Environmental Racism

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Environmental racism is a notion developed in the environmental justice movement that was developed in the 1970s and 1980s in the US. This concept describes the environmental injustice that is practised against certain ethnic minorities in an environmental manner (Bullard, 2001). This concept occurs due to unsafe and unhealthy work conditions where no regulations are defined for poor workers, or in the localities are too close to manufacturing plants that release toxic materials nearby (Laura Pulido, 2016). The federal economy benefits from this concept as the company cut-down their production costs that may be comparatively greater in case of green economy jobs. The affected parties are the minority groups that suffer from a decrease in the availability of clean drinking water and pollution-free air. Also, these factors have deadly affects the nearby environment, making it difficult for the nearby communities to live sue to a variety of diseases like renal failure, asthma and even cancer (David H.Chae, 2018). This can also be seen in the city of Detroit in the state of Michigan, as the air itself has turned into a "heavy yellowish-green" colour which puts the close-by residents in a constant state of nausea, constantly burning their eyes as well as go about their daily business in the neighbourhood. Children in the region do not venture outdoors due to the stale and toxic air while kids as young as ten years old are affected by the condition of asthma (Berglund, 2018). As for who should we pay to clean up this mess, it’s the Environmental Protection Agency, or the EPA. True, they cannot do it solely by themselves, but they can at least force the industrial plants nearby to withdraw their narrative of “all is well” and help the community at large by funding cleanup operations for the good of their workers and their communities (Davies, 2018).

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