Table II.1. Government policies on the rate of population growth, 1976–2013

Year	By level of development									
	Number of countries					Percentage				
	Raise	*Maintain*	*Lower*	*No intervention*	*Total*	*Raise*	*Maintain*	*Lower*	*No intervention*	*Total*
World										
1976	28	0	39	83	150	19	0	26	55	100
1986	26	12	53	73	164	16	7	32	45	100
1996	25	16	71	81	193	13	8	37	42	100
2005	29	32	70	63	194	15	16	36	32	100
2013	39	41	73	44	197	20	21	37	22	100
More developed regions										
1976	8	0	0	26	34	24	0	0	76	100
1986	8	8	0	18	34	24	24	0	53	100
1996	11	6	1	30	48	23	13	2	63	100
2005	17	8	0	23	48	35	17	0	48	100
2013	24	7	1	17	49	49	14	2	35	100
Less developed regions										
1976	20	0	39	57	116	17	0	34	49	100
1986	18	4	53	55	130	14	3	41	42	100
1996	14	10	70	51	145	10	7	48	35	100
2005	12	24	70	40	146	8	16	48	27	100
2013	15	34	72	27	148	10	23	49	18	100
Least developed countries										
1976	5	0	6	31	42	12	0	14	74	100
1986	4	3	14	27	48	8	6	29	56	100
1996	1	1	27	20	49	2	2	55	41	100
2005	0	4	35	11	50	0	8	70	22	100
2013	0	3	41	5	49	0	6	84	10	100

Table II.1. (Continued)

Year	By major area									
	Number of countries					Percentage				
	Raise	*Maintain*	*Lower*	*No intervention*	*Total*	*Raise*	*Maintain*	*Lower*	*No intervention*	*Total*
Africa										
1976	7	0	12	29	48	15	0	25	60	100
1986	4	3	20	24	51	8	6	39	47	100
1996	2	2	32	17	53	4	4	60	32	100
2005	1	6	35	11	53	2	11	66	21	100
2013	1	7	39	7	54	2	13	72	13	100
Asia										
1976	9	0	14	14	37	24	0	38	38	100
1986	13	1	12	12	38	34	3	32	32	100
1996	8	5	18	15	46	17	11	39	33	100
2005	10	12	19	6	47	21	26	40	13	100
2013	11	14	20	3	48	23	29	42	6	100
Europe										
1976	8	0	0	21	29	28	0	0	72	100
1986	8	6	0	15	29	28	21	0	52	100
1996	11	6	1	25	43	26	14	2	58	100
2005	16	8	0	19	43	37	19	0	44	100
2013	23	7	1	13	44	52	16	2	30	100
Latin America and the Caribbean										
1976	3	0	9	15	27	11	0	33	56	100
1986	0	0	15	18	33	0	0	45	55	100
1996	1	2	13	17	33	3	6	39	52	100
2005	0	5	8	20	33	0	15	24	61	100
2013	2	10	7	14	33	6	30	21	42	100
Northern America										
1976	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	100	100
1986	0	1	0	1	2	0	50	0	50	100
1996	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	100	100
2005	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	100	100
2013	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	100	100
Oceania										
1976	1	0	4	2	7	14	0	57	29	100
1986	1	1	6	3	11	9	9	55	27	100
1996	3	1	7	5	16	19	6	44	31	100
2005	2	1	8	5	16	13	6	50	31	100
2013	2	3	6	5	16	13	19	38	31	100