

BETWEEN EFFORT AND RESULT:

GAUGING THE ACTIVITIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUPS ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, A CASE STUDY OF THE NRDC

Research Question:

Do the activities of the NRDC push the U.S. government to act as a lead state in the foreign policy environment?

Hypothesis:

The activities of the NRDC do not consistently push the U.S. government to act as a lead state in the foreign policy environment.

Methodology:



Case Studies:



Results:

Case Study	International Organization	Policy Outcome	U.S. Role
1	International Whaling Commission (IWC)	Strengthen transparency and overall effectiveness of IWC	Supporting State
2	United Nations (UN)	Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean	Lead State
3	United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)	Elimination of lead gasoline globally	Supporting State
4	International Maritime Organization (IMO)	Global GHG reduction regime for the shipping industry	Blocking State
5	World Bank	No funding for coal power projects	Lead State

Conclusion:

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