

## CLIMATE CHANGE IN AN AGING SOCIETY

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### -----QUOTE OF THE DAY-----

“Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part.”

-John Lewis (D-GA)

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## **GENERATIONS BEYOND OUR OWN TIME**

“People are going to be asked to radically alter their lives—for their whole lives— in order that their kind and their world might remain.... it is going to take some work to help people ‘see’ in their mind's ‘eye’ that far off horizon many generations beyond their own time, a time towards which they are going to have to try to take a leap of faith-and a leap which involves deep sacrifice at that.”

Jorie Graham, in “Imagining the Unimaginable” at:  
<https://poets.org/text/imagining-unimaginable-jorie-graham-conversation>

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## **EPA: HOW ARE THEY DOING?**

# EPA Must Go Further, Faster on Power Sector Pollution

REPORT CARD	EPA	JAN 2023	Evergreen Collaborative
DELAYED FURTHER		Carbon Standards for New Power Plants	
DELAYED FURTHER		Carbon Standards for Existing Power Plants	
DELAYED FURTHER		Mercury and Air Toxics Standards	
DELAYED FURTHER		Closing Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction Loopholes	
DELAYED FURTHER		National Soot Standard	
DELAYED FURTHER		Toxic Water Pollution Rule	
DELAYED		National Smog Standard	
NO ACTION		Regional Haze Rule	
NO ACTION		Coal Ash Rule	
ON TRACK		Good Neighbor Rule	

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## UKRAINE AND CLIMATE ADVOCACY

Timothy Snyder asks, Why does the world need a Ukrainian victory?

He gives many answers, and climate is one of them:

“To accelerate the shift from fossil fuels. Putin shows the threat that hydrocarbon oligarchy poses to the future. His weaponization of energy supplies has accelerated the turn towards renewables. This will continue, if Russia loses.”

Snyder offers 14 other reasons why Russia should lose, and he concludes:

“I am a historian of political atrocity, and for me personally number 1 -- defeating an ongoing genocidal project -- would be more than enough reason to want Ukrainian victory. But every single one of the other fourteen is hugely significant. Each presents the kind of opportunity that generations of policy planners wish for, but almost never get. Much has been done, we have not yet seen and seized the moment.”

To read Timothy Snyder’s full text, visit:  
[https://snyder.substack.com/p/why-the-world-needs-ukrainian-victory?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://snyder.substack.com/p/why-the-world-needs-ukrainian-victory?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

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## **WHY CAN’T WE ACT?**

The question isn’t simple. Social critics like C. Wright Mills and Betty Friedan have emphasized the need to connect the dots, to make people see how “the personal is the political.” It isn’t easy to do:

“[About climate change] I ask myself why it took me so long to get motivated. Passivity may look the same as indifference, but it may not be that at all. For a long time, I felt lost in the complexity and political, moral, and emotional confusion of climate change. Finally connecting the problem with the lives of my family and friends made inaction seem out of the question...”

From “My Climate Change” by Casey Cameron (San Jose, CA, member of Third Act)

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## **OLDER VOTERS & CLIMATE**

Older voters, like all groups, are diverse. Some, like me, go toward Third Act, Elders Climate Action, and other advocacy efforts. But younger voters are crucial for climate advocacy, so intergenerational work may prove crucial in our climate crisis:

“If the 2022 elections had been decided by voters 45 and older, then the Republicans would have won the House by a big margin and perhaps won the Senate, too. Younger voters were the key. As it turned out, the 18-to-29 age group in 2022 had the second-highest turnout in midterm elections in nearly three decades. In other words, younger voters, not older voters, made the difference in preserving democracy and safeguarding the Inflation Protection Act. In short, it was the young, not the old, who protected democracy as well as the biggest national climate initiative signed by President Biden, the oldest man ever to occupy the presidency.”

-John Della Volpe, “Republicans, Fear the Young” (NY Times) at:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/19/opinion/youth-vote-midterm-election.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>

Bill McKibben and Akaya Windwood put it best: “We know that young people have been in the lead in this fight, because they’ll have to live with the world we’re creating. But as long as we’re still here, we’ll have to live with the knowledge of what we’re leaving behind.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/22/opinion/election-older-voters.html?smid=url-share>

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## **WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?**

“Back to School” Our kids can see and feel climate change. This film hit me just after our two granddaughters (age 4 and 6) left our house. It’s from Divest Oregon, Climate Safe Pensions and Stand.Earth: it’s short, to the point and powerful. I asked myself: Is this the world we want them to grow up in?



Watch it at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LR1RS9PQOq4>

(Thanks to Laurie Rubin for this)

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### ARTICLES OF INTEREST

**Climate Alarm.** “Is Peak Climate Alarmism Behind Us?” by David Wallace-Wells, at:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/18/opinion/climate-alarmism.html>

**Long Waiting Time.** What if we haven’t got 50 years to wait? “Musk agrees with JP Morgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon that it will take 50 years to transition to green energy” at:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/news/musk-agrees-with-jp-morgan-chase-ceo-jamie-dimon-that-it-will-take-50-years-to-transition-to-green-energy/ar-AA16DanN?ocid=msedgdhp&pc=U531&cvid=d841a95e1eff425fa7c4d865f3022d19>

**What Can One Person Do?** “10 Ways You Can Fight Climate Change” at:



<https://www.greenamerica.org/your-green-life/10-ways-you-can-fight-climate-change>

**Just Say No** (said Nancy Reagan). “Climate Disinformation Rampant on Twitter Following Musk’s Takeover” at:  
<https://www.ecowatch.com/climate-disinformation-twitter-musk.html>

**Don’t Fight the Fed?** “The Federal Reserve is starting a climate experiment” The central bank is studying climate risks at major banks, but Fed chair Jerome Powell doesn’t want to get involved in policy. See:  
<https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/23561441/federal-reserve-jerome-powell-climate-change-citigroup-jpmorgan>

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## COMING EVENTS

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT. “8 Billion Angels” film on world population (San Mateo Library, San Mateo, CA, Jan. 28, 2023,

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Pacific). Admission free, but registration required:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-8-billion-angels-tickets-478413576887?lang=en-us&locale=en\\_US&status=30&view=listing](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-8-billion-angels-tickets-478413576887?lang=en-us&locale=en_US&status=30&view=listing)

To see the trailer, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWMY8zaKTBo>

HOPE: (Jan. 30, 2023, 6 to 7:30 pm, Pacific). A dialogue with climate activists on solving climate change, with keynote speaker Kim Stanley Robinson, author of The Ministry for the Future, at:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hope-tickets-418310506987?utm\\_source=NorCal+Chapter%3A+Elders+Climate+Action&utm\\_campaign=fe86263426-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_04\\_04\\_05\\_33\\_COPY\\_04&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_cc21a6b5e3-fe86263426-476769250](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hope-tickets-418310506987?utm_source=NorCal+Chapter%3A+Elders+Climate+Action&utm_campaign=fe86263426-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_04_05_33_COPY_04&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cc21a6b5e3-fe86263426-476769250)

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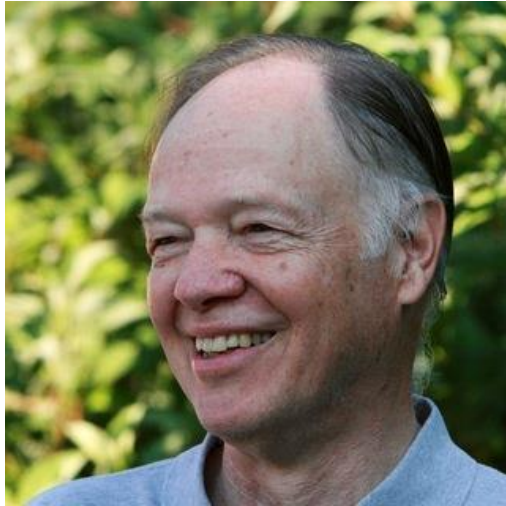
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