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1. Global Climate Change Concerns: NGO Strategies and Resource Mobilization in the U.S. and Japan

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This research aims to comprehend the current situation with environmental NGOs tackling the global climate change, examining the strategies of environmental NGOs in approaching the issue. The research focuses on the difference between traditional NGOs' approach and climate justice approach; the relationship between their activities related to climate change and popular support.

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Abstract

The nonparticipation of the United States in the Kyoto Protocol shows the limitations of environmental NGO advocacy. Although environmental NGOs are increasingly powerful in terms of the scale, traditional NGOs have exerted little influence on decision makers, and may not have gotten sufficient popular support in respect to climate change. On the other hand, the environmental justice movement has become vigorous in the 1990s in the United States. While focusing on environmental degradation around people of color and in economically disadvantaged communities, the movement aims to treat broader topics, such as global climate change, thus coining the term, *climate justice*.

This research aims to delineate both the traditional environmental and new environmental justice NGOs tackling global climate change by evaluating the strategies in approaching climate change. In particular, this study will focus on comparing the traditional and climate justice approaches highlighting the differences in strategy and degree of popular supports. Since the environmental justice movement is based on local grassroot groups, this study also investigates interactions between international, national and regional NGOs committing in environmental justice and local grassroot groups. In order to comprehensively evaluate the activities of broader environmental NGOs, this study will analyze the nonprofits data that can be obtained from NCCS (the National Center for Charitable Statistics) at the Urban Institute that compiles the data from IRS form 990. This study attempts to grasp the advantages and disadvantages of their strategies to the global climate change, and how both types of environmental NGOs address the global climate change to attract the popular support.