

Essay assignment on Bongaarts paper:

Are you an optimist or a pessimist? Dr. John Bongaarts suggests that expert opinion on the subject of feeding the growing human population is divided into two camps: The environmentalists and ecologists (the pessimists) and the economists and some agricultural scientists (the optimists). Choose one side and summarize briefly five arguments you would make to convince someone of your viewpoint.

Remember – the essay should be ~1-2 pages, typewritten, double-spaced. Essays will be graded on both content and writing style/grammar/spelling (you need to proofread and spellcheck!).

Essay due Wednesday, Jan. 30 in your discussion group.