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# **Environmentalism and Justice in Everyday Life:** **The Discourse of Environmental Justice in Community Food and Energy Movements**



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Community food and energy movements are clearly not only about food and energy, but also about the creation of just communities and material systems. Actors and activists in these movements often understand their efforts to redesign systems as linked to a broad range of concerns about social justice. In particular, movement activists articulate justice concerns focused on political inclusion and engagement, a clear response to unjust and powerful institutions, and a set of basic human needs and capabilities. Across these, a rejuvenated and reengaged community is seen as a crucial to the expression and achievement of a range of justice goals. Participants in food and energy movements understand justice in multiple ways, and see concepts and practices of injustice as interrelated and mutually reinforcing. While their emphases may differ from the race and equity concerns of other environmental justice groups, the breadth of justice concerns in these movements illustrates the reach of the discourse of environmental justice into other areas of environmental politics.

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