

Here are a few straight facts:

- The oft-cited figure that Americans use 500 million straws a day comes from the **unvetted guess of a nine-year-old for a school project;**
- Over 80% of unmanaged ocean plastic comes from just 10 rivers in Africa and Asia;
- 46% of total ocean plastic is discarded fishing gear;
- America contributes less than 1.4% of ocean plastic;
- Just .03% of ocean plastic comes from straws;
- American straws contribute an insignificant amount to ocean plastic;
- Banning American straws is a waste.

Why ban straws in America if it accomplishes nothing?  
And why ban straws but allow water bottles???

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