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Annotated Bibliography

The fast fashion industry has caused many different challenges for the world. The first article I have chosen is “The Global environmental injustice of fast fashion” Written by Rachel Bick, Erika Halsey and Christine C. Ekenga. This article covers many different injustices that the fast fashion industry has caused not only to our environment but as well as the working conditions of their employees such as low wages considering they mass produce large amounts of cheap clothing. The article speaks on the environmental issues such as mass amounts of clothing being sent to landfills as solid waste and hazards in our waters due to textile dyeing releasing toxins. The article goes in detail and some statistics on these facts which is very useful for my topic. The solutions and suggestions towards the end of the article speaking in regards of these points are very useful and interesting as well. Switching to sustainable fibers such as natural and protein is a great way to save the environment. Another suggestion includes buying secondhand clothing to prevent more clothing being sent to landfills creating mass amounts of waste.   
 Using this source in my research paper I can bring attention to the possible solutions to this pollution problem we are facing today. Fast fashion has been around for the longest and will most likely be around for a long period of time unless we bring attention to what needs to be fixed and mentioned to the public. While searching more information about pollution itself, I came across an article called “Is Delhi’s pollution irreversible?”(Dev,Aditya). This article speaks in regards of the danger we are facing if we as the world do not put in effort to save the earth and lower our pollution rates. This article states, “Nagpure told TOI that while the levels have already reached dangerous levels and if actions are not take immediately these trends are expected to become irreversible in future.”(Dev,Aditva), this statement is very alarming since any type of pollution is causing more damage as each piece of fast fashion clothing is made. However this article speaks in regards of many different ways we cause pollution such as something simple as dust, like I stated before, any type of pollution is more damaging.

Going a bit deeper into different brands as well as motives on the topic of environmental damage is “Tearing at the seams: How fast fashion is destroying our Planet” ( N. Clement). This article releases very popular brands such as H&M and Zara in taking part of the damage of the environment. Clement speaks on how social media takes a huge part in advertising these brands that are affordable and easy to buy items. The article speaks on how these brands and fast fashion in general has created a large amount of the worlds carbon emissions which I thought was very interesting and mind-blowing. These brands are releasing new items every week according to this article due to the mass amounts of clothing consumers are purchasing on the latest trends, due to social media.

This article has caught my attention since these specific brands are very common in a lot of social media influencers closets. I am even guilty of purchasing some items from these brands since I have not been aware of what these stores with low prices are providing the world. These two brands are very widely known and are huge companies, especially H&M, this store can be found in almost any mall, causing easy access and catches customers attentions with low and “reasonable” prices.

# Another article that caught my attention was “Fast fashion negatively impacts the environment” ( University Wire). This article also mentions specific brands that are considered as fast fashion also including Forever 21. This article talks about how these brands will make clothing as fast as they can for a quick buck and pleasing their customers, however not looking into the affects these industries are causing the earth. This article mentions other damages to the environment such as the air surrounding us and how it could potentially because White Lung Disease which caught my attention quickly. This article also mentioned how these environmental issues impact more unfortunate countries due to the textile dyes being contaminated into the waters that can release hazardous effects.

# This article has caught my attention since it is the most widely known clothing store for the younger audience. Personally, I have noticed how the prices at Forever 21 have declined, however that is not the only thing decreasing but the quality as well. Since this is such a huge company, there sales are always high due to popularity and prices, meaning faster merchandise must be made. The faster the fashion the faster the damage as well. I believe that this article is perfect for my research paper due to it being a widely known name that many of my readers would know!

# The Global issue with fast fashion has been brought up to attention in many different countries such as the UK. The next article I have chosen is “UK Lawmakers to Investigate Impact of Fast Fashion on the Environment”(M.C Jasmin). The article speaks about the subject as an “environmental emergency”. I chose this article because it went a bit deeper into how exactly we are causing these environmental issues such as how every time we wash a clothing item, we are causing more microplastic pollution. The author also stated the fact that these microplastics are stretching so far into the ocean that it reaches the Antarctic, which was very mind blowing. This article goes into the specifics on the UK’s end such as the amounts of clothing being thrown into the landfills and the carbon being released.

# This article brings more attention to the actual clothing causing pollution which is very useful for my research paper since that is one of the main focuses. Every time we purchase a fast fashion cheap item, we are washing away the cheap material that was used to make these items which I as well believe needs to be brought to everyone’s attention.

The next article I have chosen is “Fast fashion: How cheap clothing impacts the environment” (M. Reed). This article speaks more so about the fast fashion industry itself, stating the reasoning behind how it is so popular. Fashion is something that will always be around will always be evolving. The article stated that we as consumers move just as fast as fashion evolves. The article speaks on how not only the fast fashion industry causes environmental damage but also just does not produce quality clothing. The article stated that people even consider these items as “disposable fashion” since they do not last a long-life span nor are being used after being destroyed, shrunk or even out of trend.

The sources I have gathered are all related as to how the fast fashion industry is causing environmental damage. The sources cover who, why, and how these are issues.

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