Example of an Edited Article-Before & After

Carol Adler, Editor

Before (Original Article):

Pett Corby´s Global Warming-Peak Essay

Note from Carol Adler: After first receiving this article to be edited, I looked at the opening paragraphs and realized that the article would not be clearly linked to her targeted theme or argument without changing the first paragraphs. My notes to the author (Pett) are in green. The author then changed the beginning and sent that revision to me in purple. I then set to work to edit the entire piece.

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Dear Pett,

Before proceeding (I just started editing from this point and after reading the next quote and then the beginning of your own writing, I must comment that the connection between peak oil, climate change and natural contraception is not strong enough. This won’t work the way you want it to. You have to start with some logical statements about population control, then lead into other ways we can support healthy living for everyone on the planet). I suggest re-thinking exactly what you want to say here to make that stretch that will move the reader logically and
emotionally from the issue of global warming to the issue of natural contraception as a way to naturally and effectively control the population.

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**Unplanned Pregnancy and Climate Change**

“Wait a minute”, I hear many people say. “What becoming unwillingly pregnant has to do with global warming or peak oil?” A lot! It means overpopulation, contamination, increase consumption of energy and with the industrialisation of the developing world (think of China) the gas emission is about to increase even more.
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We are use to be “surprised” by the event of UP and expect it to occur. However, the knowledge enabling us to deal with the problem is simple and easy to apply, at no cost. I started an awareness campaign “The Connection between UP and Global Warming --- Avoid UP Without Contraceptive Drugs” on MySpace in January 2008 with the only idea to promote awareness. The movement aims to spread the word about the effective, natural, healthy, quick, easy and simple methods for avoiding the problem at no cost, everywhere, every time.

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**Revised Article with Edits**

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“Natural methods” for avoiding pregnancy? What’s wrong with all the contraceptive drugs and devices that Western societies have come to depend on for the past 48 years?
Most of us are familiar with Einstein’s famous aphorism that “insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.” Let’s get real; these methods are not working, just as decisions to fight wars to gain control over virgin territories of the world will not restore our global ecosystem but endanger it even more.

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