

Economist/Business

An economist/business view is that the most important thing is the economy. Everything that happens in the world is contained within the economy, and the economy sets the rules for how the rest of the world works. The limits to existence, in the eyes of the economist, are the limits of the economy, so that is where we must place our focus.

They believe that human society depends upon the existence and maintenance of the economy. If the economy failed, our society (and the environment) would cease to exist. Most economists believe that human societies should set their rules in order to be most responsive to the economy, and that the problems of humanity can be traced, largely, to a failure to do this.

Economists tend to see the environment as a smaller sub-set of human society – the natural world exists in the way that it does because of human society and is *owned* by human society. Economists believe that we can (and do, and should) dictate how the natural world should be shaped moving forward. For many economists, this leads to a sense of ‘entitlement’ to all the environment contains.

Most pressing issues facing the world today: Stagnant or non-existent economic growth, declining standards of living, and unemployment (especially among young people)

Examples: George Osborne, Christine Lagarde

