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Subject: Food waste

**Introduction**

This report is based on a survey among 1 876 people older than 21 years which was conducted in Germany. The aim of this report is to answer the questions why food waste has become so controversial and what kind of people dispose of too much food.

**Findings**

According to the survey, 33.7 percent of people who were born before 1945 had not thrown food away in the month before the survey. This is quite remarkable because younger people are more likely to be wasteful. For example, only 8 percent of Generation Y – people born between 1980 and 1995 – did not throw any food away in the month prior to the survey. The younger the people are, the more food they throw away.

**Possible reasons for the controversy of food waste**

One possible reason why food waste has become such an important topic in the past few years is that people are now aware of the fact that food is difficult to dispose of and because of climate change humans need to change their eating habits. Moreover, waste disposal causes economical, ecological and social issues. As a result, humans should still eat their food if it is not already spoiled.

**Recommendations**

It would be advisable not to buy too much food if it cannot be eaten before it is beyond its expiration date. In addition, food scraps do not have to been thrown away because they might still be edible. They could be eaten on another day. Furthermore, it is recommended not to buy everything the heart desires in a supermarket.

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