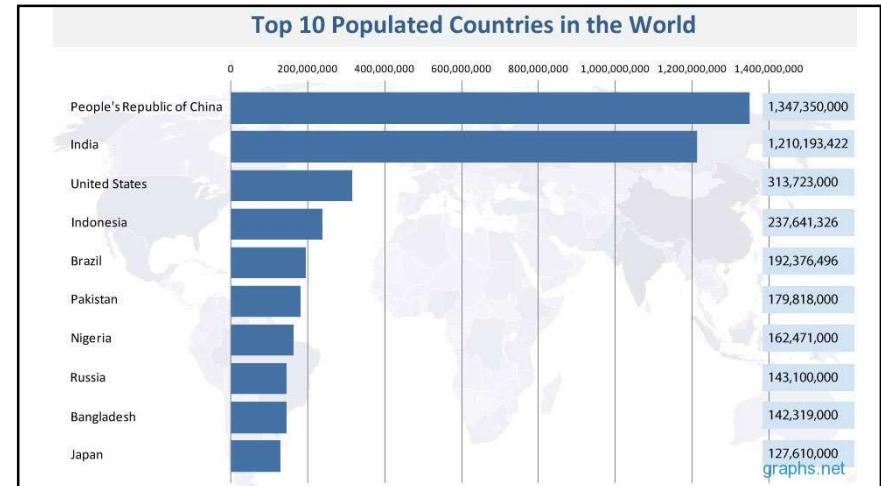


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So Many People...

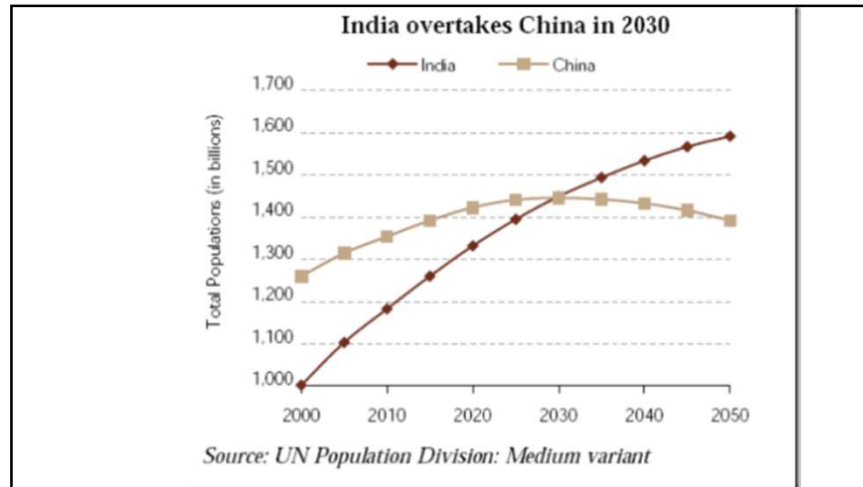


Huge Populations

- China has the largest population in the world: ~1.3 **billion** people.
- India is the second most populous nation, close behind China.
- The US is the third most populous, but far less than India or China. About 300 million.

Why?

- Better healthcare = longer lives and fewer deaths.
- Better agriculture = easier to grow enough food, less famine.
- Cultural customs, such as young marriages and lots of children.



China's One Child Policy

- In the 1970s, the Chinese government worried that the population would grow too large to sustain.
- In 1979, China started the "one child" policy.
- Each family was allowed only 1 child.



China's One Child Policy

- Exceptions were granted. Not always enforced in remote areas.
- In 2013, China ended the "one child" policy.
- Population expected to level off by 2030, and start to decline by 2050.



India

- India has nothing like the one-child policy.
- The government is becoming concerned that the growth rate is too high.
- They are encouraging fewer children, contraception, and later marriage, but no restrictions.