

Greenest Day Two: Footprint

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Politicians
addressed: AOC,
Nancy Pelosi,
Donald Trump,
Mitch McConnell,
Elizabeth Warren,
and Bernie
Sanders

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My Script:

Climate change is a growing issue across the globe and our governments need to take action to fight it, whether our politicians support climate change policies or do not believe in this issue at all, it is important that they fight for ways to reduce this issue. Individuals can't do anything, we need policies and change within our government to support this issue and to fight for it tooth and nail in congress, even if they claim they support these issues, we need to see action upon it.

Though individual action is helpful, an individual's ecological footprint is not the main source of climate change.

Big companies and corporations are producing a lot of greenhouse gases, and they need to be held accountable for this. Putting all the blame onto average people is unacceptable, these companies need to lower their emissions if we as a planet want to reverse the damage we have caused, and a carbon tax is the way to go.

Corporate or lobbyist politicians might disagree because they're more motivated by wealth, rather than health. Having a tax pushes these companies into lowering their emissions by their main source of motivation to emit them in the first place, money.

Therefore, this would be a very effective way to reduce a load of emissions from what they previously were in the first place.

Another option our government should consider is rejoining the Paris Agreement.

This agreement aims to keep the rising global temperature under 1.5 degrees Celsius.

This agreement also tries to help underdeveloped countries to reach this temperature goal too.

The Paris Agreement is trying to hold other countries accountable for their contribution to climate change as well.

Pulling out of this agreement in the first place shows that our government's mentality is not focused on benefitting our future, but on benefitting their wallets, so we need to rejoin this as a way to show that our country is serious about this issue and so that we will be held accountable by other countries for our rising temperature as well.

The Green New Deal, proposed by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, is yet another good policy to implement in the United States.

This would force the United States to rely solely on renewable energy.

It also calls for reducing carbon in the food industry and transportation, which are big producers of greenhouse gas emissions in the US.

Overall, this policy would align with the Paris Agreement too and would majorly help the US combat climate change, which is why we need to adopt it.

Overall, the US has work to do when talking about the issue of climate change, especially since it is a contributor to this issue, there is a dire need for more action within our government to try to reduce and reverse our contributions.

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