

Essay Outline

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- Climate change — A political and economic issue, not just an environmental issue —

Outline

1. Introduction

1.1 **HOOK:** "climate change is the defining political challenge of our era" UN Secretary

1.2 **Back ground**

1.3 **Thesis statement:** climate change primarily emerges from power structures, policy choices, economic systems, and global inequalities. Planet cannot be healed by only looking at nature, because the roots of climate change lie deep within political decisions and profit-driven economics.

2. Understanding Climate change Beyond the Environment

2.1 **Climate as a Human-Security challenge**

Case in study: Pakistan 2022
Mega Floods — (NDMA, WB, Report)

2.2 Climate as a development
issue

case in study: Pakistan's GDP
Shocks — World Bank, report

2.3 Migration and Demographic
Pressures

Case In study: UNHCR — Refugees
report

3. Climate change as a Political
issue

3.1 State Power and Policy Directions

3.1 Energy choices of a state

3.2 Subsidy structures of Governance

3.3 Regulatory strength of Institutions

Example: EU Green Deal vs US
fossil fuel lobbies

3.2 Climate Negotiations as Power
Bargaining

Case In study: COP Summits; Developed

vs Developing Countries Debates

3.3 Domestic Political Interests

- a) Vote Preferences
- b) Party Ideologies
- c) States or provincial Conflicts

3.4 Politics of Responsibilities

- a) who Caused climate change vs who Suffers

Case In Study: Global emission Report - (UNEP, 2025)

"The Poor pay for the pollution of the Rich" Oxfam, 2023

4. Climate change as an Economic Issue

4.1 Climate change as an output of Economic Model

Case In Study: Industrial Revolution (18-19th Century)

4.2 Cost of Climate Impacts

- a) More than 50 billion, USD loss Pakistan bears since 2022 - World Bank

- a) Agricultural loss, Infrastructure damage. productivity decline in Pakistan

4.3 Green Economy Transitions

- (a) shifting from fossil to Renewables requires economic reforms

4.4 Global Inequality Dimensions

- (a) low income states face disasters despite minimal contributions.
Example: Pakistan contributes less than 1% in global emission -
- (b) Disputes over who will pay (UNFCCC) for "loss and damage".

5. Role of Pakistan in Climate action and resilience

- a) Pakistan stands at Top most Vulnerable
 - b) Political and Economic factors
 - c) Pakistan's climate diplomacy
6. Counter Arguments and Rebuttal
- Conclusion