

Governments and big companies should work together to reverse environmental damage, rather than making individuals responsible for that. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your opinion and relevant examples.

Environmental damage done in recent centuries has led to a growing concern around the world. Some might believe that governments and big organizations should make a change rather than individuals. I believe this problem calls for a correlation between governments and big companies as well as individuals.

First, it is governments which possess the power to take significant actions and not individuals. Now that man has finally noticed the abyss once he is right on top of it, the issue needs to be addressed more seriously, perhaps as serious as national security for all governments. As **delightful** as it is to witness enthusiastic environmental activists and groups, distributing leaflets, launching campaigns and organizing meetings, these will not reverse or even stop the approaching crisis. In fact, so massive **has** the destruction **has**-been so far that environmental apocalypse painted in movies and novels may come sooner than **it is** thought. To introduce green taxes to finance their environmental initiatives, to put a ban on producing, importing and using appliances which are not energy-efficient and to forbid consuming fossil fuels, governments can contribute enormously to saving the earth since they can pass and enforce the law.

On the other hand, individuals can and should play their roles to prevent what is not far to happen. First, people need to stop being oblivious **to/**of the damage which is caused, and raise awareness about their natural surroundings. Every single one will count. Teachers, for instance, as **a part of** an educational program can inform pupils about our ecosystem, the various environmental problems and potential resolutions to them such as reducing different forms of pollution and preventing deforestation. It may seem fictional to expect all drivers to abandon their cars, but a unanimous tendency toward public transport would not be over-ambitious.

To conclude, it seems to me that perhaps the best pathway to take is **one** that balances both governments and individuals and the cooperation between them. However, this middle ground may only work when we all start to take a glance at what we have done.