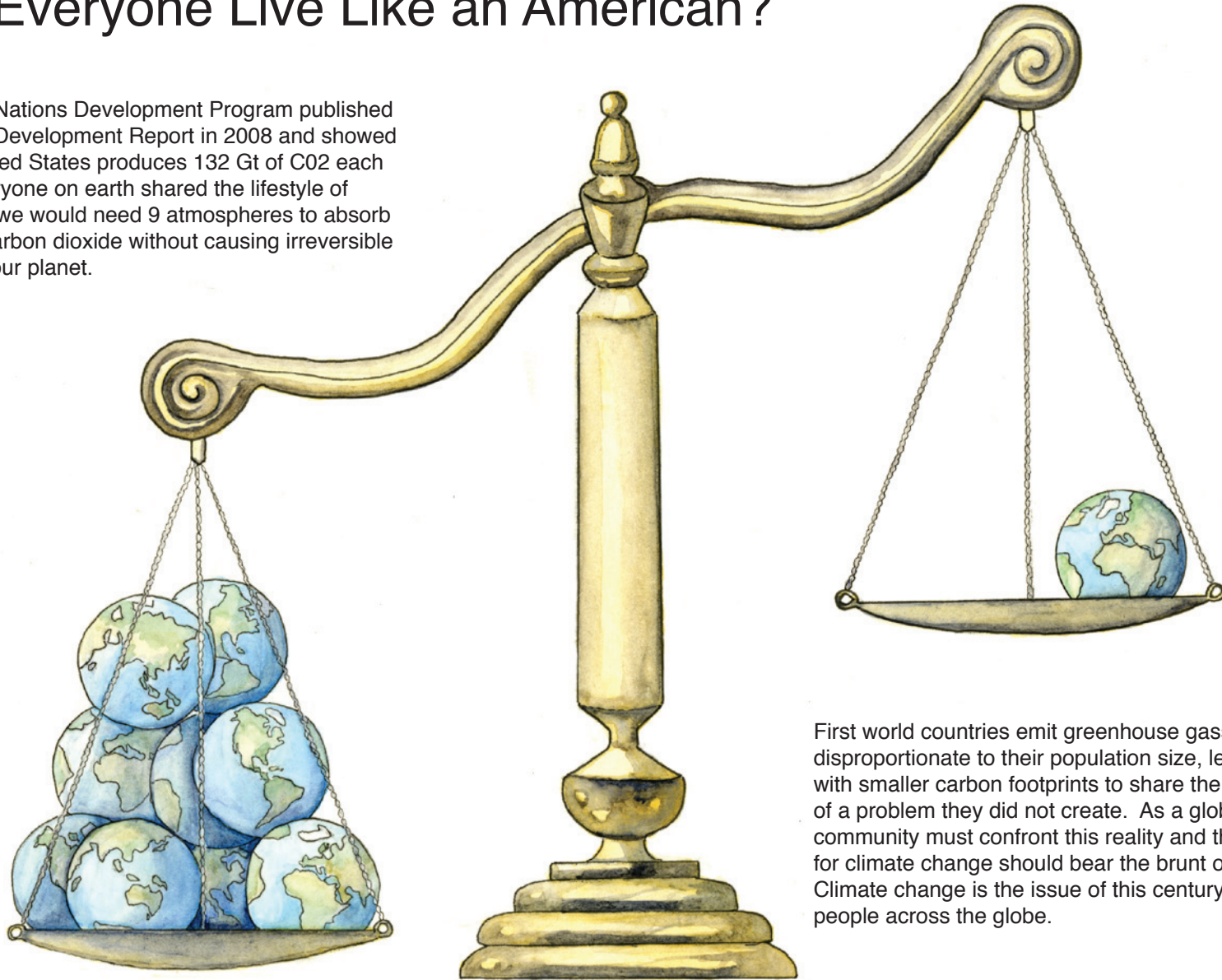


Climate Justice

Can Everyone Live Like an American?

The United Nations Development Program published the Human Development Report in 2008 and showed that the United States produces 132 Gt of CO₂ each year. If everyone on earth shared the lifestyle of Americans, we would need 9 atmospheres to absorb this much carbon dioxide without causing irreversible damage to our planet.



First world countries emit greenhouse gasses grossly disproportionate to their population size, leaving countries with smaller carbon footprints to share the consequences of a problem they did not create. As a globe, the human community must confront this reality and those responsible for climate change should bear the brunt of its costs. Climate change is the issue of this century, affecting people across the globe.