

Discussion Starters Yr 7-12 Activity



Have a think...

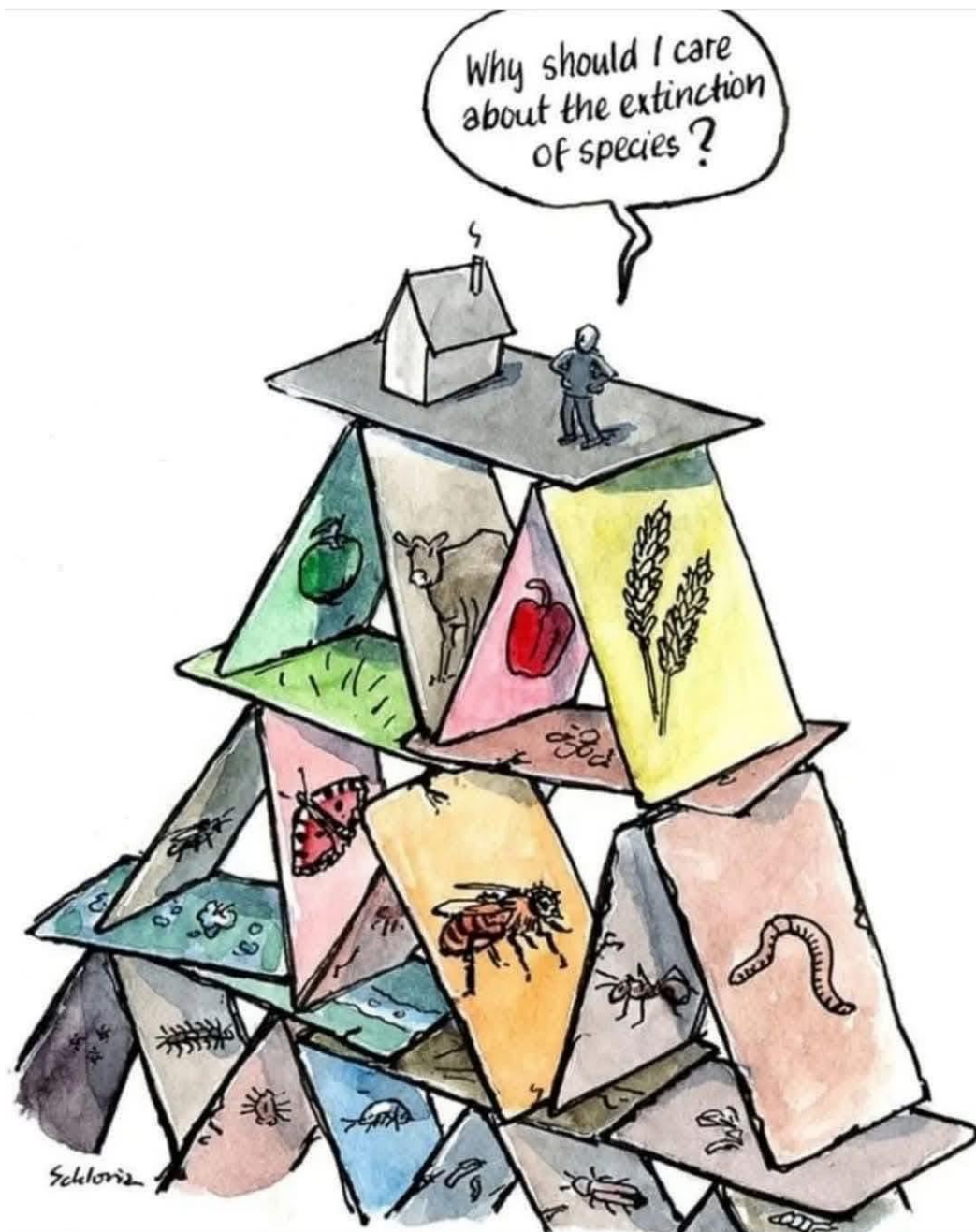
What emotions do you feel when considering this image?

What issues is this image raising?

Who is the target audience for this image?

Does this make you think about or consider your own actions, or the actions of others? If so, how?

What could you do in your own life to contribute positively to the issues raised in this image?



Have a think...

Who does the person in this image represent?

Why is the person standing on a 'House of Cards'?

What is the overarching message this image is trying to convey?

Does this make you think about or consider your own actions, or the actions of others? If so, how?



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What emotions do you feel when considering this image?

Why might the best time to plant a tree have been 20 years ago?

Consider that this is a 'Chinese Proverb'. Does this add depth of meaning to the message?

Does this make you think about or consider your own actions? If so, how?



Have a think...

What “message” do you think this image might be referring to?

“Planting a Seed” is used as a metaphor for what?

Does this make you think about or consider your own actions, or the actions of others? If so, how?

What action could you take in your life to contribute positively to the future you want to see?



**Even if we aren't perfect,
every time we act, it counts!**
If Australians switched to using
reusable cups for coffee
on weekends alone, we'd save
5.4 million
paper cups from going to
landfill each week!

Source: Global Citizen, Planet Ark

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Have a think...

Does this statement shock you? Why or why not?

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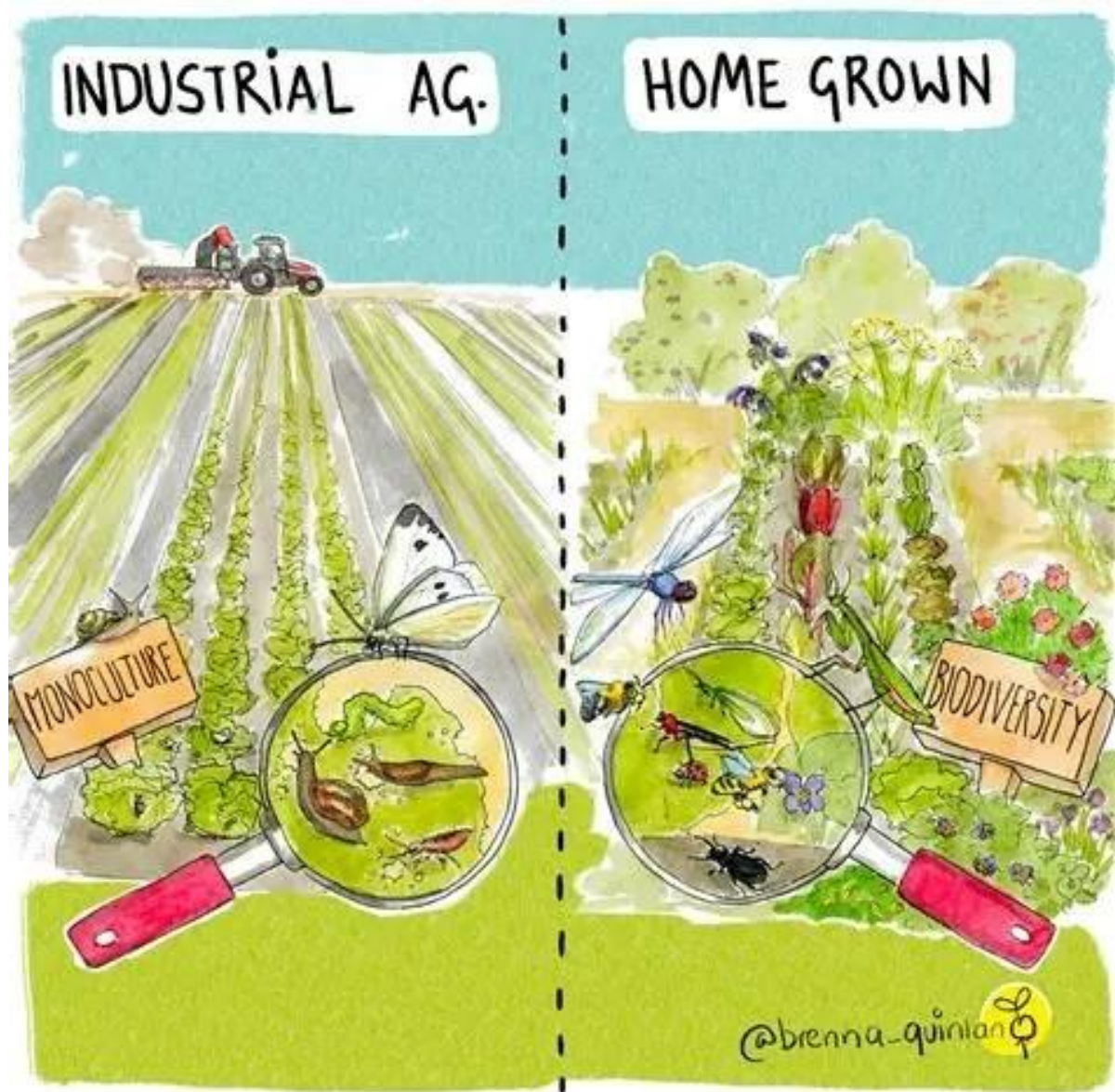
What sustainability issue is this image highlighting?

What is so shocking about this statement?

Does this image make you consider your own actions or the actions of others?
How?

What could you do in your own life to contribute positively to the issues raised in this image?

Think deeper: How does the use of the colour pink and heart symbols influence how this message is received?



Have a think...

The magnifying glasses in this image give us a closer look at what?

What is meant by the terms “monoculture” and “biodiversity”? Which is more beneficial?

What action could you take in your life to positively contribute to biodiversity?

Think deeper: Which side of this image represents a healthier and more resilient environment? Why?



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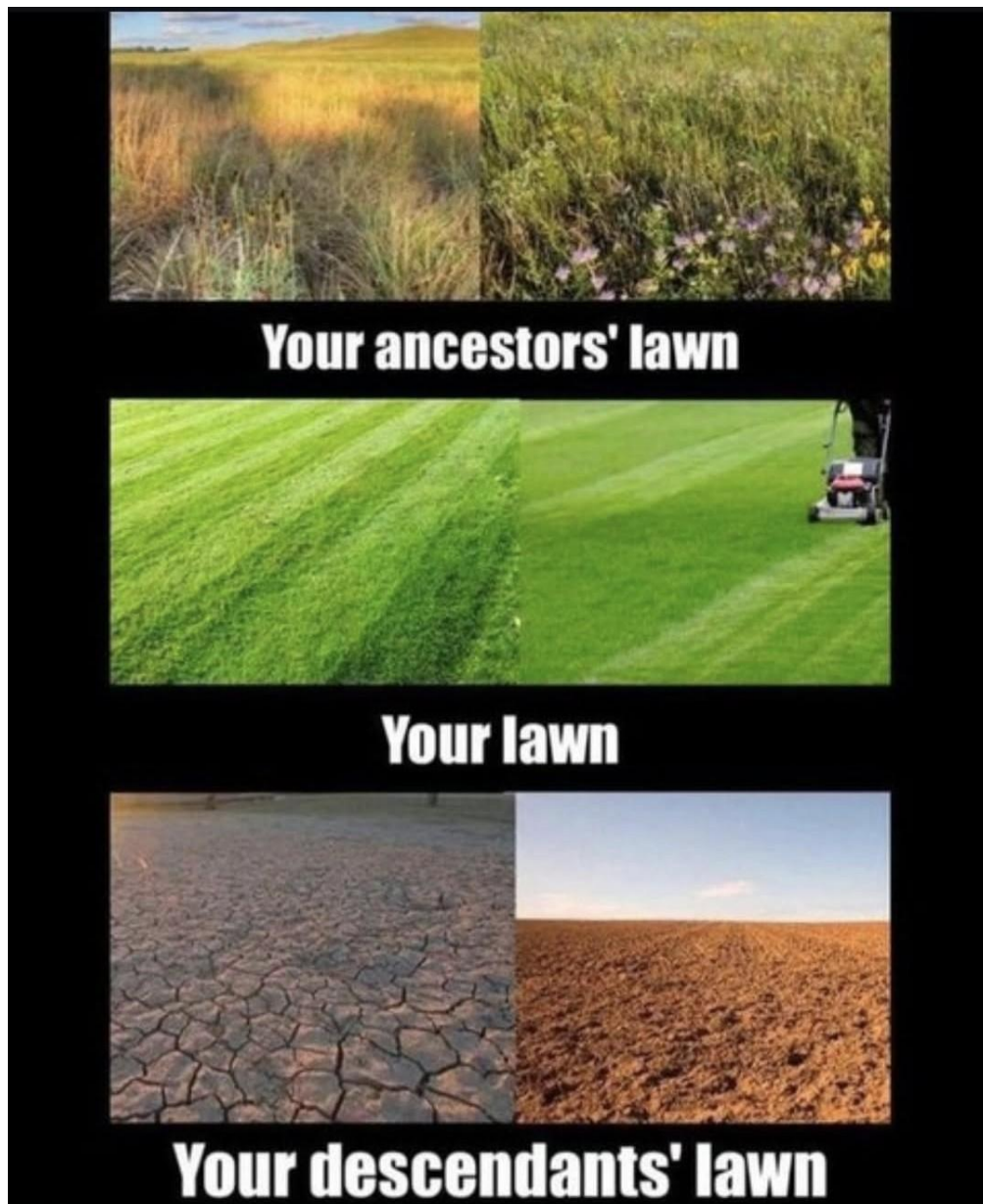
What is happening in the first image on the top left side of this image?

What is the impact of industrial agriculture, shown on the left side? Positive or negative.

What is the impact of 'Permaculture', shown on the right side of the dotted line in this image? Positive or negative

Consider this statement: "*What is 'normal' may not always be what is best*". How and why might this statement apply to this image?

Think deeper: Why do you think industrial agriculture the most common form of agriculture, when it has such a negative impact on the land?



Have a think...

What are the key differences between the 3 types of 'lawn' shown?

Which images represent a healthy ecosystem? Why do you think that?

What is it about 'your lawn' that will lead to 'your descendants' lawn'? *Hint: research "monoculture and topsoil"*

Does this make you think about or consider your own actions, or the actions of others? If so, how?



Have a think...

What is so shocking about this statement?

For what reasons is all this food going to waste?

Can you think of any examples where people, groups or organisations are taking steps or actions to reduce food going to waste?

What action could you take in your life to contribute positively to the future you want to see?

Think deeper: *What else goes to waste when food is thrown away?*



Have a think...

What is meant by imperfect food?

Who decides what food is perfect or imperfect and why have they decided that food appearance is important?

What happens to imperfect food in the current food system?

Does this image make you consider your own actions or the actions of others?
How? What would you like to change?

Tree diversity is crucial to fight against pests.

1963



1969



Impact of Dutch elm disease (Milwaukee)

Does your city have enough?

(Graphics by The Washington Post)

Have a think...

What has happened to the Dutch elm trees in the images from 1963 to 1969 and why might it be a problem in that neighbourhood?

What is meant by “tree diversity”?

Reflect on your own backyard or school grounds. Does your area have enough tree diversity? How could you support more diversity?

Think deeper: As well as fighting against pests and disease, what are other benefits of having increased tree and plant diversity in your local area?

From bottles to clothes



Have a think...

What two journeys is the plastic bottle taking in this image?

What happens to the bottle's recycling potential once it becomes clothing?

Is moving waste from one industry to another the same as solving a waste problem?

Can an environmentally friendly product still create environmental challenges?

Think deeper: What do you think a truly circular fashion industry would look like?