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## **HAVING KIDS URGES MIKE HUCKABEE TO DEBATE THE ISSUE OF FAMILY PLANNING, GIVEN CLIMATE, CHILD WELFARE, DISAPPEARING MIDDLE CLASS, AND OTHER CRISES**

*National nonprofit responds to conservative leader's recent attack*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – Today the national nonprofit Having Kids urged conservative commentator Mike Huckabee to defend his recent criticism of the organization's work, and publicly debate a Having Kids representative.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Having Kids sent a letter to Prince William and Kate Middleton, respectfully requesting that the royal couple lead by example and consider forgoing having a third child (as they intimated they might). The [letter](#) also suggested the couple might use the opportunity to highlight the importance of family planning and to work with other families to plan better starts in life for their children.

Following widespread news coverage – including 50+ articles like in outlets such as the *Washington Times*, *Hello Magazine*, *The Telegraph*, *International Business Times*, etc. – the 44th Governor of Arkansas attacked Having Kids on Facebook and implied its leaders – [who have a child](#) – should not be reproducing. Can the Huckabee defend his criticism? Having Kids urges him to do so, or to apologize and admit Having Kids is simply working for a [Fair Start](#) for every child.

Having Kids wrote to the royal couple [because](#) their leadership could be an effective way to build a better future by creating a trend of public discussion of family planning. We need people to work together to help every child.

“We hope Mr. Huckabee grasps the importance his influential public comments on a subject as vital as this,” says Anne Green, Executive Director of Having Kids. “We need those that hold themselves out as leaders to take children's futures seriously, rather than tossing out cheap jokes. Many in the past have given their lives to protect this world from various threats. In the face of challenges we face today, the least we can do is plan our families in a responsible and sustainable manner.”

Recently scientists have confirmed that [the best way to reduce climate change is to have fewer children](#).

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**About Having Kids:** Having Kids promotes and protects every child's right to a fair start in life by replacing parent-centered family planning models with the child-centered Fair Start family planning model. For more information, please visit [HavingKids.org](http://HavingKids.org)