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Tribute to an 'obnoxious' ecocatalytical demotechnician on population

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ABSTRACT: The late John R. Vallentyne was a limnologist and one of Canada's most prominent ecologists of the last century. While his work in institution-building and in improving environmental education is well known, his creative, if infrequent, writings on human overpopulation and demotechnology are less so. This tribute analyzes these, starting with his concept of demotechnic growth, related to Garrett Hardin, 2 admirers who encouraged him to write his cry-from-the-mountaintop. This work was published shortly before his death. His ideas are related to current population estimation of environmentally sustainable population levels. An attempt is made to relate his ideas to population and immigration policies. He has left some of the heavy-lifting to us.

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