

One may believe that climate change would be a pressing question as much as it is mentioned on the news. Therefore, it would potentially be something people think about or at least ponder on every now or then. I sought out to see people's different takes on climate change. In the beginning I came to understand that people's understanding on climate change was very limited and the opinions are very similar especially from people in Sweden. We chose to discuss different topics such as how we got to this specific situation? What have we done to solve the problems that have come from climate change? and lastly is the use of oceans and cost currently sustainable.

Discussing the current situation there were varying opinions. Something that we all agreed upon was that we underestimated our impact on the environment. The way we currently use our resources is more like we are living with backup earths was something one person in the discussion mentioned. This leads us down the road of what or who has been the biggest perpetrator of climate change. The industrial revolution significantly increased production and with that also the need for energy resources that were available at the time such as coal and oil. We believe that this combined with the rapid expansion of the west exacerbated the effect on climate change. Looking at which countries are currently the biggest producers of carbon emissions it is often the countries that are very well developed and revolutionized their industry quickly. There was however some differing opinion of who is to blame. One side pointed out that what happened before has been understood and the responsible countries are currently at the forefront of green energy. So instead of looking to the West one should look at the East, where countries such as China and the Gulf states do not take the same responsibility. The other side maintains that the West damaged countries both economically and ecologically and for the affected countries to care about climate change there has to be some sort of reparations paid.

Sweden came up multiple times when discussing a positive solution for climate change. Regarding their efforts we agreed that Sweden compared countries with similar GDP is outperforming them when it comes to sustainable energy efforts. We also discussed if everybody followed Sweden as an example would we be closer to the goal or would nothing change. Some

said that it possibly would get us a little bit closer depending if the larger countries applied the actions but on a larger scale. If we would like to move the needle even more there needs to be more efforts to sustainable energy sources and a decrease of production by all countries. At the end of this question we also understood that countries such as Sweden may not be as climate friendly as believed. They could “export” their carbon emission by outsourcing the manufacturing of their products to other countries and thereby not including this in their own carbon emission report.

When we came to the question about oceans and coasts most of the issues that we found were overfishing, dumping of toxic waste and bottom trawling. Where due to more developed countries exploiting developing countries waters. Such as the topic of fishermen turning to piracy as a result of the exploitation of their waters. Someone also mentioned that the certificates for sustainable sourced fish have been given out for payment. Lastly we also talked about how boats such as cruise ships are very bad for the oceans. They pollute a substantial amount more than airplanes flying the same route and have been caught dumping oil and waste in the ocean. The only way we saw for oceans to become sustainable is restricting the amount of boats allowed, by that we mean all boats from fishing to frigates. This could potentially slow down our consumption and thereby also climate change.

To conclude there is some understanding regarding climate change. Most of the opinions are that there need to be more actions made towards a greener future. This is very similar to what you can see in the media: that we are not living a sustainable lifestyle. Sweden as mentioned before is at the forefront of sustainability and us living in such a country will definitely shape our opinions. On the other hand if we lived in another country, perhaps a developing one, our opinions could have been different. Because as we are developing there will inevitably be carbon emissions that will increase.