

Position Paper – Climate change impacts on human health in The United States of America

Topic: Climate Change Impacts on Human Health

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Background of Topic

In a world in which people from China can't see the sun or can't breathe properly because of CO₂ pollution, people in Southern Asia or Southern Africa don't have clear water to drink because big companies polluted their rivers and left them to dehydrate to death or people in California are forced to abandon their whole livelihood to get away from the forest fires that have been started because of the global warming, we need to find a solution immediately to be able to leave for our future generations a planet on which they will be able to live on, not only survive. And to be able to clearly assess the problem in the United States, we need to clarify the global problems compared to ours:

- Air pollution is a big concern to every nation on this planet as we all live under the same sky and breathe the same air. Factories in China and India that go unregulated and release enormous amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere supply a demand that is coming from the first world countries and so, in order to halt this kind of pollution, we need to go directly to the people that are asking for the products that are being made in said factories.

- Water pollution is also coming from big companies from first world countries that search for cheap labor and cheap waste management. For instance, rivers in India are flooded with plastic bottles from Coca Cola or with sewage from local waste management firms, leaving people unable to get a cup of clean water to drink. Regulations need to be applied in order to fix this problem.
- Recycling is one of the biggest problems that will be addressed today as it cannot be linked to a number of certain companies which we could regulate, but instead it is linked to every one of us that are leaving on this planet right now. Our social education needs to be reshaped so that it will include recycling in it for us to be able to make a difference in this category.
- Deforestation is mainly going on in third world countries that address the same market as the air pollution companies, but while air may be more affected than our forests, our air can't be filtered without the leaves that are coming from the trees that used to populate our forests, and a tree takes around 100 years to fully mature, a person's lifetime, so it needs quick attention to be able to have a fighting chance against the other forms of pollution.

Past International Actions and Country Policy

When it comes to solving the problem of climate change, the political factor has stayed in the way of focusing our attention on fixing the problem. For instance, on June 1, 2017, then-United States President Donald Trump announced that the U.S. would cease all participation in the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change mitigation, contending that

the agreement would "undermine" the U.S. economy, and put the U.S. "at a permanent disadvantage.". Since then, the United States officially rejoined the Paris Agreement on January 20, 2021. At the same time, leading technical innovations in green energy alternatives came from American Companies and have been funded with American Funds, many programs being made to search for a way to clear our air and our waters.

Possible Solutions

One main point that we want to discuss with the other nations is regulations on big companies on the soil of all countries participating to this discussion so that they wouldn't be able to continue to destroy our nature or bribe local authorities and release greenhouse gases into our atmosphere, providing funds from first world countries like us to third world countries in which this kind of abuse takes place so that they wouldn't have to rely on big corporation's money to function and exist.

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