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Scientists and Climate Change

Ninety-seven percent of climate scientists agree that human-caused global climate change is happening. The evidence is well-established, even though many Americans believe that scientists disagree.

Special interest groups have created doubt about the validity of climate change by employing the same tactics used to refute the dangers of cigarette smoking in the 1960s. The American Association for the Advancement of Science describes the level of certainty scientists have about linking climate change to human activity as being as strong as that of medical professionals who agree that smoking causes lung cancer.*

97 out of 100 climate experts agree humans are causing global warming



Climate change has caused measurable deviations in sea level, temperature, shrinking ice sheets, declining arctic sea ice, glacial retreat, extreme weather events, ocean acidification, and decreased snow cover.**

What you can do

- Educate yourself on the facts and show your friends that the climate science is simply too clear to dismiss as mere opinion.
- Get involved in local organizations that are in the front lines of fighting climate change through education, policy and organizing.
- Learn how to reduce your personal contributions to greenhouse gas emissions and act now.

Policy

In December 2015, the United Nations will be meeting in Paris to negotiate a Global Climate Treaty. The president and congress need political backing to make meaningful change. Contact your elected representatives and support new ideas such as the [Carbon Fee and Dividend](#) to rapidly achieve large emission reductions.

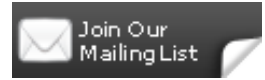
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