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The University of Oregon Student Sustainability Center and Office of Sustainability thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. It should take 5 minutes or less to complete. Your responses will help contribute to sustainability efforts at the UO!

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Sustainability Literacy

Sustainability Questions - How much do you know about sustainability?

Which of the following components are typically included in a comprehensive definition of sustainability?

- Social equity
- Environmental vitality
- Economic wellbeing
- All of the above

What do most scientists think is primarily responsible for the current trend of global warming/climate change?

- Ozone depletion
- Rising greenhouse gases
- Plastic waste
- Biodiversity loss

What is the meaning of environmental justice?

- Addressing the environmental harms that vulnerable communities disproportionately face, like pollution, contamination, and the impacts of climate change.
- The judicial system should enforce water quality inspections to check for lead contamination in cities.
- Wealthier communities should have cleaner air and water because they pay more in property taxes.
- The environment deserves fair and just treatment from all people and animals.

Which of the following is a renewable resource? (Choose all that apply)

- Oil
- Solar
- Wind
- Coal

Many economists argue that electricity prices in the U.S. are too low because...

- Too many suppliers go out of business
- Electric companies have a monopoly in their service area
- Consumers spend only a small part of their income on energy
- They do not reflect the costs of pollution or emissions from generating the electricity

Which of the following is the best example of environmental justice?

- Urban citizens win a bill to have more farmers markets in their city
- The government dams a river, flooding Native American tribal lands to create hydro-power for large cities
- All stakeholders from an indigenous community are involved in setting a quota for the amount of wood they can take from a protected forest next to their village
- Multi-national corporations build factories in developing countries where environmental laws are less strict

Which of the following is the most commonly used definition of "sustainable development?"

- Creating a government welfare system that ensures universal access to education, health care, and social services
- Setting aside resources for preservation, never to be used
- Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs
- Building a neighborhood that is both socio-demographically and economically diverse

Of the following, which would be considered the most environmentally sustainable form of consumption?

- Buying products with recyclable packaging
- Buying fewer products overall
- Buying products labeled “eco” or “green”
- Buying the newest products available

Over the past 3 decades, what has happened to the difference between the wealth of the richest and poorest Americans?

- The difference has increased
- The difference has stayed about the same
- The difference has decreased

Put the following list in order of the activities with the largest environmental impact to those with the smallest environmental impact by entering numbers 1-4 in the boxes (1 = largest; 4 = smallest):

- Keeping a cell phone charger plugged into an electrical outlet for 12 hours
- Producing one McDonald’s quarter-pound hamburger
- Producing one McDonald’s chicken sandwich
- Flying in a commercial airplane from Washington D.C. to China

Sustainability & You

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Are you concerned about any of the topics listed below? If so, select all that apply:

- Climate change/global warming
- Environmental injustice
- Species/biodiversity loss
- Waste and recycling
- Industrial agriculture
- Habitat loss
- The economy and jobs
- Water and food scarcity
- Global migration and climate refugees
- Loss of pollinators
- Ocean health
- Fast fashion
- I am not concerned about any of these things
- Other

What campus sustainability topics are you interested in? Select all that apply:

- Equity, justice, and access
- Waste, reuse, and recycling
- Buildings and energy
- Greenhouse gases and UO's carbon footprint
- Stormwater and water management
- Food and dining
- Gardening, landscaping, and pollinators
- Transportation (commuting, travel)
- Purchasing (products and services)
- Campus policies
- Investments
- Academics and curriculum
- Accessibility
- I am not interested in any of these things

How often do you experience anxiety about climate change and sustainability issues?

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often

In what ways are you interested in personally engaging with sustainability? Select all that apply.

- Politics and civic engagement (ex: voting, supporting policies)
- Volunteering
- Getting involved with community groups off campus
- Studying sustainability
- Pursuing sustainability in my career
- Helping to make campus more sustainable
- Educating others about sustainability topics
- I am not interested in engaging with sustainability
- I don't know
- Other

To what extent did UO values about sustainability influence your decision to come here?

- Not at all
- A little bit
- A moderate amount
- A lot

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