

Topic: Despite its Urgency Climate Change remains the most neglected cause

## ESSAY.

### OUTLINE

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Thesis Statement: Although Climate Crisis is urgent but it remains the most neglected cause. Neglect of climate change is a threat to the world. World is facing hazardous impacts of this neglect. However it can be overcome through some proper measures.

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#### 2. CRUNCH PARAGRAPH.

#### 3. FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

- LACK OF AWARENESS AMONG MAJORITY OF POPULATION CONTRIBUTES TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF CLIMATE CRISIS.
- MAJORITY POPULATION CONSIDERS "CLIMATE CRISIS" A MYTH. (Donald Trump statement)
- SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INTEREST MAY LEAD TO NEGLIGENCE.
- DISREGARD FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS
- LACK OF POLICY ACTION

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f). CLIMATE CAUSE IS NEGLECTED THROUGH THE "CARBON TRADING" AMONG THE COUNTRIES.

g). HIGH ECONOMIC COMPETITION AMONG THE DEVELOPED WORLD LEADS TO NEGLIGENCE OF CLIMATE CRISIS.

h). POPULATION EXPLOSION IS THE MAJOR FACTOR OF NEGLECTING CLIMATE CAUSE (from Sir Majid Nadeem)

#### 4. IMPACTS OF NEGLECTING CLIMATE CHANGE.

a). CLIMATE CRISIS NEGLECT LEADS TO INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY OF UNEXPECTED WEATHER PATTERNS.

b). MELTING OF GLACIERS LEADING TO GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

c). Neglect OF CLIMATE CRISIS HAS INCREASED THE THREAT OF FEMINE.

d). CLIMATE CRISIS NEGLECTING IS LEADING TO URBAN FLOODING ACROSS THE WORLD

e). IT IS LEADING TO WILD FIRE.

## 5. INAYS FORWARD TO OVERCOME THE NEGLECT.

- a). AWARENESS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS ON GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL.
- b). THE NEGLECT COULD BE CONTROLLED THROUGH EDUCATION.
- c). THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.
- d). IMPLEMENT ON THE STRONG CLIMATE AGREEMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL AND NEGOTIATE EFFECTIVE POLICIES.

## 6. CONCLUSION.

"When the last tree is cut, the last fish is caught, and the last river is polluted; when to breathe the air is sickening, you will realize, too late, that wealth is not in bank accounts and that you can't eat money." (Alanis Obomsawin, Indigenous filmmaker) This means that right now we are ignoring climate crisis. We are not taking useful steps to overcome it. We will realize its urgency when we will pay price for it. When we feel difficulty in breathing because of polluted air, when we will not have enough food to eat then we will realize it that we can't eat money. Climate crisis is neglected because majority of population considers it as a myth. Short-term Economic interest, disregard for International agreements, lack of policy actions and population explosion are some of the major contributory factors in neglecting the climate cause. Although climate crisis is urgent but it remains the most neglected cause. Neglect of climate crisis is a threat to the world. World is facing hazardous impacts of this neglect. However it can be

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overcome through proper measures.

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. Such shifts can be natural, due to changes in the sun's activity or large volcanic eruptions. But since the 1800s, human activities have been the main driver of climate change, primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas. Burning of fossil fuels generates greenhouse gas emissions that act like a blanket wrapped around the Earth, trapping the sun's heat and raising temperatures. The main greenhouse gases that are causing climate change include carbon dioxide and methane.

These come from using gasoline for driving a car or coal for heating a building, for example. Clearing land and cutting down forests can also release carbon dioxide. Agriculture, oil and gas operations are major sources of methane emissions. Energy industry, transport, buildings, agriculture & land use are among the main sectors causing greenhouse gases. Climate scientists have showed that humans are responsible for virtually all global heating over the last 200 years. Human activities like the ones mentioned above are causing greenhouse gases that are warming the world faster than at anytime in at least the last two thousand years.

The average temperature of the Earth's

surface is now about  $1.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  warmer than it was in the late 1800s, (before the industrial revolution) and warmer than at any time in the last 100,000 years. The last decade (2011-2020) was the warmest on record, and each of the last four decades has been warmer than any previous decade since 1850. There is an urgency to deal with the climate cause. Despite its urgency climate crisis remains the most neglected cause. (265)

Majority of the world population lack awareness about climate change. Lack of awareness contributes to the negligence of climate crisis. If people will not know about the serious threat, they will not be able to contribute in controlling climate cause. During a research held on the awareness of climate change, **55%** of the people thought there were more urgent priorities to be worried about climate change. **21%** said that they did not know much about climate change. Over half of adults who were not worried about climate change think there are other more urgent priorities to be worried about. Worries about climate change, Great Britain September to October 202. **Office for National Statistics.** Therefore, when a large number of population is not worried about the climate

change it will play role in the negligence  
of climate change. (137)

Majority of the population considers "Climate Crisis" a myth. People show such behaviour because of psychological distance. It is a natural phenomenon that normally people do not accept the things or realities until they experience it by themselves. Former President of United States of America had given some contradictory statements that convey the message that climate crisis is a myth not a reality.

"The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive."

"It's freezing in New York — where the hell is global warming?" These were statements given by United States Former President Donald Trump during his presidency.

reference. By Helier Cheung  
BBC News, Washington DC.

Hence, people's misconception about the climate change played a major role in its negligence.

Climate cause has been neglected due to the short-term economic interest. Countries heavily reliant on fossil fuels for their energy production and export; such as oil-producing nations, may prioritize short-term economic gains from the fossil fuel industry over long-term environmental concerns. Some countries may prioritize

rapid economic growth and industrialization, which can lead to increased greenhouse gas emissions. They might be reluctant to implement climate-friendly policies that could slow down economic development. Examples of countries that play a role in neglecting climate change due to short-term economic interests include the **United States** during periods of increased fossil fuel production,

**Brazil's deforestation policies**, and **Australia's reliance on coal exports**.

Therefore, short-term economic interest may lead to the negligence of climate change. (122)

Disregard for international agreements has played a more crucial role in neglecting the threats of climate change. Some countries of the world take international agreements lightly, some exit from the agreements while some of the remaining countries have fulfilled the conditions and targets of the agreements.

**United States under Trump** pulled out from **Paris Agreement**. His stance was that if China, India and other countries do not cut required carbon cuts then why United States do that? After the COP-27 in the first five years majority of the countries did not even stated initiative, developed and the developing world. **Reference: UNFCCC. COP-27**. Hence disregarding attitudes of countries



towards international agreements contribute in the negligence of climate change. (117)

The lack of policy action on climate change can contribute to negligence in addressing this global issue, allowing greenhouse gas emissions to continue unchecked. This will <sup>it will be</sup> cause <sup>increase in</sup> harmful the earth's temperature. There are lots of example where countries have lack of policy action against climate change. During the Trump administration (2017-2021), there was a notable lack of policy action on climate change, and the United States withdrew from the Paris Agreement in 2020. This withdrawal signaled a reduced commitment to addressing climate change at the federal level.

**References: Clean Green Village.** Therefore, Negligence of climate change is the effect of lack of Policy Action. (104)

Climate cause is neglected through the "CARBON TRADING" among the countries. Carbon emission is the major source of pollution and dangerous for environment. In 2002, it was legally allowed the sale and purchase of carbon quota. It allowed the major emitters to keep emitting more carbon gases and they increase the purchase of carbon quota from lesser emitter. Carbon trading is the major failure of COP-21 that it could not declared

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carbon trading illegalized. Hence, carbon trading is the major contributor of Negligence of climate change. (93)

Economic competition among the countries has been contributed in the neglect of climate cause. Countries in fierce economic competition may relax environmental regulations to attract businesses and investment. This can lead to increased pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, exacerbating climate change. Competition for natural resources can drive countries to exploit fossil fuels and other resources at unsustainable rates, contributing to environmental degradation and climate change. Pattern of Chinese Foreign direct investment (FDI) outflow over 2008-2019. ~~And~~ Most countries with more relaxed environment regulations attract foreign direct investment from polluting industries. Therefore, climate cause has been neglected because of economic competition among countries. (112)

Population explosion is the major factor of neglecting climate cause. Population of the world is increasing day by day. With the increasing population energy demand and supply is increased and carbon emission is also increased. **As per US census Bureau** In 1960 world population was 3 billion and it has increased to 6 billion in 2000. In November 25, 2022 it has reached more than 8 billion.

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1. Increase in the number of people lead to increase in the fuel combustion, increased industrialization, deforestation, and increased urbanization. Therefore, Population Explosion has played a crucial role in neglecting climate change. (98)

Climate crisis neglect leads to increase in the frequency of unexpected weather patterns. It has increased the frequency of earthquakes that takes thousands of valuable lives. Earthquake damages peoples life, property, homes and government infrastructure badly. The earthquake that hits Turkey <sup>and Syria</sup> in 2023, take the number of people deaths that passed 50,000. In Turkey alone, 44,218 people died as a result of the earthquake, the country's Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) said, while in Syria death toll was 5914.

**Reference: Al Jazeera 25 Feb, 2023.**  
Hence neglect of climate change has most devastating effects on earth. (101)

Neglect of climate crisis has lead to increase the earth's temperature, that causes the melting of glaciers. Melting of glaciers is leading to the global water crisis situation. From the world 3% usable water, 79% of the freshwater exists in the form of frozen glaciers.

## According to the International Commission on Ice and Snow

African glaciers face of 82% glacial retreat, New Zealand face of 11% glacial shrinking, Tibetan glaciers are facing 25%, Russian glaciers 50% and glaciers of North US facing 20% shrinking. As per the Satellite information provided by Nasa, Arctic Sea has reported ice loss 11.5% per Decade. Therefore the world will face huge shortage of water in the near future. (11/6)

Neglect of climate crisis has increased the threat of famine. Because of increasing temperature and melting of glaciers world is facing acute water shortage. All the world agricultural system is relying largely on water availability. If there will be no water then there will be no food. World is going to face the threat of famine.

**According to the Report.** 97% of water is used for Agriculture and remaining 3% is used to domestic, industrial and other purpose. According to experts 7-million-acre feet of water is lost to the sea every year. Pakistan has dams store only for 30 days, in India it is 220 days. All these factors are leading the country to Famine-like situation. Report by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and The Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR). July, 2023.

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Hence Neglect of climate cause has increased the risk of Famine. (120)

Climate crisis neglecting is leading to urban flooding across the world.

Urban flooding has very much hazardous impacts on country's economical, political and social health. Many countries have faced the menace of urban flooding in the past decade. But Pakistan has faced devastating floods in the past years.

**According to the World Bank Report,** Between June and August 2022, torrential rains and a combination of riverine, urban, and flash flooding led to an unprecedented disaster in Pakistan. According to NDMA, around 33 million people have affected by floods, including nearly 8 million displaced, 1700 people died from which one-third of children.

**World Bank Report: Pakistan Floods 2022**

**Post-Disaster Needs Assessment.** Hence, urban flooding is the impact of neglecting climate change. (112)

Increasing the neglect of climate change has increased the earth's temperature, dryness, losing moisture.

These conditions are leading to wildfires.

Higher temperatures and increased dryness are thought to be leading causes of increased burned areas, the extent to which burned area changes are due to natural variability or human-caused climate change has remained largely

unresolved. Record-breaking forest fires during California's summer months have become a regular occurrence. Environmental observations indicate that summer burned areas in northern and central California have increased fivefold during 1996 to 2021 compared to 1971 to 1995. Further, 10 of largest California wildfires have occurred in the last 20 years - five of which occurred in 2022 alone.

(Reference: NIDIS Drought.gov An official website of the United States government.)

Therefore, Neglect of ~~climate change~~ <sup>climate change</sup> can increase the frequency of wildfires. (127)

Although the neglect of climate change is at large scale and the risk of disasters that are by climate change contribution are also large but it could be overcome through some proper measures. Awareness about climate change through social media campaigns on governmental and non-governmental level could overcome the neglect. Government should encourage media outlets to cover climate change comprehensively, using real-time data and relatable stories. High-profile documentaries, like David Attenborough's "Our Planet", can raise awareness effectively. Support social media and online platform to share information, climate change statistics, and success stories. Engaging infographics and videos can quickly reach a wide audience.

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collaborate with celebrities and social media influencers to amplify the message. Their large followings can help spread awareness rapidly. These types of measures are really helpful in promoting awareness among the population. (144)

Neglect of climate change education could be controlled through quality education. Ensure that climate change is ~~integ~~ incorporated into curriculum. Ensure that climate change is integrated into school curricula at all levels. This can include subjects like science, geography, and social studies, helping students understand the science impacts, and solutions related to climate change. Climate change as a compulsory subject or a subfield of environmental science should be made as a compulsory subject in CSS and at graduation level. Provide training and resources to educators so they can effectively teach about climate change. Establish and support environmental clubs or student organizations that focus on climate change awareness, sustainability, and eco-friendly initiatives within schools. Teach students practical solutions, such as energy conservation, waste reduction, and sustainable transportation, that they can implement in their daily lives. Therefore, education can be used as an important tool to overcome negligence

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of climate cause.

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Neglect of climate cause can be overcome through international cooperation.

All the countries of the world should unite at a one platform for climate change to fight with climate cause. Because climate change not only influence only one country, it badly affects the globe. Developed countries should help and invest in the

developing countries to overcome climate change. Because developed countries are major carbon emitters they should assist developing countries in crisis. As Martin

Worth Chief Economics Commentator said:

"Climate change will not be solved by investments made just in rich countries." Countries should collectively

agreed on the idea of promoting clean and environment friendly energy. Carbon Trading should be banned.

It is the climate injustice. Countries should promote plantation at governmental and non governmental level.

Countries should make joint policies and organized conferences just like Conference of parties (COP) etc. (156)

Neglect of climate change could largely be overcome by implementing the international agreements. Countries should show positive response and respect toward international

agreement like Kyoto Protocol, Montreal

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agreement and Paris Agreement. Countries should make efforts to meet the conditions and targets of the Paris Agreement (10P-27). Countries should perform in carbon cuts, less emissions and promote clean and green energy other than carbon. World should promote green economics projects and strong policies should be formed. Economy could be made stronger through green economy. **According to UN**. Climate action is not a budget buster or economy-wrecker. Shifting to a green economy could yield a direct economic gain of \$26 trillion through 2030 compared with business-as-usual. This could produce over 65 million new low-carbon jobs.

Hence Negotiations of climate change could be overcome through international cooperation. (140)

Climate change requires the world attention. There is urgency to tackle with it. Despite its urgency climate crisis remains the most neglected cause because of lack of awareness, short-term economic interests and disregarding international agreement. Its neglect is threat to the world - **According to**

**UN** - The earth is now about  $1.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  warmer than it was in the 1800s. We are not on track to meet the Paris Agreement target to keep global temperature from exceeding  $1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  above pre-industrial level. That is

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considered the upper limit to avoid the worst fallout from climate change. Its impacts are hurting the earth through earthquakes, tsunamis, flooding, polluted air, cyclones, glaciers melting and wildfires. We should not wait for the time when we go out from our doors while wearing oxygen masks because at that time air will be poisonous. We should go for efforts to overcome climate changes. Countries should promote cooperation among each other and acceptance. We can save our earth through the implementation of policies made by government and countries should follow the Paris Agreement. "We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it."

**Barack Obama Former US President**

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