**Green Energy Proposal**

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Global Connections

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Introduction:

What effects will committing to green energy use have on the economies of countries benefitting from the use of coal, oil, or gas? This question is important because it could essentially help decide if green energy will work in the US, more specifically, Virginia. I will collect extensive research to find out the benefits and disadvantages of green energy and its effects on economies.

Literature Review:

 The literature review consists of ten articles I researched, and gathered information from. The idea of waste to energy was introduced in an article that talks about trapping greenhouse gas before entering the atmosphere and turning it into green energy.[[1]](#footnote-1) President Obama expressed America’s effort to reduce greenhouse gases and its dependence on foreign oil.[[2]](#footnote-2) For a short term, until scientists find clean and safe alternatives, we will have to continue to rely on fossil fuels, hopefully in the long term this will change.[[3]](#footnote-3) Schonau Power Supply (EWS) was started by Sladek to raise money to provide green energy sources to her customers.[[4]](#footnote-4) In response to global warming, green energy will help the environment, which will create green jobs to help the economy.[[5]](#footnote-5) LEED is a program of the US Green Building Council that encourages green building.[[6]](#footnote-6) Even though solar and wind power cost money they are still a wise investment because they could save money in the long run.[[7]](#footnote-7) China once again is the United States biggest competitor in green energy and new inventions.[[8]](#footnote-8) Among other countries, China says that since Americans pollute with fossil fuels so can they, the US is the leader and we are not setting good examples environmentally.[[9]](#footnote-9) Developing countries may have to adjust borders in order to lessen the costs of emissions.[[10]](#footnote-10) These are examples of key concepts of the articles I researched.

Research Design:

 Extensive research is crucial in getting information for my question. Information about all the types of green energy and their benefits and costs are needed. Also the economies of the world that would be affected if the country switched to green energy, and how they would be affected, good or bad. Limitations that I have are only researching countries that would truly be affected economically by switching to green energy.

Action:

 Plans for my action include holding a “green party” at the Botanical Garden. The party will consist of tips for businesses to start going green, and show them some green alternatives. I will also educate the general public about the benefits of green energy and the types there are. This action relates to my topic because its working with green energy and educating businesses and people about it. That’s the first step in making the switch to green energy; it will start out in my community and hopefully expand.

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