

Perceptions and knowledge about global warming and climate change of university students

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Abstract: Climate change, known as warming or cooling of the seasons outside the normal course, has become a global threat with an unusual warm-up period, especially during the last 30-40 years. In this process, the temperature anomalies of the seasons are above the average values, which are beginning to give rise to problems that can be felt on the elements of global equilibrium. These problems have become a serious threat to the life of human and all other living organisms. It is important that the level of knowledge and perception of the people about this subject at the stage of the measures that can be taken especially in the process of the global warming effects. In the light of this information, in this work, which aims to reveal the knowledge levels and perceptions of university students about climate change and global warming, was conducted a detailed questionnaire survey on senior students of different faculties in Suleyman Demirel University. The findings obtained based on the questionnaire data were evaluated by various descriptive and statistical methods and suggestions were made about the subject. Results of the study, students indicate that climate change threatens the livelihood of life and this is a worrying situation. A large part of the students have the perception that measures taken in the world and Turkey related to climate change are not enough.

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