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INTRODUCTION

Change is a basic feature of our environment. Many people are aware of this, but few can clearly explain what it means. In the past, change was often seen as a positive force, bringing about improvement and progress. In recent years, however, the concept of change has taken on a different meaning, with a focus on the impact of human activities on the environment.

In the 1960s, the environmental movement began to gain momentum as people became increasingly concerned about the state of the world. One of the key figures in this movement was the Sierra Club, which was founded in 1892. The club's mission was to protect the natural beauty of the American wilderness areas.

In 1964, the club published a report called "The Report to the Club," which helped to galvanize public interest in conservation. The report highlighted the need for conservationists to focus on the long-term needs of the environment, rather than just the short-term benefits of human activities.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which established a national policy on the environment and required federal agencies to consider the environmental impact of their actions. This was the first major piece of federal legislation to address environmental issues.

In the 1970s, the concept of sustainable development began to gain prominence. The term was first used by the Club of Rome in 1972, in their report "The Limits to Growth." The report argued that the world was facing a crisis due to overpopulation and resource depletion.

In the 1980s, the concept of sustainable development became more widely accepted, with the publication of the Brundtland Report in 1987. The report defined sustainable development as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

In the 1990s, the concept of sustainable development became an integral part of international policy, with the establishment of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCCD) and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). These events helped to bring the concept of sustainable development to the forefront of global policy.

In recent years, the concept of sustainable development has continued to evolve, with a focus on both economic and social aspects. The concept of sustainable development is now seen as a way to address the challenges of the 21st century, including climate change, inequality, and poverty.

Although Earth Day was first observed on April 22, 1970, it is now celebrated on April 22 of each year. The purpose of Earth Day is to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage action to protect the planet.

In conclusion, the concept of sustainable development has become an integral part of global policy, with a focus on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The concept of sustainable development is now seen as a way to address the challenges of the 21st century, including climate change, inequality, and poverty.