Conclusion Plastic bags affect many people, not only the consumers but plastic bags also affects the environment and animals. What I mean by this is that we are using up oil to make these plastic bags which really isn't something we "need". The human impact is that we are polluting our environment because we dispose of the plastic bags incorrectly. An alternative for plastic bags would be using reusable bags made of other fabrics instead of using plastic. Using reusable bags would reduce the effects of plastic bags because we would lower the amount of plastic being produced and disposed by simply using a reusable bag. "Research shows that "It takes 500-1,000 years for plastic to degrade" this means the plastic we use isn't really going away anytime soon. The amount of plastic bags we use is important because once we throw the plastic bags away they will just pile up and create pollution, which is harmful to the environment because how we dispose of the plastic bags isn't really going to help due to the amount of time it takes for them to decompose. Something important to know is that "50 percent of the plastic we use, we use just once and throw away" this should be taken into consideration because the plastic bags are just being used once then thrown away, this contributes to the pollution being created. The environmental effects due to plastic bags are pollution, litter, loss of resource, and pacific trash vortex. Plastic bags are extremely harmful to the environment because we use them in massive quantities. This piece of evidence is important because it has a couple of meanings.