

# ... Why Breed?

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Reasons given	Real reasons	Suggested Alternatives
Being a mother is a woman's highest calling.	Beguiled into believing compliance is noble free choice.	Motherhood, and fatherhood, may be achieved without breeding. Many children wait for good homes.
My child could find a way to save the world.	"Mother of God" complex. (Also applies to men).	If you want something done right, do it yourself.
We'd like to try for a boy/girl this time.	Ego extension. Gender identity insecurity. Dissatisfaction with existing offspring.	Appreciate who you have, they might resent their sibling whose gender is preferred.
I just want to.	Just wants to.	Choosing to breed precludes most other things you'll just want to do.
I want someone who will love me and not leave me.	Fear of rejection. Unresolved relationship issues.	Give love to get love. Accept change and deal with loss.
Our economy needs young workers to replace retired workers.	Willing to sacrifice offspring to gods of National Economy.	Automation reduces need for wage slaves. Consider rights of unconceived to stay that way.
The world needs more of us or we'll be outnumbered.	Elitism. Xenophobia. Eugenics easier to conceal than genocide.	Convert others to your views so there'll be one more of your kind and one less of Them.
We may as well; the planet is doomed anyway.	Nihilistic natalism.	Consider ethics of sentencing an innocent person to life, and death, in ecological collapse.
I'd like to achieve a sense of immortality.	Fear of death and non-existence.	Accept mortality. Spread memes not genes. Socrates' heirs are not apparent, but his ideas linger strong.
My biological clock has gone off.	Women's normal heightened sexual desire in 30s & 40s difficult to accept in puritanical societies.	Disarm that culturally implanted mental time bomb. It's okay to make love and not babies.
I don't know.	Never thought about it. Unthinking conformity.	Think before you breed, and you might not.
I might regret not having had the experience later, when it's too late.	Fear of future worries and life passing too fast.	We can't experience everything. Far better to regret not breeding than to regret breeding.
I do not want to deny my kids (who do not exist yet) the joy of existence.	Ignoring lack of joy in existing children.	Promote existence of joy rather than imagining joy in mere existence.

Admittedly, having Volunteers in the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement judge reasons for breeding is like holding a contest for the most intelligent species, and appointing the "most intelligent species" to set standards and name the winner.

So, you be the judge: are any of these reasons compelling enough to justify creating a new human being today?

Although most conceptions aren't intentional, a desire to conform to what society considers normal probably ranks number one as the cause of wanted pregnancies. Many who breed have never considered doing otherwise. Natalist propaganda persists -- insidiously rampant and rampantly insidious. - Les U. Knight



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