

Health, Risk, and Environmental Justice

Lecture Part 4

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In Part 4

- Environmental Justice, continued



Examples

Location of toxic industries

- Polluting industries, such as chemicals, cement factories, etc., are often located in poorer areas



Examples

Location of waste facilities

- Waste treatment and disposal facilities are often located in poorer areas



International Waste

- *Probo Koala* in Africa
- Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- Political scandal, corruption
- 9000 ill, several dead



Examples

- Child asthma
- Rates doubled in US between 1987-2004
- Czech air quality deteriorating, child allergies increasing



Summary

In this lecture we discussed ...

- The connection between human health and environmental quality
- How risk theorizes connections between society and the environment, and defines the “late modern” period
- The study of environmental justice

In the next lecture, we discuss...

- The ideology of environmental domination



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