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Watch the video at the link above. Read the journalist's questions below and take notes on how Hans Rosling attempts to answer them. Include the words and figures given.

1. What is the big, common misconception about population and wealth?

50 years ago 2 billion 1 billion \$1 \$10 \$100 80% 2-child family
vaccinate school

50 years ago, we were taught that of the world population on 3bn, **2bn** lived on **\$1/day** and **1bn** on **\$10/day**. We are used to thinking of the world in terms of a huge gap between rich and poor, whereas in fact, today, proportionally more people are better off than before. The richest billion are a lot richer (**\$100/day**) but roughly 5bn are living on anything between \$10 and \$100/day. **80%** of the population have **2-child families**, **vaccinate** their children. 90% of girls go to **school**.

2. The biggest story at the moment is about population movement. What can you tell us about that?

Urbanisation refugees migrants neighbouring countries

Urbanisation is the biggest population movement (rather than migration between countries). **Refugees** (fleeing war) and **migrants** (looking for work) mainly move to **neighbouring countries** (Tanzania, Iran, Pakistan...). The reason why population movement is such a big story in the West is because we are not used to it, whereas in fact it has been happening for decades.

3. What can you tell us about the way our resources are being spent on refugees?

UNCRs governments £1 5% 90% Europe boats

UNCRs don't get enough money from **governments** (eg: **£1/day** per refugee in the Middle East). The lucky **5%** of migrants who can afford to get to **Europe** get £50/day, thereby using up **90%** of resources dedicated to refugees. If Europe spent more on aid in the refugees' countries, the refugees wouldn't need to come over in dangerous **boats**.

4. Why are people drowning on boats rather than flying?

Asylum embassies smugglers criminals costly

Refugees can't apply for **asylum** in **embassies**, they have to make their way to the country. If they can afford to, they pay **smugglers**, who are **criminals**, to bring them over, as they are not allowed on planes or ferries. They therefore don't have enough money to support themselves when they finally arrive.

5. If policy-makers spent more time on facts, how much better do you think the world could be?

Academics media responsibility factfulness

Academics and the **media** have a **responsibility** to make people aware of facts so that they can reach "**factfulness**" – a state of serenity obtained by basing opinions on facts.