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-So what do you think about sustainable cities ?

-I think it's really a good idea, I think that our reusing of the environment resources, and I think that having a city that is more sustainable is better for everyone involved.

-But how do you find our implementing system policy ? I mean, as far as the government spending goes, what exactly do you think about that ?

- I think, in the long-run, you're gonna have to invest now in solar panels in the public transportation and making a city more sustainable, you'll have to invest now but the pay-off will be much more in the future, so it will pay for itself, eventually.

-But some say that this could increase the standards of living or the cost of living in the future by increasing government spending resulting in a higher interest rate for private businesses which would then possibly lead to increased cost of living, maybe even social unrest. How would you respond to something like that ?

-I would say that I don't necessarily think that it's gonna lead to higher cost of living because if you put in machines that use less water, say for your laundry or for your doing your dishes, if you put in those machines, then you're not going to pay as much later.

-But say, for example, you want to conserve water, won't you have to increase the prices on water to make people conserve more ? You know, I mean that's how it is in the United States, the United States' water is extremely cheap. You use it so much. In Europe, that's not the case. They conserve more water. In the long-run, don't you think you would increase prices ?

-I think that if you teach people how to live more sustainably, then they're gonna conserve water more. And I don't think the prices are gonna be raised.

*sustainable : durable

*environment resources : les ressources environnementales

*to involve : impliquer

*a policy : une politique

*to invest : investir

*a solar panel : un panneau solaire

*a standard of living : un niveau de vie

*the cost of living : le coût de la vie

*to spend, spent, spent : dépenser

-> the spending : une dépense

*to conserve : conserver

*to increase : augmenter