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Generation Restoration: Change, Not Harm

Today many young people are increasingly using cosmetics and skincare products that contain harmful chemicals and plastics, which pollute the environment and destroy aquatic life. Additionally, we still drive fossil fuel-powered cars which emit greenhouse gases, contributing to the increase in the carbon footprint. These actions impact education, create extreme weather conditions. (2025 flooding of Ayetoro community primary school, Lagos).

In my environmental management classes, I learnt that poverty, deforestation (cutting down trees for firewood), and hunting of rare species for food or the commercial value of their skin/leather are practices which continue to cause damage to our climate, extinction of species, and extreme weather conditions.

To combat these issues, creating awareness through social media platforms like TikTok, Snapchat, about the importance and benefits of planting trees, and recycling plastic can help reduce carbon dioxide emissions and prevent flooding caused by litter in drainage systems. (Lagos state government enforcement of the ban of single use plastic is commendable).

The government can help by creating laws to drive the adoption of practices that protect the climate like adopting Electric Vehicles, use of Gas for cooking and other industrial machines to reduce carbon emissions.

I commit to climate friendly products and activities, are you?