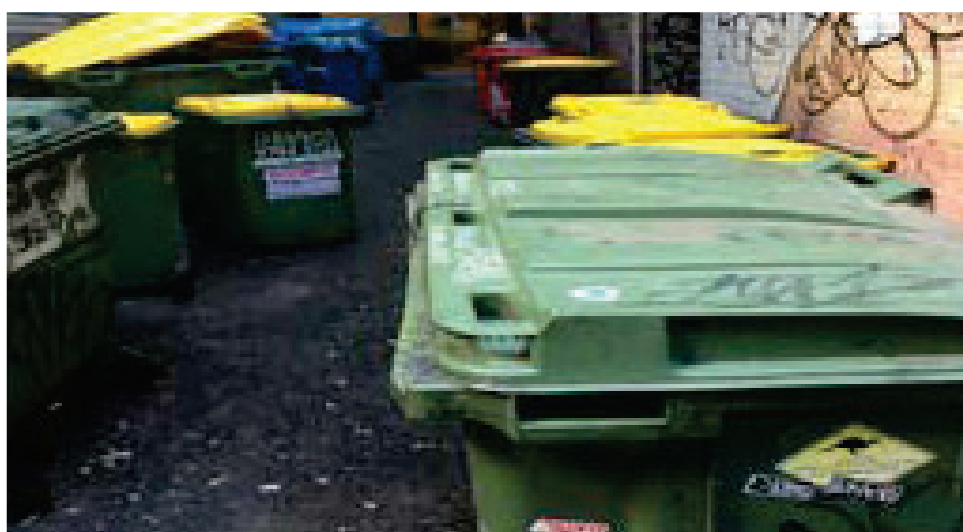


Orange

— Sad Boy Hours —

Everything is Garbage and it is Time to Fix it



Melbourne laneway dumpsters, filled with fast food waste.

Everything is wrong with the world. Climate change, murder, human trafficking, terrorist attacks, wars, drugs, pesticides, sheep on drugs, just to name a few. The environment especially, is in a dire state, with the Amazon burning, air pollution getting worse and global warming becoming more and more of a serious issue. This may be depressing but thankfully, not all hope is lost. In fact, the world is in a good position to combat all of the media clickbait and serious calamities we're facing, but we've got a long way to go. Everything is garbage and here's how to fix it.

The environment is dying. The Amazon has been burning for over 2 weeks now and there has been little media coverage, it's unacceptable! This is a direct consequence of the explicit invite by Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro to loggers and farmers to conduct deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest. Unfortunately, there is little we can do to completely reverse this, and the implications of the Amazon being destroyed are enormous. The Amazon rainforest has consistently been referred to as, 'The Lungs of the Earth', as it generates 20% of the world's oxygen and holds about 10% of the world's biodiversity. If the Amazon is destroyed, the earth's climate will quite dramatically worsen. It's not all depressing though, as there are plenty of ways to help solve this issue.

First of all, and this is the hardest part, we need to cut down on meat. In 2012, South America was reported to produce 25% of the world's meat. We should only be eating meat from local, sustainable sources. By reducing the massive demand for meat, we will reduce the supply and there will be less need for deforestation. Through eating locally produced meat, you can help independent farmers and reduce the demand for meat export, which in itself causes pollution. We should be donating to the World Wildlife Fund and pressure governments into donating more to the cause. As of now, our world's most powerful governments have put 22 million dollars towards fighting the issue. The Emoji Movie had a 50 million dollar budget. The lack of attention to this issue is utterly ridiculous. Surely, if we provide the facts we can unite and convince the world's governments to take significant action against this threat. There are few other environmental issues as serious as this to deal with.

Fossil fuels are still a significant problem in places all around the world. Countries are suffering under the barrage of fossil fuels. Cities like Delhi in India, Beijing in China and São Paulo in Brazil are often choked with smog and pollution as a direct result of the burning of fossil fuels in transport, energy and manufacturing. However, there is hope for them. First solution, protest. Take to the streets. Pressure governments into phasing out fossil fuels. Iceland uses 100% renewable energy, after replacing fossil fuels with hydro-power and geothermal, both of which are renewable energy sources. Many other countries are rising to this level. They are cutting funding for pro fossil fuel projects, turn to educating those who work in the fossil fuel industry in manufacturing and producing renewable energy. If we come together then, bloody oath, we can stop things from getting worse, which is something we are all obligated to do.

Overall, these are just some of the main environmental issues we can easily and effectively combat. Through not eating factory-farmed meat, pressuring our governments into redirecting funding into teaching those working in the fossil fuel industry, in the manufacturing of renewable energy and also take public transport. Short of inciting revolution, these small steps of ours can have incredibly big impacts. By taking these actions, we can not only solve the issues of air pollution and the Amazon burning but can also inspire us to band together to end some of our larger issues. Climate change, global warming, extreme poverty and hunger could all be things of the past if we unite. We can take on anything and take this world of ours into one that will make future generations look back with pride.

The Systems Control our Beliefs and Choices

We believe we live in a free society. We believe our opinions are well informed, and that our politics are unbiased. However, the reality is that our opinions, and the opinions are heavily controlled by the media and filtered by a very small group of people.

It has almost become a cliché to talk about 6 companies that control all the media, but it is far from incorrect. News Corp., Disney, Viacom, GE, Time Warner, and CBS, have a scarily large amount of control over global media. In America, these companies control 90% of all media. Considering the large amount of information coming from America, that number should be frightening. This monopoly on information, lets these corporations control our media narrative, and our politics.

In 1988, Edward S. Herman and Noam Chomsky wrote a book title Manufacturing Consent in which they describe the five filters of media control. Ownership; how much money a story makes, advertising; would advertisers agree with the story, sourcing; would it benefit the powers at be, flak; stories that discredit critiques of power, and the common enemy; an boogiemán that poses no real threat, but is an easy distraction for mass media. The common enemy could be rioters, immigrants, or in the cold war, communism. These five filters are instrumental in maintaining stability for these corporations, and the bureaucracy the serve.

Many reading this may comment something like “well maybe my parents or friends by into this, but I certainly don’t.” However, if a lot of the population believes in a certain viewpoint, it might become ingrained in our society, so that even those who don’t watch mainstream news, hear their message.

Our beliefs are carefully crafted around the ideas of a very small group of very rich individuals. They do not care about the truth, only about maintaining power.



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Transgender tragedy in the medical community

The Victorian transgender medical community is seriously underfunded and underappreciated.

The system is dramatically failing to keep up with demand. This has led to more transgender people waiting for treatment and has contributed to the massive transgender mental health problem. There are only two clinics (the Royal Children’s Hospital and Monash Health Center) for the entire state. These centers are increasingly underfunded and have recently seen an influx of people looking for help. The waiting list for either center is currently 6 months.

Medically transitioning is treated like plastic surgery by Australian law, i.e. a choice. While most states passed laws to get around the federal classification Victoria (which has the biggest transgender population in Australia) has no such laws. That’s why the Victorian State Government and the Australian Federal Government provide no funding to either center.

This all changed when a transgender man named Paige Phoenix challenged the Victorian Government and even went so far as to submit a complaint to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. This caused several legislators (in the Greens Party) to put motions to the state parliament. Unfortunately, out of ten proposed law changes only two passed. One was to change the classification of transgender from a choice to a life threatening condition. This is due to the mental health issues that can arise from the absence of treatment. The other was to set up an inquiry into the system. This came across as a massive win for the transgender community. However, this was as far as the government went. The only increase to funding came from the Public Mental Health foundation of Victoria which has no affiliation with the government at all.

They gave two large donations to both clinics to try and counter the high rate of mental health problems. Multiple studies by the universities of Melbourne, Monash and Sydney have established a link between the anxiety of waiting for treatment and depression – one of the reasons the transgender suicide rate is eight times higher than the national average.

The issue was out of the public eye until the inquiry was completed. It established that there is insufficient funding for current demand. This brought attention back to this issue but again when legislation was debated, it was voted down. The inquiry also found that the current medical requirements for the transition process are ‘insufficient’. This led to the Australian Department of Health to increase the medical requirements and this made the treatment a lot more restricted. This was a major setback for the transgender community.

On April 11th this year, protests from LGBT groups forced the Victorian State Government to increase funding for the clinics. 3.4 million dollars was invested in the transgender medical community. This has led to an extra two clinics being established. But a survey conducted by La Trobe University showed that the rate of people transitioning is down this year. They pin the blame on the new restrictions the government has placed on transitioning. All the clinics in Victoria are now a lot more strict in who they give a diagnosis to. Also, a study by Transgender Victoria found that the amount of funding provided is still 2 million dollars short of the benchmark for good medical services.

Victoria has the highest amount of people who identify as transgender but one of the worst transgender medical systems. This means that the current transgender medical community is still underfunded and underprepared. It has made it very difficult for people, who identify as transgender, to receive the medical treatment they need and this is leading to a high rate of suicide amongst transgender youth.

Not Good Enough

1. Wake up, with gigantic purple bags covering half your face because you were up all night anxious about the day that you are about to endure.
2. Take a shower, you don't want to smell.
3. Get dressed into the uncomfortable uniform that you're honestly kind of happy exists because otherwise, everyone would judge you for not having the expensive vans that everyone seems to own.
4. Put on some makeup to the point where you can't even recognize yourself and your face tingles with an unbelievable itch, that you can't satisfy otherwise you'll have ruined the hours of meticulous painting you applied to your face.
5. Don't forget to plaster your hair into the high ponytail that all the other girls seem to do perfectly, except yours is nowhere close to perfect. You've got lumps and flyways everywhere, to the point where you look like an electrocuted monkey.

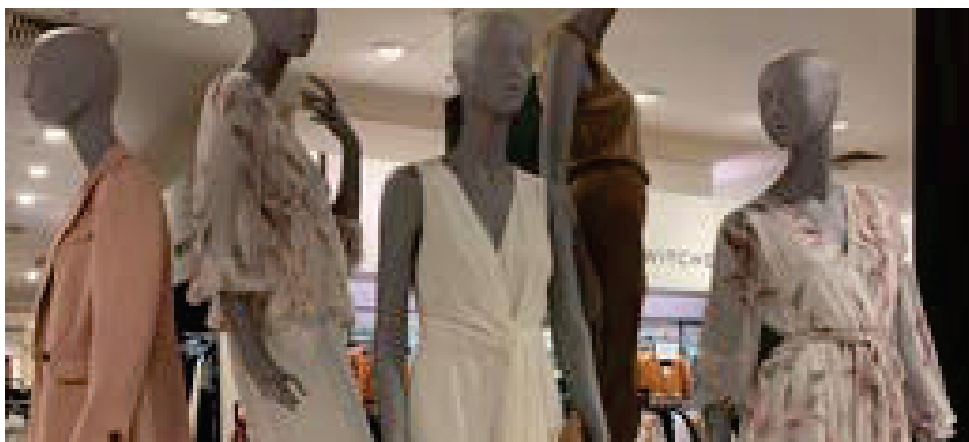
As you walk into the bathroom you gaze into the mirror, you see a stranger that somehow stole your reflection, and replaced it with a completely different girl. Every part of your look is uncomfortable. But even though you spent hours trying to look pretty, you'll never be as good as those other girls at school. You are really holding back a few tears, but you feel like you are holding back a tsunami of emotions that you can't let anyone know that you feel because they may not respect you the same way...

Or did they ever? Why am I not good enough? Beauty is pain.

6. Get on the bus, find people to sit with because god knows you can't sit alone. But you don't even like these girls, they make inappropriate jokes and make fun of you behind your back. That doesn't matter though, these are the popular kids, the royalty of high school.

You cannot stand up for yourself, because you are alone, trapped, and defenceless. And you cannot stand up for yourself, because these kids are important, and what they say goes. You take each comment, each judgment, each assumption, each opinion, each strange look, each remark, each criticism, each review, each report, each assessment, and with it your self-esteem plummets like a sinking ship, down, down, down, to the dark and dreary depths below.

You look at all of the other girls; a thousand thoughts come into your mind. "I wish I had her hair. I wish I had her eyes. I wish I had her perfect teeth. I wish I was as skinny as her. I wish was as confident as her. I wish as many boys that like her liked me."



Why am I not good enough? Life isn't fair.

7. Don't do your work, you don't want people to think you're a nerd.

It's not popular to be smart. In fact, the people who are; are seen as, too smart, a human calculator, brainiac, robot, geek, computer girl, know-it-all, teacher's pet, suck up, and any other wonderful names you can think of.

A's get you nothing but torment. Why am I not good enough? Just get over it.

It's the end of the day, get ready for bed.

8. Undress, get your pyjamas on. "Wow, did I get fatter today?"
9. Undo your hairdo. "Man, my hair looks like a mop."
10. Wash off all of your makeup. "I can't even look at myself."

This is our lives.

We are told that success requires hard work when there are people who are praised for being perfect with no effort. We are told to be grateful for what we have when everyone around you appears to have more. The things some people get handed to them on a silver platter, you worked your butt off for, yet no one notices you.

But going through your High School years, you are stuck on an aeroplane, and sometimes you can't control what happens to you; sometimes the turbulence will throw you off course. But, popular isn't always a good thing.

You tell yourself, "I just want people to like me; I just want to be accepted." But skipping meals and marking up your wrist isn't going to fix that.

You look at other girls and wish you could be like them, but other girls are looking at you and wishing they were you.

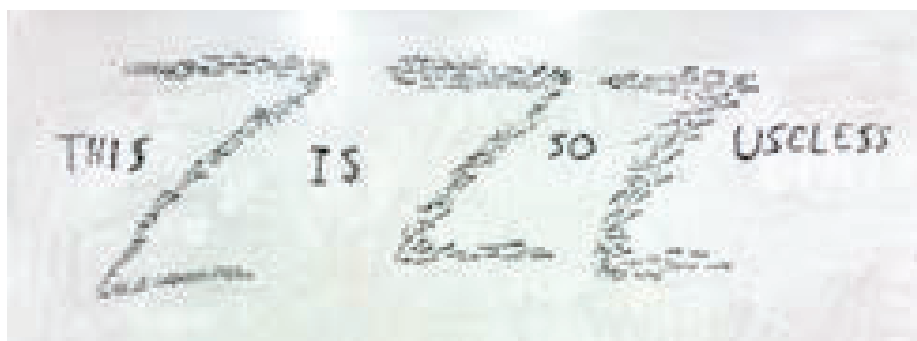
Instagram claims that girls have to have skinny waists, tan skin, long silky hair, perfectly straight and white teeth, big butts, etc. Instagram claims that girls have to wear lots of makeup to be pretty.

Instagram claims that girls have to wear skanky clothing and do inappropriate things to be cool as well as happy. Well, I'm here to tell you that Instagram is wrong, society is wrong. You are loved. You are precious. You are beautiful. You are talented. 70% of teenagers worldwide believe that they're not good enough. At the moment low self-esteem is not considered a mental health condition, but with this state of mind, it can drive you to addiction, depression and anxiety. But you are capable self-acceptance. You are deserving of respect. You can eat that meal. You are 1 in 7 billion.

And most of all, you are good enough.

Uneducated

Schools are Focusing on the Wrong Things



Schools are all about who can get the highest marks and score highest on a test, but should this be the case? Does academic success help you in life? Schools have many different students that they have to accommodate for, and it has been proven that employers don't look for marks, they look for past experience. The education system needs to teach more relevant class in regards to today's society, therefore, students should not study the typical academic subjects.

All schools have a set academic group of subjects, but do these subjects teach us what we need to know? These classes often teach what we don't need. According to The Guardian, "a good fistful of A-levels might set you up for a good university, and a good degree might set you up for a job that uses a tiny bit of what you've spent 10 years of learning. But what successful employers are crying out for are recruits who are innovative and creative...abilities that are most effectively developed for children through the arts and music". I'm not saying that we don't need to know how to do maths and English, just that the most important thing in schools is that kids need to learn about the experiences

in life. How to be creative and how to work with different people. The most successful people are not the smartest, but people who are the most resourceful and wise.

As Shirley Wright states in her article 'Why academic teaching doesn't help kids excel in life,' being academic doesn't tell you much about yourself, it tells you that you're good at school, but that's pretty much all that being academically smart tells you. Which is fine, if you're planning on spending your entire life in school. Yet this is not the case for almost everyone. It is also shown that in the real world, employers don't look for your academic success, they look for your contribution to the society. Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, was fond of saying that his success was due to the fact that he didn't hire computer geeks, he hired artists, musicians and poets who were fascinated by technology.

The education system needs to become more relevant to modern society. As economist Carl Frey states "up to 60% of the jobs of the future have not been developed", meaning that schools are trying to prepare us for a world that doesn't yet exist. Now I don't know about you, but that sounds a bit stupid. You are likely to have 17 different jobs and in 5 different careers so if you are prepared for your first job, are you also going to be ready for the next 16?

Schools should not be just about the academics and the marks because the academic style of learning is not accommodating to all students. Employers don't look for marks they look for experience. Students need to be taught how to make the most of experiences and take advantage of opportunities instead of being on a strict academic curriculum.

Vaping Is Good For You (?)

In this day and age, it is a common occurrence to see people around inhaling smoke from an e-cigarette. While these devices have been popular with smokers to combat nicotine addiction by using a safer alternative with smoke with less dangerous chemicals, it is still a dangerous practice.

However, these devices are becoming more and more popular every day and are now commonly known as "vapes." Vapes are great for people who are currently smoking as it provides a healthier alternative, however many health risks can face people who don't currently smoke, as vaping or using e-cigarettes does not pose a nicotine risk. But let's say this, nothing but air should enter your lungs. It doesn't matter if it's just flavored water vapor smoke or toxic tar cigarettes smoke. NOTHING should go in your lungs. Basically, it's not healthy for you to have smoke to enter your lungs.

Many people vape; not sure why. But in short, it's not the healthiest thing to be inhaling. Even if it's healthier than smoking tobacco, you'll be better off not inhaling any smoke and just going outside to inhale some good old O2.

A.I for Good Winners 2019

In a few weeks, all the state winners will go to Sydney to fight it out for the title of Ai for Good National Winner. Students from all over the country submitted what they believed to be award-winning AI ideas that solve an important issue.

The state finals have just occurred, and the Victorian state winners are Darcy Wenn and Ada Whitwell from ELTHAM College, winning with the "Bilby Buddy". We were fortunate enough to secure an interview with Darcy Wenn and got to ask some questions.

What is the Bilby Buddy?

The Bilby Buddy is an AI conservation drone which sits on top of Bilby Colonies and scans for potential predators. When a predator is identified using its infrared cameras and facial scanning technology, it takes off and uses a combination of movement and sound to remove the threat from the area.

How did you think of the name?

Well, my partner, Ada, came up with the name after we couldn't think of one and I think the backstory was that the drone was a "buddy" to the bilbies.

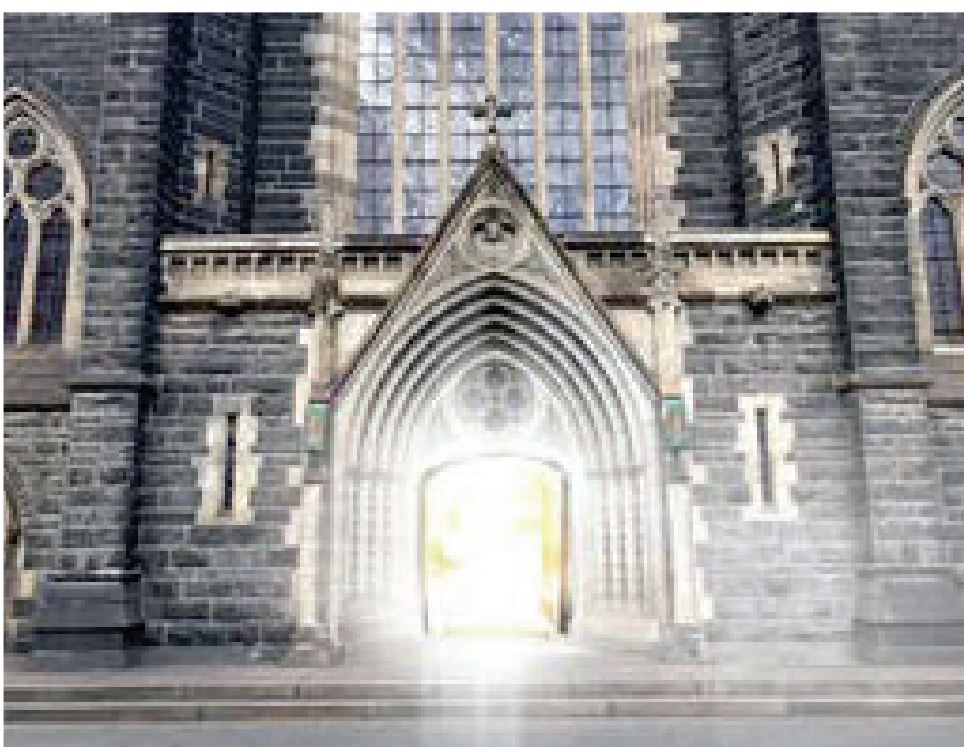
What comes next?

The Nationals in Sydney. On the 16th Ada and I are flying up to Sydney for the Championships, so we need to improve our design in order to be able to compete with the other ideas from around the country.

Congratulations to Ada and Darcy, who on the 16th of August placed fourth in the AI for Good National Finals.



Church Opens up to Homeless



Saint Patrick's Church opens its doors to homeless.

Earlier this week, Saint Patrick's Cathedral opened its doors to hundreds of homeless people around Melbourne. "We are happy for people like this to enter our church" Father G. Robinson says, "It is part of our Christian duty to do so."

When dawn broke on the 2nd of September Father Robinson commenced a sacred opening ceremony, welcoming Melbourne's rough sleepers with open arms. A homeless man (who would like not to be mentioned by name) through tears, proclaimed that this is one of the nicest things the church has done in a long time. The wise and generous move by Mr. Robinson has possibly convinced other churches to do similar things. The chief of the Melbourne Anglican church William Afton says "this has enlightened us in the aspect of showing care to those less fortunate in our society."

Fake News, Unfortunately!

— It's all a Conspiracy —

The moon hoax, which fooled us all.



In 1969, Apollo 11 landed and Neil Armstrong said his most famous words "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind", but I'm going to convince you that that "one small step" was in fact not on the moon, but in a TV studio here on earth.

The alleged first moon landing was a staged event in an attempt for the United States to beat their biggest arched rival, the Soviet Union to the moon as a political statement and one-up-manship. The US was determined to win the space race to the moon and were willing to do anything to do so, even if it meant not actually going to the moon. There has been much debate that the landing was staged, three of the main arguments of which I will explore further today are the perfect political timing, major video and photoshop errors and perhaps even murders.

The United States and their biggest arched rival, the Soviet Union were locked in a battle for world domination. This is known as the cold war. The cold war was a war with no battles, essentially, it was the two rivals trying to one-up each other, and one of the best ways of doing this was by being the first to the moon. Although, the cold war for the United States was not just about political one-upmanship, it was driven by fear after the Soviets successfully launched the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik, in 1957.

America was shocked and terrified by their defeat and then utterly humiliated when a Russian cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, became the first man in space. Americans believed that the Soviet rockets would rain down nuclear weapons from orbit. In response, America made it vital to get ahead of the Soviets, they needed to catch up by getting their men on the moon. In 1961, US president Kennedy made a daring bid for victory by declaring that America would land on the moon

before the end of the decade, this was a massive gamble as they couldn't even get men into Earth orbit, let alone reach the moon. They had over 20 major failures before finally building a rocket that still only barely worked. With the pressure from the Soviets and the high demand from citizens for Kennedy to keep his promise beating down on the government, the fate of the United States was at risk, so blinded by determination they were almost forced to stage the whole event.

The most conclusive set of evidence for conspiracists against NASA are all in the pictorial anomalies in the photographic record of the trip to the moon. These photos and video footage all seem to have had some technical manipulation. For example, the noise level of a rocket engine can be up to 200-decibel in range. In other words, enormously loud. So how would it be possible to hear astronauts' voices in the recordings on live television against the background of a running rocket engine? There was also no visible blast crater for any of the six Luna landings. The American flag was also waving, even though there is no air or wind on the moon and the same artificial background was used when shooting two entirely different pictures that NASA themselves said were taken 2.5 miles apart. Still not convinced? Russian spy satellite shows photos of Area 51, revealing not only a series of hangers that resemble movie sound stages but also moon-like terrain which coincidentally is covered with craters. A photo allegedly taken from the moon's orbit of a crater and the photo from Area 51 look almost identical, even astronauts acknowledge the similarity of the terrain. So, are millions of us being fooled into thinking Area 51 is the moon?

Are Environmentalists Destroying Our Environment?



In early April 2019, the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris caught fire. Immediately, the world was aware of the devastation of the fire, and over \$1 billion dollars was donated to the cathedral. However, now, in August of the same year, the world's largest rainforest has been burning for two weeks running, yet there's been no media coverage, and hardly any money raised.

The Amazon rainforest is the largest source of oxygen in the world. It absorbs the most CO2 out of any other place on the earth, making its presence crucial to the survival of the planet. And the size of a football field is burning down every minute. So why haven't we heard anything about it being destroyed?

This Rainforest is home to over 3 million different species of plants and animals, many of which will become extinct if the rainforest continues to burn at the rate it is. But that's not the only thing that would be effected if the rainforest keeps burning. The Amazon affects the water cycle of many countries, some regional and even on a global level.

The moisture from the Atlantic Ocean falls into the rainforest. It is then absorbed into the roots of trees, and after that, it rises back up to the surface of the leaves before returning into the atmosphere. Just as important as the water we drink is the air we breathe. Some pf the air we breathe is purified by the Amazon. If his rainforest burns down, our lives are going to change, dramatically. Brazilian President Jair Bolsanaro has publicly put forward his thoughts on this mass fire, saying he believes the blaze was intentionally lit, to "call attention against me (Jair Bolsanaro), against the Brazilian government". He thinks that non-governmental organizations that protect rainforests are deliberately lighting these massive fires to shine a negative light on the Brazilian Parliament. This has not been proven, and is just a conspiracy.

Area 51 has come to life

Aliens have always been a constant source of cultural interest and the secretive US Air Force base has notoriously been associated with housing secret aliens.

The event, known as 'Storm Area 51, They Can't Stop All of Us' has gained nearly 2 million "I'm going" responses. This event is scheduled for September 20th in Southern Nevada, at a United States Air Force base. People in the nearby towns are preparing as best they can for the unexpected. The group intend to take over the military cite and find the supposed aliens inside. Now, the Area 51 raid has become a meme, stars such as Lil Nas X are joining the cause.

Since the 1950's, people have reported U.F.O sightings at the southern Nevada military base. People discovered that Area 51 officially existed in 2013. However, it wasn't until June 27 when a college student, Matty Roberts created a public event on Facebook hosted by 3 users, a meme account, a gaming video creator and an event planning account. The Facebook page first began as a joke but has since taken on a life of its own. It is still unknown whether this event will actually take place, it remains to be seen. The page has since created a simple plan; the group will arrive on September 20th at 3am. "We will all meet up at the Area 51 Alien Centre tourist attraction and coordinate our entry," the event explains. "If we Naruto run, we can move faster than their bullets. Let's see them aliens." Tens of thousands of comments including maps and other planning followed this post.

1.9 million people are set to storm the Area 51 base on September 20, 2019, 3am. Locals are preparing for the unexpected. The military are attempting to protect the area. "[Area 51] is an open training range for the U.S. Air Force, and we would discourage anyone from trying to come into the area", even if people are able to reach the Area 51 gates, it is said that it is a sad truth but it is highly unlikely that people will be confronted by any aliens. However, this news has not and will not stop people from attending the cite September 20th. At least two small hotels in the area have been booked solid for September 20. Numerous other hotels are expecting reservations due to the event but haven't yet noticed a dramatic difference.

Matty Roberts has recently had more to say, he is interested in turning the event's popularity into a real gathering. "I want to make it a like a festival of sorts", Roberts says. He is looking to bring together artists ranging from Indie rock, EDM and other smaller acts.

On the page it was posted, "P.S. Hello US government, this is a joke, and I do not actually intend to go ahead with this plan," the commenter wrote. "I just thought it would be funny and get me some thumbsy uppies on the internet." Although, some people still intend to follow through and raid Area 51. While the raid itself may be a big joke, it has developed a life of its own that will live on in internet love – at least on this planet.

Hidden Gems

Geocaches: What are they and where to find them



Geocaching is a large game played by over 2 million people worldwide. The game was created in 2000. This game is perfect for people who like to explore new places and challenge themselves.

Geocache is a virtual app on your phone where you follow a map in an attempt to find the "caches". The caches are boxes and or containers hidden behind signs, bushes, and benches and in all cracks and crevices. This game is a great way to explore a new city or get to know your city better. There are Geocaching events that happen periodically where players can come together and spend the day of finding Geocaches. These days are a great opportunity to meet new people with similar interests.



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The Search for Melbourne's Pizza Rat

When I say 'Pizza Rat', what do you think of? A rat that looks like a pizza? A rat that eats pizza? Or a rat that carried a slice of pizza through a subway in New York?

In 2015 a video of a rat dragging a slice of pizza in New York went viral. This 14 second video got over 10 million views and was one of the most talked about things for a long time.

This video got me thinking, does every city have a pizza rat? And if so where is Melbourne's pizza rat?

So I decided to find out. On the 31st of August, a small group and I went to various places throughout Melbourne and left slices of pizza on the ground in hope of spotting the historic and famous little rat. These places being construction sites, public toilets, train platforms and rubbish bins, to try and find Melbourne's very own 'Pizza Rat'.

Unfortunately, on this day we were not lucky enough to catch Melbourne's pizza rat, but we know he is still out there, wherever he is. As our sacred Pizza Rat could be all the way across the world or in neighbourhood bins.

