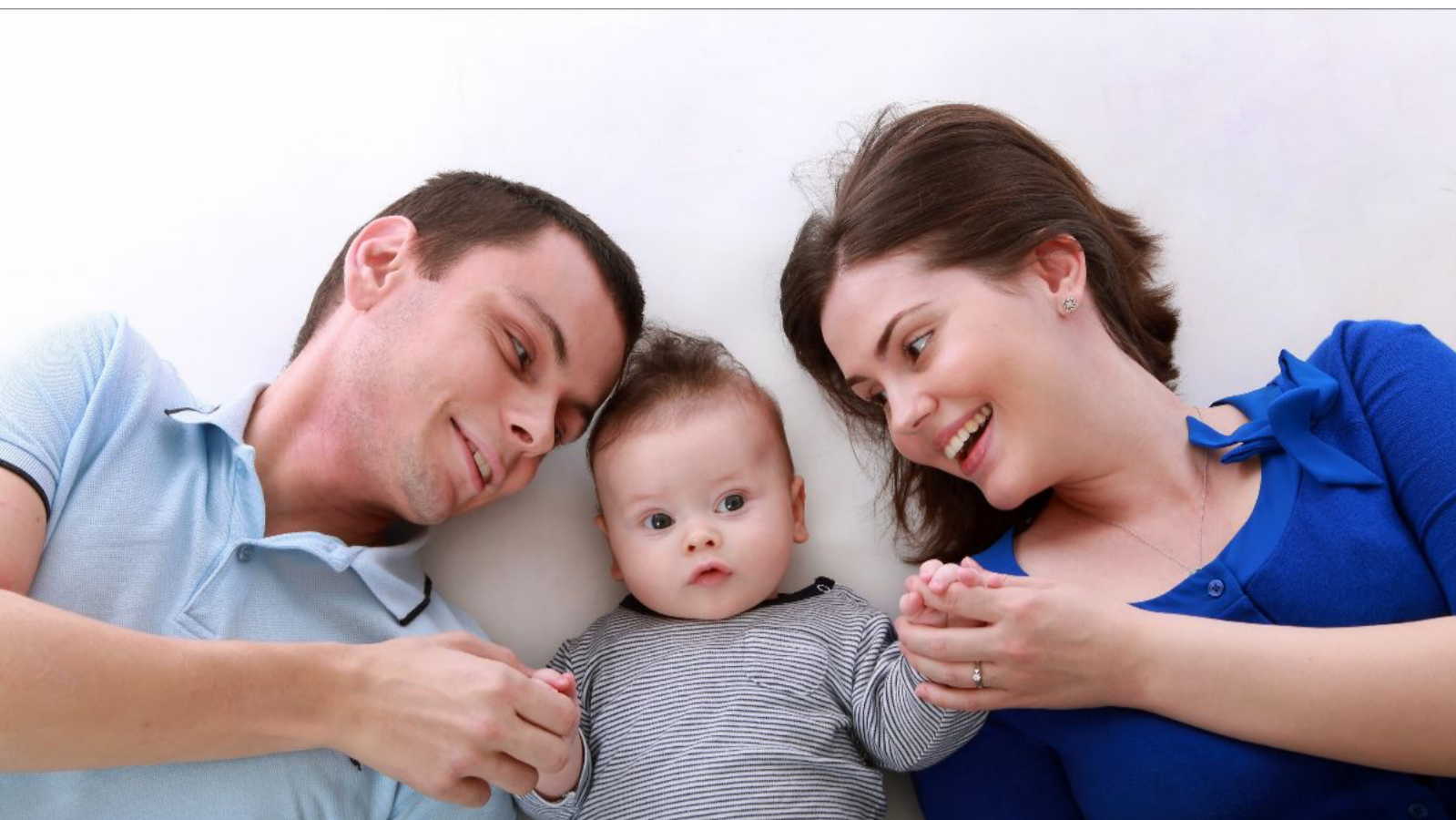


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Birth rates are falling around the world. Many countries are already declining in population, and more will soon follow.

Falling populations will lead to many challenges, including shrinking workforces, rising dependency ratios, fiscal insolvency, and less innovation.

What can we do about population decline? Many governments have tried—and failed—to raise fertility with social spending and cash transfers.

In their recent policy analysis, our managing editor Chelsea Follett and fellow Cato Institute scholar Vanessa Calder suggest a better place to start: get rid of the many rules that make raising children expensive and families less free.

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Our editor spawned a Twitter mob this morning after sharing an [interesting video](#) on 3D-printed meat, with some commenters accusing him of being a WEF puppet.

But lab-grown meat is a technology of abundance, not forced scarcity. It increases consumer choice and has the potential to make meat cheaper, more ethical, and better for the environment.

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More people produce more ideas and innovations. They also produce more nonsense. It is not resources but hope and common sense that are scarce. Human ingenuity can come up with a solution for every scarcity, though, and now we have an antidote to nonsense as well: this magnificent, ground-breaking book by Tupy and Pooley.

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