

Single-use plastic items should be banned

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@m_dav changed the intro. How does it look? I don't think I know how to change it back to the original, but we can revise if it looks bad.

You(8k) · 1y

@reply I really like it! It's maybe a little long? The 3rd sentence can probably be cut to make it more brief!

JM_GW(1.3k) · 1y

@m_dav It's seems about the right length, but could you copy/paste the sentences, in case they need to be removed (irrelevance is bad, no matter the length).

You(8k) · 1y

@reply I just think that "However, plastics are very necessary in many scenarios (construction, electronics, medicine, and transportation), due to being light, durable, chemically resistant, non-reactive to outside influences, and easy to manufacture" and recyclable (1). The real issue then resides in single-use plastics" probably is necessary - the rest is good enough that it seems unwarranted. I'd keep the rest as it is!

JM_GW(1.3k) · 1y

@m_dav that part's really necessary, as it says why we chose to use plastics over other materials - metals are heavy and reactive, glass breaks, paper falls apart, etc. Maybe I should add those in?

You(8k) · 1y

@reply I don't think you need to add it in because the background is only a small case of the actual debate. However it might be cool to add it as a claim in the actual debate!

JM_GW(1.3k) · 1y

@m_dav How would you write that in? I really like it there - as it's one of the reasons I separated this debate from another one - the one about all plastics being banned. We could either add it as a claim or cut out other unnecessary parts of the intro if it's too long. Thoughts?

You(8k) · 1y

@reply sorry I totally missed that! You can add that point that we chose to use plastics over other materials because metals are heavy and reactive, glass breaks, paper falls apart, etc. as a pro under **There's a lack of better...** Though I'd probably split them into a) metal is heavy b) glass breaks c) paper falls apart etc if that makes sense?

JM_GW(1.3k) · 1y

@m_dav if you'd like to write that out, go ahead. You seem to have a better grip on this than me.

You(8k) · 1y

@reply Will do but I'll tag you in the claim so you can give it the final go ahead :)

JM_GW(1.3k) · 1y

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Pros Cons

The single-use plastic ban can be effectively tackled using a **carrot & stick approach** - education (carrot) and regulation (stick).

They're bad for the environment.

It's bad for people's health.

We don't need them when there are reusable and better (like no waste) options.

Single-use plastics are unpopular.

Banning single-use plastics would put pressure on businesses to find and/or create alternatives. This would help in the long run because less plastic pollution alleviates environmental damage and climate change among other things.

Banning will prevent the plastic-loathing masses from receiving it when they don't want them.

Countries don't want single-use plastic anymore.

Alternatives have a bigger carbon footprint of **Paper bags**, **harm more of Textile bags** needs to reuse 100-150x to "worth it" **environmentally**.

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It helps those with disabilities to use single-use plastic items, such as **straws**.

There's a lack of better reusable alternatives.

It should not be banned but transitioned to reusable alternatives through more consumer demand for them.

Multi-use plastic items, like cups and utensils, are not affordable enough.

It will harm the **economy**.

Many single-use plastics can be **reused**.

People like the convenience.

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Banning single-use (click to acknowledge)

Banning plastic items would encourage the use of single-use paper items, which are **worse** for the environment.

If enough consumers demand it, markets will react and plastic packaging will be abolished voluntarily by companies using it.

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