

Is my electricity provider contributing to my kid's asthma?

Utility corporations get electricity to your doorstep, what else are they bringing along?

Most private electric utilities function as profit-driven businesses rather than service providers. Many prioritize shareholder needs over the good of the community.

Many private utilities build fossil fuel infrastructure closest to low-income and communities of color because it is cheaper to do so and they face less political opposition.

Communities living near these facilities often face pollution-induced health problems like cancer, asthma, and other life-threatening illnesses.



Bad air, bad health

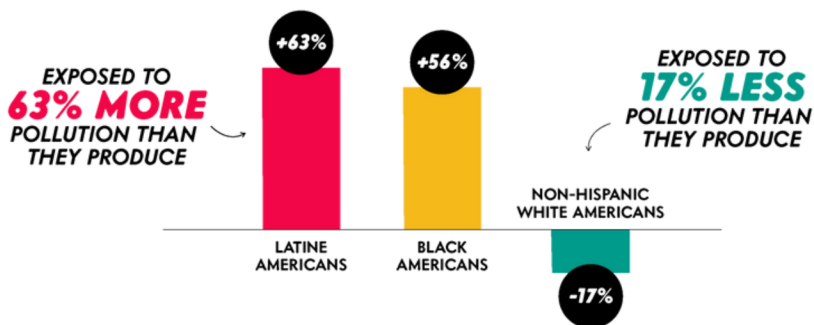
BIPOC communities are disproportionately exposed to dangerous pollutants, causing high rates of respiratory illnesses



Environmental racism

Race, not income, is the single greatest indicator of whether one lives near a hazardous, toxic facility. Black people are 75% more likely to live near polluting facilities.

Pollution Exposure By Population (2003-2015)



Sources: NAACP

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How can we get back our health and well-being?

Energy Democracy

supports a socially just, renewable energy system owned and governed by communities and working people.

What does this look like?

- Local renewable electricity generation
- Good, wealth-building jobs
- Control over where facilities are built
- Affordable rates
- Clean air and water