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The two the most pressing global issues that currently confront the global community are the global energy crisis and global warming. This paper seeks to examine these two issues and propose solutions that can be used to solve these problems.

Over the last decade, the global energy crisis has taken a turn for the worse. This is mainly because of the rise in the price of non-renewable energy sources such as petroleum products. Over the last 10 years gas prices have increased from about \$1 a gallon to almost \$ 5 a gallon. This increase has been attributed to the supply and demand pull factor of the products. This implies that the supply of oil cannot meet the global demand for oil.

Countries such as China as well as other developing countries have drastically increased their demand for oil. This has led to an increase for oil that is required daily. This is mainly because the world is currently over reliant on petroleum products. This is especially true because most of the motor vehicles that are used in the world highly rely in petroleum products to run. Major industries also rely on petroleum products to operate. This over reliance has led to the crisis that is currently being experienced.

The most effective solution to this issue is to find alternative energy sources that are renewable. Harnessing solar energy is one of the ways in which the energy crisis can be mitigated. Research indicates that the solar energy that is received by the earth in one hour is more than the global energy demand for one year. Therefore, by being able to harness such energy sources it is possible to ensure that the global energy crisis is

Global warming is another global issue that has been persistent for a long time. Global warming is defined as the increase in the near air surface and

ocean temperatures. This has been caused by the enhancement of greenhouse gasses by pollution as well as human activity around the world. Greenhouse gasses are responsible for keeping the earth warm and an increase in greenhouse gasses has led to heat being trapped within the planet. This in turn has led to the increase in the near air surface and ocean temperatures. This has led to significant effects, which include the climate change, melting of the polar ice caps, coral bleaching, and degradation of wildlife habitats. This has led to other issues emerging such as droughts and famine.

Two solutions can be recommended to solve this issue. The first solution is controlling human activity through government policies. Government policies can be implemented that seek to limit human activity that leads to the emission of greenhouse gasses. Government policies can be used to ensure that people around the world use clean fuels as well as creating awareness on the need for a shift in human activity around the world. Such policies can ensure the reforestation of forest areas that have greatly been reduced due to human activity. This is mainly because by planting trees the effects of CO₂, which is a greenhouse gas, can be reduced. Finally, personal action is another solution to the global crisis. People around the world need to start taking personal steps to ensure that greenhouse emissions are reduced. This can be achieved through ensuring that one is energy efficient, for example, when it comes to heating. One can also recycle whenever possible since it reduces the energy requirement to develop new products. This will help mitigate global warming.