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# POLLUTING COUNTRIES



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The countries listed in this top 10 have been found to emit the highest carbon dioxide emissions by the Energy Information Agency (Department of Energy) of the United States. In compiling their data, The Department of Energy estimated carbon emissions from all forms of industry and fossil fuel consumption. The biggest polluting countries are typically the states with the biggest industries, biggest production capabilities and the biggest populations.

In order to safeguard our planet from environmental catastrophe these countries are either working towards or need to work towards implementing new regulations and control of their carbon dioxide emissions. This means reducing energy use and providing more forms of sustainable energy, improving transportation networks by offering improved public transport and looking for alternative fuels.

### 1) CHINA



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China wins the number one spot for the world's most polluting country as it emits 6,018 million tonnes of greenhouse gases each year. This comes at little surprise as huge amounts of goods are manufactured in China, then exported all over the world. China also has the world's largest population of 1,324,655,000 so it consumes vast amounts of fossil fuels for transportation, cities, workplaces and food production.

### 2) UNITED STATES



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Prior to 2007 the United States was the world's biggest polluter, it still however comes not too far behind China producing 5,833 million tonnes of greenhouse gases annually. With one of the world's largest meat industries and largest oil industries the U.S.A consumes 18,690,000 barrels of oil per day, more than any other country. It's population now exceeds 310,383,444 so there is a growing number of people consuming oil for transportation, food production, their homes and their workplaces.

### 3) RUSSIA



Image by Sergeev Pavel

Russia has a smaller population of 141,950,000 compared with the U.S and China but still produces a significant amount

### 4) INDIA



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India is the second highest populated country in the world with a population size of 1,139,964,932 people. As a result, the





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