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climate change.[10] The populations who will be hit the hardest, many of which are in the Global South, are also those who have historically faced oppression from colonialism and other power structures, further exacerbating existing inequalities. “Climate justice” has multiple definitions, but is generally understood to regard a struggle that aspires towards equality, human rights, collective results, and historical responsibility in relation to climate change.

3.3 Causes Climate change is undoubtedly caused by human activity, namely by greenhouse gas emissions, atmospheric aerosols, and land-use change.[11] Carbon emissions in particular can be attributed to both consumers and producers. In this policy, the SSMU will detail not only our commitment to reducing our consumptive impact, but also our dedication to challenging producers and the systems that allow them to function through the exploitation of natural resources.

3.3.1 Fossil Fuel Companies

By continuing large-scale exploration and extraction, lobbying governments, and influencing the media, fossil fuel companies worldwide currently act as a barrier to action on climate change.^[12] For example, the fossil fuel industry directly prevented the installation of stricter climate change policies in Canada at least twice in 2013 alone.^{[13] [14]}

4. Framework

4.1 Principles for Advocacy The SSMU will formally adopt a framework of climate justice, in accordance with our values [2], based on anti-oppression. The SSMU will refer to the following framework when organizing around climate change:

a. Anti-oppression

The SSMU will organize initiatives around the recognition that climate change, extraction, and environmental destruction disproportionately impact the most vulnerable groups in society. The SSMU will strive to ensure diverse voices are included in environmental initiatives, and provide resources on the linkages between oppression and climate change.

b. Solidarity

The SSMU will act in meaningful solidarity by ma1 98.(rey m)-231 li5P7ETBTt2 ps2(our valuT1

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Appendix A: Climate Change Resources

To learn more about climate change:

1. The Science of Climate Change: The NASA website provides comprehensive information about climate science. <http://climate.nasa.gov/>
2. Climate Change and the World: The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change provides updates on the latest scientific and policy research, periodically creating very comprehensive reports. <http://www.ipcc.ch/>
3. Climate Justice: The Mary Robinson Foundation provides information on climate justice and the unequal burden of climate change. <http://www.mrfcj.org/>

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