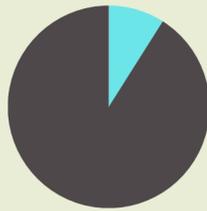
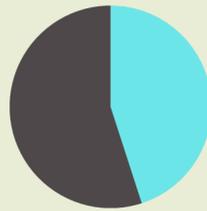


RETHINKING PLASTIC WASTE IN BC

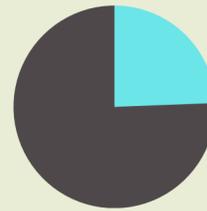
Canada



South Korea



Japan



Canadians discard over 3 million tonnes of plastic waste annually, with only 9% being recycled, while the majority ends up in landfills

Through the examples of South Korea and Japan, the local government, recycling companies, and citizens in BC should re-think how the plastic recycling practices and process systems can be improved.

1. The plastic sorting system in BC needs to be improved to make sorting easier and less guilt-inducing.



Korea



Canada

People in BC should re-think about existing plastic disposal sorting policies, and more strict guidance and regulation should be established by the local government to resolve the current plastic waste problems.



2. CBC journalists experimented with three companies tracking their waste and found Waste Connections dumped it in landfill. GFL incinerated it. Merlin plastics recycled it (Pedersen et al., 2019).



Establishing robust penalties for offenders and promoting a strong sense of civic responsibility

3. Implementing the practice of Japanese civic responsibility model, people in BC can potentially harness similar motivations to combat plastic pollution and foster a sustainable future.

Japan's cultural emphasis on communal harmony and environmental preservation is evident in the concept of "Mottainai," which signifies "waste not, want not."



The concept of "5S"

An organizational method using five Japanese words is instilled from a young age through education and community involvement fostering a shared sense of responsibility.

MOTTAINAI

JAPANESE

"What a waste", used to express a feeling of regret when something is put to waste without deriving its value.

