

## Is Access to Clean Drinking Water A Human Right or a Privilege?

The answer to this question will vary based on the answerer's location. One definite thing is the scarcity of water. Lack of water isn't a concern in places such as the US and Canada but other issues related to consuming water are.

A report by EWG (Environmental Working Group) states that more than 230 million Americans were exposed to contaminated tap water in 2005. These results were found through a 2yr independent study done by scientists in America. Over 21 million water tap tests were conducted and more than 4000 water filtration plants were visited.

Of the 260 contaminants found, only half were government regulated. As the situation was brought to public attention, concerned states like Arizona, Florida, and Wisconsin used drastic measures to resolve their contamination problems.

Although when we start talking about bottled water, the problems are even worse. EWG, also tried to do a study like this with bottled water. Of the 228 bottled water suppliers, greater than half of them wouldn't give any information at all about the source of their water, or any of the treatment methods they used. This lack of disclosure, is quite scary for consumers and health care providers. The samples that were given to be tested, were shown to have 38 various chemical pollutants.

Some brands, like Wal-Mart's "Sam's Choice" showed cancer-causing chemicals in excess of drinking water safety standards.

It becomes clear, that bottled water is not a safer alternative to tap water. In fact it may be more dangerous, because little is known and disclosed on the origins of the water and the filtering procedures.

In places like Africa, Europe, and Latin America, this situation is even more adverse. If you're in a part of the world where drinking the water might kill you, boil it or run it through a filtration system like "[Katadyn hiker pro](#)" before use.

There are over 1.3 billion people that do not have any access to drinking water at all, according to the World Health Organization. The water they have naturally, gets contaminated because they have little sanitation, and the tap water they have is too dangerous to consume.

Water is our great treasure, but pollution and environmental negligence, can turn water into a deadly weapon. 1.8 million people, die every year due to waterborne diseases like E.Coli and Cholera.

People are now realizing how important it is to secure themselves and their families by filtering their drinking water properly and paying close attention to what they drink. Author Box

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