

DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDENDS EMERGING CHALLENGES AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

"The countdown can be halted at any time," Stern informed them.. "Was it respect they showed that boy who was killed last night?" Jean asked bitterly. "And our people say they're not even going to press charges against the man who did it. What kind of a way is that to live? Are we supposed to just let them dictate their standards to us by shooting anyone who steps over their lines? Are we supposed to do nothing until we get a call telling us that Jay's in the hospital-or worse-because he said the wrong thing?" The dog had continued to be an instinctive conspirator, huddling quietly with his master, below the. At about the same moment, inside the memory unit of a lower-security logistics computer located on the same floor, the references to C Company contained in a routine order-of-the-day suddenly and mysteriously changed themselves into references to D Company. At the same time, D Company's orders to remain standing by at the barracks until further notice transformed themselves into orders for C Company. Ten minutes later a harassed clerk in Phoenix brought the change to the attention of Captain Blakeney, who commanded C Company. Blakeney, far from being disposed to query it, told the clerk to send off an acknowledgment, and then gratefully went back to bed. Inside the logistics computer in the Mayflower II, an instruction that shouldn't have been in memory was activated by the incoming transmission, scanned the message and identified it as carrying one of the originator codes assigned to C Company, then quietly erased it.. This isn't the smoothest socializing the boy has done to date, but the terrified worker overreacts to this. "¡Tener cuidado, muchacho!".. mend a complete strategic arsenal, the potency of which I do not have to spell out to you, and the only weapon capable of opposing us is now neutralized. Our ability to attack the Kuan-yin, on the other hand, is unimpaired, and I am sure that you will have worked out for yourselves already that its destruction would be guaranteed. We command the entire surface of Chiron, the Mayflower II has been reduced to a defenseless condition, and the implications of those facts are obvious.".. THE TENSION THAT had been increasing since planetfall and the shock of the most recent news were showing on Wellesley's face when he rose to address a stunned meeting of the Mayflower II's Congress later that morning. And as he seemed a shell of the man he had been, the assembly facing him was a skeleton of the body that had sat on the day when the proud ship settled into orbit at the end of its epic voyage. Some, such as Marcia Quarrey, had vanished without warning during the preceding weeks as Chiron's all pervasive influence continued to take its toll; a few down on the surface had been unable to return in time for the emergency session. Nevertheless, at short notice Wellesley had managed to scrape together a quorum. He told them of his intention; a few voices of protest and dissent had been heard; and now the legislators waited to hear the decision that to most of them was already a foregone conclusion.. approaching by a different route.. Micky returned the question, the girl's simple reply had been, I better.. "That depends, ma'am. They can lead to a heap of trouble.".. Noah spoke her name, but as he expected, Laura didn't respond.. They pass behind eight semis and are at the back of a ninth when a low growl from the dog halts the.. The property was wider than it was deep, to allow the full length of the house trailer to face the street.. Micky finished her coffee in long swallows, as though she had forgotten it wasn't spiked, and though she.. Lechat looked thoughtfully at his plate while he finished chewing a mouthful of food. "You make them all sound like millionaires," he commented.. kept her pedigree in her purse and never flashed it, as did so many others of her economic station.. cupholders, and when the boy filled one of these with water, his companion lapped it up efficiently.. porch roof at the Hammond farmhouse, surely the mutt can clear the truck entirely, avoiding the vertical.. Yesterday, in this yard, as Micky had broiled on the lounge chair, amused and a little disoriented by her. "No," Micky said. "Cops haven't had one lead in eighteen years.".. at the shuttle base. Orders have come down from the ship to move the Chironians ot4t and seal off the whole place. Major Thorp's there with part of A company, and he's refusing to take SD orders. We've been ordered to send two platoons. Sirocco wants Hanlon to go with them, and you to secure the block in case there's any shooting and it spreads here.".. Farrel.".. Instead of a standard frame, he discovers a solid wooden platform anchored to the floor; the box springs.. hunkers in front of the mutt, pets him, scratches behind his ears, and says, "You wait right here. I'll be.. With his thick neck, heavy rounded shoulders, and short arms and legs, he brought to mind characters of.. No, pup, no, no! Out, pup, out!".. Sinsemilla? That's a ...".. at me. His face was blurred a little because the window was dirty. I think he waved.".. anymore, and he kept talking until he was wrung dry of words.. crop of fiery red hair snares Curtis by the shirt, nearly causing him to skid off his feet. "Hey, hey, hey!".. Colman looked away in exasperation. She could have been a unique, thinking person. Instead she chose to be a doll, shaped and molded by everything she saw and heard around her. It was all around him--half the people he could see were in the chorus line behind Stormbel's puppet show. They could be told what to think because they didn't want to think. Suddenly he remembered all the reasons why he had cooled things with Anita months ago, when he -had been toying seriously with the idea of making their relationship contractual and settling down as Hanlon had. He had tried to tune into her wavelength and found nothing but static. But what had infuriated him more was that her attitude had been necessary--she had a head but wouldn't use it.. "But what about the border guards?" Jean looked alarmed. "We don't know who we can trust. Fulmire didn't know which side how much of the Army is on. There could be fighting out there at any minute. You don't know what you'll be walking into.".. shepherd Curtis toward escape.. In the D Company Orderly Room in the Omar Bradley barracks block, Hanlon secured his ammunition belt, put.. bunker or high redoubt he's kept, regardless of how many heavily armed bodyguards are assigned to. "Not anymore," Micky said, surprised to hear herself reply at all, let alone so revealingly.. abandoned. He needed to believe that God existed, that He cherished Laura, that He would not allow. "RAPE" Ha-ha, hah-hah.. Disconcerted, the stranger drops his restraining hand, and his wince lines cut deeper into his lean face as.. it became an astringent syrup as it went down.. "Frankly," Leilani said, "neither do I. But the alternative is too hideous to consider, so I just

suspend my. Backlit by the westering sun, wearing khaki shorts and a white T-shirt with a small green heart. ventilated pet-shop boxes, that never slithered through any field or forest, serpents invisible that inhabited. "You never asked me," Swley answered over his shoulder. "I put loose a lady like this once before, twice maybe, but those were daylight." .off the flashlight. Holds his breath..he's hopeful that he'll learn to be good at socializing too, which is vitally important if he is to pass as an. "You shouldn't make up stuff like that about your own mother." .than like a canine.. "You too." The image vanished from the screen..STEVE. The boy and his companion crawl forward, farther under the trailer, toward the cab, and then they slip. As Micky struck a match to light the three candles in the center of the table, Aunt Gen said, "Trained. Fulmire moved his head to check another clause, and after a while nodded his head reluctantly. "If the Director becomes incapacitated or otherwise excluded from discharging the duties of his office, then the Deputy Director automatically assumes all powers previously vested in the Director," he stated..change the subject. "What is?" .convention of Christian road warriors..of burning gasoline, airborne flaming debris, and a bullet-fast barrage of shrapnel are more likely to be. stall to stall, pushing all the flush levers in quick succession. The overlapping swish-and-lug of seven. the roof, stabbing out from the jeweled hilt of red and blue emergency beacons..with death. He lived in a flourishing garden of death, in love with the beauty of his black roses, with the. extraterrestrials to show up. Then for Sinsemilla's delight, the doom doctor would concoct a. "Laughing at what?" .any more than he's likely to escape on a flying carpet with a magic lamp and a helpful genie..appearances, Burt Hooper is striving to quell a fit of giddiness, the boy now knows that this is like the. Colman watched for a moment, then turned slowly back and began moving toward the bulkhead door. He didn't feel resentful, nor particularly surprised. He'd seen it all too many times before. Fallows wasn't a bad guy; somebody somewhere had jumped on him, that was all. "He might know all about how machines work," Colman murmured half-aloud to himself as he returned to the gallery outside the Bomb Factory. "But he doesn't understand how they think." .something when you tell these tall tales about Dr. Doom murdering boys in wheelchairs." .women have seldom, if ever, to his knowledge, been decorated for bravery after gnawing their way. "None of your goddamn business." .you were born, and they won't know if you can never speak of the place, so then you'll live forever. And. narcissists, which was where old Sinsemilla and the psychologists definitely could shake hands. Mother in. Hunted and the Would-Be Chameleon. This isn't a published work, of course, although in the boy's mind..millions in government grants, so they're in violation of numerous other federal statutes." .Donella appears to be arguing with Mr. Hooper, probably trying to get him to shut his trap, but poor. Grimacing, Leilani said, "Worming?" . "You're not crazy," Jay said. "So what made you join?" "It was a group, just like I've been saying--something to belong to. I'd always been on my own, and I went around causing trouble just to get noticed. People are like that. It doesn't matter what you do, whether it's good or bad, as long as you do something that makes people notice that you're there. Nothing's worse than not making any difference to anything." Colman shrugged. "I beat up a guy who asked for it but happened to have a rich dad, and they offered me the Army instead of locking me up because they figured it was just as bad. I jumped at it." .she had rudely presumed to monitor and restrict Micky's use of alcohol. Such meddling required. across the peopled plains and hills, the shimmering dazzle of an electric garden. Although some loved this. "Not exactly like," the driving machine disagrees. "Old Yeller was a male. This lovely black-and-white. The paired punctures, like a vampire bite, were in this case the mark of a vampire bitten. This was true. Golden hair. Eyes as blue as gentian petals. The clarity of Leilani's features promised that. "We'll have to keep the unit intact in case there's a showdown," Sirocco murmured. "And I suppose we'll have to play along with Stormbel for the time being if we want to be free to move." He turned away and moved toward the far wall to think silently for a few moments longer, then wheeled about and nodded. "Okay. Bret, you have to leave for the base right away. Just hope that that Veronica comes off that shuttle, and use your own initiative to get her out. That's all you have to worry about so, on your way." Hanlon nodded and disappeared back through the Orderly Room. "Steve," Sirocco said. "Pick anyone you want to send to Franklin, and wet just have to leave the rest of that side of things to Kath. You vanish when you've done that, and do whatever you have to do to get Celia out and over to the Fallowses' place. When you've collected the other two people from there, take them all to the post between the north checkpoint and the rear of the construction site by the freight yard. Maddock's section will be manning that sector from midnight to 0400. They know how to distract the SDs, and I'll make sure they're expecting you." Colman nodded and tuned to follow in the direction which Hanlon had gone. "Oh, and Steve," Sirocco called as a new thought struck him. Colman stopped at the door and looked back. "You say you know Fallows fairly well?" .previously been treacherous, arms pump-pump-pumping like the connecting rods on the driving wheels. "Come over for a second. I want to ask him something." Sirocco led Colman, and Hanlon followed. The conversation stopped as they approached, and heads turned toward them curiously. "Do you just do tricks with cards," Sirocco asked Driscoll without any preliminaries, "or are you into other things too?" .commotion..He's not convinced that his mother would be proud of him if he bit his way to freedom. Fighting men and. I'm a child." "You are a child." .temporary emotional paralysis. All her life, until now, Geneva Davis had always found exactly the right. Fury fired her rant, which grew hotter by the word: "Witch with a broomstick up your ass, witch bitch,. But he did have strong principles and a disposition to discretion and not being impetuous, which was why Judge Fulmire had felt safe in confiding his misgivings about the situation that he suspected was shaping up behind the scenes, politically.. "Oh, yes. I should have thought of that." Lurch about-faced and lurched back to the kitchen. The sound of a door. the calm night had no breath to cool the summer soup.. "Well . . . some of them, a long time ago, maybe. But not modern ones." "Cromwell knows everything," Amy declared from her perch. "Cromwell, are those soldiers carrying Terran M32 assault cannon, or are they M30s?" .The communicator at his belt signaled a call from Sirocco, who, with Hanlon and a couple of the others, was taking a break inside the Chironian transporter that had flown from

Canaveral. "How's it going?" Sirocco inquired when Colman answered. "Are the troops mutinying yet?".As now, however, she sometimes showered without removing the brace. Afterward, she'd have to towel.After stripping down to panties and a tank top, she sat in bed, atop the sheets, sipping cold lemon vodka.than you, Curtis, just you remember what I'm going to tell you." She leans across the counter as far as her.Sirocco resumed twiddling his moustache. "Besides, I couldn't let you have the monopoly, could I-on all the decent ones, I mean." He was giving Colman a strange look, as if he was trying to find out about something that he didn't want to put into words..JEAN FALLOWS WAS beginning to hate Chiron, the Chironians, and everything to do with the lawless, godless, alien, hostile place. After twenty years of the familiar day-today and month-to-month routine of life aboard the Mayflower II, she missed the warmth and protectiveness that she had grown to know and yearned to be back amid the sane, civilized surroundings that she understood. She understood a way of life in which budget and necessity decided priorities of need, in which clear rules set limits of behavior, and where tried and trusted protocols defined role and function-her own as well as everybody else's; she did not understand, or even want to understand, the swirling ocean of anarchy in which she now found herself, in which individuals were expected to flounder helplessly like paper boats tossed in a tempest, with no charted shores, no havens of anchor, and no guiding stars. She had no place in it, and she desired no place in it. Secretly she dreamed of a miracle that would turn the Mayflower II around and embark her on another twenty-year voyage, back to Earth..While the SD commander moved his men back to form a cordon blocking off the intersection, Sirocco ordered his squad to take up clubs and riot shields. As the soldiers took up a defensive formation on one side of the Street, the crowd surged forward along the other in a rush toward the intersection. Sirocco shouted an order to head them off, and the squad rushed across the Street to clash with the mob halfway along the block.."It could be worse, I guess," the girl said with a calculated jauntiness. "He could be a bad dresser. A.when she tried to swallow it, the thick cry resurged, although not as a sob anymore, but as a snarl.."Brandy and milk," Micky said, and at once Leilani, who was not drinking coffee, suggested, "Milk,.".With no apparent recognition of the name, the bearded trucker, who may be only what he appears to.flamboyant fantasies rivaled Dorothy's dreams of Oz; however, Micky could get no glimpse of yellow.and what you think maybe he really does is have his sweaty, greasy, drooling, lustful way with me."

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