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https://moodle.bucknell.edu/pluginfile.php/1035494/mod_resource/content/0/Trump%20withdrew%20from%20the%20Paris%20climate%20deal%20a%20year%20ago.%20Here's%20what%20has%20changed.%20-%20The%20Washington%20Post.pdf

This source is mostly about the Paris Agreement but also talks about the path that the United States is going to go down if we do not start to make a change. Granted, if we stay out of the Paris Agreement that would not be the end of the world because that agreement did not really include any sort of punishment for the countries that do not meet the goal; however, then the leaders of the United States find a way to reduce emissions and get our country back on track. This agreement was supposed to be a good first step into scaling back the emissions of greenhouse gases but in reality it did not do anything for us when President Trump decided to pull us out of it and no one was making any changes to reduce the emissions. If there is not one standard with a punishment if corporations do not follow it then no one is going to make a change. This article also addresses the market that the United States is working with and how everyone is just trying to make the most money that they possibly can and for them it is just about the competition and being the best. The major issue of this is pointed out and major corporations do not seem to understand the environmental impact that they have on the Earth and that it is not just going to fix itself. The Paris Agreement was going to reduce the impact on the environment and then we were just pulled out of it so we need to do something else.

<http://trashisfortossers.com/a-beginners-guide-to-zero-waste-living-ps-it-doesnt-happen-overnight/>

This source is actually a blog from one of the TED talks that we watched in class and it was about a woman named Lauren who lives a life where she produces pretty much zero waste. The goal of this post from her blog is to basically tell a beginner that it is not actually as hard as it may seem to live a life with little to no waste. Of course, she realizes that the waste that people produce now is actually a lot so it is not just one dramatic movement but actually a series of steps to make the change into the lifestyle that she has. She said first thing that she did was stop buying products that use plastic containers and then she started to use her own containers and she bought products in bulk. In the long run, this also helped her save money because she was not paying for a brand name or the price behind the packaging, she was just paying for the raw product. Then after that she then started to make her own beauty products when she ran out of those and it then ended up being better for her hair and skin and everything because the products were all natural and there were no chemicals in them. This just goes to show that moving into the direction of this lifestyle is not difficult and in the end this helps the impact on the environment decrease so much that everyone needs to do as much of this as they can.

<https://www.newtimes.co.rw/section/read/227735>

This article focuses on recycling and the importance of putting effort into the environment now so in the future there will not be issues with it. This source also uses the point of how our actions will affect future generations - this meaning our future kids or grandkids and beyond. This was such an important point for the article to make because pulling the heartstrings of the reader is definitely more likely to get a better response to the article and get them to think of recycling as more important than they had previously thought. Another very important point that the article made was that recycling does start at home and the chances are that you do already participate in some sort of recycling even if it was by accident. Even using an old bottle or container for some other purpose is a form of recycling. They then make the point that recycling really is not that hard and they list the major benefits that it has on the environment. Even someone just trying to avoid using plastic is helping the environment and there are little things that people can do here and there to reduce the impact that humans are having on the environment. This source was useful because it was written directly to the public calling them out on how easy it is to make a change and saying that they just need to do it. The fact is that recycling is easy and anyone can do it - there is no excuse for not doing it.