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Climate Change

Climate change affects us all. Recent shifts in the Earth's weather patterns, resulting in extreme heat, flooding, droughts, violent storms, rising sea levels, smog and habitat loss are taking a toll on our local economies and the environment.

The impacts of climate change have not only created negative effects on the environment such as shrinking water supplies, limited access to clean water, an increase in severe weather, changes in food supply and geographical changes in temperature but also economic and social consequences.

The first communities to be impacted by the effects of climate change are often the most vulnerable. In Canada, Indigenous communities contend with unsafe drinking water. Globally, countries that contribute the most to climate change are often the last to feel its effects, while countries contributing the least tend to bear the brunt of environmental changes.

Quick Facts



81 | Drinking Water Advisories in 44 First Nations, 68 of which are classified as long-term in Ontario.



75% | of mining companies around the world are headquartered in Canada, many with a reputation for infringing on human and environmental rights.



\$175 billion | cost of total damages due to natural disasters in 2016.

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Students Respond

Many students are looking beyond individualized approaches such as changing light bulbs or riding a bicycle. For many international students, this concern is further compounded with seeing their home countries suffer from Canadian companies' resource extraction projects. Students' concern with climate change is nothing new and students recognize that to combat climate change we must prioritize widespread government action over individual behaviour changes. Government must implement stricter environmental regulations on resource extraction companies and implement and enforce harsher penalties.

Students Mobilize

Students and institutions know that to make real progress on climate change, what must be created is the political will and commitment to hold one another accountable at the individual, institutional, provincial, national and international levels.

Become a part of these efforts by:

- 1 Pressuring your institution to reduce its carbon footprint through initiatives such as the creation or retrofitting of buildings to make them LEED compliant, going bottled water free and divesting from fossil fuel companies.**
- 2 Calling on provincial and federal governments to address the drinking water crises in First Nations communities.**
- 3 Pressuring your candidates to commit to stronger regulations against resource extraction companies both in Canada and abroad.**