

Overweight Repulsion Drives Birthrate Decline

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On Aug. 26, Glenn Beck was jokingly setting forth the reason for the decline in the number of children per couple ratio, saying, "Keep your clothes on!" I think it was in context of the naked cyclist protest in Seattle or Portland — not being an appealing spectre.

I jotted that down as a good subject for an editorial, and am finally getting around to it. That Beck episode was on p. 2325 of my Radio/TV notes. Now, I'm on p. 2527 ^{of two lines of text per line} of paper for usage frugality.

I don't think anyone would disagree with the premise that: extent of being overweight reduces attractiveness and desire for intercourse.

Beck's joking about this was the first time I've ever drawn this connection between the declining birth-rate in America (1.6 per mother) and the rising obesity (2/3 of Americans?) rate. Once pointed out, it becomes obvious. You don't need an advanced degree to see that connection.

Why don't we hear this connection frequently mentioned? It's a good motivation to lose weight.

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