

Discussion Qs

3rd part of the semester

DQs 11/9

1. How is food waste a sustainability issue?
2. What needs to change to address the issue of food waste?

DQs 11/14

1. How does the harvesting (i.e. collecting) of recyclable materials differ in the U.S. and China?
2. In what ways do the GN and GS face different waste issues?
3. Why and how are people more sustainably using plastic waste in Global South countries?
4. How has China's recent policy change affected the global recycling system?
5. Why, arguably, won't recycling solve the plastic pollution problem?
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DQs 11/21

1. Who killed Mr. Fix it?
2. What incentives do MNCs have to embrace reducing, reusing, and recycling? What interferes with this pursuit, despite the incentives?
3. What efforts have people (governments, organizations, citizens) made to address these issues?
4. What are the pros and cons of the right to repair?
5. What are some of the creative ways people are attempting to deal with waste than relying exclusively on landfills and recycling facilities? (Yes, we will discuss this question again for this set of articles.)

DQs 11/30

1. You take a stab at writing some questions for us to discuss. This is a really good way to organize your thoughts and connect information together.

DQs 12/5 (finish 12/7 if necessary)

1. How is Black Friday indicative of the overwhelming success of the neoliberal economic market (think capitalism) to indoctrinate commodity fetishism into American society?
 - What had the trade-off been for capitalist growth?
 - Why does the author question whether 'consumerism spurs growth or the economic system's built-in need for growth drives consumerism'?
 - How does advertising fit into capitalism?
 - How do adverse feedback loops undermine sustainability?

2. What is 'degrowth' and why do its advocates argue this model is a necessary step beyond practicing sustainable development?
 - What are no-growth advocates?
 - How and why did degrowth emerge as an economic model?

3. What are the key issues we, as humans, especially people in GN countries, need to address to promote sustainability?
 - How to/ what will/ what can successfully challenge the dominant neoliberal economic paradigm?
 - What are the main policy changes necessary for sustainability through degrowth?