

SOC 205 Week 9: Overview

This week we are looking at the responses to environmental changes that are pushing us to new, innovative solutions and creating social movements that are responding to the needs we are experiencing in this new "normal."

Learning Objectives

1. Identify how sociologists study social movements.
2. Demonstrate how social movements can reshape perspectives and improve lived experiences for members of societies.
3. Discuss how social movements can correct injustice and address social and environmental challenges.
4. Describe how collaboration for social change can support social and environmental resilience and the creation of a positive future.

Course Materials

Watch/Listen

- [Instructor Orientation Video](#) (time: 1:46)

Read

- [Chapter 10: Social Movements and the Environment](#). As a global community and within our local communities, we face multiple crises that sometimes appear to have no current solutions. How do we respond? This chapter explores social movements that express solutions, like the set of indigenous movements of food systems, land and resource rights, indigenous knowledge and science witnessed in the IIED workshop. This chapter will describe what social movements are and how they work from multiple theoretical perspectives. It will look at the environmental crisis from a sociological perspective, and why it calls for social movements. Then it will explore movements that respond to some environmental challenges of our time.