

## Celebrating.

Last month, we covered 15 new organisations suggested by our members and overall added another 80,000 items, bringing the platform above 2.4 million.

Thank you for building *Policy Commons* hand in hand with us. And welcome to our newest institutional members, University of Pennsylvania and University of California, Los Angeles.

## What was our 2.4 millionth report?

We can't know for sure, but it may have been The Arctic Council's [The State of The Arctic Terrestrial Biodiversity Report](#) or The Independent Panel's [COVID-19: Make it the Last Pandemic](#) (let's hope so).

## Underpopulation—the new overpopulation?

As a “boomer,” I grew up in a world where overpopulation was the worry—a worry that begat China's now discarded [one-child policy](#) (it's now up to [three!](#)) and iconic reports like Club of Rome's 1972 [The Limits to Growth](#).

As *The New York Times* [reports](#), the next generation is more likely to worry about rapidly falling birth rates, and the sweeping ramifications thereof.

Japan's "super aged" society [offers a crystal ball into the future of health care](#), and this new report from the [Fraser Institute](#) predicts [health costs in Canada could rise 88% by 2040](#). **The population slide is predicted to impact universities as well.** Can you imagine offering students iPhones to bolster enrollment? Well, in Korea, some already do.

## What's in a meme?

Randall Munroe, creator of the famous [xkcd](#) webcomic, just swept the academic twitterati off their feet with a [Types of Scientific Paper](#) meme. So, of course, I couldn't resist and joined in with [one for policy outputs](#). If you enjoy romance, sarcasm, math, and language, then [follow](#) Randall on Twitter (and please follow [@policy\\_commons](#) too!).



## Call for Inactive Organisations

Last month, we added [24,000 reports from 148 organisations](#) who have closed their doors. It's time to start working on a new set, and we'd love your help. Do you know of any inactive NGOs or think tanks whose content you wish you could still access? Do you have a collection in your archive that you'd like to share? If you do, we're all ears. [Drop me a line](#) with your suggestions.

## One more thing...

Sharing is caring. Do share this newsletter with your colleagues and let them know that they can explore *Policy Commons* too. Personal registration is free for individuals. (Contact us for details about institutional membership with full access.).

Looking forward to sharing more news and stories with you next month.

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