

VALUE HEALTH

STUDENT WORLD VIEW SURVEY



What Is My World View?

We all have social backgrounds, cultural values, and personal experiences that influence our opinion on different topics. These opinions make up our **'world view'**. As we explore different issues, our personal values can be clarified and our world view can shift. Do this survey BEFORE and AFTER completing your ACTION PACK to see if your **'world view'** has changed.

Rate the following statements out of 5					A	B	C
1	2	3	4	5	<i>Before Rating</i>	<i>After Rating</i>	<i>Difference A - B = C</i>
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree			
EXAMPLE – My food choices have nothing to do with my carbon footprint.					5	2	+3
1. Our government’s food policies effectively protect people’s health.							
2. I think our personal health depends on the health of our planet.							
3. Most of the food in North American stores is healthy for us to eat.							
4. Animals raised on large, industrialized farms are treated ethically .							
5. Many cosmetics and household products have negative health impacts.							
6. We should stop using plastic for our packaging needs, considering its impact on us and the natural world.							
7. Humans have the right to modify the natural environment to suit their needs.*							
8. Factory farmed meat is the best way to fulfill consumer demands.							
9. When humans interfere with nature it often produces disastrous consequences / results.*							
10. Many processed foods contain food additives that can create health problems.							
11. It would be better if genetically modified foods (GMOs) were labeled.							
12. It is important to learn about global sustainability issues while in school.							

Glossary

The simple definitions below are provided for ease of reference while you complete your Student World View. They will appear in ***bold italic***.

Dominant Social Paradigm (DSP)	Paradigm: a clear pattern of something or way of looking at something. The DSP is the view that humans are superior to all other species, the Earth provides unlimited resources for humans, and that progress is an inherent part of human history.
Environmental World View	A perception of the world and the way we interact with it that supports environmental or ecological priorities for the sustainability of all current life forms, in the present and future. An environmental world view includes the specific concepts defined in the New Environmental Paradigm (NEP).
Ethical	Refers to the morality or 'right and wrong' nature of human actions.
Factory Farms	Also known as Industrialized Farms, raise large numbers of farm animals indoors in small closed areas; intended to maximize production at minimal cost.
Food Additives	Substances (often chemical) added to foods to preserve and enhance taste and appearance.
GMO	An organism whose genetic material has been altered by using genetic engineering.
Industrial World View	This world view holds the belief that continued and increasing economic growth and consumption is the best course of action for human society. The Dominant Social Paradigm (DSP) defines certain attributes of the Industrial world view used in this survey.
New Environmental Paradigm (NEP)	The view that humans represent only one among many species on Earth; that human activities are determined by the environment as well as by social and cultural factors; and that humans are strongly dependent upon the environment and its resources.
Preservatives	Substances that delay food spoilage.
Processed Food	Foods that are packaged in boxes, cans or bags. These foods need to be processed extensively to be edible and are not found as is in nature. They often contain additives, artificial flavorings and other chemical ingredients.
Sustainability	The ability to continue a defined behavior indefinitely. Global sustainability refers to the ability of the planetary life support systems to continue indefinitely, for future generations.
World View	The overall perspective, ideas and attitudes from which one sees and interprets the world. A collection of beliefs about life and the universe held by an individual or group.

*These World View Statements were inspired by or quoted directly from The New Environmental Paradigm (NEP) and Dominant Social Paradigm (DSP) Scales created by Dunlap et al. (2000). Resource found August 23, 2015 at <http://umaine.edu/soe/files/2009/06/NewEcologicalParadigmNEPScale1.pdf>.