

The NEP scale (Dunlap et al., 1992)

Listed below is a series of statements about humans, nature and environment. Indicate agreement/disagreement by checking one box for each item.

1= Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

- We are approaching the limit of the number of people the earth can support
- Humans have the right to modify the natural environment to suit their needs
- When humans interfere with nature it often produces disastrous consequences
- Human ingenuity will insure that we do NOT make the earth unliveable
- Humans are severely abusing the environment
- The earth has plenty of natural resources if we only learn how to develop them
- Plants and animals have as much right as humans to exist
- The balance of nature is strong enough to cope with the impact of modern industrial nations
- Despite our special abilities humans are still subject to the laws of nature
- The so-called "ecological crisis" facing humankind has been greatly exaggerated
- The earth is like a spaceship with very limited room and resources
- Humans were meant to rule over the rest of nature
- The balance of nature is very delicate and easily upset
- Humans will eventually learn enough about how nature works to be able to control it
- If things continue on their present course,we will soon experience a major ecological catastrophe