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**Natural Disaster
Awareness in Japan
and California: A
Comparative Study**

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Research Questions

1. What are students' views on natural disasters and disaster preparation?
2. How does the media contribute to students' awareness of natural disasters?

Summary: Literature Review

Natural disasters

- The categories of natural disasters is organized into 3 types which are Geophysical, hydrological and climatological.
- The major types of are measured by the damage caused and number of people affected.
- Frequency is calculated within a 9 year span star

Education

-education starts in the 3rd grade and the teachers integrate it with their teaching while using recognizing their own connections to the community and surroundings.

Media roles in natural disasters

-Medias role of broadcasting and informing the population as a plethora of different outlets each coming with its own pro's and cons.

Global warming impacts

-Global warming seems to have a kind of gray area and is weaker area for the Japan. It receives less attention and when it does see some light is short term.

Government in global warming

-Green house gasses being the biggest reason for the boost in temperature and Kyoto being one of the hotter places in Japan the government has agreed to reduce the emission in developing countries.

Research Method

- Subject/Participants of the Study
 - Total of 61 University Students
 - Demographics
 - 31 Japanese University Students
 - 20 Female, 11 Male
 - Studying at various universities in Japan
 - 30 American University Students
 - 24 Female, 6 Male
 - Research Instruments:
 - Google Survey - Japanese and English

Their Findings

- Both countries aware of disasters
- Information for both is not enough
- Both see that global warming affects disasters, but Japanese want more media coverage
- Both feel government should put in more effort for global warming
- Japanese more knowledgeable and experienced
- Americans want to learn more to be prepared

Our thoughts

- PPT seemed well organized and easy to understand, maybe little wordy
- Abstract didn't seem to be right... too much statistics and not general info
- The information was very organized and although easy to analyze it suffered in depth. I felt that the project was forced rather than an actual curiosity about the topic. There were also some missing pieces of information left out that could have created a better drive for interest and needed information that was left out which put the viewers in a bit of an awkward position because of the its significance in the presentation.
- Was interested in this topic since I learned about natural disaster awareness when in Japan