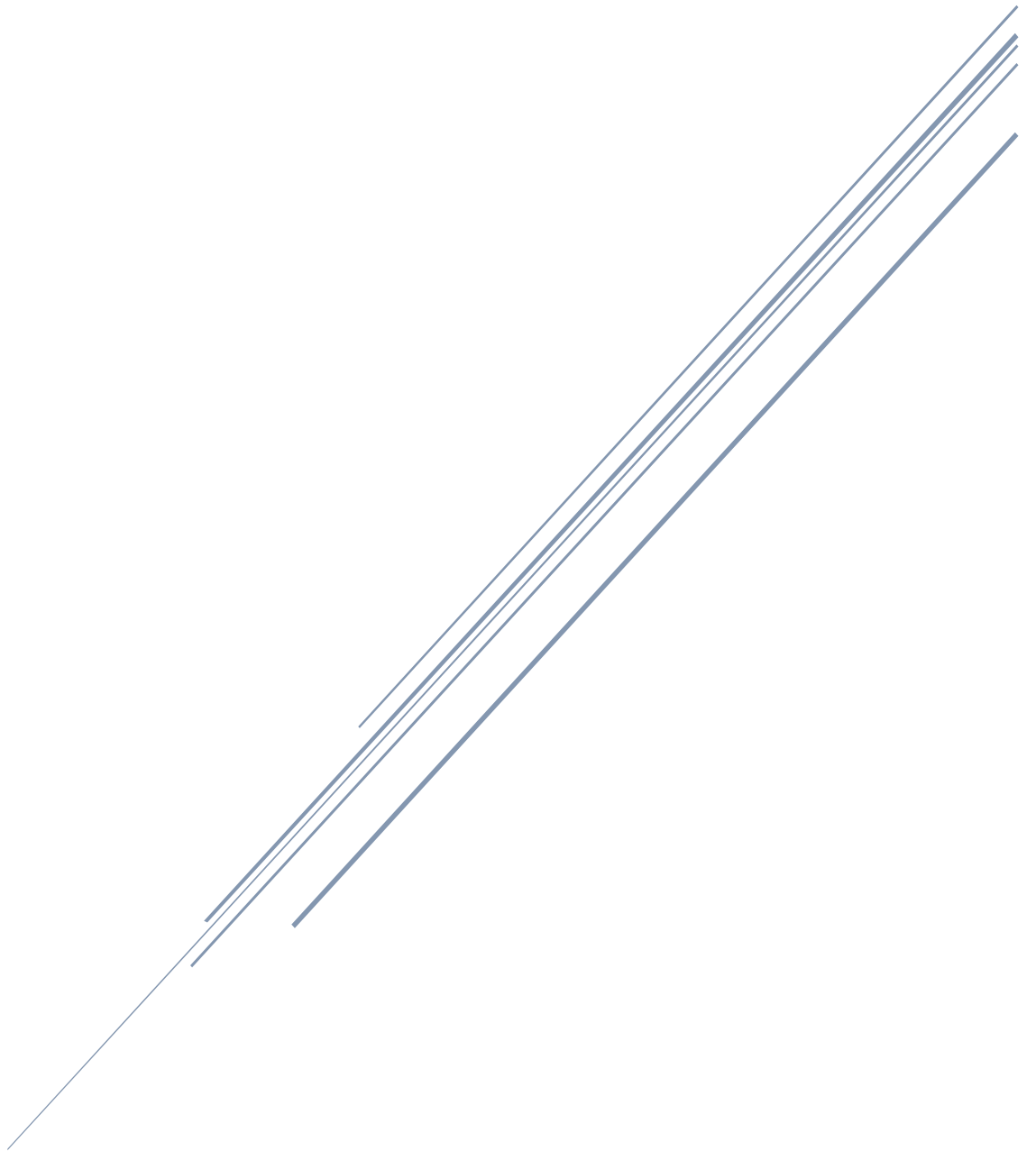


NEGATIVE AFFECTS HUMANS HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT



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Introduction

In this short essay it will be exploring the lasting negative impacts us humans have on the planet.

Negative effects

The environment should be an important thing to us and we should do more to protect the planet. [1] There are many different factors to consider when looking at what's damaging the planet. [2]

Deforestation

There are many different ways us as humans make an impact on this planet, many good but mostly bad. [2] Firstly deforestation, deforestation is the process of clearing out forested land.[3]This is usually done to benefit us humans by clearing land. We are opening up opportunities to make space for agriculture, construction and even using the wood for fuel.[3] This has long last affected on the planet due to it being responsible for estimated 15% of all the greenhouse gas emissions.[4]

Overpopulation

Deforestation is not the only thing that us humans are doing to damage the planet. Overpopulation is another major factor to why us as humans are damaging the planet.[5] Overpopulation is what is sounds, too many people which leads to an increased demand in, food, water, energy, health and more[5] This is affecting the planet because overpopulation could lead to an increased risk in conflicts between multiple nations and disasters like pandemics[6] An example would be COVID-19 was one of the worst outbreak that we as humans have ever been dealt with in the past 100 years.[7] The UK were short for most of the countries lockdown on staff, personal protective equipment(PPE) and unemployment.[8]

Burning fossil fuels

The examples above contribute a lot to the damaging of the planet.[5] However one of the more severe ones is the use of fossil fuels.[9] When fossil fuels are burned they let out a damaging amount of carbon dioxide which is another greenhouse gas.[9] Like greenhouse gases deforestation makes, the gases from burn fossil fuels is no different.[4] As gases rise, they get trapped in our atmosphere causing global warming due to the heat.[10] Global warming has a long lasting effect on the planet as the temperature rises, so does the sea level.[11] This is due to the polar ice caps melting.[12] If this is to continue then eventually more and more land will become submerged underwater and humans will cease to exist.[12]

Pollution

Air pollution created by burning fossil fuels, deforestation and by overpopulation can have long lasting negative impacts to us as humans and to our planet.[2] Air pollution can contaminate water that we drink and use for crops.[13] Not only can it contaminate water but I can also get into the soil of our agriculture and damage wildlife, plants and also young saplings.[13] The chemical gases that can be created from the air pollution are, sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide.[14] This can be create something called acid rain once the chemicals have mixed with water and oxygen that are in our atmosphere.[14] This is dangerous to the planet and our environment because once the rain hits the soil it removes all the nutrients that the plants that we either grow or grow natural need which can cause crop decay leading to shortages in food.[14]

Conclusion

We as humans are solidifying our demise as time goes on.[2] We are constantly damaging our environment, ecosystem, habitats and ourselves. [1] By not standing up and creating change we will not see any positive effects on our planet.[15] Overpopulation, deforestation, pollution and the use of fossil fuels are just a few examples of what we as humans are doing that are killing ourselves but also our planet.[15]

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