

Name Model Source(s) # 2, 7, 10

Inquiry Question: What is the relationship between access to food and national security?

SEARCHING FOR DETAILS

I read the sources closely and mark words and phrases that help me answer my question.

SELECTING DETAILS

I select words or phrases from my search that I think are the most important for answering my question. I write the reference next to each detail.

Detail 1 (Ref.: Pollan)
Pollan states, "Rich or poor, countries struggling with soaring food prices are being forcibly reminded that food is a national-security issue." Also, the link between health care and the "modern American diet."

Detail 2 (Ref.: Burwell)
Burwell asserts that, "many countries with impressive gains in agriculture and economic growth have not experienced the full benefits of improved nutrition."

Detail 3 (Ref.: Stuart)
Stuart points out that wasteful food production, such as feed we give to livestock, is a major reason for food insecurity.

ANALYZING AND CONNECTING DETAILS

I re-read parts of the texts and think about the meaning of the details and what they tell me about my question. Then I compare the details and explain the connections I see among them.

What I think about the details and how I connect them:

Despite a global surplus of food, international trade policies and practices surrounding food transportation, production, utilization, access, and waste, have failed to reduce malnutrition and hunger (undernutrition) for many people around the world. Even though society wastes a lot of food (Stuart), Pollan and Burwell both point out that higher quantities of food do not equate to a healthier population. In fact, the food production industry may even be harming the health of countries rather than reducing undernourishment. These issues are now considered to be national security issues as they affect countries' economies and sovereignty.

MAKING A CLAIM

I state a conclusion I have come to and can support with evidence from the texts after reading them closely.

My claim that answers my inquiry question:

Food policies that not only promote agriculture, but also production of and access to nutritious food, enhance national security.