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## Global Trends

The current global trend that I feel is of great importance is climate change. I ranked climate change number one, because it is the key to population and environmental health. As our climate continues to change our environment will become fragile and inadequate to sustain life as we know it. We are already seeing changes in our weather patterns; storms are becoming stronger and lasting longer. Almost every state in the U.S. has experienced some form of extreme weather. Areas like Florida and further South are experiencing flooding, snow, frigid temperatures and in some cases tornadoes. Hurricanes are becoming more intense and lasting over land longer. We will continue to experience these type of weather events and other anomalies. Our climate is at a critical state and if we do not act soon, future generations will pay the ultimate price.

Climate change also affects human health and can be linked to chronic and infectious diseases. Our country is one of the sickest countries in the world. Our population is suffering from illnesses that are said to be avoidable or reversible. However, every year millions of people die of these reversible diseases. Climate change affects every aspect of our environment, such as our food sources, our air, water, and land. The resources that we depend on to sustain life is contributing to the decline in the population's health. Almost every day there is a new food borne illness outbreak in the news. Not only are humans becoming ill, so are the animals. Additionally, diseases from the past are reemerging and we are also seeing some diseases that are normally seen in certain portions of the world. This trend is partly due to animals, insects etc., being push out of their normal habitats and migrating to a more suitable environment. This will continue as our climate continues to change.

In closing, climate change should be everyone's focus. To ensure human survival we must start taking the necessary steps to save our planet. If we do not take responsibility who will? This is no easy task, and everyone needs to be on the same page, with one goal in mind. It does not help that certain governments and government officials, question if climate change is a real occurrence. The uncertainty limits resources, urgency, and unity on the topic. We see the impacts of climate change everywhere and unfortunately it will only get worse as time passes. Population and the health of our environment will continue to decline if we do not seriously address climate change.

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