



Contrast of Germany and the United States

Concern About Global Climate Change



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ABSTRACT AND THESIS

While both Germany and America share a commitment to environmental protection, there are notable distinctions in their approaches to addressing the problem.

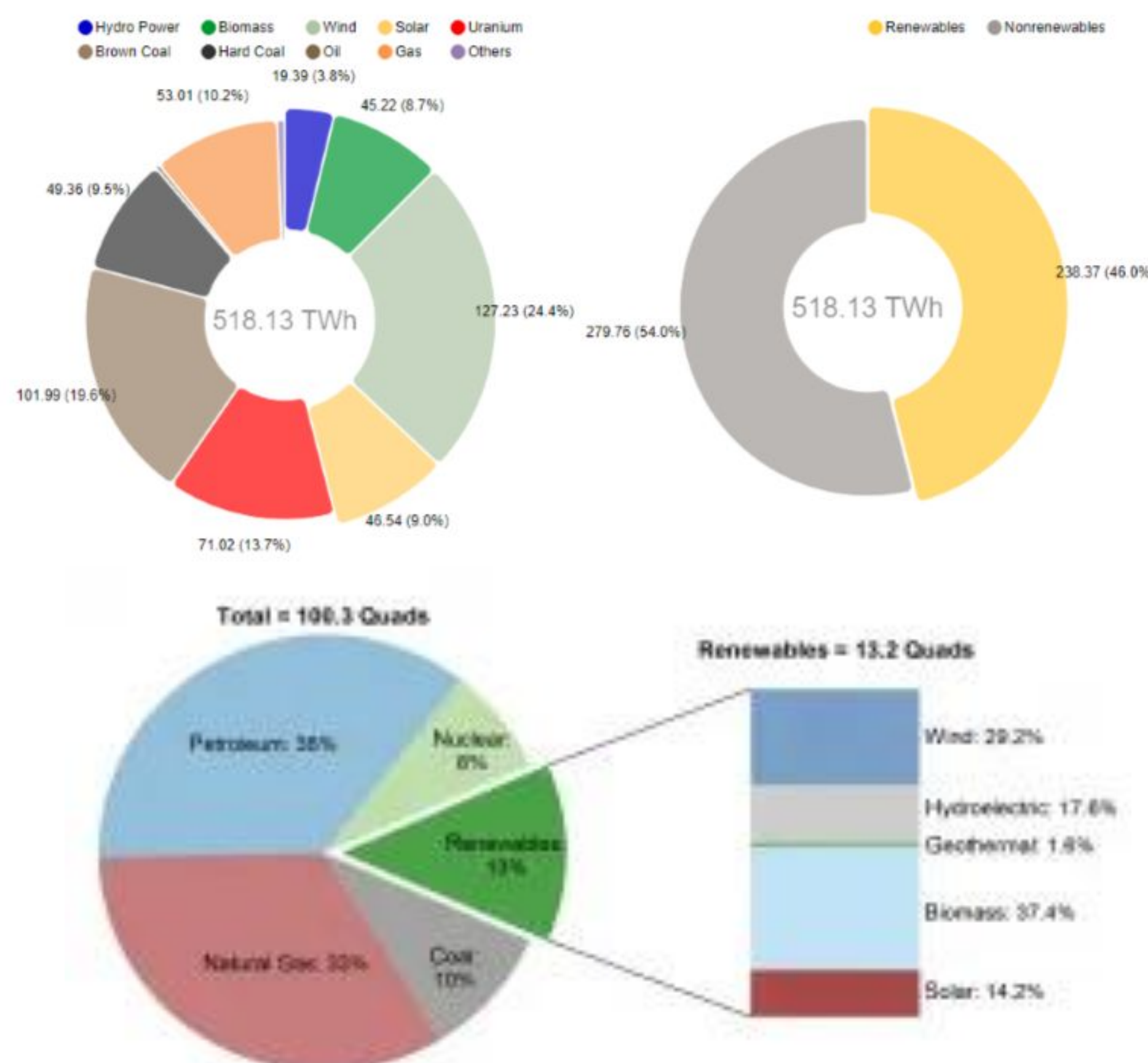
Because Germany has implemented regulations on environmental policies, the country has become a well known exemplar of waste management. Because America does not have a nationwide policy, instead leaves the issue to states, America is far less environmentally friendly.

INTRODUCTION

Germany is widely recognized as a global leader in environmental sustainability, boasting a multifaceted approach that encompasses policies, technology, and cultural practices. The country has made substantial strides in promoting environmental conservation, renewable energy adoption, and overall ecological responsibility.

While the United States actively participates in being more environmentally friendly, and is making progress, it has not reached results quite like Germany has.

With this in mind we take a closer look and compare and contrast the hows and whys of how Germany and America are environmentally friendly in different ways, and the differences between each country.



RECYCLING

- In 2022, Germany recycled about 67% of its waste, while America has only recycled 32% of its waste.
- Many U.S. cities have adopted single-stream recycling.
- Germany employs a dual system for waste collection.
- Germany has several systems and policies, which include:
 - Bottle return system
 - Green Dot
 - Yellow bag/bin
- America does not have nationwide recycling policies/laws
- Recycling is a part of living in Germany, it is treated as a culture



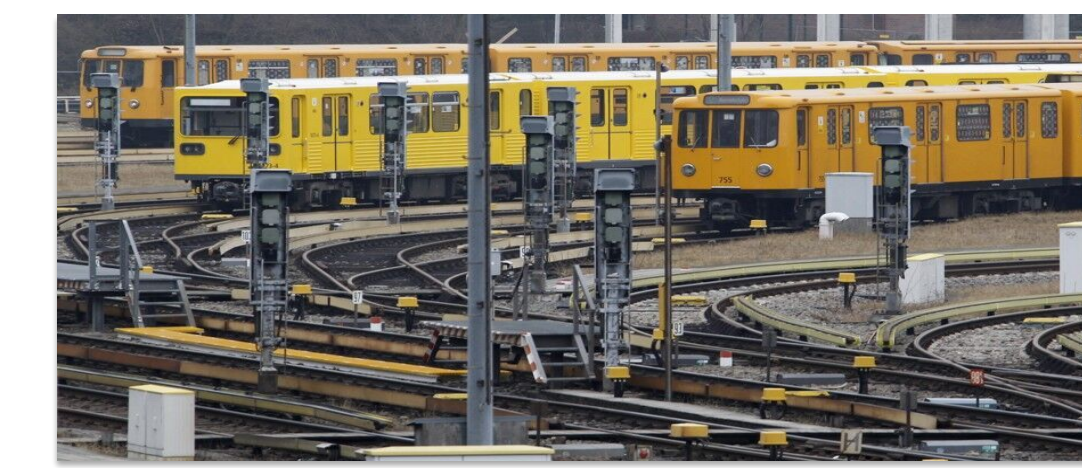
RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Both Germany and the United States use fossil fuels more than other energy source.
- 46% of Germany's energy comes from renewable sources.
- 77% of Germans believe that climate change and the consequences that it may bring are the biggest issue facing humanity in the 21st century.
- 85.8% of Germans overall have concerns about climate change.
- 13.1% of the United States' energy comes from renewable sources.
- 37% of Americans think that addressing the issue of climate change should be a prime concern of the president and Congress in 2023, and another 34% think it is an important albeit lower priority.
- 68% of Americans favor the usage of both fossil fuels and renewable energy sources. Only 31% believe that the country should cease using fossil fuels such as oil completely.



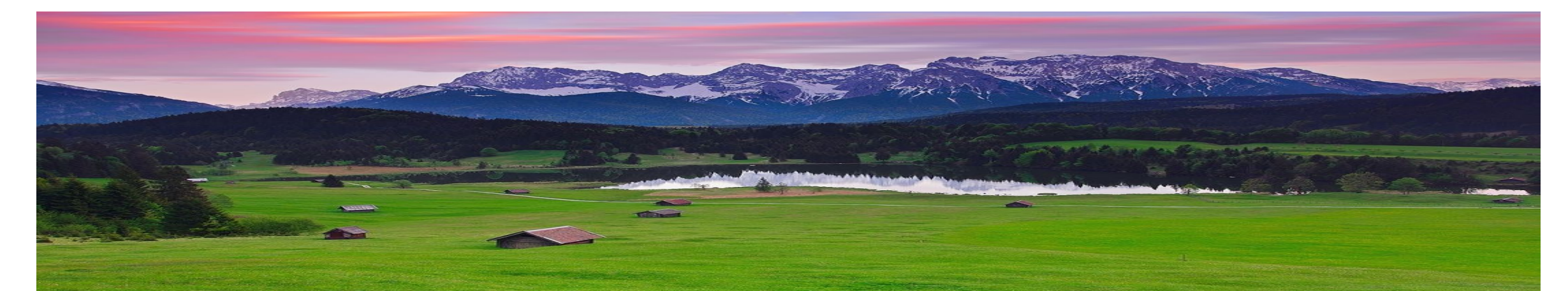
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- As of 2021 Germany has established a Automobile tax, that charges €2 to €4 for each gram of carbon dioxide emitted per kilometre
- Germany is increasing federal funds for local public transport to €1 billion per year from 2021 onwards
- According to a Bloomberg article, Germans are five times more likely to use public transportation than Americans
- Germany has the U and S Bahn
- The U-Bahn covers city areas, whereas the S-Bahn covers city areas up to 60 kilometers outside the city.



CONCLUSIONS

- As you can see Germany has been more proactive and systematic in implementing eco-friendly policies, particularly in its commitment to renewable energys.
- The U.S., with its diverse political and economic landscape, has seen variations in environmental policies, however is forced to rely on states for substantial eco friendly efforts.
- Also the.The role of the private sector and the approach to international agreements also differ between the two countries, with the United states much more inclined to ignore standards and look to the private sector to make environmental efforts



REFLECTION/ FRANCISCAN CONNECTION

By showing care for the environment of the Earth by avoiding pollution, we are practicing responsible stewardship.

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