

# New Challenges During The 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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# New Challenges We Face Today



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Overpopulation

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Climate Change

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Deforestation

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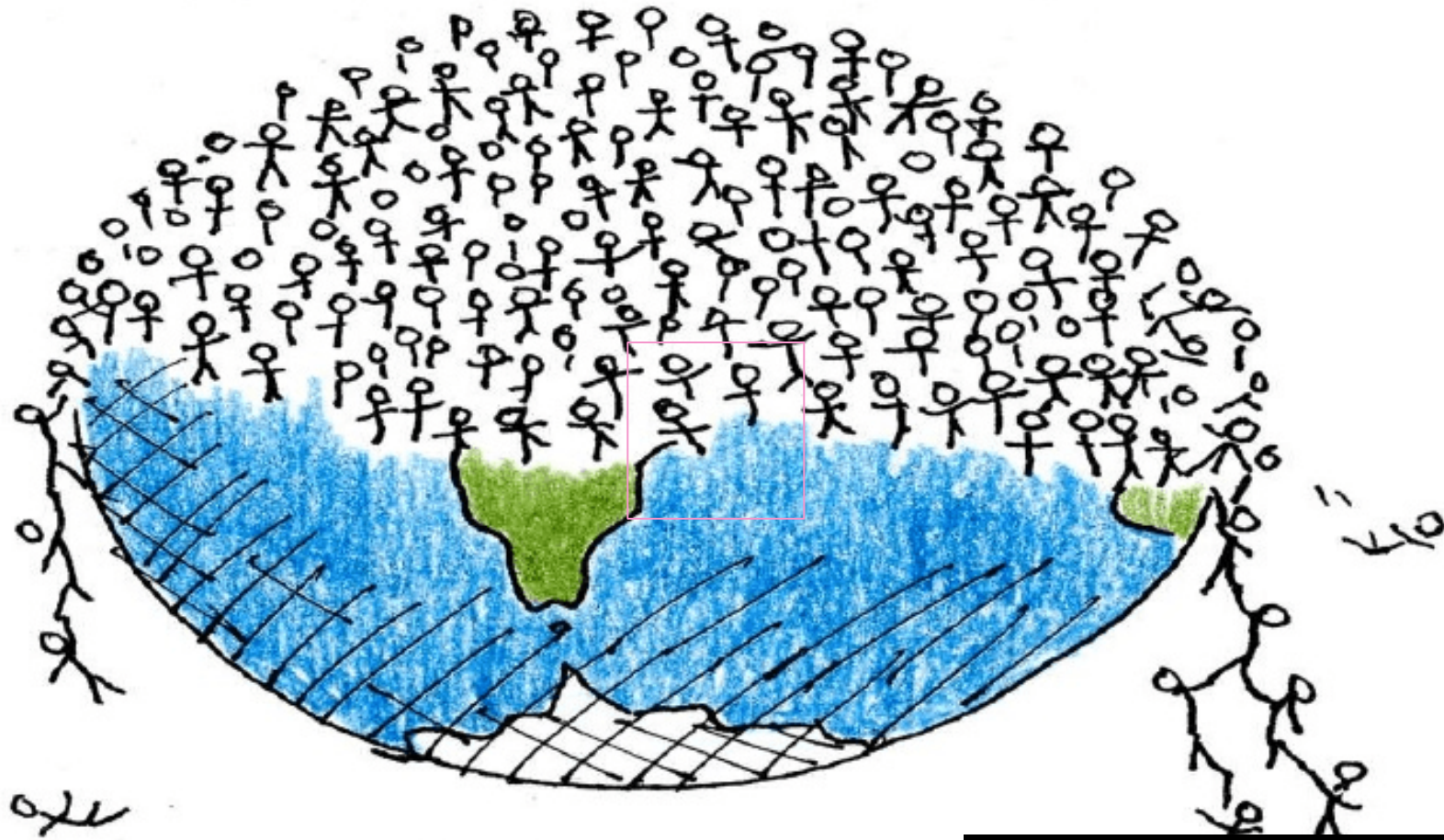
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# Overpopulation

- ▶ Overpopulation is a big problem that has led to human rights abuses and much pointless suffering.
- ▶ Cause of overpopulation are falling mortality rate mainly due to medicine, Progress in food production, Migration and urban concentration (Sustainability for all).
- ▶ Effects of overpopulation are exhaustion of natural resources, environmental degradation, rising unemployment, rising living costs, technology advances, depopulation of rural areas (Sustainability for all).



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Overpopulation becoming a threat to the world

# Climate Change

- ▶ Some of the climate change impacts includes: Intense wildfires, Flooded Coastlines, Extreme Heat Waves, Growing Threats to Human Health (The years project).
- ▶ In 2013 climate disruption help fuel wildfires that caused over 1 billion dollars in damages (The years project).
- ▶ Parts of Philippines or affected due to the global warming driving up sea levels increasing the reach of the storm surges and amplifying disasters such as Typhoon Haiyan (The years project).
- ▶ Climate change is impacting human's health, the timing of seasonal events are shifting to response in warm weather, extreme weathers are occurring, and sea levels are rising (The years project).

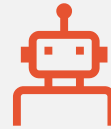
# Deforestation



Deforestation is when the trees in the forest are permanently removed to make space for something else (Derouin, 2019).



Deforestation occurs when forested area is cut and cleared to make way for agriculture or grazing and especially are clear to make way for palm oil plantations (Derouin, 2019).



More than 30% of the Earth's land surface is covered with forests. Globally, 13.4 million people have jobs in the forest sector, and another 41 million people have jobs related to forests (Derouin, 2019).



The loss of trees can affect water quality and the half of the global population relies on forested watersheds for their drinking water as well as water used for agriculture and industry (Derouin, 2019).





No more beautiful trees

# Global Health

According to [healthypeople.gov](http://healthypeople.gov) the health of the U.S. population can be affected by public health threats or events across the globe (healthypeople).

For example, in the 21st century we experienced the Ebola virus outbreak that began in 2014, SARS epidemic that occurred in 2003, And the spread of the novel H1N1 influenza that happened in 2009 (healthypeople).



# Covid-19

- ▶ COVID-19 is the most serious dangerous and rapidly infecting virus that has spread across the world affecting and impacting all the smallest of communities and the largest of cities
- ▶ As of April 24th there were 2.7 million cases of Corona virus across the globe (Menickella, 2020).
- ▶ Although the virus started in China the countries that had the most confirmed cases were the U.S., Italy, Spain, and France.
- ▶ Over 213 countries and territories have confirmed COVID-19 cases (medicalnewsoday).
- ▶ Wuhan Municipal Health Commission, China, reported a cluster of cases of pneumonia in Wuhan Hubei Province. A novel coronavirus was eventually identified on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

# U.S. Economy Affected By Covid-19



- ▶ Due to Covid -19 the economy in the United States has been affected deeply.
- ▶ Schools were closed restaurants were closed and religious places were closed.
- ▶ The unemployment rate increased rapidly.

# Confirmed Cases and Deaths of Covid-19

- ▶ As of today there are over 4 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 and over 304 thousand deaths across the world.
- ▶ There are over 1.47 million confirmed cases and over 87,000 deaths in the United States.
- ▶ In New York there are over 343 thousand confirmed cases and over 22,000 deaths.



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# Covid-19 Affecting My life and Everyone Around Me.

- ▶ Instead of attending in person classes I had to take my classes fully online.
- ▶ My mother is not an essential worker, but she had to work from home. However my dad is an essential worker and still has to go to work every night.
- ▶ Since my mother is a heart patient, I had to take extra precautions and make sure not to step out of my house.
- ▶ Some of my closest friends and their families were affected by COVID-19 and had to be admitted to the hospital.
- ▶ One of my distant relative had passed away because she was affected by COVID-19.

# Summary

During the 21st century, the world has went through a lot. Although some might think that it's a modern day and everything should be running smooth, especially because of technology. It is true that because of technology the world has become more advanced, but we as people are not doing any good for the environment. We may not know that we are destroying the planet because some might think we don't have that capability, but we do. Because of overpopulation, there are more people to litter and make the place dirty and unhealthy. Climate change is also happening because the planet is not being kept clean. We all know that trees gives us oxygen to breath, but if there are no trees left, how we as humans will survive? Unfortunately Covid-19 has majorly impacted the world in all different ways. However, in this situation, there is something for everyone to learn. We should realize that this planet is our home and we should learn to take good care of it and keep it clean, safe, and healthy.



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