

Kazakhstan is a democratic republic which has been managing to keep a sustainable economic growth by utilizing available natural resources. This successful growth is a representation of Nursultan Nazarbayev's wise decisions such as opening the economy to trade and working hard to establish partnerships for oil exports. For the past 27 years, Kazakhstan has been experiencing continuous development, low inflation and unemployment, free healthcare and education. Kazakhstan has been thriving under the leadership of our globally recognized hero, our bright president.

Wake Up!
Kazakh!

The above description of our country is a narrative told by our corrupt government. Yes, Kazakhstan has been experiencing substantial economic growth and is the leading economy in Central Asia. However, the financial rewards received by the government fail to reach us and to thank the environment for the provision and associated pollution. Yes, the decisions to base the economy on oil exports was necessary in the beginning. However, for the past 27 years, we were experiencing minimal social and infrastructural changes. We need to understand that economic growth does not mean that the income generated is equally injected back to the country. This leads to the reality in which 50% of the population are low income and live in rural areas where they have to use physical

labor to provide their families with drinking water and to warm their houses during winters. These labor-intensive practices require significant usage of coal and timber wood which are proved to be the primary sources of carbon dioxide emissions.

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Our water, soil, and air are suffering too under the leadership of the current government.

Is generated income equally distributed to increase economic development? Does this economic growth worth exploiting our environment? Does the government invest in new technologies to reduce greenhouse emissions while extracting oil?

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The government is ignorant of us and the environment. Air pollution becomes a serious threat, while the government invests a small fraction of the GDP towards restoring nature and our health. For instance, only 5% of the GDP is invested in healthcare which results in low-quality services. However, this becomes more evident when we look at the east of Kazakhstan which was used as a nuclear weapons testing complex. People in that region feed and breath harmful chemicals daily which results in a vast variety of

health problems and the government does not provide any significant support or solution to that problem. Moreover, the government is planning to rent an area to Russia to build another nuclear weapon testing complex with an excuse to diversify the economy

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Our problem is the government that does not care about us nor the environment. Our and future generation's wellbeing is dependant on the wellbeing of our surrounding nature.

Wake Up! We need a change!