# Patagonia: Establishing the Path to Sustainability

By: Andrew Lops

Course: BUF 4246 Future Fashion and Textiles

**Professor**: Dr Munroe **Term**: Summer 2024



### **Key Obstacles In the Industry**

Within the fashion industry, numerous issues within it are affecting our world today. They can range from...

- ☐ Depletion of Resources
- ☐ Climate Change
- ☐ Labor Exploitation
- □ Pollution
- ☐ Destruction of Wildlife



### A Global Future in Peril: Why Sustainability is Essential

Why sustainability?: To preserve the resources of our planet that are slowly becoming scarce becoming sustainable is an absolute must no matter the cost. Becoming sustainable has numerous amounts of benefits such as...

- Promotes the three R's Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.
- Helps to combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gases.
- Assist in preserving natural resources such as minerals,
   water, soil, and many others.
- Aid in avoiding massive amounts of non-biodegradable materials that have built up in landfills and oceans that can harm ecosystems in the long run.





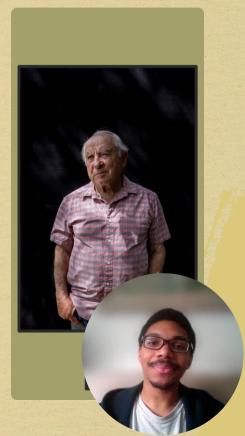
### **Overview Of Patagonia**

☐ Company Headquarters Location: Ventura,
California

□ **Founder:** Yvon Chouinard (1973- 2022) (Right)

☐ Current CEO: Ryan Geller (2020- current) (Left)







### **Mission Statement**

Patagonia has a set of core values. They consist of...

- ☐ **Quality:** "Build the best product, provide the best service and constantly improve everything we do" (Patagonia, 2024).
- ☐ Integrity: "Examine our practices openly and honestly, learn from our mistakes and meet our commitments" (Patagonia, 2024).
- ☐ **Environmentalism:** "Protect our home planet" (Patagonia, 2024).
- ☐ **Justice:** "Be just, equitable and antiracist as a company and in our community" (Patagonia, 2024).
- Not bound by convention: "Do it our way " (Patagonia, 2024).



### **Fairtrade Issues**

- Patagonia apparel is created in 14 different countries
   from the United States to China and even Mexico!
- Apparel creation is a mixture of both machine work and Manual labor.
- They mention they take pride in working with an assortment of manufacturers as well as ensuring they can maintain a living wage for all its employees.
- They also stated how they take the opportunity to "improve environmental performance in five key areas of the production process: resource productivity, consumer safety, water emissions, air emissions, and occupational health and safety" (Patagonia, 2024)





## Sustainability within Patagonia

X

- Patagonia is eco-friendly as they are certified B Corp and Fair Trade Certified (Editors, 2024).
- They have stated that "For Spring 2024, 98% of our styles use recycled materials. Switching to recycled allowed us to avoid 8,500 metric tons of CO2e, enough to power more than 1,070 homes for one year in the United States" (Patagonia, 2024).
- It is a combination of hand and machine-made with the same goal in mind creating long-lasting sustainable clothing.



### **Business of Patagonia**

- Patagonia is quite sustainable from a business and financial perspective as they are a brand known for having an expanding market, well-built brand loyalty, and a persistent source of income. Additionally, Patagonia possesses considerable growth potential, especially via spreading into new markets, broadening its product offerings, and promoting innovation.
- The price range for their items can consist of \$30 to about \$400





Men's Boulder Fork Rain Jacket Price: **\$229** 



Men's Micro D® Fleece Jacket Price: **\$99** 

Women's '73 Skyling Responsibili-Tee®

Price: **\$45** 



### **Market Demographic of Patagonia**

- People who shop from Patagonia are normally ones who enjoy the outdoors/ nature, have a disposable income, are environmentally conscious, and support brands that support sustainability.
- Now when it comes to price compared to other brands regarding jackets for example it can consist of...



Brand: **Arc'teryx** Men's Atom Jacket

Price: **\$280** 





Brand: **Colombia**Men's Hikebound

Price: **\$80** 





### Thank you!







### Refrences

- Arc'teryx. (2021). Outdoor Clothing, technical outerwear, & accessories. Arc'teryx Equipment. https://arcteryx.com/us/en
- Chan, E. (2020, August 1). *Why isn't sustainable fashion more affordable?* British Vogue. https://www.vogue.co.uk/fashion/article/sustainable-fashion-affordable
- Columbia. (2024). Men's clothing hiking clothing & accessories: Columbia Sportswear. Men's Clothing Hiking Clothing & Accessories | Columbia Sportswear. https://www.columbia.com/mens-clothing/
- editor, E. (2021, November 18). Patagonia Clothing: Made where? how? why?. Patagonia Stories. https://www.patagonia.com/stories/patagonia-clothing-made-where-how-why/story-18467.html
- Editors, O. (2024, May 17). 99 sustainable clothing brands by Budget (2024). The Good Trade. https://www.thegoodtrade.com/features/fair-trade-clothing/
- Lier, C. van. (2019, August 18). How fast fashion is suffocating our wardrobes and our planet. Medium. https://medium.datadriveninvestor.com/how-fast-fashion-is-suffocating-our-wardrobes-and-our-planet-737c93b7d94a
  - Morfoot, A. (2023, April 13). Patagonia founder Yvon Chouinard on "Wildlife" and donating his company to save the Earth: "It's not a burden." Variety. https://variety.com/2023/film/news/patagonia-yvon-chouinard-wild-life-documentary-donating-his-company-1235580745/
  - Patagonia. (2024). Our core values Patagonia. Patagonia Outdoor Clothing & Gear. https://www.patagonia.com/core-values/
  - Patagonia. (2024). The hidden cost of clothes. https://www.patagonia.com/hidden-cost-of-clothes/
  - VFC, D. & Samp; (2024). The north face® outdoor clothing & gear. The North Face. https://www.thenorthface.com/en-us