

# Tragedy of the commons assignment

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Water: The Source of Life Does the world really need another golf course?

Multi million dollar Corporations and booming industries have taken over the simplicity of small communities and businesses. Throughout time the importance of traditional values and morality have dwindled dramatically, creating an industry with its focus on short term gain and material benefit (Vanoverbeke). The goal of global commercialization of everything and everybody has created devastating effects on the environment and developing countries around the world (Vanoverbeke).

One of the most well known cases of privatization occurred in Bolivia and shares striking comparisons to the movie *Milagro Beanfield War*. Both of these scenarios display the theory of Ostrum taking place in the small communities while Hardin's Tragedy of the Commons only occurs when the industry takes over. Through a sense of community we can maintain sustainability but it is when the personal connection between humanity and resource is lost that degradation happens.

As seen in the movie *Milagro Beanfield War* and the events that took place in the water privatization protests in Bolivia, By destroying a sense of community we are doomed to experience the tragedy of the commons.

Although it may seem as if the plot of the movie *Milagro Beanfield War* is based off the events that took place during the privatization of water in Bolivia, to many people's surprise the movie was made 11 years prior to when the water privatization began. In the fairy tale of *Milagro Beanfield War*, Ladd Devine the very wealthy owner of a posh development and controller of local water rights, is planning to build a brand new resort.

The only problem is the location of this development is right on top of the small hispanic town of Milagro. At first the people of Milagro are fooled into believing this development will bring them prosperity through the new available jobs unaware that their community will eventually be displaced. Similar to this, the private water industry, dominated by a handful of multinational corporations is the “Laddevine” of Bolivia. These corporations abused their power over the waters