

REALIZING OUR POWER FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

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a podcast

1. Listening

Listen to the interview with activist Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali below and take notes.

Double click on the icon slightly below to open the audio file.



Green Dream Podcast.mp3



2. Test your understanding

Answer the following questions:

a) How does Mustafa Santiago Ali explain his passion for environmental justice?

i Hint: Consider his family and communal background and how they were affected by environmental destruction.

b) How many people die every year from air pollution in the US? Which are the most affected groups?

i Hint: Listen to minute 03:15

c) What does a zip code have to do with life expectancy?

i Hint: Listen to minute 04:35

d) Why is it important that agencies, which want to solve environmental problems, work together with communities and let them participate?

i Hint: Listen to minute 10:00

e) In Mustafa's opinion, where does our power lie in the political power system?

i Hint: Listen to minute 29:15

f) Name a few examples of successful activism.

❶ Hint: Listen to minute 31:58

g) What does Mustafa tell himself to stay positive?

❶ Hint: Listen to minute 38:35



3. Write an essay

Use your notes to write an essay answering the following question: What role does activism play in the environmental justice debate?