

Environment & Society

Chapter 15

* Ecology

- study of interaction of living organisms & the natural environment
- the environment is of interest because of the society's impact on the environment

* Ecosystem

- composed of all interactions of living things & natural environment
- butterfly effect - one change creates bigger, unrelated changes

* Technology & Environment

- I = IAT
- I = environ. impact
- P = population
- A = level of affluence
- T = level of technology
- environmental deficit - long term harm to natural environment caused by humanity's focus on short term material influence

* The Logic of Growth

- core values underlying social life form the logic of growth
- progress - creating a better future
- Limits to Growth - foundation of environmental movement

* Solid Waste

- the disposable society