

As water is a valuable resource, governments all over the world should control how much water their citizens use. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

The history of human civilization is entwined with the history of the ways we have learned to manipulate water resources. With the explosion of the world's population in recent centuries, concerns are mounting over the availability of drinking water. Many suggest that world governments should intervene and regulate water consumption. I, however, maintain that relying on a monopoly power should only happen under certain circumstances.

To begin with, government involvement does not appear essential in many cases. Although some still blissfully ignorant, a growing number of individuals are now waking up to the fact that this once-thought infinite resource may not be infinite after all, and the apocalyptic future depicted in some fiction novels and movies could become a harsh reality in the not too distant future. The sobering effects of disasters including various diseases and pandemics, albeit their devastating consequences, have unveiled our heavy reliance on water. Since the realization that the catastrophe is within a few steps is now dawning, the danger of water shortage is turning heads across the globe. As a consequence, campaigns are launched, programs made, and brochures distributed by activists to raise public awareness, mostly without the aim of any governments.

However, government intervention can facilitate the process and converge all the independent attempts. Granted, a regulated government might make citizens shirk responsibility, promoting a culture of indifference. Nevertheless, the government can provide sufficient support for individual contributors. Moreover, only the government has the authority to impose rules on water consumers in different sectors such as industry and agriculture. Despite all the efforts made by environmental activists and scientists, many a person has still failed to grasp the threat and the fact that there will be no future for human species, but for water.

In conclusion, although many individuals have started to cherish water resources all around the world, the intervention of world governments can boost the efforts and regulate the public consumption of water.