

Title: Climate Change in Taiwan Reflection

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Pull Quote: “By creating this website, I was able to research more about pressing issues that were relevant to my passion for the country of Taiwan as well as my enthusiasm toward the climate crisis.”

For the *Rising* assignment, I chose to create a website titled “Climate Change in Taiwan” detailing the issues that my father’s home country, Taiwan, is facing due to anthropogenic climate change. Initially, I was on the route of writing a traditional paper, but upon reading *PlantBook* by Evelyn Peralta, I wanted to do something a bit more creative with the skills that I learned through the web design seminar that I am taking this quarter. In addition to this, since my piece focuses on environmental issues in an East-Asian country, I did not draw directly from *Rising*. Instead, the book allowed me to further pursue research that proved to be incredibly significant, which can be found throughout my website’s “The Facts” page. Moreover, the sole connection that my website shares with *Rising* is that they are both environmental works that serve to inform the general public about climate change issues that are and have been occurring for decades—whether these impacts are rising sea levels that betide in several regions of a country as large as the United States of America, or a multitude of matters that take place in a nation as minuscule as Taiwan.

My inspiration for designing this website stems from my love for Taiwan (since my father grew up in the country and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit there this past Summer), my passion for informing ordinary citizens about the detriments of the climate crisis, and my desire as a re-communication major to refine my skills at coding websites in hopes that this will be a useful skill to have in the future.

Furthermore, my intentions for this piece are not to inform Taiwanese citizens but, rather, my peers and other United States citizens who may or may not already have prior knowledge regarding climate change in Taiwan. In addition to this, I hope that my website will serve as an

easy, attractive, and informative site to scroll through because there have been many cases where I have clicked out of websites simply because the interfaces of the sites were not very appealing. Since I am not very experienced at designing and formatting engaging websites using HTML and CSS yet, I am hoping that Professor Dean's feedback, along with my peers' comments, will assist me in fulfilling this goal of mine.

The only constraints that I came across while creating my piece were my lack of knowledge when it came to inserting specific "span" and "div" tags in my HTML file, or elements that are used to define parts of a document, as well as my operating device's rather confusing interface. Since I used a Chromebook to construct my website, which does not allow users to download non-Chrome clients, programs, and applications, I faced a few difficulties in uploading files; however, due to the fact that I had already come across this obstacle in a previous class, I was able to troubleshoot and see past this issue by transferring documents from my laptop to the site on a separate web client. I also utilized internet sources to learn how to create a smoother, more responsive website with span and div elements.

By creating this website, I was able to research more about pressing issues that were relevant to my passion for the country of Taiwan as well as my enthusiasm toward the climate crisis. In addition, I learned that climate change is a concern that nations worldwide are facing, stretching as far from my home in the diminutive state of Santa Barbara, California, to Taiwan, a country that is 10,904 km—or a 17.42-hour flight—away.

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