

FASHION & SUSTAINABILITY

Can we keep the vibrancy that fashion provides us without compromising humanity and nature?

IS FASHION THE “SECOND DIRTIEST INDUSTRY IN THE WORLD”?	
ECONOMIC IMPACT – CULTURAL IMPACT – ECOLOGICAL IMPACT – SOCIAL IMPACT	
1.	What does sustainability mean in fashion? What are different ways in which fashion can be made sustainable?
2.	What is ethical fashion? What is fair trade fashion?
3.	What is fast fashion?
4.	What are your personal values concerning the clothing you wear? What is important to you? How do you apply it?
5.	What is the dominant fashion system?
6.	Do our clothing choices have a social impact on others?
7.	What is the economic impact of the clothing we wear?
8.	Is there an ecological impact made by the clothing we wear?
9.	Is there a cultural impact made by the clothing we wear?
10.	Does inequality and social injustice take place in fashion manufacturing?
11.	Who protects the human rights of workers? Federal governments? Local governments? Business owners?
12.	Who is a typical garment worker making our clothing? (Gender? Nationality?)
13.	If a garment is labeled “Made In Italy” – does that mean that it was entirely “Made In Italy”?
14.	Where are most garment factories located?
15.	What is “on demand” manufacturing? Why is this considered “sustainable manufacturing”?
16.	What does it mean to have transparency in the supply chain? Are there benefits to transparency, and to whom?
17.	If a garment is considered a luxury item, does that mean it is made sustainably/ethically?
18.	What is climate change?
19.	What is biodiversity? Biodiversity loss?
20.	Does the drive for economic growth in a business cause environmental damage? (think about fast fashion; increase of consumer consumption; increase of manufacturing and product disposal)
21.	If we manufacture more sustainably, is that advancement offset by increased consumer consumption?
22.	How many “fashion seasons” are there typically in today’s culture? How many were there typically 30 years ago?
23.	Can humans survive without nature?
24.	What are natural resources?
25.	What natural resources might be used in the creation of fashion?
26.	How many gallons of water are needed to produce one (1) t-shirt and one (1) pair of jeans? Almost 5,284 gallons of water
27.	Where does all this water come from?
28.	What is an eco-system?
29.	Have any eco-systems been disrupted by the use of water in creating garments?
30.	What is the advantage of organic cotton over regular cotton?
31.	How are clothes dyed? What are they dyed with?
32.	What happens to the water full of dyes and chemicals? How are they disposed of?
33.	Has the use of natural resources for clothing brought any species to the brink of extinction? If yes, how?
34.	Do any of the following have carbon emissions? farming; manufacturing; transport of goods; retailing in stores and/or on-line; advertising; laundering etc.
35.	How fast is the population of the earth growing each year? How does that impact natural resources?
36.	What happens to clothing you no longer wear? What is its end life? Where does it go? Reuse? Recycle? Biodegradable?
37.	Which fabrics are sustainable and what are their characteristics? Are sustainable fabrics 100% sustainable? Or the lesser evil?
<i>Fashion is a Global Industry Worth 3 Trillion Dollars and it Employs 50 Million People</i>	

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IF EVERYONE MADE SOME SMALL LASTING CHANGE – IT WOULD ADD UP TO BIG CHANGES

NAME	LINKS	DESCRIPTION
The Fashion Revolution #whomademyclothes	https://www.fashionrevolution.org/	Mission: We want to unite people and organizations to work together towards radically changing the way our clothes are sourced, produced and consumed, so that our clothing is made in a safe, clean and fair way. We believe that collaborating across the whole value chain — from farmer to consumer — is the only way to transform the industry. Our mission is to bring everyone together to make that happen.
Fashion Takes Action	https://fashiontakesaction.com/	We believe Fashion Leaders are Climate Leaders; Fashion Takes Action advances sustainability in the entire fashion system through education, awareness and collaboration. FTA is: Transparent; Innovative; Collective; Motivational; Economical
Clean Clothes Campaign	https://cleanclothes.org/	Supports garment workers to defend their rights.
Know the Chain	https://knowthechain.org/	Committed to helping companies make an impact in their efforts to address forced labor.
Sustainable Fashion Wikipedia.org	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sustainable_fashion	
Red Carpet Green Dress	https://www.rcgdglobal.com/	Red Carpet Green Dress is global change-making organization from ‘moment’ to movement, bringing sustainable design to the forefront of conversation and action within the fashion industry.
Ontario Textile Diversion Collaborative (Canada)	https://otdc.co/	OTDC is a group under the umbrella of Fashion Takes Action. OTDC is committed to minimizing the number of textiles going into landfills by increasing the rate of textile diversion and by encouraging the development of a textile recycling industry
The Ethical Fashion Initiative	https://ethicalfashioninitiative.org	The Ethical Fashion Initiative acts as a bridge, connecting marginalized artisan communities in challenging and remote locations with global lifestyle brands. Linking international brands with our network of artisans gives these communities in challenging and remote locations access to the international marketplace. This access to the market creates employment for artisans, and an opportunity to improve their lives.
Global Organic Textile Standard (certifications)	https://www.global-standard.org/	The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) is the worldwide leading textile processing standard for organic fibers, including ecological and social criteria, backed up by independent certification of the entire textile supply chain.
OEKO-TEX® (certifications)	https://www.oeko-tex.com/en/	OEKO-TEX® consists of 18 independent research and test institutes in Europe and Japan. They are responsible for the joint development of test methods and limit values which form the basis for our standards.
Fair Trade Certified	https://www.fairtradecertified.org/why-fair-trade	Fair trade is a global movement made up of a diverse network of producers, companies, shoppers, advocates, and organizations putting people and planet first.
World Wildlife Fund	https://www.worldwildlife.org/	An international fundraising organization working in collaboration with conservation groups and bringing financial support to the conservation movement on a worldwide scale.
Transcend Discipline	https://www.transcenddiscipline.com/home	What Might It Take? To inspire a new standard for global practice? To close the gaps between the conservation and development fields? To build a world -- and a practice -- for human and wild? A Bold Rethink