

THE LONG-TERM IMPACT OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

The Industrial revolution produced many benefits but also many drawbacks.

Industrialization is different from the others period of economic growth because it has allowed two previously incompatible phenomena to co-exist:

- increasing population
- continuous improvement in the standards of living

The benefits the industrial revolution produced are the life expectancy that has doubled since the 18th century, ordinary people enjoy material comforts previously available only to rich, everyone can have a free education, health services...

Many invention and discovers made people's life better and easier. Also each invention recall others inventions and so this produce a general environment in each field.

Many people crossed the ocean to settle on less densely populated continents.

The drawbacks of the Industrial revolution are the increasing of gas emissions. At the beginning there were only 1,6 billion of humans and industrialization was confined to western Europe, USA and Japan and so level of consumption remained modest. When industrialization and urbanization become popular, a global phenomena, population became over 6 billion and this multiplies humans impact. The result is more effects on the climate that are destroying our planet right now.

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Nonostante la rivoluzione industriale indichi una serie di contraddizioni all'interno della società, c'erano i ricchi e poveri... portò anche fatti positivi, per esempi aumentarono le aspettative di vita.