

Global North vs. Global South in the Climate Crisis

The term “Global North” refers to some of the most affluent countries. These Global North countries are responsible for over half of all emissions since the Industrial Revolution.

Luxurious lifestyles in the US, Europe, and other Global North countries produce a carbon footprint 100x larger than all of the world’s poorer nations, which are often located in the “Global South,” combined. In 2019, the top 10% of emitters accounted for over 48% of all emissions, whereas the bottom 50% accounted for only under 12% of all emissions. “Global South” countries contribute far less to the climate crisis; however, due to social and economical imbalances these countries are also most affected by climate change’s devastating effects (source: Generation Climate Europe).



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The countries contributing the least to the climate crisis are the ones that suffer climate change's effects the most. For example, the US, Europe, and China are responsible for almost 50% of all Co2 emissions; however, countries like Brazil contribute under 1% of total emissions, and even the entire continent of Africa accounts for only 3% of total emissions (source: Scientists Warning Europe).

