

Lecture 5 - Environmental Planning and Management

1. Trends since the Early 1990's
2. Vision of a Solution
3. Ethics and Values
4. Environmental Justice

Key Concepts

- Characteristics of the trends in environmental policy since the 1990's
- How should a solution to environmental issues be articulated
- Ethics: Ecocentric vs Technocentric
- Environmental Justice and the Basel Convention
- Issues with E-waste

1. Trends since the Early 1990's

1. Preoccupation with debt reduction
2. Download of responsibilities to other levels



Trends since the Early 1990's

3. Little interest in consultative processes
4. Backing away from commitments to environmental issues



How do we solve a long-term environmental issue?

2. Vision of a Solution

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- During development around a problem, questions to answer:
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 - What ought to happen?
 - What can happen?



3. Ethics and Values

- Set of moral principles or values that:



Ethics and Values



Our approach to environmental problems should be **just**

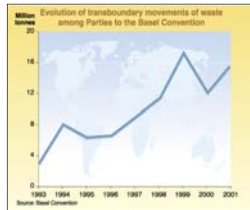
4. Environmental Justice

- According to the United States E.P.A:
- When addressing negative environmental problems, this means:
- Regardless of:

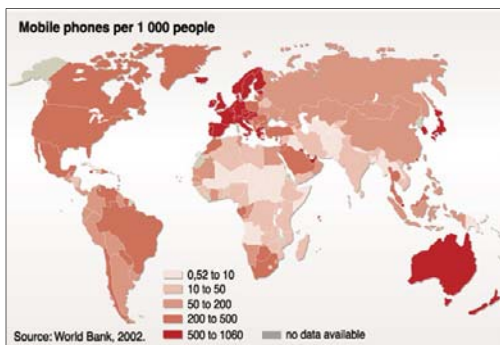


The Basel Convention

- Signed in 1989, in Switzerland, 53 countries have ratified it thus far
- Extends the principle of environmental justice to international trade of:



Basel and Electronics



In Canada...

- Trade forbidden under *Export and Import of Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Material Regulations, 2005*
- Ontario Electronic Stewardship:



Conclusion

- Since the 1990's, governments have gradually disinvested from their responsibilities in regards to environmental protection, and from meaningful public consultation
- Addressing today's major environmental issues demand the formulation of a collective vision, consistent with a society's ethics and values
- The formulation of this vision demands the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people; i.e. that it is environmentally just

Things to Consider

1. Do you have an ecocentric or technocentric world view? Can you fit into one specific category, or do your values and ideas overlap into both?
 - Is there a difference between your basic values and the way in which you live your life? If so, why?
2. Having a long-term view is important in managing resources and environment. Why is it so difficult for policy-makers and managers to take a long-term view?
 - What are the major influences on policy-makers and managers in individuals that keep them thinking in the short-term?

TO DO!

1. For next lecture: material covered in Chapter 6
2. Podcasts to watch for this week: Environmental Planning and Resources – Units 1 to 3; Planning and Management Process – Units 1 to 4
3. Tutorials **this week**: bring the "Group Discussion Answer Sheet", and the "Term Paper Outline Review Grid"
