Environmental Concerns Make Up the Bulk of Most Social Issues

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Abstract

Environmental concerns strongly intersect with modern social issues, as climate change, pollution, and resource scarcity directly drive health crises, economic displacement, and social inequality. Ecological changes directly impact human communities, social stability, and public health. Environmental problems like air pollution, climate change, and water shortages harm daily life, destroy housing, cause displacement, and threaten food and water supplies. Environmental issues and society encompass the complex interactions between human activities and the natural environment, highlighting the interdependence of ecosystems and the impact of technological advancements. In modern industrial and post-industrial societies, reliance on technology has increased significantly, yet this has also led to various environmental challenges such as greenhouse gas emissions, climate change, and pollution. As societies strive for economic development, the depletion of natural resources and the ethical implications of pollution become prominent concerns. The environmental concern of a country's population is an important prerequisite for addressing environmental problems, foremost reducing CO2 emissions and limiting global warming. Environmental concern refers to the belief that the natural environment is in danger and that environmental degradation is caused by human activity. We analyse the determinants of environmental concern by employing multilevel models that take individual effects as well as context effects into account. The results show that environmental concern has increased in almost all nations since the last measurement. At the individual level, environmental concern is closely related to education, post-materialistic values, political attitudes, and individuals' trust in the news media and in science. At the country level, the average environmental concern increases with the wealth of nations. The increasing environmental degradation did not have much impact on individuals` environmental attitudes

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