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Midterm: Social Action Report

1. Write a paragraph of the mission of the organization. Some questions to consider are: what are the organization's goals? What do they do? (1 paragraph) (8 points)
 - a. Make sure in this answer that you hyperlink to the agency/organization. ([The NYC Environmental Justice Alliance](#) is a local organization that.....)
 - [The Earth Guardians](#) is a global organization that focuses on educating and training young adults to become the voice of environmental crime and justice. Using social movements, projects, and proactive engagement, youths are able to make a difference and help protect our global community. Ultimately, members of this global organization have many duties. Some of which include facilitating Indigenous Youth initiatives, organizing frontline actions to address climate change, and initiating leadership training/campaigns. As a result, the goal of this organization is to advocate for change/reform and solutions to the many environmental issues that impact the global community. Thus, these individuals are protectors, leaders, and activists hence they are Earth's Guardians.

2. Pick a 1) review an archived webinar, 2) a live virtual event, 3) listen to a podcast episode (if they have one) or 4) read a resource document or report (any type of written document regarding the organization's research/advocacy, that is 5 pages or longer) and write a short paragraph summary (1 paragraph) on what it was about (8 points)
 - a. Make sure you hyperlink to the resource/webinar/podcast you listened to/reviewed/watched (E.g., I read the report entitled [Opportunities for Growth: Nature-Based Jobs in NYC](#))
 - b. If you choose a report/written document:
 - i. If what you choose is more than 5 pages, read only 5 pages of it, and indicate which pages you read.
 - ii. Do NOT include one page factsheets (or several factsheets).

- I read the report entitled [Earth Guardians 2020 Impact Report](#) which discussed the organization's research/advocacy. According to the report, there are many EG crew members all over the globe to help address environmental crime issues. For example, some members are located in Europe, Africa, Brazil, Mexico and India. In short, each region has a designated director who is responsible for training youths and assembling a crew/team to complete important projects/tasks. Some of these projects include cleanups, community gardens, social media campaigns, educational courses, and much more. The report also mentions that many of these regions suffer from wildfires as a result of climate change. Additionally, JP Morgan Chase is the #1 fossil fuel supporting bank in the world (p.8). Lastly, EG members are part of the Stop the Money coalition in order to prevent oil extractivism from regional/indigenous sites (p.8). Ultimately, the primary goal of each EG team is to help improve the surrounding community in he/she's delegated region. By doing this, the overall issues of environmental crime are addressed and the earth thrives as a whole. As a result, the report highlighted the importance/impact of the duties and responsibilities of Earth Guardians on a global level (p. 3-8).
3. Relate what you learned from the webinar, event, podcast, or resource document or report from #2 back to course material. Make 4 separate connections. Make these connections explicit, do not expect me to know what connection you're making. Write answers in four bullet points. (16 points total, 4 points per connection)
- a. DO NOT MAKE CONNECTIONS TO THE WEBSITE IN GENERAL. The connections you make should be based on the resource you read/watched/reviewed/listened to from #2.

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- Connection 1: From what I reviewed for #2, I made several connections to class: According to the 2020 Impact Report, many global regions are experiencing wildfires as a result of climate change. This relates to previous class discussions about the reality of climate change and green harms because as climate change worsens, so will the risk of

wildfires. In short, climate change increases each region's fuel, oxygen, and ignition source which are all contributing factors to wildfires. As a result, the surrounding environment in these global regions suffer from catastrophic burns which ultimately destroys homes and communities. Thus, it is evident that the reality of these wildfires must be addressed since countless lives are being lost. Lastly, such wildfires are green harms as a consequence of climate change.

- Connection 2: Secondly, the report mentioned that JP Morgan Chase is the #1 fossil fuel supporting bank in the world (p. 8). This relates directly to the "power over" strategy since large corporations like JP Morgan are using one's authority to make a profit by burning fossil fuels which contributes to climate change. The burning of fossil fuel releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and pollutes the air. As a result, community members in each region are being affected which may result in serious side effects and even cause death. Thus, it is clear that the "power over" concept can be applied since the rich get richer and the poor are the ones that pay the price.
- Connection 3: Thirdly, the report discusses the Stop the Money Pipeline coalition which relates to resource extractivism since this organization aims to stop the flow of money in order to stop the extraction of resources. In relevance to the 2020 Impact Report, global regions like Europe, Africa, Brazil, Mexico and India may suffer from resource extractivism since these regions are mainly known for their oils. As a result, indigenous communities are destroyed, women are raped, and lands are stolen so that those in power can profit. Thus, EG members have developed this campaign of 130 organizations across the country to address this climate crisis. This also relates to state violence since the quality of life is affected for both individuals and communities. Ultimately, the Stop the Money Pipeline applies to resource extractivism/state violence since both aim to prevent those in power from extracting resources and causing more harm.
- Connection 4: Lastly, the responsibilities/objectives of EG members relates to the Green Criminology concept since both aim to target large corporations that contribute to climate change. Also, both focus on environmental harm and global regions that are being affected. Using campaigns, educational courses, organizations, and community centers, EG members are bringing awareness of those in power to light which further relates to

green criminology. Lastly, EG members emphasize that such global harm is extremely important since it ultimately affects our future.

4. Indicate what you thought about the webinar/podcast/resource document. Tell me what you liked, what you think could be improved, and provide some suggestions on how they could have improved it. Your suggestions could be based on the content itself, delivery or presentation. (1 paragraph) (5 points)
 - Overall, I really enjoyed reading this resource document because it focused on young adults like myself who are trying to make a difference in the world. In my opinion, it is so important for us to become involved in helping our environment so that we may have a chance at having a successful future. A few topics that stood out the most to me was the fact that EG members are essentially the voice of environmental crime & justice. Also, I liked that members are all over the globe (Europe, Africa, Brazil, Mexico and India) so that he/she can address climate change in that region. Lastly, I liked that there are many programs, campaigns, training sessions, and Indigenous youth initiatives that members can be a part of. Ultimately, there are some minor changes that could be made. For example, the website should include a few testimonials from EG members that highlight one's overall experience as a guardian. This could potentially inspire others to sign up and participate. Also, the 2020 Impact Report should mention whether capitalism/neoliberalism has impacted these global regions in relevance to climate change and environmental crime.

5. Based on what you read about the organization and the resource you reviewed, how does this institute/organization frame the issue of environmental issues/climate change? (1 paragraph) (5 points)
 - Based on what I read about EG members and the 2020 Impact Report, it is clear that this institute/organization frames the issue of environmental issues/climate change by demonstrating that many different regions (Europe, Africa, Brazil, Mexico and India) are being globally impacted by such matters. For example, EG members in each region are

responsible for addressing climate change in that area (wildfires, fossil fuels, resource extractivism). As a result, members facilitate cleanups, plant trees, and collaborate (power with) others to help the overall community. Also, members participate in campaigns, seminars, and frontline actions that are dedicated to preventing climate chaos. Some of which includes pipeline companies/oil spills, resource extractivism from Indigenous lands, and much more. Additionally, the 2020 Impact Report highlights the notion that climate change is a serious global issue by including updates on each region's growth, completed projects, and plans for the future. Thus, it is clear that this organization addresses environmental issues/climate change since members are taking proactive action in each region.

6. Based on what you read about the organization and the resource you reviewed, did they frame the issues of environmental issues/climate change in line with the critical criminology approach we've discussed in class (e.g., power over, crimes of the powerful, global elite, environmental racism, etc)? If yes, how? If not, how do you know? (1 paragraph) (5 points)
 - Based on what I read about EG members and the 2020 Impact Report, it is clear that this institute/organization frames the issue of environmental issues/climate change in line with the critical criminology approach since members aim to prevent large corporations from making profit. For example, the 2020 Impact Report mentions that JP Morgan Chase is the #1 fossil fuel supporting bank in the world (p. 8). This relates directly to the "power over" strategy since large corporations like JP Morgan are using one's authority to make a profit by burning fossil fuels which contributes to climate change. The burning of fossil fuel releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and pollutes the air. As a result, community members in each region are being affected which may result in serious side effects and even cause death. Thus, it is clear that the "power over" concept can be applied since the rich get richer and the poor are the ones that pay the price.
 - Also, crimes of the powerful relate since the report mentions that large pipeline companies contribute to oil spills, threaten Indigenous communities and are not held accountable. As a result, these companies are contributing to climate change and

ultimately environmental crime. Thus, it is imperative that EG members engage in climate strikes, rallies, and frontline actions to ensure that such companies are stopped.

7. Write a professional email as if you were trying to volunteer, get an internship, or get a referral from that organization/agency/institute (1 paragraph) (5 points)

- Hello,

I am interested in an opportunity to volunteer with the Indigenous Youth Leadership Initiative Program. I have significant experience in group organizing, campaign development and collaborating well with others.

I am hopeful that my commitment to make a difference in the world will be a great fit for this program.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jasmin Budhu

8. Reflect on this assignment. Some questions to consider: Did you like learning about what this organization is doing? This assignment is also meant to show you that there are tons of think tanks, institutes, non-profit, activist, and academic organizations that are out there. Does it give you any desire to search for additional organizations for your own career interests? What was the most difficult part of this assignment and why? Any other comments? (1 paragraph) (8 points)
- Overall this assignment was very insightful and interesting! I really enjoyed learning about Earth Guardians and their responsibilities/duties to our earth. It is extremely important that climate change and environmental issues are addressed. Thus, EG

members advocate for such issues and Indigenous communities across the globe. Also, members ensure that individuals rights are protected. Furthermore, I really liked that many EG members are youths like myself who are trying to make a difference in the world. Lastly, I was really surprised to learn that large corporations like JP Morgan contribute to fossil fuels. This relates back to previous class discussions about those in power vs. the powerless since JP Morgan uses their authority to contribute to climate change and get away with it. As a result, it is evident that there are many other organizations, think tanks, and activists that are implemented globally to address climate change. Thus, I question what other regions/continents are EG members located in so that I can sign up and volunteer. Lastly, the most difficult part of this assignment was relating the 2020 Impact Report to other class discussions (iceberg metaphor, people's history, dark money). However, the report highlighted main points that connected well.