

WATER JUSTICE FOR ALL: GLOBAL AND LOCAL RESISTANCE TO THE CONTROL AND COMMODIFICATION OF WATER

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This report explores the issue of global water justice. It examines different countries' access to and management of water resources through the perspectives of Friends of the Earth International's (FOEI) country offices.

Chronicling experiences in Malaysia, Uruguay, Indonesia, Bolivia, Peru, France, Sri Lanka, Middle East, Paraguay, Canada, Belgium, Norway, Australia, Switzerland, the report argues that the privatisation of water sources around the world is a growing problem. Specifically, international financial institutions are linking their loans to pressures to privatise, benefiting multinational water corporations. Experience has shown that the world's poorest people tend to be further marginalised when their countries follow such corporate modes of privatisation.

The report discusses some of the different campaigns and struggles against privatisation that FOEI's country offices are involved in where they are proposing new models based on collective, communal systems of water management, and advocating for reductions and reuses of water.

The report also examines the negative role of the World Bank, the relationships between proposed water management initiatives and profit-seeking, the likely negative impacts of GATS (the WTO's General Agreement on Trade in Services), and the potential of the World Water Forum to redress these issues on a global scale.

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