

# Debate



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Most people are not aware of how things are produced and what goes in to them. We all need to think more about where these components come from and the impact of them. If they are more expensive then fewer would be bought.

**Fact:** The circuit board on cell phones can be made of copper, gold, lead, zinc, beryllium, tantalum, and other raw materials that require lots of resources to mine and process.

**Issue:** These raw materials are not unlimited. We are running short of some of them. Mining these materials can also cause conflicts or wars where they are extracted in a conflict zone and sold to perpetuate the fighting.

**Question:** Don't you realise the damage that using all these resources causes? We can't just keep on using resources until they are all gone!



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