Writing Assignment 7 – Integrated

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The passage tries to put forth several methods to help control the decline in frog populations. This problem is worthy of notice, especially, because frogs have a vast influence on the ecosystems in which they live. Meanwhile, the professor argues the passage from a pragmatic standpoint and asserts that the approaches provided in the passage are not practical. I will be discussing her assertions in the following.

First, the idea of vastly reducing pesticide use may lead to an undesired economical injustice to the farmers whose farms are close to frog populations. These pesticides are meant to help reduce crop loss due to pest activity, and prohibiting farmers from using them, eventually, leads to decline in the production of their crops and hence deminishes their competitive advantage in the market. So, the consequences of such decisions might be dissatisfaction of the farmers and considering this dissatisfation renders this approach implausible.

Second, treating or preventing infection of frogs caused by fungus is costly and the compexity of such efforts is way underestimated in the passage. This approach requires capturing and treating every individual frog which is obviously not practical from every perspective. Besides, these treatments do not ensure the prevention of mother to child contagion of the fungus.

Finally, water and wetland habitat reduction are misattributed to human exploitation of water resources in the passage. The professor is an opponent of this theory and believes that the real cause of this habitat depletion falls back to global warming. As a result, regulating water use by humans will not help with the recovery of frog populations.

To conclude, all of the approaches that were discussed in the passage seem to be lacking in some sort. The arguments suggest impractical solutions and some of them are looking in the wrong place for the cause of the plight of frogs. Hence, a more thorough investigation is needed to prevent frog population reduction from becoming an environmental crisis.

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