



# Coastal communities & justice

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## My Related Research:

- Coastal communities & justice from a *philosophical* perspective
- Different aspects of justice:
  - Distributive
  - Procedural, participatory
  - Recognition







## Expanded idea of coastal communities

**Current communities**, especially marginalized, low-income communities

**Intergenerational human communities**: what is owed to *future* human communities in terms of justice along the coast?

**Sentient animals**: as part of our communities, or in wild communities (in 1991 Principles of Environmental Justice)

## Most pressing issue: Climate change

- Disproportionately negative impacts on coastal communities, especially native people
- Exacerbates existing environmental injustice on the coast
- Major injustice for future generations – coastal retreat
- Impact on animals
  - Companion animals partially recognized in PETS Act (2006)
  - Many coastal wild animals – heavy burdens, no benefits eg polar bears





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# THE BIG QUESTION WITH CLARE PALMER AND BOB FISCHER: PERSONAL LIBERTY VS. PUBLIC GOOD DURING A PANDEMIC







# Biggest pandemic question?

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- How much should government constrain citizens' otherwise-rightful activities to lower the risk of very serious harms to vulnerable others?
- **Climate change** also raises this question acutely
- Justice issue: both in the pandemic and climate change, those most vulnerable to the impacts of others' freedom of action disproportionately include the very old, economically disadvantaged, and communities of color
- Given lack of voluntary compliance, there should be policies to nudge, incentivize & legally compel individuals and businesses to help keep vulnerable individuals /communities safe