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## Unhappy Feet: Fred's Experience with Americans

"Unhappy Feet" is an examination of the environmental impact of human settlement in Antarctica, and the effects that human-influenced Global Warming have had on some of its inhabitants. As told through the perspective of Fred, an Emperor Penguin, who developed a personal relationship with the author of this project during his nineteen month stay on the Southern Continent. It also points out flaws in the Non-Interference policies surrounding interaction with animals that have been put in place by the United States Antarctic Program. The aforementioned flaws are discussed through the use of primary sources, eyewitness accounts and pictures taken from the author's personal collection.

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