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White t-shirt: Russell Athletics, 60% cotton, 40% polyester, produced in El Salvador

The Russell Athletics Corporate Code of Conduct binds the company to producing clothing in a manner that protects the worker and is as environmentally friendly as possible. All supplies and factories have identical standards in order to be used. Unfortunately, polyester is not biodegradable, and cotton has a high impact on the environment, as it requires a great deal of resources to maintain. Though the company strives to have a low environmental footprint, they work with textiles that come at a high price.

I also had the opportunity to share what I have learned, by provoking conversation via the act of wearing my shirt inside out. It was an act that made me approach me to tell me that it was inside out, but I could then explain that I knew, and furthermore, explain why I was doing it. The best conversation I had came with one of my friends, who I spent approximately 10 minutes discussing not only today's activity, but also the last 10 days of challenges that I have completed, for their curiosity was piqued.

When I explained that it was a part of Project Green Challenge, an international program to raise environmental awareness, they asked how clothing related. They did not see the connection. As i explained though the idea of fast fashion, and furthermore the amount of waste generated by the textile industry, they began to see the connections between the two. They then proceeded to ask more about why I was doing it, and what else I had done. We talked about the ecological footprint, waste management, the idea of intersectionality between social justice issues, and more. Unfortunately, our conversation was cut short as we had classes to attend, but I felt empowered. My actions were starting to impact people in a way I was noticing even more so than I previously had. People were learning from me directly.



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andrewmc2401 Day 11 of #PGC2019 had me examining #whomademyclothes and the effect of textile waste on the world. Thus, we, the 5385 students from 33 countries and 49 states, were challenged not only to learn more about the effects of the textiles industry, but the clothing we were as well. We were asked to wear a shirt inside out, and get others to ask us questions about why. Why do we care about the clothing we wear when we are looking at the global environment? My shirt is made of 60% cotton, a crop that takes 1,320 gallons of water to produce one pound of cotton. 40% of it is made of polyester, a non-biodegradable material. Thus, we all

