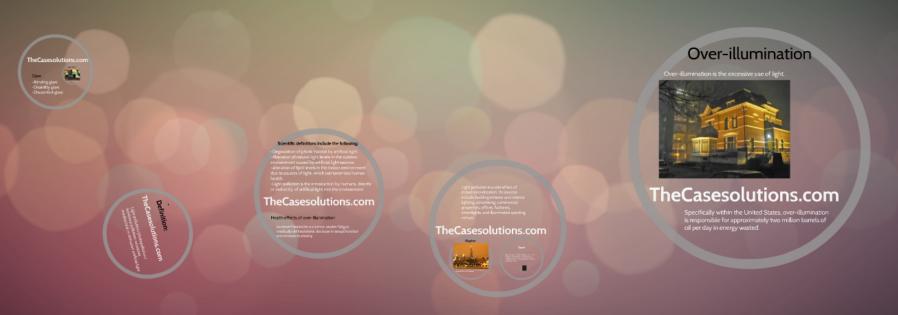
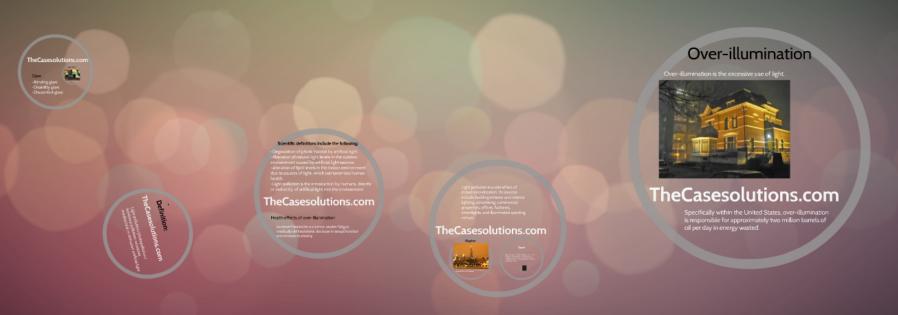
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Definition:

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Light pollution/photopollution/ luminous pollution: excessive, misdirected, or obtrusive artificial light



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Aerial view of Paris at night (France)

Scientific definitions include the following:

- -Degradation of photic habitat by artificial light.
- -Alteration of natural light levels in the outdoor environment caused by artificial light sources.
- -alteration of light levels in the indoor environment due to sources of light, which compromises human health.
- -Light pollution is the introduction by humans, directly or indirectly, of artificial light into the environment

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Health effects of over-illumination

increased headache occurence, worker fatigue, medically defined stress, decrease in sexual function and increase in anxiety. Light pollution is a side effect of industrial civilization. Its sources include building exterior and interior lighting, advertising, commercial properties, offices, factories, streetlights, and illuminated sporting venues.

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Skyglow:



This time exposure photo of New York City at night show skyglow, one form of light pollution.

Types

Light tresspass: unwanted light enters one's property, for instance, by shining over a neighbor's fence causing problems such as sleep deprivation.



Over-illumination

Over-illumination is the excessive use of light.



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Specifically within the United States, over-illumination is responsible for approximately two million barrels of oil per day in energy wasted.

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Glare

- -Blinding glare
- -Disability glare
- -Discomfort glare

Light clutter



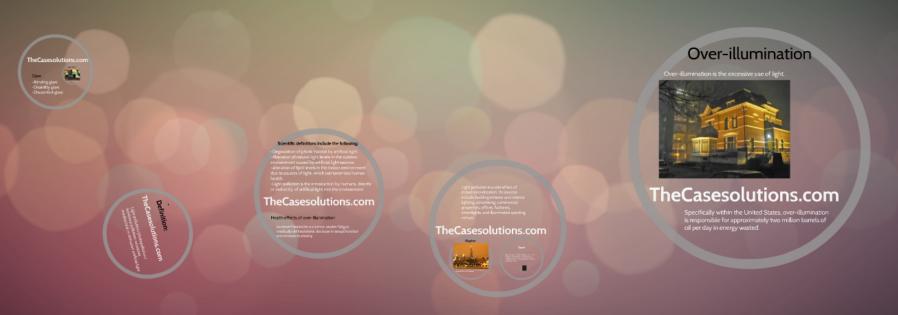
colorful lights. This is a classic example of light clutter.

Thank you!



Christmas lights in California.

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