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The factors which were discussed early include climate change, poor health of the entire population, lack of education priorities and inappropriate use of technologies. These factors have the most influence on the global environment as compared to the remaining ones which include civil war, energy sources, globalization, and cultural taboos. Climate change is not only a threat, but it has become a global issue for many countries. It is affecting badly to the planet’s weather and the overall climate system of the earth. It has been observed that since 1906, the earth’s surface temperature has been increased about 0.9 Celsius degree and each decade has been warmer than the before. According to the research of different scientists, they find out that climate change will have some adverse effects on the earth.

 Different regions in the United States are also poorly affected due to the increase in temperature. It has been observed that different regions from the United States have seen extreme heat issues which have brought new challenges for the government of United States and they are currently finding ways on how to overcome these challenges. Similarly like Climate change, Health has a huge influence on the economy of the country because it is one of the most critical factors in enjoying life. Today health is considered as one of the biggest factors in the development of countries. An individual must be healthy enough to perform daily activities. Poor health affects the overall activities of the individual. Especially education activities depend on the good health of an individual. Poor health causes an individual to lose their inner strength, and they might have to face mental health problems due to poor health.

 Education is also very important for every country. However, there are about 70 million children who are still uneducated and unable to go to schools due to lack of education resources. Lack of education resources is one of the biggest global issues which countries are facing. It is affected not only the population but also the economy of the country because education is necessary for everyone. Just like Climate change, poor health and lack of education resources inappropriate use of technology also brought new challenges for the environment. Technology is one of the most valuable tools which is available for people to perform their tasks easier. It has an automated task of human beings and makes the life of people easier. However, there are many people who are misusing technology. The research found out that youth is severely affected by the inappropriate use of technology. When these factors compared to the ones like civil war, globalization, cultural taboos, and energy sources, they affected more the environment.

**Civil War**

Civil war destroyed the environment badly and affected the lives of not only human beings but also of other creatures. It was having a huge impact on the health of the global environment but it happened long ago, and currently, it is not affecting the environment. The civil war in the united states started in 1861 which caused millions of lives and ruined the American soil. The war did not attack people but also the environment of the united states. Today there are huge concerns over the health of our environment and how to maintain the use of natural resources of the earth. Civil war destroyed a lot of natural resources of America, and at that time of civil war, there was no concept of how people should maintain the use of natural resources. The soldiers and humans of the civil war still had a massive impact on the natural environment of America (Raleigh & Urdal, 2007).

There were many events in the Civil war which negatively impacted the environment nationwide. Civil war caused heavy destructions and destroyed many forests which were a great natural resource for the environment. Many people still don't consider forest as a massive source of survival. However, this is not the case because forests are essential for the survival of human beings. They are the reason for providing us fresh air. Woods from the forests can be utilized and use for different purposes such as for fire, for creating furniture, for creating households, etc. Forest also offers watershed protection, mitigate climate change and prevent soil erosion. Still, many people want forests to disappear (Fergusson et al., 2014).

Forest products are very important for the daily lives of people, and the damage caused by civil war to forests created an adverse impact on the environment. The daily routine products of human beings are built from the natural resources of the forests. Forests not only provide use of shelter, water, and food but also provide us the security of fuel. There are many cosmetics, medicines, and detergents which are made from the natural resources of the forest. Civil war destroyed a lot of resources of America which can be utilized now to create many products for daily usage. One of the reasons for climate change was due to the civil war in which many forests were destroyed (Fergusson et al., 2014).

Civil war destroyed a huge number of natural resources and caused massive loses which include disruption of waterways, drainage of wetlands and the loss of topsoil. Civil war affected not only the environment and human beings but also the life of animals. Many animals were killed during the Civil war which badly affected the wildlife. Civil war not only cause animals life but also destroyed their places of living and resources of food for them. Overall civil war has a huge impact on the environment and brought many changes in the environment which still human beings are facing (Levy & Sidel, 2007).

**Energy sources**

Energy sources have some impact on the environment, but it does not have that much impact on the environment and life of people as compared to the other discussed four main factors before. Energy sources which harm the environment include fossil fuels, coal, oil, and natural gas. These resources are less harmless then climate change, lack of education resources, poor health and inappropriate use of technology to the environment. It has been observed that energy sources impact also depends on the use of technology (Union of Concerned Scientists, 2019). However, energy sources can have a huge positive impact on society due to the involvement of technology if they are used positively.

 The research found out that using too much energy harms our environment. Resources of energy like fossil fuels are used to create electricity. Fossil fuels put tons of C02 in the atmosphere which is one of the main reason for climate change. Energy cannot be produced without any resources, and each resource of energy have some negative effect on the environment, but not as much bad impact as the other factors are having on the global environment. People these days use more energy sources and not utilize natural sources. Many people don't know the benefits of the sunlight, and they are using artificial lights which are harmful to their health. Natural light from the sun has many advantages for health, but people don't bother to make use of sunlight more than artificial lights.

 Many researchers found out that excessive amount of usage of energy resources can create pollution in the environment which is not good for health. People are using energy sources without considering how much effect they have on their environment. Using the excess amount of energy sources also causes a loss in the natural resources like water, oil, and gas because energy sources are made from these resources and wasting energy sources is just like the one is wasting natural resources which are helping in creating energy sources.

All the sources of energy also have negative impacts on human health. Fossil fuels usage is not clear and is being used for creating many energy sources. They create a huge negative impact on the health of human beings. It has been observed that fossil fuels have caused some severe health issues in past years. Due to pollution which is created by fossil fuels have caused many diseases which are very harmful to the health of human being. Researchers found that it is one of the reasons for the increase in life-threatening disease like cancer, especially in children. Air pollution is not good for the health of not only human beings but also for the life of animals. However, still, people are using fossil fuels for the consumption of energy (Pring et al., 2008).

 Energy sources are one of the main reason for the health issues in the environment but are not affecting that badly as climate change is affecting the health of the global environment. Renewable energy sources have a huge impact on the local, national and international scale on the environment (El-Hinnawi & Biswas, 1981). However, climate changes have affected more on health as compared to any factor. Inappropriate use of technology is also one of the reasons why people are facing challenges in the environment. There are many energy sources which are based on technology, but they are not being utilized the way they should and creating adverse impacts on the environment. Education is also compulsory because it is important to convey the usage of energy sources among people who can only be done by educating them and telling them the pros and cons of energy resources.

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