

These working materials are part of the toolkit

Climate beyond Classism

transformative educational resources
on classism in the context of the
environmental and climate crisis

Dirty resources, clean energy?

**A problem tree on green energy, climate
change and global inequality**

What: Videos on green energy and global inequality

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How cobalt mining became a disaster for Congolese communities

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the town of Kolwezi sits on huge reserves of cobalt, which is a crucial ingredient in rechargeable batteries that power electric vehicles, mobile phones and laptops. But it has proved disastrous for the community. [Content warning: sexual violence]



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvKnn8BRR18>

Green hydrogen: Is the Global South paying for Germany's energy transition?

Germany needs to decarbonize its industry. It is betting on green hydrogen, imported from countries with huge potential for renewable energies. But critics say Germany is going green at the expense of the Global South.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75dXFyQ5m9Y>

The True Cost of Lithium Mining

With demand for electric batteries sky high, mining companies are making their move on the salt flats of the Andes, where over half of the world's known reserves of lithium are stored. But local people are concerned about damage to their scarce water supplies and that they will not benefit from the white gold rush occurring in their own backyard.



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