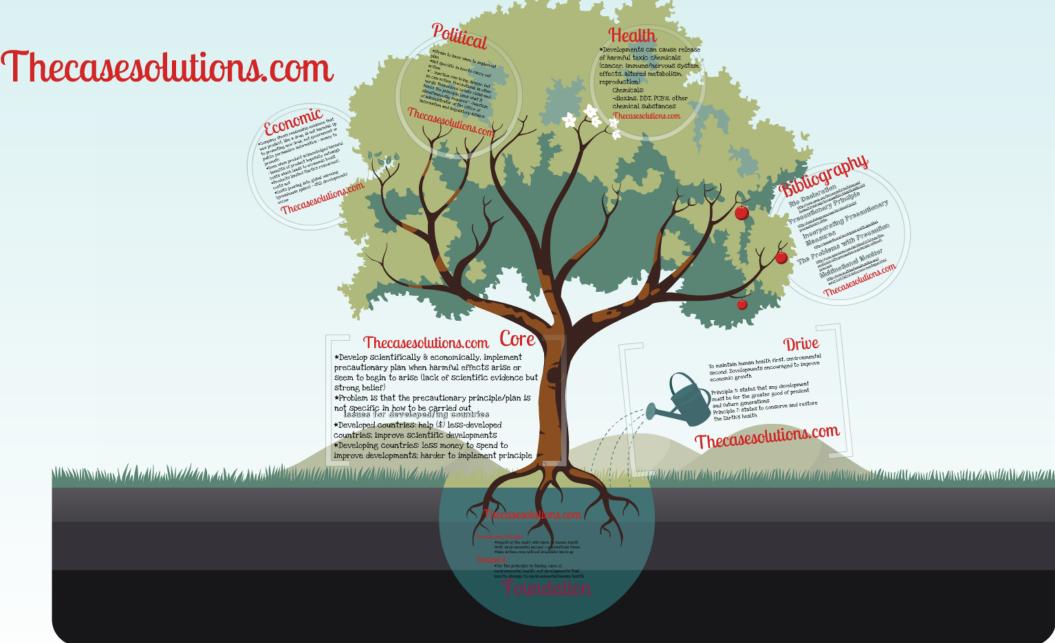
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### Precautionary Principle

\*benefit of the doubt with harm to human health first, environmental second -> precautions taken \*take action even without scientific back-up

### Viewpoint

\*For the principle in taking care of environmental health, not developments that lead to damage to environmental/human health

## Foundation

### Drive



To maintain human health first, environmental second. Developments encouraged to improve economic growth

Principle 3: states that any development must be for the greater good of present and future generations Principle 7: states to conserve and restore the Earth's health

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- \*Develop scientifically & economically, implement precautionary plan when harmful effects arise or seem to begin to arise (lack of scientific evidence but strong belief)
- \*Problem is that the precautionary principle/plan is not specific in how to be carried out Issues for developed/ing countries
- \*Developed countries: help (\$) less-developed countries; improve scientific developments
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## Economic

- \*Company shows reasonable evidence that new product, like a drug, is not harmful. Up to promoting new drug, not government or public persuasive information - money to promote
  - \*Even when product acknowledged harmful
  - benefits of product hopefully outweigh costs which leads to economic boost
  - \*Products limited (Earth's resources), costs not
  - \*Costs pouring into global warming (greenhouse gases) - still developments

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## Political

- \*Strain to know when to implement plan
- \*Not specific in how to carry out action
- \*"... inaction can bring danger, but so can action. Precautions, in other words, themselves create risks-and hence the principle bans what it simultaneously requires." -Sunstein of administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

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# Health

\*Developments can cause release of harmful toxic chemicals (cancer, immune/nervous system effects, altered metabolism, reproduction)

Chemicals:

-dioxins, DDT, PCB's, other chemical substances

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### Rio Declaration

http://www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/ Default.Print.asp?DocumentID=78&ArticleID=1163

### Precautionary Principle

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http://ienearth.org/docs/pops\_wwf13\_ipm.html

### The Problems with Precaution

http://www.american.com/archive/2011/may/the-problems-with-precaution-a-principle-without-principle

#### Multinational Monitor

http://www.multinationalmonitor.org/ mm2009/032009/interview-montague.html

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