

Over the past few years, great attention and publicity has been called to the state of our world. Regardless of the debate about whether we are experiencing global warming or global climate change, the results all conclude that we are contributing ~~the~~ to the sped-up destruction of our world. Under such dire circumstances, it is imperative that action is taken and carried out through exemplary action of our nation's governments.

When new action-plans are starting up, a leader aids in guiding its followers along the appropriate path. In this instance ~~with global~~ where the "world has a problem" (source C), the United States would provide an influential voice ^{toward} the right ^{path} ~~way~~. If such a large nation as America were to break free of its wasteful habits, the other four ~~or~~ countries contributing a combined 54% of the world's carbon dioxide emissions (source E), would be quick to act as well. When one large stone begins to inch forward, it gains more ^{attention} ~~publicity~~ and support than ten small stones bounding ahead.

However, despite the ~~necessity~~ of great



necessity of having a leader, it still remains important to have smaller ~~and more~~ countries, such as Singapore, take action. ~~Places like~~ Singapore ~~are~~ ^{is} a perfect example of the extreme involvement in which governments need to engage. Due to the fact that "tax policy is public policy" (Source B), taxes are the prime area to target. As learned in Webber's ~~over~~ excerpt, high taxes for the betterment of the nation's carbon footprint, & a "mass transit system", are standards set by the government, and are therefore, carried out.

Amidst such an issue, it is required to note that, as Source E's graph depicts, individuals are attempting to make a difference. ~~Perhaps these people believe the government~~ The results ~~do~~ demonstrate both American and Japanese people's commitment to change; nonetheless the remaining three nations appear to need a higher authority's decree in order to find motivation to change.

It has been argued that the required drastic changes would cost corporations ~~too much~~ overly excessive amounts of money ~~as~~ which would result in "workers lose jobs" and would "adversely



affect the gross national product" (Source A). True, companies may lose money and worker's "3 minutes per week" (winters) would be ~~spent~~ energy aimed towards this cause of going green, but as the old saying goes "it has to get worse before it gets better". The sacrifice of a nation would allow the world to reap the benefits years later.

The ~~possibility of the~~ individual doing their part is possible in inexpensive ways, outlined by Source F. However the massive change and action has to come from within the government if such a world-scale problem is ever to be resolved.

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