Visual Argument Introduction

For this project I chose to focus on the issue of Saudi pumping of groundwater in the Southwest United States. The Arizona government sold some land to a Saudi Arabian firm, with restrictions on amount of water that could be pumped from the land, as the area has been experiencing severe drought and groundwater depletion. Many citizens in the Southwest also have limitations on how they can use water and how much they can use. However, the government has allowed pumping far above the restriction. The water is being used to water alfalfa for cows in Saudi Arabia. So in the end, a precious resource that many citizens are already being forced to use sparingly is being used to feed cows in a country across the world.

For this project I chose to give an exaggerated view of this point. I want to show the government stopping Americans from using water how they please, while in the background Saudi cows are allowed to drink as much as they want.