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**Stuff**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer the questions before you view the video the story of stuff in this column</b>	<b>As you watch the story of stuff record your answers in the boxes below – how do these facts compare with your thoughts about the environment?</b>
1. What is the materials economy		
2. Do you feel that some people are considered by society as more important		
3. What percentage of the US national budget is spent on the military? What percentage would you consider to be too much?		
4. Do you think that the military's budget has increased in percentage since 2001		
5. Out of the world's 100 largest economies how many of those are corporations		
6. What percentage of the US's original forests is left intact		
7. What percentage of US waterways have become undrinkable		
8. What percentage of the world's population does the United States house		

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9. What is the percentage of resources the United States use		
10. If the world consumed as the United States did, how many planets would be needed		
11. What percentage of global fishes now are fished at or beyond capacity		
12. What percentage of the planet's original forests are gone?		
13. Do you feel the statement is true that in a materials economy, if you do not buy or own a lot of stuff that you do not have value or are of less value?		
14. How many synthetic chemicals are there in commerce today? How many have been tested for human health impacts?		
15. What is the food at the top of the food chain with the highest levels of many toxins?		
16. How are product prices kept cheaper?		

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17. What is meant by externalizing the true price of an item? If the consumer does not pay the “actual price” of an item, who does?		
18. How do you feel about the statement that the United States has become a nation of consumers?		
19. What is the percentage of materials that is still in product or in use 6 months after sale in North America?		
20. How much more do we consume today than we did 50 years ago?		
21. What is planned obsolescence? Give an example		
22. What is perceived obsolescence? Give an example		
23. What is the average number of advertisements that each person in the United States is targeted with?		
24. Why do you think national “happiness” peaked in the 1950’s?		

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25. What are the two main activities that persons in the United States do?		
26. How much has the average house size grown in the last 50 years?		
27. How much garbage per day does each person in the United States make?		
28. How do you think this compares to 30 years ago?		
29. What can be done to minimize the effects of the materials economy?		