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## Research Proposal

Pollution is defined as the presence in or introduction into the environment of a substance or thing that has harmful or poisonous effects. Although it has been talked about before, our government hasn't made much effort to clean up our environment. Besides the ban of plastic containers, and the straw ban, it hasn't done enough to create a healthy living space. Pollution comes in various aspects such as air pollution, water pollution, and much more. For some of the more popular causes, these include the burning of fossil fuels for transportation or electricity, which is one of the main sources of our population. The fumes extracted from cars contain harmful gases such as hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide. These gases tend to rise into the air, which as a result create more toxic gases. Water pollution is usually caused by waste thrown into our oceans, and these items can promote algae which can make the water undrinkable, which have a direct effect on the animals that reside in these areas of water. Land pollution is the result of human activities such as using pesticides on the soil while planting, or even through sewage systems and the leaching of gases into landfills. This waste is usually exposed in an unconcerned way, which leads to it directly harming the animals around it. Another main cause is cigarettes, as they leach toxic chemicals into the air, and the butts of the cigarettes are usually thrown on the ground and forgotten about. Pollution is usually overlooked, and this needs to be addressed, in more ways than just banning straws.