

Question: Why do some communities protect the environment more than others?

- Shared community mentality, if one feels a strong relation with their neighborhood, they will fight for a better community environment.
- Local Culture
- Depends how far removed from “nature” they are
- Their cultures care more about future generations... or maybe some communities are less influenced by money\$\$\$
- Culture
- Some communities are aware on a local level of what they have to lose... it's clear what needs protecting
- They have more to lose by not protecting the environment than by continuing on their current path
- Perception of value: it depends on what the community shares on conversation or not
- Some communities have progressive (city/county/town) leaders who inspire sustainable values
- If applied only to the US, then it comes down to value, responsibility and integrity: is it worth more than a new car or wardrobe?
- No clue
- Depends on scale of community: large hierarchical societies chew up the environment; smaller more egalitarian communities have less impact.
- Some communities are characterized by disconnect and an absence of social capital—without it, it is difficult to inspire and encourage pro-environmental values among citizens
- Because citizens engage and elect decision makers to value the public commons.
- Higher level of education of the population will protect the environment.
- Values of the community
- Awareness of each individual's impact, also, spiritual beliefs
- Because they live in a beautiful place vs. living in a concrete jungle
- ONE--if something, like nature, is overly abundant, it is not valued highly. TWO--upbringing, poverty, religious upbringing, changes on orientation towards the physical world and the value given it
- ONE—Lack or abundance of educational experiences. TWO—Caus some people are less selfish than others
- PROTECT—The need of local goods (resources) to support population NOT PROTECT—Goods come from somewhere else.
- Culture