



The environment surrounding us

What I do and can do in order to live in a clean and orderly world



Goals & Methods

Since anthropogenic pressures on the environment have escalated over the past century, the need for consistent environmental protection has increased.

What are the ways we can protect the environment? To find out how we take care of the environment we carried out some research among a target group in our school.

The aim of our research was to study the opinion of students on the following topics:

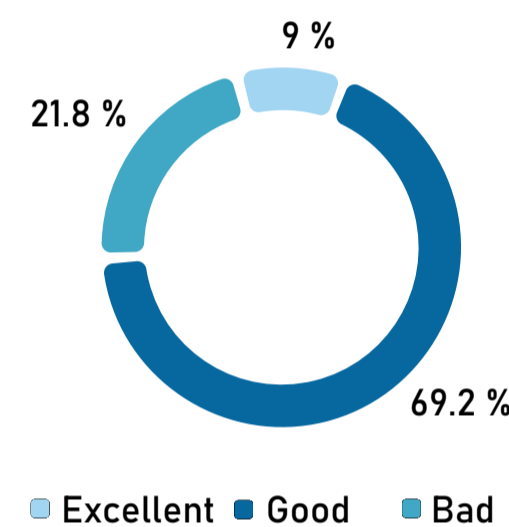
- The condition of the environment
- The problems dealing with environmental pollution
- Potential solutions

The investigation was in a form of a questionnaire in which 156 students aging 14 to 18 were involved.



How do you assess the condition of the environment surrounding you?

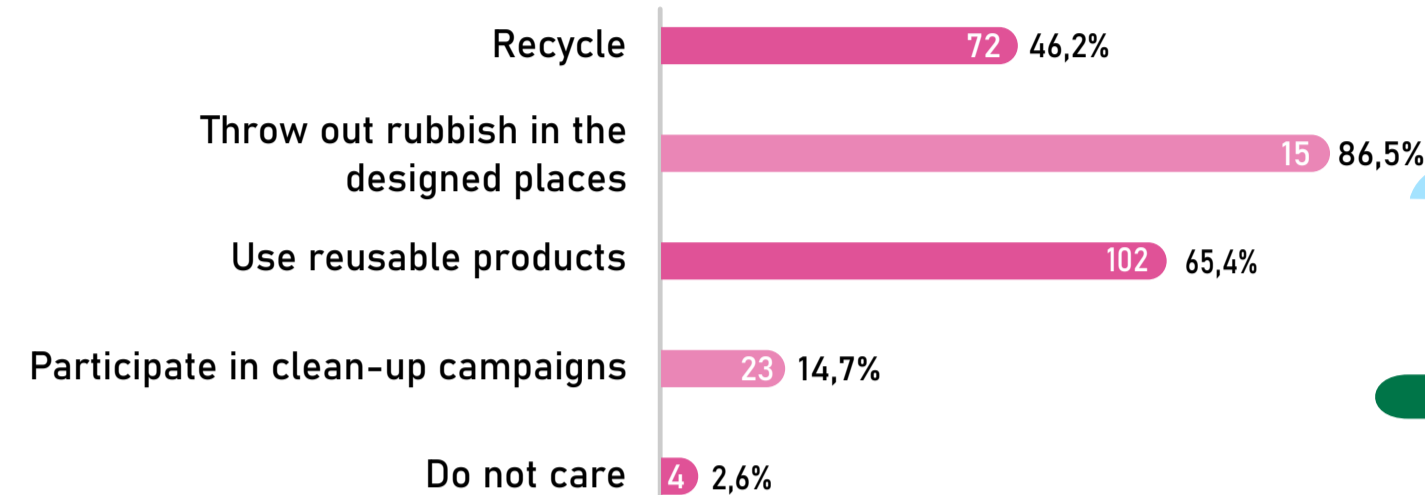
The majority of the participants - 69.2 % evaluate the condition of the environment around them as satisfactory, but only 9 % define it as excellent. The rest 21.8% hold the view that the environment is absolutely damaged and needs major improvement.



Are we responsible enough?

Here comes the highlight that everybody ought to think what they do to protect the environment.

The results of the investigation are really optimistic:

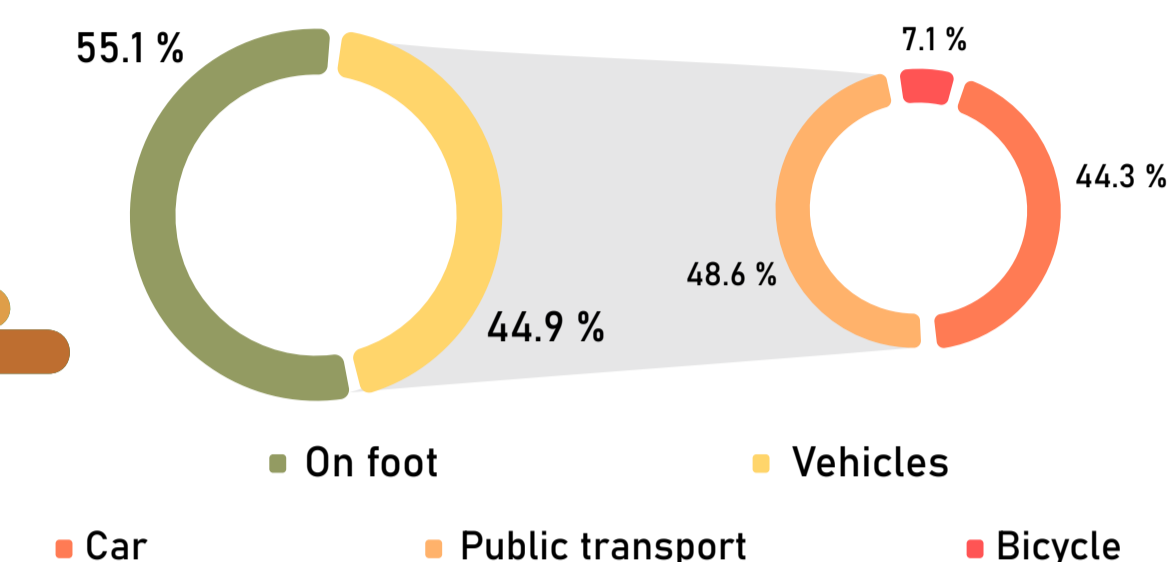


- 86.5 % throw away their trash only in the designed areas
- 65.4 % use reusable products
- 46.2 % recycle their waste
- 14.7 % participate in clean-up campaigns at least once a year
- 2.6 % to pay any attention or are indifferent to the problem



How do you travel?

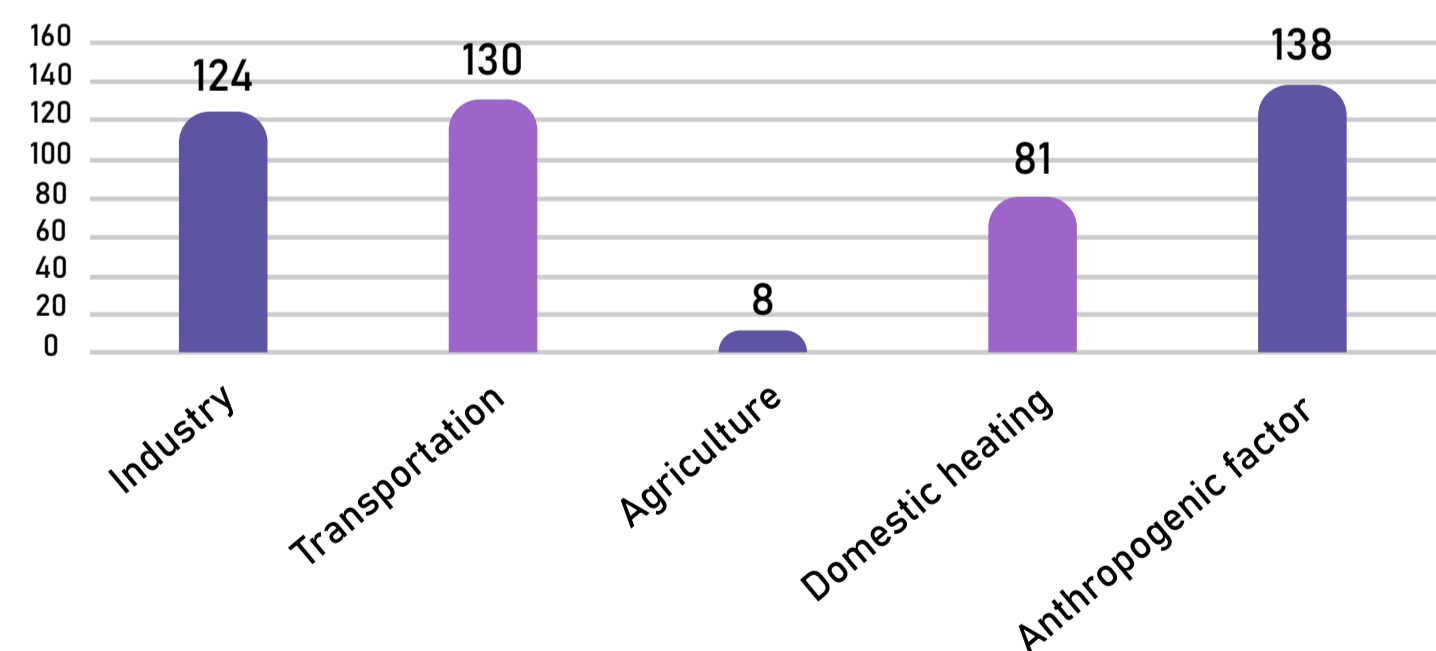
A considerable percentage of students go on foot most of the time - 55.1%. The rest 44.9% travel by cars or use public transport and hardly any ride a back.



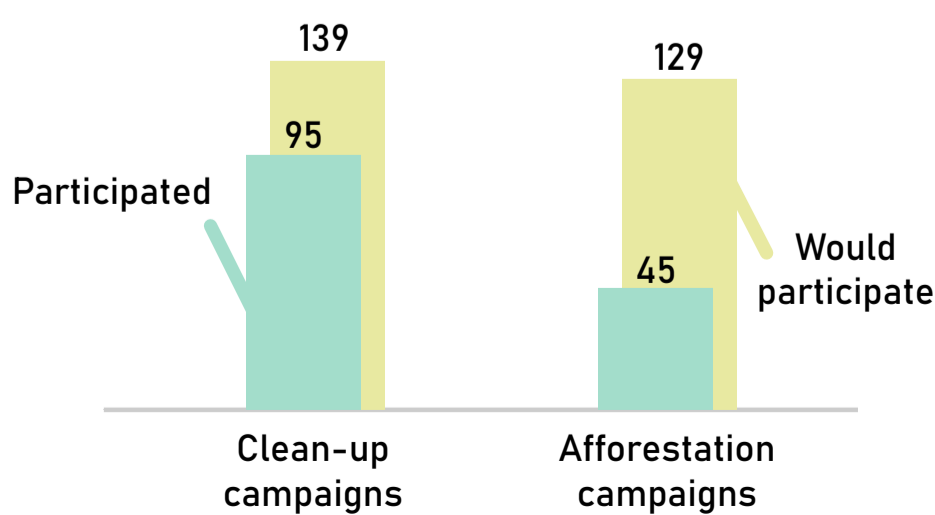
What are the main sources of environmental pollution, in your opinion?

88 % of the students believe that the main source of environmental pollution is the human. People pollute the planet with their modern unsustainable lifestyles without being aware of that fact. People's activity leads to the other two major pollutants - transport and industry. Transport contributes to air pollution. The exploitation of obsolete cars which use unleaded fuels, prove to be disastrous. In addition, there are too many vehicles on the roads all around the world.

Industry ranks third as being harmful pollutant. However, agriculture proves to harm the environment the slightest of all the three sectors of economy.

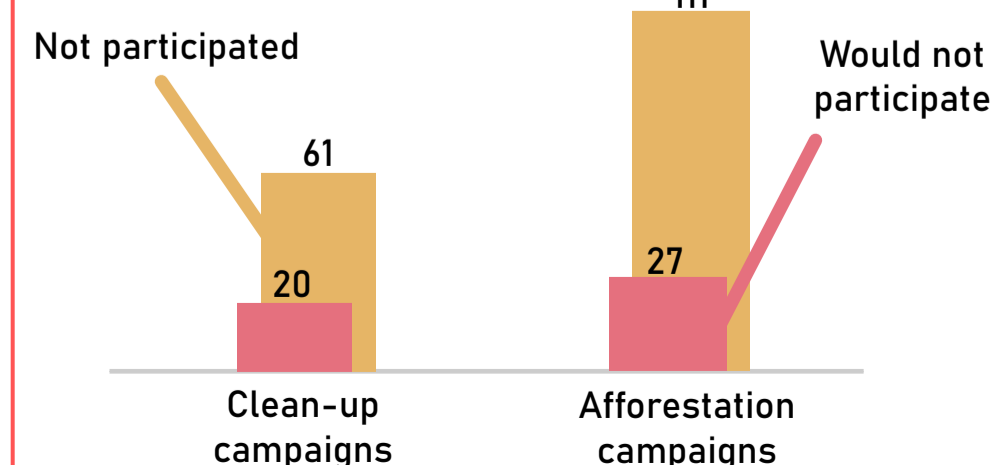


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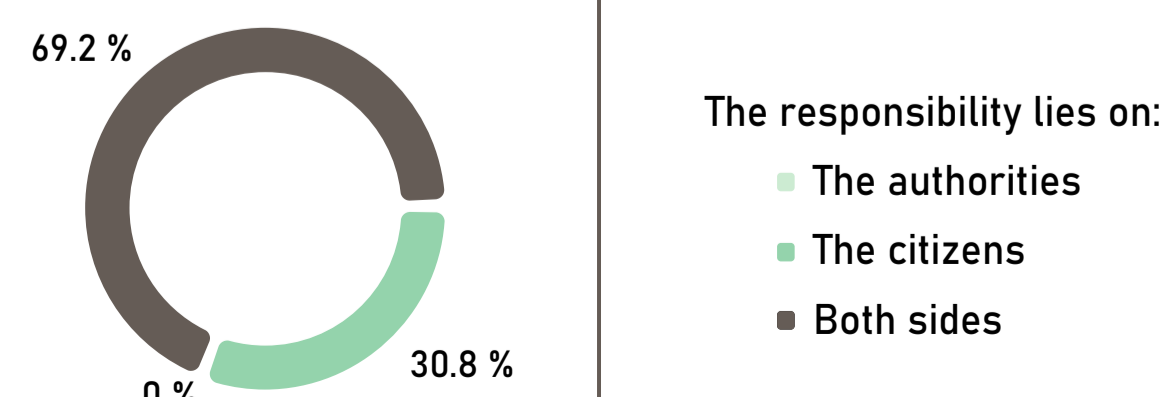
Would you take part in ecological conservation campaigns?

Few are those, who have taken part in clean-up or afforestation campaigns. A large number claim that they would like to volunteer in such activities. Those who refuse to engage in any kind of campaigns constitute a really small number.



Who is responsible?

Considering the analyses above, the individual is the key factor of causing the main problem. Perhaps, there is no one to blame because of anthropocentrism. According to more than half of the participants the responsibility of environmental conservation is a moral duty of every citizen, the authorities, and eco-organizations.



Conclusion

Thinking green is crucial to human well-being. Even tiny steps in the direction of enhancing the quality of our lives and ensuring brighter future of our planet will prove significant.

Some of the participants suggest that more green areas, recreational places and cycling lanes should be created in order that sustainable environmental quality be achieved. This is the right path to success.

In conclusion we, people are the key factor in this process. However, insignificant this might sound the only way to make a difference is our common sense. As Neil Armstrong said that one small step for a man, one giant leap mankind.