In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Out of these 17 goals, 9 explicitly address issues that aren’t typically deemed ‘environmental’, such as Quality Education and Gender Equality. The United Nations’ SDGs embrace the notion of ‘Just Sustainability’, a concept that aligns environmental sustainability with social needs, welfare, and economic opportunity. It has been shown that societies with a more equal income distribution, greater civil liberties and political rights and higher literacy levels, tend to have higher environmental quality.

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