

# Mankind Obligations to Future Generations and The Natural World in The Face of Climate Change

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## Abstract

*For years, researchers have been studying the effects of climate change. Many things concerning the pre-human state of the Earth have been uncovered by the fossil record. Due to the fact that our scientific capabilities have enabled us to determine the exact age of the universe and the world, this era is one of a kind. On the other hand, there are a great number of things that we do not comprehend, and some of the questions that we are still asking may have an impact on our lives in the years to come. There is a continuing discussion among scientists and the general public on the nature of this shift, despite the fact that our civilization is experiencing a clear warming on Earth. As a result of this, teachers are obligated to assist students in acquiring the most recent and accurate information in order to influence their own thoughts and decisions in a world that is always evolving. Long-term shifts in temperature and weather patterns are examples of climate change induced by humans. Increasing temperatures around the world and unpredictable weather patterns are the most obvious signs of climate change. In recent times, it has developed into a worldwide emergency that puts both human and non-human lives in peril. The primary contributors to climate change are the destruction of forests and the significant rise in emissions of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide) that have resulted from the combustion of fossil fuels and coal in the most recent decades. The increase in natural disasters, the rise in sea levels, the decrease in crop production, and the disappearance of biodiversity are all caused by climate change.*

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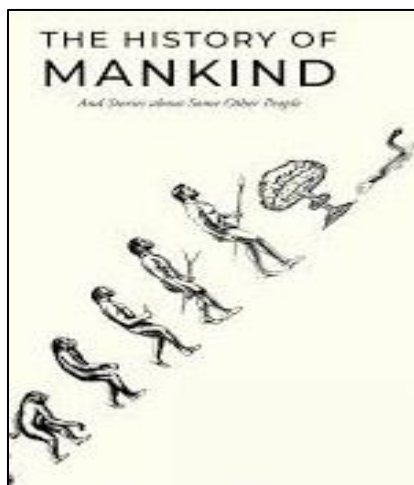
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## 1. Introduction

In the contemporary digital era, the dissemination of misleading information on the internet poses severe ethical challenges, jeopardising the welfare of society as well as the integrity of communication. Ethical frameworks play a critical role in guiding efforts to combat misinformation and promote proper communication strategies in this complex context. In an effort to foster an online community that is more truthful and transparent, this study investigates the concepts, uses, and effectiveness of the ethical frameworks applied to counteract online misinformation. Our objective is to determine the most effective strategies for limiting the spread of incorrect information and upholding moral standards in online discourse by critically analyzing these frameworks [1].

The true nature and effects of climate change are becoming more apparent as the twenty-first century goes on. We seem to be witnessing one climate-related calamity after another on a daily basis, which is making human pain and misery worse both now and in the future.

However, we are also aware that the events we have seen thus far are merely a taste of what is to come if inaction and foot-dragging persist. In the ensuing decades, it is very likely that impacts will become more frequent and destructive. Stated differently, we must act now to provide future generations with the opportunity they deserve when it comes time for them to succeed [2].



**Figure 1:** Mankind

Fortunately, there is currently something we can do. As current living beings, we have a plethora of options at our disposal to prevent or at least mitigate the worst effects of climate change on future generations. Not only are we able to take action, but we also owe it to ourselves to do so in order to guarantee that this dire future is avoided [3]. The issue is, how can we get people to acknowledge this obligation in the first place, let alone take it seriously? Practical insights can be obtained from an expanding corpus of behavioral and social scientific research. Researchers have looked at a wide range of strategies during the previous 20 years to help people understand that climate change is a problem that requires both individual and group responsibility as well as action. Using people's desire to leave a positive legacy, inspiring them to consider the sacrifices made by earlier generations on their behalf, and highlighting selfless and altruistic ideals in environmental messaging campaigns are just a few examples.

But do opinions about one's obligation to the future actually matter? We all know there are things we need to be doing in our lives—eating healthier, exercising more, showing more generosity, etc [4]. —but we still decide not to. In fact, people who feel a personal responsibility to protect future generations are significantly more likely to worry about climate change, support pro-environmental policies, and believe that climate change poses a serious threat to humanity, according to our recent analysis of nationally representative U.S. survey data, which was published in the Journal of Environmental Psychology.

## 2. Literature Review

**Abdurrahman et al. (2020)** examines the harmful impacts of stubble burning on the environment and human health. The writers go over a number of laws and administrative procedures meant to lessen these impacts [5]. The study emphasizes how urgently sustainable stubble burning substitutes for agricultural operations are needed.

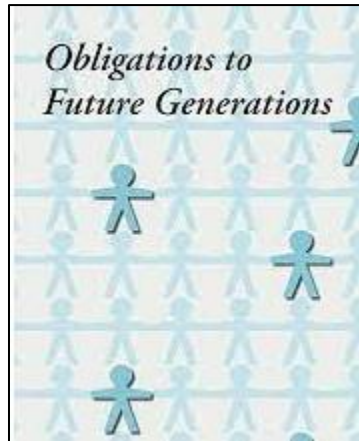
**Euronews (2018)** explains the impending danger that the European shoreline faces from rising sea levels. While giving a brief overview of the possible effects, the article highlights how urgent it is to take proactive steps to address this environmental issue [6].

**Beckman, Aslan, and Rogers (2020)** Examine how important seed distribution is to plant populations, especially in light of global climate change [7]. The essay highlights the significance of seed dispersal systems in preserving plant population dynamics in the face of environmental changes, presenting new insights and developments in this field.

**Cleland, Chuine, Menzel, and colleagues (2007)** carried out a thorough investigation on how plant phenology is changing in response to climate change. Their study, which was published in *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*, emphasized how environmental conditions have a major impact on plant phenological events and how dynamic these events are [8].

## 3. Obligations to Future Generations

**Definition:** Commitments to people in the future looks at moral issues concerning people who still can't seem to be conceived, yet may appear. The inquiries it looks at incorporate whether future people are ethically critical, whether they reserve a privilege to exist, whether we are expected to make specific penances for their government assistance, whether worry for future people can revoke honest convictions to existing people, and what kinds of assets and establishments we are committed to pass to them [9]. Philosophical worries for people in the future return to essentially Aristotle's hypothesis of distributive equity, which he presented in paper of his *Nicomachean Morals*. In contemporary writing, commitments to people in the future are frequently remembered inside conversations for intergenerational equity, which concerns honest convictions that as of now existing moral specialists owe to non-contemporaneous past and people in the future, to some extent on account of Rawls upholding its consideration inside the spaces of equity. Accordingly, it is likewise present in the consistently progressively significant subjects of the climate, biology, and manageability.



**Figure 2:** Obligations to Future Generations

There are somewhere around three unique perspectives concerning commitments to people in the future. One is that ethical quality doesn't matter here, people in the future not being in any corresponding relationship with us. That's what one more is, however we are not obliged to do anything for people in the future, it would be laudable to do as such. A third view is that equity requests that we regard the interests of people in the future. Thinkers and others have talked about commitments in three principal regions: the climate, and the harm caused upon it in quest for benefit; reserve funds and the gatherings of capital; and populace strategy. Different hypothetical methodologies have been taken.

As per utilitarianism, the interests of individuals count similarly with those of present individuals, and all interests are to be fulfilled maximally. This might have extremely overbearing ramifications. Contractarianism lays ethical quality on the arrangement of every single impacted party. Yet, whose perspectives will be viewed as on account of people in the future? Maybe the most conceivable methodology is communitarianism, as per which commitments can lay on a feeling of local area which extends into what's in store [10].

### **3.1. Inter-generational Justice:**

#### **1. Defining fairness in relation to future generations**

Between generational equity wrestles with the perplexing inquiry of how to guarantee decency between people living today and the people who will occupy the planet later on. Characterizing "reasonableness" in this setting is innately difficult and a few viewpoints exist:

- **Equal Opportunities**
- **Non-maleficence**
- **Sustainability**

#### **2. Impacts of current actions on the quality of life for future inhabitants of the planet**

Our activities today can possibly altogether affect the personal satisfaction for people in the future in different ways:

- **Resource depletion**
- **Climate change**
- **Technological advancements**

Besides, our decisions concerning social and political designs can likewise have long haul outcomes. Inconsistent dissemination of riches, absence of admittance to schooling and medical services, and unsettled political contentions can lastingly affect people in the future, forming their chances and prosperity [11].

### **3.2. Sustainable Development: Balancing the Present and Future**

Maintainable improvement is an intricate and pivotal idea that tries to figure out some kind of harmony between addressing the necessities of the current age without compromising the capacity of people in the future to address their own issues. It's a source of inspiration to think about the drawn-out results of our activities and guarantee the prosperity of both ourselves and the individuals who come after us.

#### **1. Balancing Present Needs with the Future:**

This equilibrium is a troublesome however fundamental part of supportable turn of events. It requires cautiously considering the potential compromises between meeting the quick necessities of our general public and the drawn-out prosperity of people in the future. Here are a few vital perspectives to consider:

- **Equity:** Guaranteeing that everybody in the current age approaches essential necessities like food, water, and safe house while advancing civil rights and tending to worldwide disparities.
- **Economic growth:** While financial improvement is vital for working on expectations for everyday comforts and giving open doors, it shouldn't come to the detriment of ecological corruption or consumption of assets.
- **Environmental protection:** Protecting the climate and vital environments is fundamental for supporting life on the planet and guaranteeing people in the future approach clean air, water, and assets.

#### **2. Principles of Sustainability and Resource Stewardship:**

A few key standards guide economical turn of events, framing the establishment for dependable direction. These standards incorporate:

- Intergenerational equity
- Intra-generational equity

- Precautionary principle
- Resource stewardship

Feasible improvement is a continuous excursion, requiring ceaseless observing, transformation, and joint effort. By embracing its standards and perceiving our common obligation towards people in the future, we can make a superior world for all.

#### **4. Mankind Obligations to The Face of Climate Change**

Even with environmental change, humanity bears a significant commitment to make an unequivocal move to moderate its belongings and adjust to the moving natural real factors. As stewards of the planet, we are answerable for tending to the main drivers of environmental change, like ozone harming substance emanations, deforestation, and impractical asset utilization.



**Figure 3: Climate Change**

Moreover, we should focus on endeavors to help weak networks lopsidedly impacted by environment related catastrophes and disturbances. Embracing sustainable power, advancing reasonable practices, and upholding for arrangements that focus on natural protection are fundamental stages in satisfying our commitments to shield the planet for current and people in the future [12]. Just through aggregate activity and worldwide collaboration might we at any point desire to moderate the most horrendously terrible effects of environmental change and make a practical future for all.

##### **4.1. Mitigation: Reducing the Drivers of Climate Change**

- **Transition to Renewable Energy Sources:** Quickly supplanting petroleum derivatives with clean energy like sunlight based, wind, and geothermal power is non-debatable. This implies interest in framework, exploration, and making sustainable power sources more available to everybody.
- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation:** Lessening energy utilization through energy-effective apparatuses, better protection, and social changes is pivotal. This applies to people, organizations, and states.



- **Protection of Forests:** Stop deforestation and put resources into reforestation. Woods ingest carbon dioxide, making them imperative for fighting environmental change.
- **Sustainable Agriculture and Land Use:** Decrease methane emanations from horticulture and animals. Use land more economically, forestalling soil corruption and desertification.

#### 4.2. Adaptation: Adjusting to the Impacts of Climate Change

- **Infrastructure Resilience:** Further develop framework (streets, spans, power matrices) to endure outrageous climate occasions and rising ocean levels.
- **Early Warning Systems and Disaster Preparedness:** Put resources into frameworks to anticipate and get ready for environment related debacles, safeguarding weak networks.
- **Water Resource Management:** Foster techniques for saving water, overseeing dry spell, and tending to potential water shortage exacerbated by environmental change [13].
- **Agricultural Adaptation:** Research and foster tough harvest assortments, and take on economical cultivating rehearses that can endure changing environment designs.
- **Protecting Coastal Communities:** Think up systems for ocean level ascent, beach front disintegration, and the relocation of seaside networks.

#### 4.3. Ethical Dimensions and Global Responsibility

- **Intergenerational Equity:** Think about the effect of activities today on people in the future. Environmental change will lopsidedly influence them, so it is an ethical basic to focus on maintainability.
- **Global Collaboration:** Cooperate at a worldwide level since environmental change is a worldwide issue. This incorporates created countries offering monetary and innovative help to assist agricultural countries with adjusting.
- **Climate Justice:** Address the lopsided effects of environmental change on underestimated networks and focus on weak countries in alleviation and variation procedures.

Fighting environmental change requires a complex methodology. Humankind's commitments lie in lessening outflows through maintainable works on, adjusting to the unavoidable changes, and tending to moral worries for a fair and impartial world. Change is pressing and needs responsibility from people, networks, organizations, and state-run administrations around the world.

## 5. conclusion

Human activity is causing climate change. We must act or its impacts will worsen in the next decades. Their effects are felt. Due to greenhouse gas emissions from human activities, such as carbon dioxide, global warming is increasing, causing diseases, climate changes, and environmental harm [14]. Weather changes are bringing new diseases to some climatic zones.

Many extinct diseases are resurfacing in climate-changed areas. Stakeholders and policymakers at the industrial, governmental, and international levels must develop strict and practical greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies to stop global warming and climate change, which have devastated poorer nations [15]. More money should be committed to adaptation and coping initiatives and projects in affected communities to mitigate health impacts and stop disease transmission.

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