

Protests against climate change

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Introduction

Can climate protests be considered as an agent of legal and policy changes?



Key Findings

Even if there are those who think that the strikes against climate change are for their own sake, it can be said that they have led to important results in the law-making process.

Analyses

They can be considered on a par with other non-state actors, due to the fact the major exponents, such as Greta Thunberg, participate in the most important negotiations on climate change in order to make their voices and proposals heard.

Results

Outcomes obtained by protests:

- Changed the usual political schemes (Germany election);
- Introduced new environmental sustainability policies (abolishment of disposable plastic items);
- Influenced court decisions (avoidance of deforestation).

BUT they have not reached their maximum potential, because there is no cohesion between states

Conclusions

Strikes alone will not be able to limit the damage caused by climate change. For this reason it is necessary a cooperation between them and the governments, in order to obtain the maximum results.

