



## USMCA Panel Favors Science on Corn Debate in Mexico

### Description

Poor people are hurt the most by environmentalists because they push for expensive organic food. In Mexico, the government's control of oil leads to losing money, showing corruption in power. Similar problems happen in California with money wasted on ineffective projects. Environmentalists in Mexico try to stop using science to grow corn from the US and Canada. They target the poorest people and claim big companies don't care. They ignore the harm this causes to poor Mexican children. The panel often chooses science over environmentalists, but Mexicans secretly agree with this decision. In November, Mexico might have to end its campaign against affordable food. Corruption is so bad that even minimum wage laws are manipulated to benefit the wealthy.

### Vocabulary List:

1. **Corruption** /kə'ɹʌp.jən/ (noun): Dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power often involving bribery.
2. **Environmentalists** /ɪn,vai.rən'men.təl.ists/ (noun): People who advocate for the protection of the environment.
3. **Organic** /ɔ:'gæn.ɪk/ (adjective): Relating to or derived from living matter; also refers to food produced without the use of synthetic chemicals.
4. **Ineffective** /ɪn.ɪ'fek.tɪv/ (adjective): Not producing the desired effect.
5. **Campaign** /kæm'peɪn/ (noun): A series of coordinated activities aimed at achieving a specific goal often in advocacy or political contexts.
6. **Manipulated** /mə'nɪp.jʊ.leɪ.tɪd/ (verb): Controlled or influenced cleverly or unscrupulously.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Why do some argue that poor people are hurt the most by environmentalists?  
Option: Because environmentalists advocate for expensive organic food  
Option: Because environmentalists advocate for affordable food  
Option: Because environmentalists promote financial support for the poor  
Option: Because environmentalists target big corporations
2. What leads to losing money and shows corruption in power in Mexico?



- Option: Government control of oil
- Option: Free market economy
- Option: Transparency in governance
- Option: Investment in renewable energy

3. What is a problem faced in California according to the text?

- Option: Money wasted on ineffective projects
- Option: Efficient allocation of resources
- Option: Successful implementation of environmental policies
- Option: Stable economic growth

4. What do environmentalists in Mexico try to stop using in the growth of corn?

- Option: Science from the US and Canada
- Option: Organic fertilizers
- Option: Modern agricultural techniques
- Option: Chemical pesticides

5. Why do environmentalists in Mexico target the poorest people?

- Option: They believe big companies do not care about them
- Option: To provide them with better opportunities
- Option: To improve their living conditions
- Option: To empower them economically

6. Why might Mexico have to end its campaign against affordable food in November?

- Option: Due to pressure from environmental groups
- Option: Due to corruption in power
- Option: Due to financial constraints
- Option: Due to international sanctions

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Because environmentalists advocate for expensive organic food 2. Government control of oil 3. Money wasted on ineffective projects 4. Science from the US and Canada 5. They believe big companies do not care about them 6. Due to corruption in power

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**



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1. Which term refers to the process of creating something new or introducing new ideas or methods?  
Option: Engage  
Option: Helium-3  
Option: Corruption  
Option: Innovation
  2. What is the term used to describe the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes?  
Option: Develop  
Option: Artificial  
Option: Technology  
Option: Skepticism
  3. Who are advocates for the protection of the environment and sustainable practices?  
Option: Campaign  
Option: Promoting  
Option: Environmentalists  
Option: Prototype
  4. Which term means to observe supervise or regulate a process or activity?  
Option: Nuclear Fusion  
Option: Monitor  
Option: Rotating  
Option: Concerns
  5. What form of energy is produced from the movement of electrons?  
Option: Ineffective  
Option: Electricity  
Option: Commitment  
Option: Integrating
  6. What term describes the state of being unable to concentrate or focus?  
Option: Allegations  
Option: Engage  
Option: Distracted  
Option: Monitoring
  7. Which term denotes dedication and loyalty to a cause or relationship?  
Option: Prioritize  
Option: Artificial  
Option: System  
Option: Commitment



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8. What word describes the effect or influence that an event or action has?

- Option: Skepticism
- Option: Impact
- Option: Prototype
- Option: Manipulated

9. Which term refers to dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power?

- Option: Develop
- Option: Corruption
- Option: Promoting
- Option: Campaign

10. What is the term for arranging tasks or goals in order of importance?

- Option: Organic
- Option: Prioritize
- Option: Innovation
- Option: Navigating

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ new technologies into existing systems can enhance efficiency.

12. There is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the new government policy.

13. The engineers are working on a new \_\_\_\_\_ of the device.

14. The political party launched a new advertising \_\_\_\_\_.

15. It takes time to \_\_\_\_\_ a good relationship with clients.

16. Some argue that intelligence from machines is \_\_\_\_\_ and lacks creativity.

17. The data was \_\_\_\_\_ to show favorable results.

18. The Earth's \_\_\_\_\_ movement causes day and night.

19. Many people prefer to buy \_\_\_\_\_ produce for its health benefits.

20. To \_\_\_\_\_ customers companies often use social media platforms.



**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. is a potential fuel for future nuclear fusion reactors.
22. is a process that powers the sun and stars.
23. Regular is essential to ensure the system functions properly.
24. Addressing environmental requires global cooperation.
25. The company faces serious of employee mistreatment.
26. Before mass production companies often create a product for testing.
27. The outdated equipment proved in the new manufacturing process.
28. Companies use various strategies for their products to a wider audience.
29. In unfamiliar territories a compass can help you your way.
30. A well-designed operating can streamline business processes.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Innovation 2. Technology 3. Environmentalists 4. Monitor 5. Electricity 6. Distracted 7. Commitment 8. Impact 9. Corruption 10. Prioritize

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Integrating 12. Skepticism 13. Prototype 14. Campaign 15. Develop 16. Artificial 17. Manipulated 18. Rotating 19. Organic 20. Engage

**Matching sentence:** 1. Helium-3 2. Nuclear Fusion 3. Monitoring 4. Concerns 5. Allegations 6. Prototype 7. Ineffective 8. Promoting 9. Navigate 10. System

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