

Fukushima: Nuclear Meltdown

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Why I chose this topic.

- To look into the more political and administrative impact on the nuclear power rise in Japan.
- To research the perspectives of the victims.
- Perceptions of Japanese people to Nuclear Plants.
- Reality of the prospects of similar events.
- Past similar events.



Source:AP

How does this relate to class material?

- Several of the sources used are class material.

Week 7: Quakes and Nukes: Environmental Crisis and Social Action

- Shastri, Veda, et al. "Fukushima, 6 Years On: Empty and Eerie." *The New York Times*, *The New York Times*, 10 Mar. 2017, <https://www.nytimes.com/video/world/asia/100000004966193/fukushima-6-years-on-empty-and-eerie.html>.
- "Split-Screen Documentary: Nuclear Ghost Town - After 8 Years - NHK WORLD PRIME: NHK WORLD-JAPAN On Demand." *NHK WORLD*, 25 May 2019, <https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/ondemand/video/3016044/>.

Main positions within this topic:

- Most do not contend against the seriousness of the topic. Given that so many people were affected, in a complete life-altering way.
- There is no going against or stopping the progress of nuclear energy projects: rather the focus should be on the administration and regulations used.
- Power should be drawn away from interest groups (of the profiting groups).
- A system of checks and review that is separate from the system that creates them.

Sources for my project:

- World Health Organization: Radiation emergencies
- Sources that compare Chernobyl and Fukushima.

“Split-Screen Documentary: Nuclear Ghost Town - After 8 Years - NHK WORLD PRIME: NHK WORLD-JAPAN On Demand.” *NHK WORLD*, 25 May 2019.

- The split-screen method is what brought

Article: “What We Know, and What We Have Not Yet Learned: Triple Disasters and the Fukushima Nuclear Fiasco in Japan”
Authors: Akira Nakamura and Masao Kikuchi

Source: *Public Administration Review*, Vol. 71, No. 6 (November / December 2011), pp. 893- 899

URL: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/41317388>

DOI: 198.189.246.68

The authors have specialization in public administration. In this article they detail the perceived faults of the Japanese administration while also drawing on the issue origin going beyond Japan’s borders.



The Lonely Towns of Fukushima

Image: An elementary school in Futaba. The earthquake six years ago shook so vigorously that students could not stay standing.
Credit: Ko Sasaki for The New York Times

- Short news article that reflects the more personal aspects destroyed in the disaster.
- Gives a closer look into the rush and trauma that must have been experienced by the community.

Similar issues in the USA or other countries:

- Chernobyl Nuclear Meltdown
- The amount of nuclear power plants and nuclear reactors in the USA.
- The prospects of rise in demand for power around the world.
 - Population rise
 - 7.8b to 9.8b by 2050
 - Urbanization
 - 2/3 of the population



Questions?

Thank you!