

was expressed in several of the documents of the Second Vatican Council,” and he sees the same kind of opposition to the early medieval Germanic influence in the various reform movements in church history, including the Protestant Reformation, which always demand a return to the “primitive church”—i.e., pre-Germanic Christianity. It is precisely this rejection of the European heritage that may have driven many Christians of European background out of Christianity altogether and into alternative forms of paganism that positively affirm their racial and cultural roots.

Whatever primitive Christianity or true Christianity or historical Christianity may or may not have believed and taught, what is indisputably happening today is the deliberate extirpation from Christianity of the European heritage by its enemies within the churches. The institutional Christianity that flourishes today is no longer the same religion as that practiced by Charlemagne and his successors, and it can no longer support the civilization they formed. Indeed, organized Christianity today is the enemy of the West and the race that created it.

Mr. Russell has produced a deeply learned book that assimilates history and theology, sociology and comparative religion, and even sociobiology and genetics within its pages. Moreover, it is an important book that addresses a highly controversial and philosophically and culturally significant issue that few others will address at all.

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A Question of Numbers: High Migration, Low Fertility and the Politics of National Identity

Michael S. Teitelbaum & Jay Winter

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Michael Teitelbaum, co-author of *A Question of Numbers*, knows the score. He has taught demography at two prestigious universities, has written several books on the subject, and was co-chairman of the 1996 U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform. He knows that over the last thirty-five years a “radical, in some ways unprecedented” demographic change has occurred in the developed world (i.e. Western nations). A sharp decline in fertility of white populations has coincided with the arrival of large numbers of non-white guest workers, immigrants, and asylum seekers. Teitelbaum, along with co-author and historian Jay Winter, is apprehensive about these developments. Not that he necessarily sees a problem with falling white birthrates and massive non-white immigration. No, it is the potential for a white backlash that seems to worry him the most. With scholarly detachment the authors assert that it is not the numbers themselves that can cause problems, rather it is the incorrect interpretation of these numbers by opportunistic demagogues that can lead to social disruption.

Despite the authors’ liberal bias, *A Question of Numbers* addresses several important issues and provides some much needed information (though ironically, few numbers). The first two thirds of the book consists of chapters on individual countries. This format shows that, despite national variations, the motif of *low fertility* and *high immigration* runs throughout the Western world. Yes, impoverished Russia is plagued by widespread illegal immigration, and formerly fecund Italy has one of the lowest birthrates in the world. The chapter on Romania tells the startling story of how the newly installed Ceausescu government, worried by the country’s low birthrate, outlawed most contraceptives and severely limited abortions. The result: “In 1966-67 Romania experienced what is surely the greatest fertility increase in a large population in recorded history—