Low Fertility in Japan

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Why I picked this topic.

- To know what is causing the decrease of fertility in Japan.
- What is the government doing about such issue.
- Why do men not care about forming a family.
- Why do women hold back in forming a family.
- What will be the outcome in the long run?



How is this related to class

We have covered this topic in class

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Main Points

- Men do not want to take such a huge responsibility
- Women want equality and think they won't get it
- Government has done a free programs to help increase fertility
- Japanese don't seem to understand how big the crisis is.

Similar Issues in the US

- Similar case is happening in the United States.
- Fertility rate has decreased in 2018 for the fourth straight year.
- Teen pregnancy has lowered
- Women now have college degrees by the time they have children.

