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Piracy at Sea

Piracy at sea is an issue that has plagued the earth for thousands of years. Many people see pirates as people of the past, seen in movies and viewed as obsolete. However, piracy is a everlasting issue and affects us today in many ways. Swords have been replaced by AK-47's and cannons replaced by RPG's. Piracy is caused by a non-existing government, unwelcome foreign influence and national disaster.

Piracy is caused by a number of national and international reasons that gives pirates a golden opportunity. With no national authority pirates can attack ships and return with no force opposing the pirates on land. Pirates are also very poor due to national disasters and war, food prices have skyrocketed due to inflation and many can't afford food. Pirates are angered by foreign fisherman fishing near the coast, then selling the fish for high profits in the middle east with no money given back to the people.

The act of Piracy is the worst possible scenario for captains and their crews. Captains and crews are taken hostage for money and are threatened to be murdered if the pirates do not get the money they demand. This causes international forces to step in and help dissolve conflicts, it also means innocent soldiers lives are put in danger. Billions of dollars pass through pirate prone areas each year and they are at risk of being captured and delaying delivers and causing prices to increase.

Piracy can be prevented in many ways and many are now being used. Forces like INTERPOL and US Navy Seal have been cracking down on pirate gangs and lowering the piracy rating. Many ships cutting close to the shore to shortcut cause ships to slow down. This then allow pirates to attack vulnerable ships this term is know as bottlenecking. This threat can be eliminated by ships sailing further from land where pirates can't reach cargo ships. Military forces use techniques called "pinch points" with extra military present so pirates do not attempt to hijack ships. With these methods being used piracy can be eliminated from the sea altogether.

Pirating is a major threat to many people, caused by a non-existent government, national loss, and unwelcome foreign competitors. Pirating has cost thousands of lives over time, it has evolved into a different more modern pirating. With the help of international forces pirating is being crack down upon.

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