

Modern Environmental Perspectives, and Environmentalism including issues of Sustainability

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ABSTRACT: Environmentalism is a comprehensive philosophical, ideological, as well as social movements dedicated to the preservation and wellbeing of the natural world as well as natural resources. It may be accomplished via a procedure of collective awareness mobilization and public engagement in environmental concerns and problems. It envisions the concept and practice of protecting our ecology as socio-ecological feelings. Rapid population expansion, boundless consumption, as well as optimal exploitation of nature as well as natural resources have reconfigured the notion of sustainability in today's hyper-industrial society. The three foundations of modern environmental sustainability are society, economics, and the environment. Environmental sustainability and its practical applications are very beneficial in forming responsible judgments and strategies that will limit our negative environmental impact. It's not just about lowering the amount of garbage we make or consuming less energy; it's about making the most of our natural resources while also considering future demands. Environmental sustainability is now a research topic that is receiving a lot of attention from the media, as well as various government agencies, policymakers, and sociologists. The goal of this research is to determine the impact of new perspectives and debates on environmental protection, as well as the resulting issues in the utilization of nature and natural resources. The future prospectus of this paper is

to comprehend contemporary environmental viewpoints and the developing concerns of sustainability in modern socio-ecological contexts.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Environmentalism is a socio-ecological philosophy in which humans use ideology, education, and activism to safeguard nature and natural resources. The word environmentalism refers to areas of green philosophy and politics that are concerned with the environment and nature. The notion integrates the philosophy of environmental connections with human existence in a contemporary setting. Environmentalism differs from civilization to society and culture to culture. Environmental activism takes many distinct forms in various parts of the globe. The implementation of environmentalism is influenced by the socio-cultural context of the nation. The environmental movement arose in response to growing levels of pollution in our dynamic environments as a result of industrialization and changes made in ecology, as well as the impact of urbanization in rural and urban areas. The establishment of large factories, the expansion of rural businesses, and the rapid pace of urbanization have resulted in unprecedented levels of pollution and related challenges in both industrialized and developing countries of the world today (Duy et al. 2020; Sharma et al. 2020; The Phan et al. 2021; Van et al. 2020).

The goal of environmentalism as an ideology and a practice is to create a sense of urgency and a desire to safeguard the environment for future usage. Environmental studies are in high demand because they aid in the assessment of present environmental challenges and difficulties, as well as the development of new environmental protection policies. The concept of environmentalism is transdisciplinary and has a long history in modern culture. The subject of harmonizing the interactions between humans and their diverse natural systems is at the heart of environmental concerns. In terms of implementation, substance, and practice, environmentalism and sustainability are

complimentary. The intellectual propagation and practical implementation of environmentalism are critical to its long-term existence. For sustainable environmental sustainability and global water projects, a new scientific worldview is being established. Safe drinking water is a critical component of long-term development in both developed and developing countries. In today's world, environmental pollution management, industrial wastewater treatment, and, most significantly, drinking water treatment are all in poor shape, with disastrous repercussions (Jain, Goyal, and Pahwa 2019; Meenu et al. 2019).

The socio-cultural fabric of society was remade as a result of rapid industrialization and its transformations. Only in the late 1800s did systematic conservation efforts for natural resources begin. Water pollution and other environmental risks emerged from industrialization, modernization, and automation, as well as the following rise of cities. These shifts in society prompted the establishment of groups and movements dedicated to the conservation and preservation of our environment from the encroachments of the world's profiteers and capitalists. The environmentalist pioneers joined with Octavia Will and John Ruskin, culminating in a flurry of demonstrations against natural resource misuse. The pattern of natural resource usage has changed as a result of the fast speed of industrialization and urbanization, as well as the intense use of natural resources. A variety of organized and unstructured actions have been taken in recent years in contemporaneous developing societies such as India to protect environment and its natural resources from local and global ecological perspectives, which is a good indication of safeguarding our environment for future uses and development (Abidin et al. 2020; Haderer 2020; Martinez-Alier 2014; Panizzut et al. 2021; Saleem et al. 2020).

In recent years, environmentalism has developed to confront new concerns such as global warming, the greenhouse effect, overpopulation, and environmental and natural resource exploitation. The younger generation in today's environment has developed a unique view on their surroundings. Eco Clubs in schools are presently attempting to set new benchmarks for the future. In campuses, nature clubs and green groups are establishing and emphasizing the importance of environmental preservation.

Environmentalism is a social, political, and ethical movement focused at improving and maintaining the natural environment while also avoiding environmentally harmful human acts. It contributes to the popularization of the ideas of environmental safety and natural ecosystems. It is a technique that involves the use of political, economic, and social aspects to reevaluate people's relationships with nature. Environmentalists argue, in various ways, that while discussing the morality of political, economic, and social policies, living things, including people and the natural world as a whole, must be taken into account. The sense of ecological equality is essentially a question of human attitudes and feelings. The idea of environmentalism is based on a person's or a group's desire to conserve and preserve our natural resources (Bothello and Salles-Djelic 2018; Hjalager and Kwiatkowski 2019; Johnsen 2021; Kallis and Bliss 2019; Phillips 2019).

How we understand our surroundings has an impact on how we deal with them. People's views about the ecosystem and mankind's relationship with nature have traditionally been classified as stewardship, imperialism, romanticism, as well as utilitarianism. The majority of people's environmental beliefs and attitudes are still based on these viewpoints today. According to the stewardship perspective, humans have a special privilege and duty in relation to their environment as stewards of nature. This perspective states that it is our job as humans to care for and respect all living things. This mindset is prevalent in both Christian and Jewish cultures, and it is supported by various biblical scriptures. Traditional stewards often resist science and technology because they entail managing nature since nature is seen as holy.

Unlike their opponents, imperialists utilized origin to support the widely held notion that humans have a God-given right to govern nature. While stewards think that they, nature, and God are all connected in some way, imperialists feel that nature and God are separate entities. They believe that if they can conquer the Earth and rule nature, God will honor them. Plant and animal sacrifices have historically been given to God by imperial cultures. Around the close of the 18th century, a number of artists, poets, and novelists adopted the romanticist viewpoint in resistance to the imperialistic idea that

nature must be controlled. The romantics disliked the new industrial landscapes and geometrically sculptured gardens. The Romantics, like the imperialists, valued the environment for the benefit of mankind rather than for its own sake. Instead of perceiving nature as unattractive, harmful, and something to be avoided or improved, Romantics were enchanted by its beauty, elevating it to near-divine status. To Romantics, nature is most appealing when it is in its most natural state, free of human interference (Banerjee 2002; Han 2017; Liu 2020; Wang and Jiang 2020).

The utilitarian or hedonistic viewpoint is the fourth point of view in nature. Happiness and fulfillment are the most important aspects of life here, and nothing matters if you can't experience them. Humans should be valued above all other species since they are the only ones capable of feeling such feelings. Animals having pleasure and suffering emotions are useful, while trees and plants with no emotions have little value other than their importance to humans. However, utilitarians respect trees, plants, and the environment for a variety of reasons. The environment plays a critical function in the food chain and the creation of rich and varied landscapes that may be utilized and enjoyed by a wide range of people. A utilitarian would only wish to maintain and conserve the environment for these reasons. It should be mentioned that, although utilitarian's desire pleasure, they recognize that sometimes short-term pleasures must be sacrificed for the greater benefit in the long run.

2. DISCUSSION

In ecology, the potential of biological systems to remain varied, productive, long-lived, and healthy throughout time is referred to as sustainability. The process of employing a social ecosystem for the aim of long-term use and preservation is referred to as sustainability in sociology. Sustainably managed biological systems include wetlands and woods. In a wider sense, sustainability refers to the ability of biosocial systems and processes to continue across time. The organizing principles for sustainability are sustainable development and appropriate use of nature and natural resources. In modern civilization, the concept of sustainability spans four intertwined domains: environment, economics, politics, and culture. Sustainability is the study of the

potentials and possibilities for future usage and development of nature and natural resources as a science.

To thrive, humans and other animals need healthy ecosystems and environments. Unwise use of nature and natural ecosystems will have a detrimental influence on the planet's survival and cohabitation of people and nature. To limit the adverse human effect on the environment, safe chemical engineering processes, environmental resources, management, including environmental conservation, as well as other awareness efforts, may all be employed. Environmental practices and social scientists, as well as green chemistry, earth science, environmental science, including conservation biology, may give knowledge for future environmental protection efforts. Ecological economics is the study of natural ecosystems' economic elements. Sustainable development is a social issue that involves international and national laws, urban planning and transportation, local and individual lifestyles, and ethical consumerism.

Sustainability is explicitly and implicitly related to a range of factors in modern society, including human contact with their environment, environmental protection programs, environmental laws, and other socio-political issues. Ecovillages, Eco municipalities, sustainable, reappraising sectors of the economy, germ culture, green building, sustainable culture or work practices, sustainable architectural style, using science to develop new technologies or green tech, renewable energy, as well as sustainable fission and fusion power, to adjustments in shifting attitudes that conserve natural resources are all very helpful for the protection and maintenance of ecosystems. Environmental degradation, climate change, overconsumption, population increase, and technology civilizations have all redefined the notion of sustainability in contemporary industrial society.

2.1. Ecosystem Change and Sustainability:

It is an Indian's primary dharma to pass on our mother earth and her natural resources to the next generation. The notion and practice of sustainability is connected to next-

generation and progressive activities. Sustainable development in our time will be based on the fundamental concept of sustainable use of nature and natural resources. Sustainability has been characterized in a variety of ways in contemporary culture. It is the prerogative of postmodern humans to take the heart and blood of nature. Because it is widely held in our culture that we must over-utilize nature in order to survive, human attitudes have a significant impact on how nature and natural resources are used. This is due to alienation, a state in which people become disconnected from the realities of life. By encouraging eco-based utilitarianism among individuals, modern capitalistic ideas have been impeding logical reason. These trends will result in the concentration of wealth in a few hands, polarization of power, and alienation of the poor in our society. In today's world, capitalism tries to spread the concept of maximum earth usage. Modern capitalism is constantly propagating the idea that we live in a democratically safe social system that will protect us and conserve our environment for future generations, but this concept remains a utopia as well as a nightmare, but also modern capitalistic bounded democracy has been removing people from harsh realities of life and designed to induce technocratic consciousness but instead feelings among human beings.

We should save our biomass and subsurface water in order to make better use of nature and natural resources. For natural balance to be maintained, the gravity of biomass consumption and production must be stabilized. Every year, the production of biomass and water has a limit; if we consume too much of these resources, they will be reduced indefinitely, resulting in desertification and a variety of dangerous scenarios. Accepting that there is a limit to the extraction of natural resources and prioritizing our demands in the usage pattern might help us avoid these harsh truths of existence. We should instill in our children the value of preserving environment and natural resources from an early age of socialization. We should divide resources into critical and luxury categories. Another vital step in the protection of natural resources is to use our spare time for awareness activities and demonstrations. Programs and developmental packages based on family, neighborhood, and national levels may help close the gap

between the high and lowest classes of society. The development agenda in contemporary society should be founded on the equitable development concept, and it should recognize that progress is not about maximizing of output by promoting capitalism's ideology, but about equitable development by giving basic resources to the poorest sections. When there is a breach in the use pattern, the legitimacy of government should be applied. We can absolutely improve public engagement in the safe use of natural resources if we use such an equitable resource distribution. By offering universal education to everyone, the duration of schooling may be extended, which in turn extends the period of environmental socialization, allowing us to convert a larger number of rural people into productive people with a broad environmental and sociological perspective.

3. CONCLUSION

Many environmentalists think that human involvement with nature should be limited or eliminated as soon as possible, and that it must be safeguarded for the sake of life, the planet, or the human race. You may also consider yourself an environmentalist if you feel that human "intervention" with "nature" should be expanded. However, there is a danger that the move from emotional environmentalism to technical management of natural resources and risks could weaken individuals' connection to nature, resulting in less care for environmental preservation. The notion of environmentalism must be instilled in the minds of the next generation as an intellectual and moral endeavor, with the goal of creating a safe environment in which to live. The conservation of the environment and natural resources for future usage and preservation is the goal of environmentalism from a global viewpoint. Sustainability refers to the long-term use of our planet's natural resources. The younger generation's main motto for environmental protection may be judicious and ethical use of nature and natural resources. Reasonable stewardship of our environment accelerates the speed of sustainability. The rising generation should be socialized to make better use of our homeland for our fundamental wants and requirements, according to modern ecological perceptions.

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