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COLLECTION OF ANONYMOUS
CROWDSOURCED ENTRIES ON THE
CLIMATE CRISIS. EACH ENTRY CONVEYS
THE LANDSCAPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL
AND THE WAR THAT IS BEING PLAYED
OUT ON THAT LANDSCAPE. THIS IS A
MESSAGE TO THOSE IN POWER. THAT
MESSAGE IS THIS: OUR VOICES WILL BE
H E A R D

SOLVE THE SOLVABLE



*Thank God our
love is evergreen*

We are so close to reaching a point of no return. We have to act now to have a chance of saving our home. We need to stop talking and start doing.

I'm not optimistic about the future.

I'm honestly extremely scared and angry about climate change. I just turned 24 and am afraid to be an adult & grow a family due to the possibility of the world ending sooner rather than later. I feel that we can change climate change and the future by making a difference in our daily lives - recycling, not

wasting any second hand clothes or food by giving it away to the less fortunate, using less gas and somehow making our footprint smaller, that way there could be a future in this world and lifetime. Right now, I'm not optimistic about the future, which is why we need to make a change today.

Help save the Earth.

The people that have the money to help change things are the ones who seem not to care. They are the main reason we are in this mess and aren't doing what they need to, to help save the Earth.

I'm scared I won't have a future.

I'm so scared. i feel like the world is ending so quickly and tbh i'm afraid i won't get to do all the things i want to do in my life. i'm scared i won't have a future.

The reality of my future is terrifying.

Climate change is a real problem in our world now. Governments need to address it before it is too late to reverse the damage humans have done to this beautiful creation. I am freakin terrified of climate change. I am 20 years old and a University student. I want a family, a husband and kids someday but

the reality of my future is terrifying. Thinking about climate change and how my future is fully in the hands of government officials and big cooperations that are ignoring the problems they are causing puts me on the verge of tears but also makes me want to punch a wall in anger.

The future is gonna be hot—really hot.

Yes I am scared even though I may joke about this a lot it still scares me what scares me the most is that some people don't believe in it and yes it makes me angry especially when people argue it isn't real. We can change this by teaming up and working together and if we don't the future is gonna be hot really hot.

The younger generation will see the worst of it.

The future terrifies me, knowing we are slowly destroying our home is a very scary thought. It makes me so fucking angry that not enough people are doing something. The older generations are just ignoring everything that's happening because it's gonna be us the younger generation that sees the worst of it. It scares me so much that I don't even know

if I'll ever have kids cause I'd hate for them to watch the downfall of our home. The winters are colder and the summers are hotter it's snowing in places it should never snow and animals are going extinct almost everyday. It makes me so angry we need to do something and do it now.

Help us secure our future.

I'm scared that my children would not see earth in its beauty. I'm scared that in one snap its all gone. I'm scared that I won't have a future to look forward to. I am so scared that I became so conscious with everything that I consume or use everyday. I still hope that they will hear us and help us secure our future.

A happier and healthier planet.

I am very scared of climate change. My home state is very rural and we've already seen the effects of climate change through flooding. I'm angry because my districts rep in the house of reps didn't talk about it instead he's making headlines for being a racist coward. I think it's up to us younger generations to

act now and vote when it's election time! My future won't look bright if we only have so much time to reverse what older generations have caused. I would like to see a happier and healthier planet not a dying one. We only get one planet and we need to treat it better!

I hope you can hear my sarcasm.

I'm beyond angry. People constantly say things like money wasted here and there in government around the world could be used to accomplish so many things instead of what it's being used for. Money is moved around instead of action taken. In my short life I've seen so many habitats destroyed species go extinct or become endangered. There are places where healthy people can't step outside for fear if the air pollution not to mention those who are disabled and even on quote on quote good days can't dream of spending more than a few moments outside. Nature is to be worshiped and cherished and enjoyed. The potential to do something about its rapid decline is there but nothing is ever fucking done. I'm beyond pissed. People without a god damn regard for the future say it's fine but those old fucks won't be here to see the extent of the damage that's been done. Giant companies destroy our world but using straws is of course the real issue. That's what's going to save the planet. I hope you can hear my sarcasm in these types words. I'm. Pissed.

I'm feeling sad.

I'm feeling sad everything. I can't like me but idk why. You're music helps me a lot in this way. Thank u for this rllly

This is a war we are fighting without even knowing it.

I walked in the 500,000 person strong march in Montreal on September 27, 2019. Greta Thunberg came to the city. She met with the prime minister. She told him he wasn't doing enough, as she has been telling all of the world's leaders. Anyone who will listen. We marched, and when we got to the end - nothing had changed. It feels like nothing will ever change, because we are all sitting

around waiting for solutions that do not exist in our current reality. It feels like the only solution is to dismantle capitalism and our government as we know it. They can't help us now. We need to work together and build a society that takes care of everyone and the planet. It seems impossible - but I still feel a faint hope inside of me.

There will be no planet left to live on.

I'm so scared that there will be no future for my future kids. I'm angry that some people still ignore what is going on. This is our future, let's make it better. If we don't do anything about it, there will be no planet left to live on. Ice is melting, animals are disappearing and some people just don't care enough to do anything about it. No one would like there kids to grow up in an environment where they have to be scared for tsunamis or forest fires, well this is going to happen if nobody does anything. It makes me scared and angry, we are talking about our future! The generation after us may not even know some animals or some corals because they will be destroyed, it's devastating. The future will not be nice, some forests will be gone, some corals will be gone and some animal species will be gone. We have to change our way of living if we want a better future for us and our future kids.

Our house is on fire.

I'm terrified. Truly. I think of my future and right now due to climate change it is dark. Limited oxygen, dead eco systems etc. It's all too much. Greed is the root of this evil. CO2 emissions from fast fashion and large companies are too high to maintain. Greta Thunburg said it plain and simple "our house

is on fire", and no one is doing anything to change that. My view of the world is positive. There are good and bad people and things, but overall I like to think if the trees are still growing and autumn air makes me smile, life is good.

The air feels dirty in a way.

People think it's "cool" to not use reusable straws, containers, etc. they are the ones ruining our planet. it's not cool to litter. it's not cool to hate on people for saving our planet. i think everyone should be scared at this point. if people keep doing this, our world is going to get worse and worse. i'm angry that people don't care about what's going on and i feel bad for the next generation. our future is not looking the best if things keep going this way. the air feels dirty in a way. i guess you could say, everything sucks.

It's a sad reality.

I am honestly scared. The past generations have done so much damage and are ignoring it and acting like it's not their problem. I'm scared. What scares me the most is the denial and the neglecting. I can't save the world by myself and it bothers me that the people who have the power and money to do more aren't doing anything. Yes we ourselves can do as much as we can personally, but ultimately our future in this world is no longer up to us. It's up to the rich and powerful and unfortunately there's not much being done. I do what I can and that's all I can do for now. It's a sad reality honestly. In all honesty I don't know what to expect in the future and I'm scared.

Make it our mission to save this Earth.

Climate change should be one of the top priorities of the governments, companies, and the general public. As a young adult, I am scared. I want children and a family but not in a world where people are dying, ecosystems are flattened and oceans are grey and covered in trash. As a result, I am angry! I am mad that no one with power is taking control. I am angry that no one who has the money and influence will do anything. I believe that the future generations are going to be the one to change it. We will take the power away from the people who are not doing anything and make it our mission to save this earth. Although we do not have the time, I believe we have the drive.

Climate change is terrifying but no one takes it seriously. My fear is that it's gonna be too late to make a change and we won't be able to do anything. It frustrates me that it seems like only our generation is the only ones trying to do anything about it. It can't just be us it has to be everyone. The future can be a scary thing but it'll be even scarier if we won't have a future.

It has to be everyone.

They've diagnosed us, but they won't save us.

I'm scared. I'm absolutely terrified in the thought of the future. When I was younger, I would sit and think about what my life would look like, falling in love and growing old, having children, grandchildren, and being happy. But now, it's a very real possibility that that will never ever happen. I genuinely can't picture a life past 50.

I'm trying to prepare myself for the worst, that I'll have another 30 years or so before our own self induced destruction. Our own mortality is the single most difficult thing to accept as human being, even in a time when you could happily and comfortably live to 100 years old. Having to sit and acknowledge that I may not have that option, that I could die well before my time, and not because an asteroid is heading our way, aimed towards earth looking to wipe out all of human existence.

No. I may suffer and perish because of the selfishness of others. It's overwhelming, really. They have a term for it now even. Eco-anxiety. Isn't that crazy. They've diagnosed us, but they won't save us. I was taught in school that I'd never live to see the end of the world. That one day, millions of years from now, the sun will explode and destroy the earth. I'd never live to see the end of the world. Oh how wrong they all were. I'm scared. I'm absolutely terrified.

I know it's my job to stand up.

I am so afraid I have almost given up. Every time I see news that shows just how devastating our effect on the world is, I want to hide away and give up. It makes me so furious that some people cannot recognize that without a planet to live on, we will have no money to hoard, no pipelines to build and no trees to cut. Each decision we make against the growing scientific research leaves us with a future where the excuses that people in power are giving do not matter because we will not survive. Even when I know that we are in trouble, and I know that it would be so easy to give up and watch our planet crumble, I know it is my job to stand up. And I am so glad you are too. Thank you.

I want to live.

I feel like throughout the year's climate change has reached its peak. it may not be the end atm but it's on its way there. it's terrifying honestly. not many people think it's real or they simply don't care about it. that's scary. especially the people contributing to it. they're so blissfully unaware at the damage they're doing to the planet. i'm just a kid basically and i don't know how to help stop climate change but the people that have the power to do something about it need to do it asap. i wish i had all the resources i could to help fight climate change but i simply do not. we can post on instagram/twitter/facebook etc... as much as we want but does that really do anything? sure it helps spread the word but the people who are in charge/screwing the earth could just skip through the stories

and not care. i do appreciate the people that HAVE done something about it tho. it does NOT go unnoticed. all the important people that not only post about it but actually DO something to help against climate change. it gives me some sort of hope that we can hopefully fight climate change before it's too late. i do want to see a future, but atm i don't rly see much. it's blistering hot one day and freezing cold the next. it could be hot and humid and raining at the same time. sometimes i think it's cloudy but it's just pollution haha. sometimes the air gets rly unhealthy that we have to stay inside. i reckon that's no way of living. i just wish i could do more and have more people who cared enough about this to help. i want to live lol.

I really hope we live to see the future.

I'm terrified and a little angry. I'm scared of what's to come, especially since it seems like those in power don't care about us enough to make any change. I'm angry because all I've ever wanted is to travel and explore like previous generations got to, as well as have children, but the way everything's going I will never get to experience that. The best stepping stone to bring change is acknowledging that it is Big Business that needs to change, not just the consumer - especially since our individual consumption needs do not even compare to industrial consumption. I really hope we live to see the future. I would love to see a beautiful, healthy planet and watch as the generations that follow me get to experience beautiful weather instead of Blistering Hot summers and extreme frostbite winters. Really I want us to do a 180 and make this planet more beautiful than it was when we got here, and I really, REALLY hope that happens. If nothing changes, the future is bleak, and I don't know how we'll be able to cope.

I am sick and tired of doomsday headlines.

I am fucking terrified about climate change. The thing that scares me the most is our world collapsing into complete anarchy where the government loses all power to enforce laws due to severe weather. Yes I am fucking angry. We have known about this for so long and yet we have prioritized being greedy over creating a world where we can all live in harmony. I think that the biggest problem is that we think we can't do anything about

it. That is SO WRONG. Our actions over the next couple of years will have ramifications for centuries to come. We need to start the transition to renewable energy and empower individuals to take action by buying sustainable products, recycling and investing using an ESG lens. I know we will get through this and I am sick and tired of doomsday headlines that talk about how screwed we are. We need to be spreading hope.

Walk, Bike—

I don't like climate change. I am very scared to see what my future will be like because of what the adults are doing to make climate change happen faster. Not realizing it is there kids future that is being affected. We can stop littering! Stop using gas powered vehicles when not needed. Walk, bike. It feels terrible knowing that my future is going to be greatly affected because of this!

Not everyone is trying.

Climate change is a scary thing. If we don't stop it, us, animals, our future generations, everything around us could be gone in a heartbeat. It scares me that it everything could just end because of what we're doing

to our planet. Kids are trying so hard to stop it but not everyone is trying. They act like it will just go away, like nothings going to happen. I just hope our future can be better, not worse.

This isn't the end.

Is it just a lost cause?

I believe in climate change. I know that we have accelerated it and should work on ways to restore balance but I also believe the fear mongering plastered on social media is having negative effects on the mental health of young people. I have experienced it myself. If you think of the grand scheme of things this world is billions of years old and has been experiencing changes since creation. Though our world is changing and we are speeding that up, this isn't the end.

i went to the climate strike in edmonton and as much as i was proud of the huge turn out i was so deeply disappointed that almost everyone there was under the age of 30. is there anything we can do to make the older generations care? is it just a lost cause?

Enact change now.

Climate change is a leading problem for our generation and people do not realize how much we need to do, despite all the protest being made, most of those people are not changing their everyday lifestyle to help suit what needs to be done. People need to become more sustainable, make it know how sustainability works and how to find the things you need to do it. Cities need more sustainable options to help with accessibility. Without all of us working together to solve this problem this will continue to be a problem.

Politicians need to be held accountable to what they say, politicians need to be the voice to enact the changed, even if they don't know what to do, get someone to help with this, make this a know issue, or it will continue to be the leading issue that we all face, and will cause reproductions that will be irreversible and ruin life as we know(which is not all that great) unrecognizable for out children and their children. Please, help enact change now, so our world can be better, not just for us, but for the future.

It feels like an impending doom.

I'm scared. I'm so afraid that I won't have a future because the world is ending. what's the point of doing anything ever if the world is dying? what's the point of living when everything around me is dying? It feels like an impending doom. A weight on my chest. The walls of the planet are closing in on me and i can't breathe. holy shit im terrified that all this is for nothing. I want to see streets without litter and no more plastic and politicians who won't fuck us over for money.

We are pushing back.

The Climate Crisis is the most scariest and terrifying concepts that our generation is having to face. Climate change has been talked about for years but it's one thing to talk and it's one thing to act. Action is needed in every aspect of this issue and amongst other inspiring, angry, and passionate youth, we are pushing back and taking a step towards a better future. Through striking and marching out of class and onto the legislature steps,

through using waste free projects and contributing my money to initiatives such as Pela and 4ocean are just the beginning. I want to see a future that when the sun rises we won't fear for our lives, for what's coming in 11 years, for the sake of the generation and the one after we have to make change. I see a future with bees, thriving cedar trees stretching to the sky and peace on earth.

I won't be able to breathe anymore.

I am so scared. I'm scared that there will be a time where I won't be able to breathe anymore because of all the nasty ness surrounding us. I am worried that I one day won't be able to have kids because there won't be a safe place to live. I am angry at the amount of people who are unaware of their everyday actions and how much they affect the environment around us.

I am cleaning up a mess that has been left behind.

As a young woman studying environmental science, I am not only angry that people aren't working to improve the state of our Earth but I am angry that there continues to be people everyday who claim that they don't believe in climate change. All that mother nature does is show humans how terribly they are hurting the Earth. I try my best to consciously make choices in favour of saving our environment, and it is so upsetting when no one around me is doing the same. Everyone has limitations to

how much they can do, but I know people can do more than they are now, & if they aren't doing more it is because they are ignorant. It is so easy to educate yourself on any topic in this day & age so lack of education shouldn't be an excuse for ignorance. I feel angry that I am cleaning up a mess that has been left behind by older generations who continue to show that they do not care about the climate crisis.

There will be nothing in my future.

I'm scared that nothing is going to exist anymore because of climate change all the animals are going extinct and our planet is dying i feel like there will be nothing in my future because of climate change.

People in power seem to not care.

Climate Change is in all honesty freaking me out, I mean our beautiful planet is dying and the people in power seem to not care. Like there are so many unnecessary things that we are doing, for one example taking away green space and wildlife's homes to build malls, apartments, other things that are unneeded? The world is going to end and it really seems as though the only people who

care that we are speeding up the process are the ones who have to grow up and live in the consequences that the older generations have left us with. I understand that we can do things to help reverse this and make it better but that has to start now and not somewhere in the near future because as of right now it doesn't seem like we'll have that far in the future to fix this.

Our generation is a force to be reckoned with.

Climate change is something the younger generations have to work together to get rid of. People from the older generations tend to not worry about it as much, but it is a real issue. I'm scared for the health of our generation and for my own health. I'm scared for my children's health and well-being in the future, if there is one. If we continue with the rate we're at, the future will look like the bad cities in the movies we watch. The future will smell and feel worse than we can ever imagine. Just one small aspect of climate change that has become a larger concern recently is the increase in insects. With warmer weather, insects stay around longer, allowing mosquitos and ticks to spread their dangerous diseases more. While this may not seem like an issue to fortunate people in the United States, it is in other countries. Our generation can work together to stop climate change, to reduce pollution, to get rid of the plastic island in the Pacific, and to stop the hole from spreading in our beautiful Earth's ozone layer. Our generation is a force to be reckoned with, and we will stop climate change from hurting our lives.

Where is the urgency?

I am angry and scared. I am only a child and my world is collapsing in front of my very own eyes. I am exposed to the horrible truths and tragedies that happen every day. I see politicians, adults I am supposed to strive to be like, lost at what to do next, or even worse, turning against each other. Our forests are burning on the other side of the world and it could not feel less real. Where is the urgency? Where is the terror?! We should be scared and horrified at what our world has become. We should be ashamed. But more than anything else we should be proactive. If there's any

time to make a change, it is now. We have to put aside our wealth, color of skin, status, and opinions. We all can agree on the most basic level that we want to save our planet. We must take action now! We have to start preaching what we believe and convincing those older, more powerful than us to rethink their ways! We can make small changes in our lives but it is up to the men and women working for the government to open their eyes. Once they see the disaster and tragedy, hear us cry and beg for our future, then maybe they will care.

It is our home.

yeah climate change scares the crap out of me. i'm 16 & we only have 12 years to turn this around, i won't even be 30 yet when the world will approximately fall apart. we of course have to start small, less pollution, less food & water wastage... over time the impact will grow bigger & we CAN make a bigger more positive difference to help our mother earth. it deserves so much better, it is our home, let's take care of it like we were made to do.

Who would even want to bring children to a burning world?

Each paragraph is one of my thoughts on climate change. I was hoping around haha. I am scared of what our climate is coming to. What I know is that, my area of the world is going to become even more dry than it already is. We already have a water problem when there's not enough snow in the winters since that's where our water mainly comes from, and with the winters getting warmer and warmer, that is going to cause even larger droughts. Some days I get asked if I ever want kids, and at the rate of which our planet is going, who would even want to bring children into a burning world? I wouldn't want to scare my own child with where our planet is already heading, or even make them go through with trying to fix it, when we can fix it right now in this generation. It may not be anywhere near where I live but the Amazon rainforest was pretty much our last oxygen resource we have and the governments don't even care to take care of it, which angers me because they think they hold all of the power, but what power will they have once everything around them starts to die? They will not have anything. We can march, protest and fight as much as we possibly can but some of those government leaders as well as greedy CEOs of horrible corporations will not listen and would rather have millions in their bank accounts while the world around them crumbles.

Climate change is not an opinion.

What scares me the most is the inherent lack of concern from the people in power. They are the ones who can truly begin the big changes and yet they don't because it's not in the best interest of big businesses. Their words are empty and meaningless. Trudeau walked in the Climate Strike, but continues to move forward with the pipeline. The lack of competency from people in power is astounding. Climate change is not an opinion, it is science based FACT. The people denying it are the people that benefit from the things that are harming the earth. I should be able to choose if I want to have children, but the lack of action by those in power is taking away my choice, because it would be unfair to bring a child onto a planet that they may not have much time on. It is so important for young people to get out and vote to put the right people in power who are going to create change. I want to live to make more stupid decisions and make mistakes and find a great love. That's kind of hard without a sustainable planet to live on.

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I would say it probably makes me more angry because so many are quick to dismiss it and say it's fake and there's no such thing when there is scientific facts right in front of us (you have to be fucking blind not to see it) but people still choose to deny it and say it's part of some political agenda and is over it's blown out of proportion. When in reality our planet is dying right in front of our eyes.

Start caring, people.

I'm angry that people aren't taking the climate crisis seriously, I'm mad that people are making fun of people like Greta for trying to do something about this crisis. I'm scared that I'm not gonna live long enough to even have a future that I've been stressing about for most of my life. I'm frustrated that

being eco-friendly is a privilege and I wish companies would stop caring about making money and start caring about people and our planet. "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot nothing's going to get better, it's not".

I'm washing away my guilt.

How do I feel about climate change? Terrible. I hate how this is such a big topic in our world. If it wasn't a problem, then nobody would be talking about it right? Now am I scared? Yes, I'm fucking terrified. In my opinion I feel like I PERSONALLY haven't done anything wrong. Yet every time i take a long hot shower, or ask my parents to drive me to school over taking the bus, I feel the guilt sinking in. I'm an emotional person. Other people might not feel guilty so why do I? It's because I know what I'm doing is wrong. I feel the change happening and I realize there's not much that a single person can do. That's why I have decided to support multiple causes like climate change. Slowly I'm washing away my guilt, not making me innocent, but just a person in disguise.

We did it to ourselves.

i've always wanted kids. i wanted a big family in a big house. sounds cliché but is true. now i don't want kids. why would i want to bring innocent children into a world that's dying, a world that will die before they're old enough to do anything about it. no child deserves that. no human deserves that, yet we all sit here waiting for something to happen, without doing anything to help. oh, you didn't get a plastic straw from starbucks? guess what, the entire fucking cup is plastic. not using straws is not gonna save the world. let alone one single animal that is still being killed everyday due to humans and other human pollution. focusing on saving just the turtles is a waste of time. other animals are dying faster and in much harsher ways. including humans. we sit back and watch as hurricanes destroys towns of people that have never done anything wrong. we ask God why he did this to us, without realizing that we did it to ourselves. our atmosphere is unstable which makes everything else unstable. the only people trying to fix it are children. children who have no business trying to save our planet. children that should be growing and learning instead of fighting against money grubbing loonatics that only care about themselves. when are people going to realize that this isn't okay. it isn't okay that one single species, is ruining a planet. it isn't okay that the people in power aren't doing a single thing about it. it isn't okay that grown men are afraid of a little girl. they should be standing beside her, ready to fix their mistakes and fight against anyone who thinks otherwise.

We've caused their mass extinction.

i'm scared that one day there will be a world where children will have to learn about animals from books or movies as opposed to real life experiences because we've caused their mass extinction.

Everyone needs to pitch in.

we're living in a shit hole. i firmly believe that we can all band together to fix it. unfortunately, protests aren't enough, although! they do seem to encourage people into helping which is wonderful! i'm only a teenager and i'm terrified of my future- or if i'll even get one. my sister is younger than me, meaning she may have even less time than i do. doing little things does help, even if it's not much, it's still good to make an effort. for example! use the least amount of plastic as possible! volunteer for local causes that help the environment. clean up trash on highways. reduce food waste, take your bike to school/work! it may not seem like a lot, but these things do help. maybe if this huge issue was addressed earlier we'd have more time. maybe it is too late to fix the major damage, but it's not permanent, not yet. i am so angry at humans for destroying this planet. as a 15 year old in sophomore year of high school, it gets frustrating when my teachers ask me what i want to do for a career. the first thing i think of, is 'what if i don't have enough time to work towards one?' and it kills me to know that i may be right. so everyone needs to pitch in a little! even if it seems like it won't matter, it all helps when it comes down to it in the end.

We remain like zombies.

Climate change is something that has happened since the beginning of time, but it's never been so dire as it is now. In my life, the amount of times i've had to hear about the planet only being able to survive x amount of years longer, has been astonishing. Each of these carefully calculated numbers put not only those i love at stake, but any hope for my own future at stake. It's scary. And what's even more scary is that most people in power right now don't see it as an issue; but it's

not something they will have to live with, it's something this younger generation gets to die with. I won't pretend to have answers for what we need to do, but we need to change our mindsets first. If we can change our minds towards climate change, maybe we actually stand a chance at saving the world from it. It feels like the apocalypse, but we remain like zombies, too focused on our own agenda to care.

I grew up assuming I would never grow old.

when i was in ~grade 3 was when people first started talking about climate change (at least to me) at school. they talked about how we have to do everything we can, pushing this on children, while political leaders and CEOs do NOTHING. society would rather take away childhoods than force the rich and powerful to fix this. i grew up assuming i would never grow old. i wasn't even in grade 5 when i thought i would die by 30. i have the same fear over 7 years later. it was terrifying growing up because it was ingrained in me that the world is ending and i'm part of the problem. for eating meat, for not using a reusable straw, for buying clothes first hand. that's not true. nothing can change unless the rich and powerful stop capitalizing off of climate change. since the world is ending by the hands of rich people and they'd rather have it end than fix their ways, because if they fix their ways they might lose a minor percentage of their millions or billions of dollars. how DARE adults clap and applaud greta. how DARE they thrust the responsibility of climate change on children. how DARE they take away OUR childhoods. how DARE they make us believe we won't grow old. how DARE they cause this and not take responsibility or so much as try to fix it. it's too late and now the children will be harmed as a result. how dare they.

Nothing is happening.

i am really scared and people keep saying there gonna take action but nothing is happening when i get older i want to have kids and a family and i don't want them growing up in a bad environment. it's scared and i'm only 13. i hope something happens soon.

Walk the walk.

I think that climate change is something that has been looked over for way to long and now that it's starting to affect us they now just want to "stop it". I think that it is something the people should have been aware of before now and more research should've been done. It does make me angry though, past generations have just looked by it until now since it has showed up on our radar and now that's it's worsening they expect us to fix it. They have left us to defend our home because they didn't respect and protect it until now. This isn't going to be their problem for long and that's okay with them, but not us. We are the ones that have to live with it for the rest of our lives and future generations to come. And things like Carson Taxes ARE NOT going to fix the problem, it's only going to make things less affordable to the people who are already struggling to afford things. I think that something simple that everyone one can do to take the first TINY step to helping climate change is try to decrease their carbon footprint. This means maybe turning to electric not gas, eliminating waste, composting waste, and reusing things instead of buying new. It all starts with the little things, but that means we have to actually take action and start not just talk. If your going to talk the talk, walk the walk.

We're in a state of constantly trying to outrun forest fires.

I'm worried that I won't have a future. It is scary not knowing my next steps now because I may not have a future. Do I plan to buy a house? Or will it be a pile of ash if just a few years... Do I have kids? Just to allow them to suffer in an apocalyptic future? Living in a state of constantly trying to outrun forest fires, to only find sanctuary in floods. These thoughts could drown anyone but we have to think of them due to what? People wanting to use single use plastics for picnics in parks that won't exist soon if these behaviours don't change. To drive to work, so they don't have to cram onto a bus, polluting the air, so they can buy more things and eventually will literally suffocate on their own materialism. We cannot live like this if we want to continue to live. Why can't we put money into finding solutions to save ourselves rather than trying to expand businesses that aren't good for us. It's like telling a smoker to find more toxic cigarettes even though we know it can cause cancer. It is just as real but it seems nobody grasps the seriousness of it.

Climate change in the future seems like it would be dreadful.

The climate change we are facing now is terrible and will probably just keep getting worse and worse. it seems like the government has nothing planned to fix it and some government officials think it is non existent. climate change scares me a lot for the fact it could be the end of earth. what scares me most is, if nothing is done to stop climate change, it will eventually start effecting our atmosphere, which protects us from space, the layers would be weakened and would make earth susceptible to asteroids and what not. it infuriates me when people say it's not a problem when it is and you can see it happening in the world today. i think it would be really hard to solve this problem all at once, but i feel like we could make it better by not using as much coal or things that produce carbon emissions and hopefully it would get to the point where climate change wouldn't be problem anymore if we did that. i think our future will keep getting less and less bright for us and i think the generation after us will be the one that suffers the most from this, because the generation before us will be gone, we'll be old, and the next will be in the middle of their lifetime. climate change in the future seems like it would be dreadful.

The government needs to step up.

Climate Change is an emergency, and it should be treated like one. But it isn't. That's what scares me. Our country has not taken the drastic measures it needs to for future generations to live peacefully. This upcoming election is very important and I'm worried that we will have a leader that won't do anything about the climate crisis. The Government needs to step up and support the people of our country who are fighting against climate change.

It feels like an impending doom.

I'm scared. I'm so afraid that I won't have a future because the world is ending. what's the point of doing anything ever if the world is dying? what's the point of living when everything around me is dying? It feels like an impending doom. A weight on my chest. The walls of the planet are closing in on me and i can't breathe. holy shit im terrified that all this is for nothing. I want to see streets without litter and no more plastic and politicians who won't fuck us over for money.

We are pushing back.

The Climate Crisis is the most scariest and terrifying concepts that our generation is having to face. Climate change has been talked about for years but it's one thing to talk and it's one thing to act. Action is needed in every aspect of this issue and amongst other inspiring, angry, and passionate youth, we are pushing back and taking a step towards a better future. Through striking and marching out of class and onto the legislature steps,

through using waste free projects and contributing my money to initiatives such as Pela and 4ocean are just the beginning. I want to see a future that when the sun rises we won't fear for our lives, for what's coming in 11 years, for the sake of the generation and the one after we have to make change. I see a future with bees, thriving cedar trees stretching to the sky and peace on earth.

Our generation is a force to be reckoned with.

Climate change is something the younger generations have to work together to get rid of. People from the older generations tend to not worry about it as much, but it is a real issue. I'm scared for the health of our generation and for my own health. I'm scared for my children's health and well-being in the future, if there is one. If we continue with the rate we're at, the future will look like the bad cities in the movies we watch. The future will smell and feel worse than we can ever imagine. Just one small aspect of climate change that has become a larger concern recently is the increase in insects. With warmer weather, insects stay around longer, allowing mosquitos and ticks to spread their dangerous diseases more. While this may not seem like an issue to fortunate people in the United States, it is in other countries. Our generation can work together to stop climate change, to reduce pollution, to get rid of the plastic island in the Pacific, and to stop the hole from spreading in our beautiful Earth's ozone layer. Our generation is a force to be reckoned with, and we will stop climate change from hurting our lives.

Where is the urgency?

I am angry and scared. I am only a child and my world is collapsing in front of my very own eyes. I am exposed to the horrible truths and tragedies that happen every day. I see politicians, adults I am supposed to strive to be like, lost at what to do next, or even worse, turning against each other. Our forests are burning on the other side of the world and it could not feel less real. Where is the urgency? Where is the terror?! We should be scared and horrified at what our world has become. We should be ashamed. But more than anything else we should be proactive. If there's any

time to make a change, it is now. We have to put aside our wealth, color of skin, status, and opinions. We all can agree on the most basic level that we want to save our planet. We must take action now! We have to start preaching what we believe and convincing those older, more powerful than us to rethink their ways! We can make small changes in our lives but it is up to the men and women working for the government to open their eyes. Once they see the disaster and tragedy, hear us cry and beg for our future, then maybe they will care.

You don't want to die either.

I'm terrified. All I've wanted since I was a little girl was children, a family to call my own and now with the Earth in such a declining state I am not even sure I have a future myself- as a 16 year old girl. I'd never bring kids into a world like this where they won't even have a proper chance at life. Human beings are naturally selfish, we only want "more and more." When will we realize that this place we call home isn't just ours? I'm ashamed of us as a species- driving beautiful animals to extinction. Certain animals and insects the world needs to help it flourish, grow plants for us to breathe and reduce toxins in the air. Please people, if you can.. take a bike places instead of a car or bus. Reduce your usage of electricity and use solar panels. Stop killing animals you deem "beautiful" for clothing or to boast their pelts. They're just as important as you and you're killing us all. If you can, make the switch to be vegetarian or vegan. This is a huge crisis and my message will go unheard but mass extinction is ahead and if you don't care for others then at least care for yourself. You don't want to die either.

We might not have a future of our own.

Climate change It's so fucking scary to think that I won't have a future for myself. As much as our parents or teachers tell us that WE are the future, will we really have the proper environment to succeed. I'm only 16, but I know that I want to some day have kids, and a family of my own but with what the world is gonna be, would I really want to bring another human being to the world to suffer in a world that we have put to shit. There so many things that we can do to make earth better but

with governments that are corrupt, and the greed that fills humans. It would be so hard to get everyone on the same page. We have such little time before we ruin the earth for good. The earth naturally will have a mass extinction, it's done it before it can do it again and at this point were making the process happen faster. It's such a scary feeling to know that we might not have a future of our own.

I want my children to grow old.

I'm scared that one day I'm going to be excited because I'm starting a family but not in the world I would want! I want my children to grow old but they might not be able to. I'm not going to live a full life because it'll be too late when the people decide to make an actual change.

I want to be less scared of what our planet will become.

Climate Change is scary. I'm scared because I hear we have 12 years left to fix it before the damage becomes unfixable. I want to have kids in the future and I don't want them growing up in a dying world. I'm angry that 12 years is a short time and yet no one wants to fix the damage. They claim it's too hard or too expensive. We can fix it by limiting our waste. Cleaning up after ourselves, using less plastic. The save the turtles has become a big joke but it's a serious problem. My future is not bright but I wish it was. I want the future to be clean and I want to be less scared of what our planet will become.

Every little thing helps.

climate change is VERY real and so scary. i'm scared that, since i want children, they won't have a good future because our world has gone to shit because nobody wants to take care of it. a future on earth ideally would look incredible. greenery everywhere, so many animals running free, new species

being found and thriving. one little step at a time can help. "me doing this won't help" YES IT WILL. every little thing helps give us, our future children and grandchildren a better future, or even a future in general that they may not have because we as humans are shitty and don't care.

I hope to live in a world where I can thrive.

Climate change is a word I hear more than I love you. It's something that has been taught to me since I was in grade school and continues to be taught to me now in university. There is a lot of talk but it boils my blood that no one seems to want to act on their words. I'm entering my 20s, I'm supposed to be nervous about midterm exams and finding the love of my life and finding the right outfit for a girls night out but it feels like -what's the point if we're bound to burn in a few decades? Now I sit here and stress about things like; will we last long enough for me to have kids one day? Will I die peacefully in my sleep when I'm 100 years old or under the flooding that destroys humanity? In a world that is full of such beautiful places and beautiful souls it is devastating to witness the ignorance of the older generations who "don't believe in global warming". I hope to live in a world where I can thrive and listen to your music for years and years to come.

This is going to be irreversible.

being honest, i'm so worried of how the human species is killing the earth without measure and most importantly, without caring at all. and i'm not talking about the majority but the biggest companies, who are the main problem here, they are the ones who are polluting without any limits. i'm so fucking angry about this and how they are trying to convince WE ARE THE PROBLEM and we're not. obviously everyone has to take consciousness about this and try to do their best (recycling, being vegan, etc) but if the companies don't change their way to produce, it isn't worth it. we have to pressure the governments and try to make them public harder policies against this kind of behaviour, cause really we can't do nothing if they don't change individually, you could change your diet, being vegan (cause meat industry is so polluting and harmful for the environment) or recycling, not using so much your own car and try to go more in public transport, etc. the future for me is black. black because of the grey skies we're going to see, all covered in pollution, because we have the says counted and we do nothing, because old generations think it's all a joke and they don't take it seriously... idk it doesn't feel well for me but we're just a few the ones we thing this is going to be irreversible and will destroy the earth.

Our generation is strong willed.

The climate crisis we are facing scares the shit out of me. I think it does most because it makes me feel small and helpless. There is so much that I want to do but then I start thinking about how big of a scale this is and it get sacred again. I've cut down the use of plastics straws and I recycle everything that is able to be recycled. I think that we can turn this around. Our generation is strong willed and I believe that we can change the future. The future is a bright place, full of happiness and hope. We are the future.

The people in power have lived their lives, I want to live mine.

This climate crisis is exactly as you said- a reality that can't be ignored anymore. There have been signs of climate change for years now, yet it is the youth of this generation that are left to deal with the repercussions of the ignorance from the people who actually have the authority to be able to make a difference. Not saying that the youth have no power to make a difference, but it is the older people who make up the government, the laws, and, essentially, the world we live in. There are habitats being destroyed, there are lives that are living the ultimate hell but nothing has changed. The ones in power are so busy with their fancy words and their comfortable lives, they've been blinded by their wealth to notice that there are people who don't live safe lives. This is a global issue that isn't being taken seriously and only spoken about by meaningless promises. It's the time to finally recognize that this is a lot bigger than conferences and conventions, and it's time to allow the youth to live their lives without it having to be cut short because of a mistake not fixed when it could have still been fixed. I want to get married and have children. I want to be able to lead my grandchildren and hold my great grandchildren. I want to see the world in its imperfectly perfect state. I don't want to have to worry about my every move, scared that my today may not have a tomorrow. The people in power have lived their lives, I want to live mine.

We want a healthy world in the future.

When I deeply think about the climate change I'm scared that we're all going to die and when I one get kids there will be third world fight. Where the world would be nasty place, where all houses and buildings are burn down. And people behave to go with mask... Not to get sick. Where the would no longer will be safe! It makes me angry because it's going to slow... Why haven't we done anything for some years. It only the past 4 Yeats people have been hearing about the problem! And I'm sure that it isn't all people who knows about it... There are too many how don't give a fuck about this... Because they don't thing about the future. It will not help if a small country do something, we all need to stand together and put a helping hand in this if we want a healthy world in the future, if we want to survive and save the world!!

We can do this together.

I'm am terrified. The world we call our home we are continuously and knowingly destroying. The people who are leading us won't even take a proper stand to what we need to do right now. The ocean is important. The clouds are important. Wildlife is important. Human art and history is important. You and I are important. We have come so far in life with LGBTQ rights and women rights and medicine to solve illness. To not keep creating peace and social justice for the future generations to not be able see and use is selfish. The song 21 days reminds me of what our world is looking like right now. All around us our world is falling apart, people are in war and striking, and it is getting worse by the minute. But the people who are in this cardboard castle are just trying to keep our earth together and are fighting for what they want and peace in our world. Our home. We need to stick together and let our grandchildren be able to pet and see a bird fly through the sky or a fish swimming through the ocean. Let us continue to be able to step outside into nature and breath the air our mother is making for us day in and day out. We can do this together.

Can I cope with the constant anticipation of a wasteland?

I feel like most people aren't taking climate change as seriously as they should be. It's because they see it as something that won't affect them right away. Since it's not posing a prominent or persistent or negative threat to their life immediately, they don't care. I'm scared that I might not get to live out my life. The other day I was thinking about having kids and grandkids one day and then I remembered there's a possibility that climate change could be the reason I fade. I'm angry at the politicians and people in positions of power because their main focus isn't the youth or the future, it's money, yet they fail to recognize that money has no value on a planet without life. I am angry that my little brother has less of a chance than I do, I am angry that there seems to be nothing I can do to solve this problem. The future- if that's even something we may call it- doesn't seem like much, more like an endless sea of hopeless dreams and problems we could have avoided. It sucks. I can't dream without feeling instant regret of giving myself a glimmer of hope that something might change so that my generations and those to come have a safe, clean space to live. How can I grasp the possibilities of the future- this in-fathomable fate- how can I cope with the constant anticipation of a wasteland?

Save our planet / future / lives.

I'm terrified for the future. For my future. Terrified about the fact that none of our world leaders are making any real changes that could at least help prolong our generation's lifespan. Trudeau marched with Greta Thunberg in Vancouver, and protested with everyone. Does he even realize that he's protesting his own government? He shouldn't be marching, he should be making changes to save our planet so that nobody even has to march or go on strike. At this point, why should I work hard to succeed in life if I won't live long enough to experience that success? Our future could have been bright; we could have cured every disease and created flying cars. But we fucked it all up. The government fucked up. My ancestors fucked up. Hell, even my parents fucked up. But I refuse to let this generation- my generation- fuck up. EVERYONE needs to acknowledge that there's a real problem with our planet right now, and ignorance isn't going to do anything to fix that problem. Just like I wrote on my climate strike poster "Everything Sucks, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO." Once some real action from our government happens, then things can start to get better, or at least stop getting worse. So PLEASE: Save our planet. Save our future. Save our lives.

If not for my sake, then for the sake of those around me.

Climate change is really scary. I'm guilty of turning a blind eye when it comes to hard times and tragedy, but climate change isn't something that'll go away overnight, and it's something that will eventually impact humanity itself. The world is dying, and I want to be angry at older generations for not keeping it safe for me, but the truth is I haven't done much in my 21 years to help it either. The idea of seeing the world die around me as I age is terrifying. The idea of future generations not having parks, or fresh air, or clean water — all of that is scary, because it wouldn't be their fault, it would be ours. My vision of the future is simply a vision where the future exists. Where people can go outside and enjoy nature and live without the fear that their life has an expiration date that is completely out of their hands. Because I am guilty of often turning a blind eye, I don't know everything that I can do to help or make a change, but I think it's about time I learn. If not for my sake, then for the sake of those around me.

I think everything will be okay?

I'm not even sure I have the words to describe it. When I look at nature, I know it's better than humans. Nature doesn't worry about the future, or pity itself, it just goes along, peaceful and vibrant. It makes me sad that some don't see the beauty in it. Earth is home to so much good. How could you not want to protect it? I sometimes worry that there are too many people with only revenue statistics in their minds, since they are the ones who don't play by the rules. But we must have hope. Earth has been doing this for a long time, it can get better. We just need to help. I think the biggest thing anyone

can do is be mindful and remember they can fix this. People tend to think that they won't make a difference, one more plastic bag doesn't matter, one more cup thrown out a car window. But it does. Every single person on this earth needs to think like they are the most important person here, and that their actions have just as much consequence as the richest man in the world. I try not to think about the future too much because I know not everything can live up to my sometimes naively optimistic expectations, but honestly, I think everything will be okay. I trust that enough people care.

Our leaders need to take action.

i'm scared of what will happen if we don't stop this. it's not okay and we all know that, but everyone seems to ignore it. i feel like everyone does something, at least one thing, to stop or prevent this climate crisis to completely ruin the one home we have but in order to change as countries or as a world our leaders need to take action, which they're not doing, sadly.

How are kids supposed to experience, learn and gain?

Climate change is real and we need to try our best to stop it. I am terrified of the future. Why are we getting an education if there might not even be a world that can sustain human life. We were the last living things on earth and this is what we did. We destroyed it and if we don't try and change, we will come to a point of no return and it's incredibly terrifying if you think about it. I'm most scared of the idea that travelling might not be a thing because we used precious earth of all her resources TOO fast. How are kids supposed to experience, learn and gain knowledge? If we even have enough time for future generations. I am angry at the generation above us. They put this on US and it is our future that they destroyed. We have worked so hard to get to where we are now, but for what? For the above generation to continue to do what caused climate change in the first place. We all have to be in this together. But people have to actually practice what they preach. Try to influence others, do your research and stay to what you believe in. If you think of a future where climate change is no longer reversible it's dark. No one knows how long we will last. There is no other way out. It smells sour and bitter because that's how the world SHOULD feel. We let it down. It feels empty. Not just physically (no animals, plant life, etc) but empty because you can feel the end. I believe there is still hope if we just try. We need to be committed and be hopeful. If there was a time to change your ways, that time is now and it must be urgent.

Open your eyes and make a change before it's too late.

Why can't the older generations see the issues they themselves have caused? How can they be so blind to problems they've caused us, the youth? Yet they feel like they can tell us that we don't know anything? How can they think they can silence the youth when we have the strongest voice? How can they think they can get away with their dirty actions and leave us to suffer consequences due to them? The leaders that try to silence us only do it because they know they've done wrong they know we are right they know they need to change but yet they don't like to be told it. If you don't believe in climate change then you're simply just stupid. Adults need to open their eyes and see the damage they caused. Quite frankly, I am petrified for my future. Why should we be the ones that get our futures taken away from us. It's selfish. The older generations won't be here when we feel the full effect which I guess is why they don't care. I refuse to bring a child into this world until it's a better place. I do not want my child to grow up in a world in the state that it's in and especially in the way that it's heading. There needs to be a change. More sustainable ways of creating energy. More sustainable ways of getting food and getting places. TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT!!! I can't stress it enough how important public transport is. It's one of the most eco friendly ways of getting around, aside from walking or biking. I personally am not vegan but I don't eat much meat and I believe that everyone should cut down on how much meat they eat. There's so much more I could say but I've said enough for now. But with that being said ADULTS/LEADERS/POLITICIANS OPEN YOUR EYES AND MAKE A CHANGE BEFORE ITS TOO LATE!!

We all need to work together.

I'm Angry. I'm angry that humanity has let our climate get this bad. I'm angry that there are still people who don't believe this is a global issue. I'm angry that this and future generations are at risk and we aren't taking that seriously. I'm angry that people are being selfish and greedy saying that money is more important than our planets survival. And I'm angry that I can't solve this by myself. We all need to work together NOW and save our Earth, she's all we got.

The destiny of this planet is in our hands.

For starters, who feels happy about our climate change?... The fact that next generations probably won't even survive because of incapability of millions of people. Everyone should be scared. Maybe even our generation won't survive this rapid change. It's just so hard to imagine what we have done to this planet - we destroyed it. People were given life, capability of reproduction and billions of people now selling turtles on chains as a sign of a culture. We are the only mammals that are capable of both doing and destroyed and we chose to destroy. We are killing animals for food, because the "nature" wants it like that. We are probably the most intelligent being on this planet and we chose to kill animals for fun or to improve every app, system or network because people have literally nothing to do with life. Then there's the question many people asked themselves: Is it worth to save our planet if i for ex. pick up trash but then other 10 people throw the trash on the ground? YES IT IS. I think that everyone should start from themselves. I know that there are people with many issues that probably cannot be solved. But that's the purpose of the life. We are capable of thinking, there are many geniuses in the world so why put all the logic in electronics if we could just simply invent some technology for picking up of trash. Think people, think. I'm 14 yo and i strongly believe that what should happen it will happen... But this is too much, I think that the destiny of this planet is in our hands.

The world needs us.

I am absolutely terrified for the future. I am angry, disgusted and horrified. The climate crisis is the biggest issue our generation is facing. How can people look at our world in the state it's in right now and be oblivious to the evidence. Coral reefs are screaming in colour for help, entire rainforests are burning down, it's the beginning of October and Alberta has already has over a foot of snow. How can people not see the reality of this issue. We are dying, animals are dying, ecosystems are collapsing and people in power are doing the absolute bare minimum to help this issue. Our future is non-existent. I'm 17 and don't want to have children because I know raising them in a dying environment isn't good for anybody; whether it's the children or environment itself. The future is burned and empty if we don't take action now. We need to turn off the tap of fossil fuels, plastic, shark finning, etc, and start thinking selflessly rather than selfishly. The world needs us, it needs us to do our part, pay attention to her, and take care. We need to get our priorities straight; if we don't now, there is no future for us.

My changes influences people around me.

Talking about environment is so important even if it makes me anxious. I'm scared for my nephews and children who will have to deal with big problems. They deserve the best. That's why each day I do my best to change my habits to better ones. I see that my changes influences people around me. That's positive ! I'm also in Zero waste groups where we share ideas. I see many people doing things together to preserve the planet. This is beautiful. I'm positive because people are creative and come with solutions. We just need the gouvernement to be on our side and I'm sure we'll be able to accomplish beautiful things.

We need to stop being selfish.

Ever since I read someone's tweet awhile ago saying that we shouldn't call it climate "change" but rather climate crisis, I can't stop thinking about it - every time someone calls the most urgent topic we're currently dealing with a "change", I have to flinch, because it doesn't sound and feel right. What we are currently facing is a worldwide CRISIS and people need to listen! Every time someone mocks or laughs about Greta Thunberg, I get so angry and I have this urge to yell at them: "What have you done to make this world a better place??? What have you done to raise awareness about the fact that our planet is no longer playing this game with us???" We are destroying our planet and the only chance

we have to save the future (generations) and all they do is laugh. Let's not even mention the infamous people who think that the climate crisis isn't real. Because it is! And it isn't happening in 30 years - no we're running out of time. It is happening right now. We need to stop being selfish. We need to stop thinking everything will work out in the end. Because thinking and hoping doesn't replace action. We need to act now! I just hope that our planet isn't so done with us and our lifestyle yet. Every little step counts - let's make sure that we're not too slow with our little steps towards a better and environmentally friendly life on earth.

We need actual change and we need it soon.

I am beyond scared of climate change. I know, that if we do not change things soon, i won't be alive to have children of my own and if i do, they won't live to give me grandkids. i'm scared for my family, my friends and my pets, everybody. if everything stays spiraling, nobody will make it and chances are, we won't even make it to mars. take a look around, all i see is garbage and pollution. animal species are going extinct left and right and people say that they care but they aren't doing anything to ACTUALLY make a change. a protest isn't going to change anything, if anything they make matters worse because they cause so much traffic and half those people probably drive to the damn protest. we need ACTUAL change and we need it soon. Singapore has a great system of disposing litter without causing harm to the planet, i believe our governments should all look into what Singapore is doing and take after them. we need to drive less, litter less, use less plastic, and actually take care of our damn planet before it actually is too late.

If you aren't scared or angry you aren't paying attention.

How do i feel about climate change? It scares me, i think about it daily. I think if you aren't scared or angry you aren't paying attention. I do everything i can on a personal level, im a vegan, try to reduce fossil fuel use, and i campaign for a political party who i feels is going to pay attention. I am SO frustrated, that people still say its not real, that people say jobs and money are more important. Nothing could be more important than the only earth we have. Why cant people see whats coming? Nothing frustrates me more that people who say "why would i give up

_____ when other people aren't?!" We MUST stop arguing, we must stop thinking about what its going to cost, we must stop giving each other a hard time for taking action, we must come together and tackle one of the greatest threats humanity has experienced. I know we are able to put aside our petty differences and do this together. We have traveled to space, cured diseases, and done what was once thought unimaginable....I must have hope that humanity is capable of overcoming this, for if i do not then i would have to question every day what is the point.

Our generation will rise up to the challenge.

The thing about Climate Change that scares me the most is the lack of action taken by leaders. Sure, talking about it is important to spread awareness but awareness does not equal action. People dismiss it claiming it's not happening or that it's not their problem but guess what?? If you inhabit this earth IT IS YOUR PROBLEM. Universal change is necessary. My hopeful view of the future is a world where we're gentle with the earth that has sustained human life for so long, where we can safely say that our priorities are not making profits and consumerism but preserving this beautiful place we're privileged enough to call home. Mother Earth has given us so much and it's time we return the favour by protecting her and nurturing her as she has for us for thousands of years. As for ways we can help? It can be as simple as taking a reusable cup with you for water and coffee runs with friends. Ride a bike or walk instead of driving. Plant a tree. Bring reusable bags with you for groceries. Try to implement "Meatless Monday" at home. THRIFT SHOP. Turn lights off when you leave a room. I'm scared of the future but I'm hopeful that our generation will rise up to the challenge and do what we're meant to do - fight for our future.

Get our stuff together, if we want making growing old possible.

I remember when everyone thought the world was going to end in 2012. People were scared. I was scared because I didn't know any better. Then it didn't happen, and I sighed a sigh of relief because I thought it was over, that it would never happen. Oh how wrong I was. The world is literally on the edge of dying due to humanity's actions, and not enough people care. For some reason, it's not as

"scary" as the world possibly ending in 2012. Well, I'm scared. I'm afraid that I won't get to grow old. I want to grow old, I want to live a life worry free. But first, we need to take action. I'll do what I can to help, but so should others. No more ignorance. WE ALMOST LOST THE AMAZON FOR F*CKS SAKE. Time to get our stuff together if we want to make growing old possible.

I have no idea and I'm terrified.

all the talk about climate change and only having X amount of years to make real changes before we've totally fucked it all up is terrifying. science is telling us we have to do something 5 years ago but those in charge are like 'yeah yeah we see that but consider... that costs a lot' and it's INFURIATING because old people are deciding a future that they'll have no part of and are leaving us to deal with it. everyone says 'plan for the future!!' but at this rate, there is no future, not to the extent they mean. am i supposed to work for a good job and save for retirement or am i supposed to go travel and see as much as i can before it's gone forever? i have no idea and it's terrifying and i'm glad people are taking more notice but i'm worried it's too little too late and taking notice is not the same as taking action. i just wish all these old politicians would get their shit together and stop fucking WORRYING about how much it's gonna cost or whatever because not doing anything is going to cost us a planet and a home - something arguably more valuable than the few billion they might have to spend to keep it.

Make sure we still have a place to call home.

As someone who is studying environmental protection/science in university, I've read a lot of books, articles, etc on the climate, including statistics on the state of our environment, projections for the future and so on. but what stands out the most to me is nature's resilience. We, as humans, feel this ever so present sense of entitlement to this earth. We feel that we must make it our own, cultivating & designing. Building giant structures & making our mark in this planet. But when you step back and look at it all from a bigger perspective, it's clear that we are this

tiny little spec of existence... I think basically what I'm saying is that the current state of our climate is on us. The climate crisis is an accumulation of repercussions of a series of actions done by US. And since we are such a small piece of existence, even if we fuck up the planet to the point of our own extinction, it's US who are going to pay. The earth will prevail & Mother Nature will carry on, but if we truly want to stay on this beautiful planet that we call home, then we're going to have to work together to make sure we still have a place to call home <3

Dump for all our laziness.

It's crazy how the earth gives us what we need to live and we treat it as though it's a dump.. a dump for all our laziness.

Lack of sustainability kills us.

I am scared of the end of the world. All that I love, that we love, that we've spent time loving, burning in front of us. My island, my home, sinking faster than any of us can save it. Forgetting what clean air feels like, watching all of what my father has built for my family crash in front of us, eventually coming to a point when I will abandon my education just to be with my family as we watch our world come to a close. Never growing old. Never having grandchildren. Losing people I love, from nuclear family to friends from afar. The radio silence of disconnection as our lack of sustainability kills us. Watching the world turn grey.

Who is going to listen to us?

I am scared for the quality of life for my 4 year old son and even his future children. What will be left of this planet by then? How many species will become endangered or extinct by then? Every company, brand and human being needs to do their part. How can we lower our carbon footprint? I am currently supporting sustainable/recycled and non-toxic products, recently became vegan to no longer support the meat and dairy

industries, use as little single use plastics as possible or re-use them if I have them, take my cup with me so I don't waste a plastic one every time I get coffee, bring your own straw, reusable produce bags, buy a hybrid car, and the list goes on. Who is going to listen to us? Who is going to help? We need to become a community to save the planet and the human race.

I cannot guarantee a peaceful future.

It makes me angry. I am angry at the earlier generations that did not listen to the scientists decades ago. I am angry at the major corporations that thought it was okay to take and destroy the land of people who were too vulnerable to fight back. I am angry at the systems of capitalism that have projected ideas of “value” (money) onto sources like water and air; making water inaccessible to many groups of people and organisms. Finally, I am sad that I can not guarantee a peaceful future for my family and for the younger generations who will have to face the consequences of climate change.

Kids should be allowed to be kids and live care-free.

I'm so scared that I'll never get the chance to have a family. What's the point if you're not sure if there is going to be a world to live on? I grew up thinking I would have all the time in the world to do whatever my heart desired, but I'm starting to believe that might not be able to happen. Older generations never

had to worry about this so why should we? They're the ones who fucked this place up in the first place and now we have to clean up their mess. It's not fair. Kids should be allowed to be kids and live care free. They shouldn't have to worry about saving this beautiful earth.

Climate change stops now!

I think we need to stop this immediately. Climate change will destroy our planet before we know it. One of the things I fear most is oblivion. One day we could be sitting on our lawn chairs on a nice summer afternoon with not a care in the world, and the next day the sun could explode and kill us all. We are all worried about climate change and our earth ending as we know it, but if we keep our problems locked in a box for eternity, us and the earth could end without any of us stopping it. So we need to take action now. So if you are with me, let us fight to save our planet, our animals, our loved ones, and our future. CLIMATE CHANGE STOPS NOW!

Anyways, who can do this?

I'm scared about climate change...I'm scared about my future...I'm scared about death. I don't know if i want kids. It's not about my body, it's not about the pain, it's about the future... I don't know if it's a good idea to give at my baby this gift. To give him this planet. I don't know if i can do this at this tiny, little, sweet and adorable creature... Anyway, who can do this ? Thank you.

My future looks bleak.

My future looks bleak. I hear Frank Sinatra's "I can't believe I'm losing you" and dead air. I smell ash and heartbreak. There's nothing left for us here as we burn away into nothingness. My future looks bleak. But it doesn't have to.

Change our ways to save ourselves.

It scares me that climate change will kill me before my life has even started. I feel like I should leave university and see the world before it is too late, studying just seems pointless if I'm never going to have to use it. People need to wake up and realize that we need to change our ways to save ourselves.

We owe it to those who follow.

As a mere teenage girl with one of the shortest attention spans you'll ever meet who still confuses her lefts and rights, it astounds me how not just countless adults, but countless adults who hold the power and authority to make executive decisions in our society, fail to open their eyes and accept the fact that climate change is real. Not to be rude, but what kind of idiocy does it take to completely dismiss the evident detriment humankind is facing today due to our poor decisions starting from when the industrial revolution rose to be (which was not even that long ago in perspective with the countless years of damage we have already managed to make)? Communities are being destroyed due to the increasing amount and intensities of natural catastrophes. Wildlife is suffering and ceasing to exist as each day goes by. Our planet is falling apart right beneath us and there is no time except now for us to take action. Am I scared? Absolutely. I'm in my last year of high school at the moment so the question of "What are you going to do after post secondary" arises a lot. A much too common response I've heard and even said, "Why does it even matter? We're all gonna be dead by then anyway". It may be a joke to dismiss the seriousness of this huge decision we are soon to face going into post-secondary, but there does lie some truth behind it and that terrifies me. Humanity deserves more than what we've done. We have so much potential, and we'll never be able to use it if we continue on track the way we are. Am I angry? Yes, I certainly am. I am angry that the people in power refuse to acknowledge the legitimacy of this problem. I am angry that influential persons in society such as millionaires and billionaires overlook the problem of climate change and sit back on their millions while the rest of the world suffers. I am angry that it is my future in their hands and adults in power refuse to act on this. We need action, and I'll say it again, we need it NOW. As individuals we need to reduce our carbon footprints; walk more, fly less, eat less meat and buy locally. Think and act sustainably. What is absolutely essential for this to work at a large scale effect is governments need to take action. Europe has already banned single-use plastics, why can't we? I work at a grocery store and the amount of plastic bags some customers ask for is absurd. The \$0.05 charge we have on plastic bags does not do enough to discourage people from its usage but instead simply acts as the most minor of inconveniences. Ban them. We can surely live without it. And now metal straws have been adopted as a cringy trait of a mindless, commonly referred to as, "VSCO girl". Okay, so maybe my bin of scrunchies and unironic use of tik tok may qualify me under said category, but I encourage anyone to terminate any use of single-use plastics and if that means I fall into this stereotype with my metal straw then so be it (I have yet to purchase a hydroflask though,,, too pricey but admittedly very cute). Stop using coal. Stop burning petrol. Stop worsening the atmosphere our very lives depend on by adding exponential amounts of greenhouse gases into it, causing irreversible and disastrous damage to all of humanity's home, Earth. The rate we are consuming natural resources is nowhere near sustainable and we need to work towards switching to green, renewable sources immediately. My view of the future, although still uncertain career-wise, is one where all of humankind collectively works toward fixing this problem. All nations of all ages, because this affects everyone. Not just me, or my kids, or their generations to follow, but everyone who ever has and ever will exist on this very planet because we owe it to our ancestors, ourselves, and all those who follow.

It's affecting our lives. Mental and physical health.

I live in a province that's a huge part of climate change. The oil province. We have pipelines, oil rigs, you name it. And it tears me apart. I'm at an age where I can vote, I can actually have an impact on who's leading and what happens. Obviously I want to vote to get rid of the pipelines, to find green alternatives. But... if I do that, my family loses jobs. My friends. Climate change isn't just affecting our environment, it's affecting our live. Mental and physical health. Jobs. Regardless, I still look forward to a future with green grass - not yellow or brown - and clean rivers, lakes, and oceans.

Broken, Dirty, Unsafe, Violent

I am extremely disappointed on the topic of climate change. What is the point for studying in school, if the future is uncertain. I am worried about my kids - I love kids and am worried about my family. Future: Broken, Dirty, Unsafe, Violent

They need to act so we can survive.

not going to lie i'm scared. we had a debate in one of my high school classes the other day: whether or not climate change is real. half of the class thought it wasn't our problem, that it would be the next generations who would have to deal with it. i don't really know how i feel about that because i what i see says that it's our problem. i agree with that. even if it's not our problem, we should still start to solve it now. we don't want future generations to see us how we see the boomers of today. we need to act now. thinking about this also

makes me angry because most people just brush it off. this is a problem that we need to solve now. we need to do something now while we still can. irreversible damage has already been done and if we don't act fast there will be absolutely no chance of it being a problem for future generations. there won't be future generations. politicians and celebrities and anyone who has any kind of platform need to put their power to use. they need to act so that we can survive.

People who had nothing to say are the biggest victims.

The people who are most vulnerable get hit the hardest. The people who live most in harmony with nature suffer the consequences of climate change the most. The people who live the way we're all supposed to live, are the ones who are fucked. We, in first world countries, are the ones who messed up this planet and the people who had nothing to say in this process are the biggest victims.

I want to feel clean and free.

Climate change is something that I feel is destroying our home, the earth and if we don't do something to stop we won't have a future or place anymore. I am absolutely terrified. It scares me that if I ever have kids or grandkids they won't know the world I've seen and loved. I'm angry that more hasn't been done and we have gotten to this extent of damage. We can press for policy change and try to make an impact through influencers. My view of the future is how it must have been 100 years ago. Clear skies filled with birds, rivers and oceans that I want to swim in, clean streets without debris, clean air. I want to be able to hear the birds and the crickets, I want it to smell like a field or a rainstorm in spring. I want to feel clean and free.

Our future depends on what we do now.

climate change is a complicated topic that needs to be dealt with sooner rather than later. it scares me because most people don't even think about it, but climate change is impacting us more every single day. young people, like me need to take initiative because our future depends on what we do now.

Our world is ending as we know it.

Climate change is affecting out natural resources, animals, and so much more. It affects animals chances of survival, and same with ours. Some people and animals don't get a chance at life. Our world is ending as we know it. We could be sitting in lawn chairs on a

summerafternoon and the sun could explode destroying everything. And we wouldn't be able to stop it. Because of this we would all be dead and the earth would be destroyed and there would be no new generations. CLIMATE CHANGE ENDS NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Take a look at what's happening to the world.

Climate change terrifies me. My anxiety makes me feel constantly worried about the future, but I never thought much about the death of our planet because I thought governments and corporations had that under control. After reading the statistics and becoming more informed over the past year, I've realized something huge - they don't. I'm afraid that there will never be a payoff for all my hard work. I'm afraid that the future won't look like the present. I'm afraid of people who still believe that climate change is a hoax because they cannot step outside of their privileged lives to take a look at what's happening to the world.

Come together.

Climate change is a huge issue in the world we live in. It shows in the smallest yet most terrifying ways, for example one day it's 35 degrees outside and then the next it's 5 degrees, I may live in Canada but that much

of a drastic change is not normal. I'm terrified for our future and for how much time we have left if we don't buckle down. Come together and try to fix the issue that we have on our hands here.

There is no Planet-B.

Honestly climate change is depressing. It sucks because we can try to do something about it but it won't save the earth, we've done too much damage. Global warming is something that is real and a very important topic to discuss. There is no Planet-B. Everyone knows about recycling, switching

to metal straws, and all that but are we actually doing that? I use plastic on a daily basis and put it in the trash afterwards, I have littered a lot and not thought about what my actions are doing. We can try to change but is every single person going to change? Is all this protesting really going to get us somewhere?

Everything I do will be taken from me.

I'm scared that everything I want and am preparing for (marriage, kids career, old age) is gonna be taken from me. I'm terrified of death in general but the thought that our world could collapse in front of my children's eyes or my elderly eyes is fucking scary. I've always been scared of the future....but now moreso. I'm scared that everything I do will be taken from me.

The world was bright and new and exciting and every day felt like the start to something amazing. The wind would kiss my cheeks to say hello and now it only rains to wipe my tears because I'm scared I won't have the chance to grow old.

Now it only
rains.

We need system change.

When I was younger, I had dreams and aspirations for my future and now I have anxieties. Climate change is the most significant problem because it will affect every single living thing on this planet. I'm scared of how I will live in the future, and how we might have to fight our whole lives just to survive, just to see another day. I'm angry because this isn't a crisis that came without warning. Climate change has been worsening for years. There have been so many signs, and so many people telling us what has been going on, and now there are hundreds of thousands of people striking for change and still nothing is being done by people with outstanding power. As individuals, we can do little things, change our diets, our lifestyles, our consumption habits, but ultimately we need monumental change. We need system change. We need reform, and maybe a bit of revolution, too. I'm hopeful but pragmatic about the future, despite all the things I've said. I think that the future will be hectic and overwhelming in whatever happens, whether it be change that leaves us breathless, or decay that consumes us. The future to me looks like a battle, smog and smoke in the first places to get hit the hardest, the smoggy cities quiet and fading. And then, where many people are still fighting, severe weather, the sounds of the news on most televisions, the smell of moss and sunscreen and sweat. Sounds of trains, people on bikes with their little bells. Some days living is uncomfortable, some days it feels like there is an upcoming test you need to prepare for (urgent).

United people will never be defeated.

hello, my name is Angel and I am from Spain and I am very scared by the climate change, the world is getting hotter, the rains are destroying everything and our rulers only think about earning more money ... we need a change, and we are the change . p.s: the united people will never be defeated.

We are poluting our lives.

I feel very unfortunate to be born into this world where we can literally see these changes every day and have been able to see them for years. And NO ONE is preventing anything. And it is only now that people are standing up, which is good. But we are the reason for all these awful things!! And those who don't believe that this is a real thing, will soon be hit with the harsh reality. STOP USING PLASTIC STRAWS STOP DRIVING FURTHER THAN YOU NEED TO AND START CARPOOLING!!!! WE ARE POLUTING THE WORLD WITH GARBAGE, WE ARE POLUTING THE AIR WE BREATHE IN. WE ARE DESTROYING AND POLUTING OUR LIVES. think about it.

I'm scared because we've been taught to care for ourselves and for our loved ones but not to care for our own home. Now cherish the grass we walked on and the water we swim in. I'm scared because there are so many beautiful things being destroyed and i feel hopeless at 17. I wonder why the most powerful people can't see that they are threatened to and the lives of the people they leave behind in this world are at risk..

The lives they leave behind are at risk.

I hope to see the planet in a positive light.

Climate change is real and I feel as though our political leaders are not taking it seriously and are not taking appropriate measures to get it under control. Secondly, something that scares me the most, is that soon one day, our earth will be gone. Many believe we have unlimited resources to utilize and the fact is- Time is running out rapidly. Thirdly, it angers me that political parties are not focused on preserving our earth. It is essential that we make an action plan to put our planet back on to a recovery. As previously mentioned above, governments around the world should come together and leaders should agree on a 5 year action plan, leading our earth to preservation. Finally, in the near future, I hope to see the planet in a positive light. This would look like tones of green space that people aren't aloud to build on, recreational spaces and activities for communities to participate in, and people coming together for a greater cause. In conclusion, I just wanted to personally thank Scott for taking time to address this issue.

We've neglected for far too long.

I have a friend who says "climate change isn't an immediate threat to us" but I disagree you just have to see what's happening around the world to see what climate change is doing. Look at the amazon rainforest. Look at the Great Barrier Reef. Look at the icebergs.

Our world is dying and it's our fault and if we want to give our children and our children's children a healthy earth we need to start looking after it because we've neglected it for far too long.

Our damage will be irreversible much faster.

Climate change does scare me because well first of all I'm from Ireland and we have never had hurricanes and I mean EVER but in the last 2 years we have had two pretty large ones along with massive snow storms and extreme temperatures also which we have never had before and if things have changed so much so quickly how much will happen in the next few years. It makes me mad that people deny that it's happening even though the evidence is pretty clear and not just here in Ireland but all over the world. I can see very soon in the future that mass extinctions will begin and I doubt we can do anything about it, I guess that's what scares me the most. I think that our damage will be irreversible much faster than we are being told and I really don't think we even have enough time to change our ways and live a still good lifestyle.

We can't let our planet be taken away from us.

I hate calling climate change a passion of mine because it shouldn't be something I need to spend hours worrying about. I'm fifteen and should be having fun with my friends, not worried that I will not be able to

fulfill my dreams because people fucked up the world. Nature is where I, as well as many other people feel most at peace. If it wasn't for nature I'd be in a very bad place right now. We can't let our planet be taken away from us.

We can't go down without a fight.

I'm terrified of climate change. the thought that i (18yrs old) might not have a future ahead of me keeps me up at night. i'm in university now and i constantly think about how little time i may have left if climate change becomes irreversible and about how i'm wasting what little time left working towards a degree that might never be used. i should be out traveling, spending time with my family and friends, enjoying what's left of my short life before the world ends due to preventable climate crises. i feel helpless, frustrated and furious that the people who could make a difference won't. i hate that i'm newly an adult, supposed to have my entire life ahead of me still but worrying about whether or not i'll get to realize it. i want to be a doctor, but with roughly 10 years of school ahead of me still im so worried i won't ever get to practice medicine. i want a future where i can fall hopelessly, head over heels in love and raise a family without the fear of the world collapsing at any moment lingering over our heads. i want to practice medicine and save people, not from climate emergencies but from sports injuries and better the lives of people who can go back to them without wondering if it was their last day on earth. i want a future without uncertainty, without having to make the most of every day because we never know if it could be the last. i don't want to watch as animal species disappear, as food sources dwindle and as the air becomes too toxic to breathe. i don't want to watch forests burn or oceans boil. and yet what can i do? vote strategically, march on city hall in every town and make my daily life choices to do my part but unless politicians, ceos and global leaders make an impact on their scale nothing will get done. they've taken my optimistic view of the world, the childlike wonder and respect for authority and replaced it with fire and anger towards those we entrust to keep us safe. i want a future where i can trust in the decisions leaders make without worrying about how it's going to destroy something along the line. i want a future of happiness, of peace, of calm. i just want a future.

Starvation will eventually be knocking on their doors.

I live in a farming community in rural America. If anywhere had evidence of global warming—it's here. The weather is crazier than ever with extremes happening at atypical times. Exhausted to be outlier data is becoming the new norm. Scorching highs, freezing lows, droughts, and flooding are leaving farmers

bankrupt. When food can't grow, mass extinction is on the horizon. It doesn't matter how rich and powerful the politicians are that deny climate change, because starvation will eventually be knocking on their doors, just as it has been in third world countries.

We're in danger.

We are in danger. Our whole world as we know it is changing. Sometimes, I feel hopeless and there is nothing I can do alone that will save us from what is happening in 11 years. But then I see the protests, and the new inventions and the changes being made for a more sustainable life. I believe the world has hope. The millions of people fighting for change, the many who feel such a passion for our world that they won't leave without a fight. I get scared, but I believe we have a real shot at turning this all around. Humans have destroyed habitats, endangered animals, melted permafrost from their greed and self-benefit. But I see change in their ignorance. I see people joining forces. I see political leaders fighting more change, making plans for a sustainable world. I remember the stigma of vegans and vegetarians and how they were always at the butt of the joke. I used to laugh and agree. Now I eat vegan and vegetarian options as much as possible and invest in those businesses instead of major fast food chains to do my part. I try to buy products with reusable packaging and cut down on my plastic waste. I always donate my clothing or make it into something else. I started growing many plants in my home. I am always watching videos to become more educated on how I can do my part in preventing further damage to our planet. I get scared. What about the other countries of the world? What about MY country? How can I be sure the people I vote in keep their promises on helping climate change issues? What if the disbelievers outweigh the believers? But then I see Fridays for Future and I have hope. I see the numbers, the photos, the passion in their eyes and know that we can't go down without a fight.

It's not just a bad dream anymore.

Climate change is a major issue that needs to have more attention placed on it. I think that the scariest part of it for me is that there might not be a next generation. That my kids won't be able to live a fulfilling life because of all the awful things that the climate will bring upon the earth. We were all placed on the earth for a reason and not being able to experience it all is terrifying. We should be worrying about other things, not that the world might not make it. In the future things could take a turn for the worst, and we should

be taking more action on it now while we have the chance. Before things become unchangeable. I picture people in terror because it's too late. Running from things we could have prevented. But didn't have the audacity then to care. We need to see a major difference in the world soon, or we might not get to see what the earth has to offer, and am honestly terrified that the worst might actually happen and that it's not just a bad dream anymore

In soon time.

I feel like the government isn't going to do anything about it and yes I'm scared for not only my future boy others too, I don't know when or how the government will fix this but I really hope it is soon.

I'm thinking about the now.

Climate Change is scary for me. I can't ever picture my future being the same when I'm an adult because most likely the things I know today are not gonna be here when I have kids. We are too busy with politics to remember our one and only home is slowly being destroyed. Even though I have so much doubt, I also have so much hope in the future. There are so many teens now that care about this planet and more that they will make a difference. They will see politics as a chance to change the environment and maybe even run for Prime Minister/President. Even though our earth is slowly dying, I'm not thinking about the future I'm thinking about now and how we can help in the present day.

We can make it become something great.

It's the most unheard of subject now a days, yet it's the one problem that is the most relevant. A lot of the times people blame the change on us on this generation when in all reality it was the generations above us that messed up the earth that we now live in. So it's up to us to make that change. It's something that scares me and immensely, the fact that maybe our days left on this earth are numbered. We've been blamed as a generation, but I think we've also been known as a generation to stand up and fight for what we believe in, and it's now time to take a

change and stop waiting for others to do it for us. We want a better future, we have to make the future better for us and for our future generations. I think we've all heard countless amount of things we could do to make change but no one takes action, and before it's too late I hope we come to our senses and act. The future is literally in our hands, we can make it to become something great. We can be known as the generation that changed the world literally or as the generation that damned the world. It's up to us.

How long till the point of no return?

Although there are some who ignorantly refuse to acknowledge this very real and looming crisis, I know that I'm doing everything in my power to do my part. I live in Alberta, Canada so not dealing with Trump's dumbassery is definitely eco friendly for all of us here. Recycling everything, composting, using bars of soap instead of excessive bottles, thrift shopping, etc. But even though I'm doing this and know the general stats of the climate and how long until the point of no return, I'm unfazed. Completely free of fear. I can't even begin to imagine a world that is ending, animals dropping dead like crazy, the sun burning us. I just can't picture it, so no I'm not scared. I'm indifferent and I'm angry. Angry that people are bashing Greta Thunberg for trying her best, angry that those people aren't doing anything at all to save the planet, angry that "it's not their problem". I just want to live a life where I can actually enjoy being alive.

Protect Mother Nature's freedom, whatever the expense.

I live in a very republican environment here In Utah. With the exception of a small group of people, most of us artists, creators, and musicians, people ridicule climate change. Make it a laughing stock, joke about straws killing turtles, point out exceptionally beautiful days and say "how could days like this happen if we are killing the earth?" I'm

sick of it being looked at like a joke. Like I'm trying to get something out of speaking for my earth. I don't care about your loyalty to a country or a flag, that all means nothing if you aren't loyal to this big beautiful rock we all take for granted. It's our job to consume responsibly to protect Mother Nature's freedom, whatever the expense.

Our world could be gone.

I have just started to look into this topic about a month and a half or two months ago, and I can't believe what is happening to our world. If we don't start dealing with these issues soon, our world could be gone before we know it. If we don't act soon then nothing is going to change and the only habitable planet we know will be destroyed not because of animals and plants and earth it self, but because humans can't take care of ourselves or our planet. This terrifies me because if our earth can survive without us, but we can't survive without it, and day by day, our earth weakens, and so do we. Per say we do end up killing our planet, well it will come back and flourish as it once did as it has been through so much including the ice age, earthquakes, tsunamis, and so much more. We use so much that the earth has to offer, like oil, wood, food, and more. At the rate we are using these resources, we could possibly run out by 2050. Because of this entire ecosystems are collapsing, and there has been nothing done about it. I'm only 14 years old and I have so much life ahead of me, and I don't want it to be ruined because human beings can't take care of our planet. Some small things you can do in your everyday life are bring a reusable water bottle instead of buying plastic ones. This helps reduce plastic and saves money long term. You can try to cut out as many animal products as you can. Eating less meat can lower greenhouse gases by a TON. Using anything reusable is such a help to our environment, whether that be straws, bags, water bottles and so much more. If we could all start living a more sustainable lifestyle then we could live on this planet for longer, and so the planet will live longer.

We should be doing things about it.

I am worried about climate change. it scares me to think that in 20 years kids might be learning about the Amazon Desert not the Amazon Rainforest. I feel like as a society that is so worried about it, we should be doing things about it. I'm angry about the fact that everyone is saying how we need to change it, but they're just sitting on their ass not doing anything about it. We really should be reducing our carbon foot print and output. My ideal view about our future is that we still

have icebergs and trees. We have a bunch of rainforests and all the animals are still there. It rains when it should and there is not threat of melting ice caps or burning rainforests. Maybe this could be possible if people car pooled and payed attention to how much they were doing and not just sitting on their ass's saying how much they were going to fucking do. if you can't tell i'm not very happy about it.

There is change in the air.

Climate change is the scariest thing I've had to face yet. As a teenager I'm supposed to worry about crushes, grades and whether I'm gonna go to the football game Friday. Instead, I'm worrying whether my children will talk about polar bears like I talked about unicorns. I'm worrying whether my children will have to grow up knowing the worst of the environmental consequences are just starting. Enraged is the best word I can use to describe the onslaught of emotions I have about this issue. I feel as though those in power know our world is on a clock, but they won't be there when we get 2 minutes to midnight, and they don't feel guilty, not that they must act. It's our responsibility as young people to tell them what it means, because while they will live, we need the chance to survive. I can see it all around me, people's concern turning to fear. In order to get out of the disastrous things we have done and are doing, we need to change the way our system functions. Decrease the number of industrialized (non free range) farms we have, put more money into the transfer from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources like solar and wind, and to limit air importation by buying locally sourced products made in proximity to us. Most of all, we need to take to the streets and make our voices the loudest noise instead of the tractors cutting down our trees. There is change in the air, and it will either power our sails or blow us all away.

Maybe we can heal her.

The planet holds the most breathtaking views, people, experiences all things that make me want to fall in love and find passion hidden in the most tiniest of details. My entire soul aches at the thought of our species aiding in

the downfall of our planet. Everything I do I do it for Mother Nature. She needs all the help we can get. I'm just one small person but if all of our small selves work together maybe we can help heal her.

We will hold on to our hope.

Climate Change is 100% real. I've accepted it, but I am still scared for us. The Earth will survive this, but humanity will not - that is the most terrifying part. How can politicians and leaders of our government avoid taking action, ignore the youth, and give us empty promises? Now, because of their ignorance and deceit, the only way for change to happen is to join the movement. Greta Thunberg is the future and powerful leaders are afraid of that. She is rallying all the youth to save ourselves from this mass extinction that the leaders of the world are pretending will not happen. The future looks bleak, but we will hold on to our hope.

The air make me sick and weak.

Climate change does scare me on where it's about to become. Personally, the pressure change in the air has a great effect on me. It makes me become very sick and weak with an outrageous migraine. Over the years the pressure i experience gets worse and I am concerned to wear my health may lead if action isn't taken. I think a great step to take action is by banning plastic bags, straws & cups. Local stores can begin by having refillable stations for stuff like; milk, juice, toothpaste, cereal, shampoo/soap

etc. Literally anything it can be like those candy machines, well similar. Another step could start with the manufacturers and how product is packaged. I worked in a retail store and noticed that there was a lot of unnecessary plastic wrap sleeves in already packaged product. I believe we should all be monitoring our waste, and thoroughly rinsing out our recycling that way the system can properly work. That was just some ways I believe we can help with climate change.

We speak boldly about our planet's helath.

The climate crisis is absolutely terrifying. Eco system are collapsing, ocean levels are rising, and we're losing magnificent species everyday. The fact that it has taken this long for people to start reacting this way is disgraceful. I am proud to be a part of the generation that is speaking out so boldly about our planets health.

It's not my fault but it's my problem.

I am 13. I am scared. I have dealt with a lot of anxiety but this is next level. At first a lot of my anxiety was irrational (Birds, Bugs, ect...). I am scared that when I am older and have a child

that I will just be giving birth to them knowing they could die. Nothing can "fix" this anxiety without real change. It's not my fault but it is my problem.

Every person must do their part.

Climate change absolutely terrifies me. Just the other day, my friend and I were discussing our reluctance to have children because of the crisis. We're only 17. I'm scared by the thought of one day bringing a child into this toxic environment. I'm scared of what their quality of life would be, and quite frankly, I'm scared for what my own will be. I don't want to grow old with a dying planet. I want to leave it behind knowing that it's safe and healing, but that will never happen if we don't address climate change. Every person must do their part, big or small, because it affects all of our futures.

The goal is to make change.

Our future is so unpredictable but the only thing for certain is that if we don't act there will be no future. I'm scared for our generation, and I'm angry because the media and older generations refuse to listen to science and dismiss us, the people demanding change, as hysterical, brainwashed teenagers who cannot think for themselves. The media referred to the Youth Climate Strike as a 'climatology cult' and implied that we were there only because our parents had told us about climate change not for our own reasons. I was at the climate strike in Washington DC and it was heartbreaking to see young children there demanding change because they should not need to worry about whether they will be able to have a future. Everyone there had a single goal in mind and that goal is to make change. Collectively we are powerful and we can take action if the people whose job it is to protect our future refuse to do so.

Why can't we work together?

Everyone is so angry lately. I'm taking a piss currently and cant lie about that, but this shit is fucked. I need more friends. Everyone is so disconnected and it's so sad but true. Everyday when I leave work I mention the climate changing and everyone kind of chuckles...why can't we all just work to save mother earth together??

Will the unlucky ones be around to see this happen?

My main goal in life is to be a mother. Amongst all the feminism and female empowerment and ability to become whatever you want to be, I want to be what women have for centuries. I believe I'll feel empowered having my body create life. But I fear for my children and what they'll be growing up in. Will they be healthy? Will the environment around me have detrimental effects on them? Will they be able to play outside, have fun in the snow, go to the playground? They may be robbed of the sheer simplicity and beauty of being a child. One day, the world will all end. Which part of my generation will be the unlucky ones around to see this happen?

Small things can make a big difference.

Climate change is a crazy thing and I can't believe people still believe that it is not real. It scares me that the world could honestly die because of us. It scares me that people are so ignorant and blind to this world crisis and can't see how much we have changed our earth and tore it apart. I am so angry that we just sit on our devices and post and share things about climate change but never get up and do anything about it. We continue to do the same and expect everyone else to make a change even though we aren't doing anything. Something we could do about it is start as a community and plant trees or save electricity, just these small things can make a big difference because obviously we can't just stop using fossil fuels right now at this second. If we don't to me our future will look horrible, we won't have any trees, fresh water, food, clean air and money will have no worth.

Why are we waiting?

I am terrified about the future. I am 15 years old and I already have to worry about my future and the future of our planet. I am furious that boys and girls my age are being left a legacy of climate change to cleanup. If we don't change now we will never have a future. Our children will face the same problems if we don't handle this now. The future is dark unless we make change now. Why are we waiting? Reduce your carbon footprint and stand to fight for a brighter future!

Our world is sick.

If we don't change our habits and the world now and if we don't come together for this global crisis we will fail. In this life do the same in the next life. Aliens could possibly be humans from the future and that's what we evolve to because of how destroyed our world becomes. When we're sick we're quick to call in and try all of the medications and methods not to be sick anymore. Our world is sick and not nearly enough of us are fighting to heal it.

We've run out of time to save it.

Growing up, I always went to Girl Guide camp in the summer - the nearest one to Ottawa... going there at age 8 for the first time all the nature and everything was so beautiful and clean - I remember mentally noting how clear and stunning the water was; especially when the light would hit it perfectly and you could see all the little stones and the shine in the grains of sand. My last year there was in 2018, and my god had the water changed; it was brown and muggy, the trash that washed up unbearable, it was no longer that encapsulated memory I had, but a broken down version of something I once knew. The camp as a whole was different, the nature's vibe no longer a positive escape from the city, but muggy like the water - slowly the camp's water became undrinkable in certain cabins, trees were dying, animals were leaving; the raccoons that were the mascots of camp Woolsey, gone... climate change took them, it's taken my memories and tarnished them with its carbon emissions, pollution and more. This past summer was the last that my precious camp was open, and we've run out of time to save it; we can't let our planet become that camp.

We can fix it.

everyone has played a part in contributing to the climate crisis, and therefore everyone is responsible for taking action to change it. what scares me most about all of this is people's willingness to continue to destroy our home. the idea that we have already done too much damage to our planet to recover is a destructive one, as it encourages people to give up, as they feel there is nothing left to be done. I recently took a trip to Hawai'i, which made a very large impact on my perspective of nature. going on hikes, and being near some of the most beautiful plants, trees, and animals i'd ever seen was a real eye opener for me, and made me realize how much we would lose if we stopped trying. it's crazy to think that there was a time where there was hardly any carbon emissions, pollution, or garbage lying around. A time where people lived free of dirty air and water. a time when there were only plants and animals. this planet has seen so many beautiful things and it saddens me that we are destroying that. the future is uncertain, but we have to do everything we can to fix this issue we have created. and while small things like using less plastic are helpful, there is a much larger problem at hand that will take the participation of every person, company, city, state, and country to fix.

I want them to explore.

To me, climate change is a very big issue that nobody cares about because they think it will be solved by someone else, little do they know everyone else thinks the same thing, our planet is being destroyed more and more everyday because of pollution caused by things like cars, littering, and plastic. we throw thing on the ground and they're expected to be picked up and disappear. people are trying to make differences but we use technology the wrongs way when we should be spreading awareness. we're so caught up in new technology that we don't care that soon there could be more plastic in the ocean than fish, we dont care that the animals are dying. everything is in the ecosystem for a reason, but we are just destroying that, and by destroying that we're destroying our earth. we are the only reason people can't make a difference. we are getting in the way by not paying attention and not caring about the important things. we can't just leave it to the others to fix our mistakes because this is an emergency and soon it'll be too late. how are we supposed to fix things when the people that do know how to are gone? we should be using social media to keep updated about what's happening, but instead we're just looking at other people in our lives like we know them. we need to realize that the oceans aren't going to clean themselves, fires aren't going to put themselves out, and we need to fix it. the littlest things could make such a big difference in the world if everyone did them. like recycling, and eating everything off your plate at dinner. these little things are the start of differences, because even though these are emergencies we still need to take things step by step. it scares me, and everyday hurts me more and more. i try to make a difference by recycling and eating everything off my plate. but those things need to happen with everyone to be able to work completely. you just need to do your part first. it scared me because i don't want to live in a world where so many cars are driving that i can't breath fresh air, or that there are no more forests to produce that much fresh air anymore. i don't want their to be more plastic in the ocean than fish. i don't want to have kids if they're just going to live in a world where garbage fills the streets and plastic fills the ocean. i want them to be able to explore the coral reefs and mountains like i do. it makes me upset more and more everyday, and all i wish for is for enough awareness to go around that people will actually start to change. i don't want our planet to die, especially because it has so much to live for.

We need to get more attention.

honestly i'm pretty terrified about climate change. the fact that we can literally see the drastic changes in the weather every year is so scary. i'm saddened that my future children could possibly not have a long healthy life at the cause of climate change. to help improve the climate crisis I think we need to get more attention from governments and big companies. also, do the small things that can

help in our daily lives such as carpooling, switching from plastic bottles to a refillable water bottle and not using a car when the destination is in walking distance. Most people think that doing this won't have an impact and it's just big cooperates that are destroying the earth but if everyone pitches in just a little it will help so much!

One thing at a time.

I'm terrified. And furious. And confused. The climate crisis already is and has been a reality, but everyone has been living in ignorant bliss while the health of our planet slowly declines. I dream of a future where I marry the love of my life and start our family and grow old together sitting on a porch swing. But with the ones most capable of change and the ones most responsible for the damage so far choosing to ignore the quickly approaching demise of our planet, I'm afraid that dream will continue to be just a dream. The complete rejection of the science is idiotic, selfish, and above all dangerous. I'm an optimist at heart but the future is grim if nothing changes. To anyone reading-- do ANYTHING you can to help. You don't have to do everything, you don't have to change your lifestyle overnight, but one thing at a time will help. Because if you don't, who will?

Sacrifice for the greater good.

1. Climate change is an obvious problem that needs to get fixed. The generation before me had their time to live and be free and not think about the consequences. Now that leaves us with the cleanup and the feeling of being trapped by our own ancestors. 2. Yes 3. What scares me the most is not being able to do my part and help because my family's income is largely brought about by the oil and gas industry which is not the only problem but is one of them. 4. Yes. 5. Like I said before my generation doesn't have the freedom to grow because we're stuck having to cleanup. 6. TALK ABOUT IT!!!! We have to stop pretending that this problem is going to fix itself. It's not and we need to be the change. 7. The future without a change is one of restrictions and permanent problems. The one where we do anything and everything we can is one of hardwork and possible sacrifice for the greater good of the people to come after us.

We have to deal with it now!

I Feel like everyone should be concerned about this issue because it involves everybody; the richs, the poors, womens, mens, etc. I am scared! I'm scared because it may be already too late and it will affect future generations like our children and grandchildren and they don't have to deal with this, it our fault, we have to deal with it now! I am angry that older generations did not take larger actions, that they did not think about the effects surconsumation have on us and the future. I'm angry that all they though about was money. I wish to have a brighter future than the one shapped ahead of me. I wish future generations would know what it is like to see the nature reviving after the a cold winter. You may not see it, you may not feel or smell it but it there it is getting warmer. What you can see though is people really fighting for this cause and getting together to change all that and with really hard work we will someday, soon I hope.

I know it's hard and unfair.

I feel deeply sad when I think of climate change. I get infuriated when it's said to not be real or isn't something that's actually going to happen. Because the truth is my future is now up in the air. Should I have kids or am I contributing to the overpopulation of the earth? If I do have kids with the earth even be habitable for their whole life? Can I eat cheese (not a major one but I really like cheese)? I think for me the "easiest" change would be for people to stop eating meat for the time being. The amazon rainforest and so much other land is continually stripped for the purposes of meat production. I know it's hard and unfair. But processed meat is killing the planet. There's a big difference between meat in a local farm and the acres and acres of land for McDonald burger production. I hope one day our future won't be in peril. We can live life sustainably better in every aspect.

It will feel muggy and humid.

I think that climate change is a norm in our society at this point. It's insanely sad, and very disappointing. I am scared for my children and grandchildren, I am scared that they are going to be forced to live in a toxic bubble of a world. I am angry that one of the big causes is pollution which can be produced by big factories. I am angry that all of these companies only care about themselves and the well being of their company. It is disgusting. I am mad that we can do something about it but no one is forcing changes and no one is informing adults and children. We can use eco friendly cars and other motor vehicles. We can transition to clean, renewable energy sources. We can recycle and use composting methods. The list is endless. I feel that we have a dark future. I feel that many companies and buildings around us will be forced to have wind turbines and solar panels. The air will be muggy, and there will be constant haze in the air. It will sound like construction, because of the constant building to our cities to try to save us. It will feel muggy and humid and not healthy to breathe outside. This is a little bit of my opinion.

The world is burning.

The world is burning. And no one is doing anything productive to STOP IT. I'm angry. I'm fucking pissed. I want a world for my children....my grandchildren. Climate deniers pick and choose facts that suit their point of view, while ignoring scientific fact. Maybe if they opened their eyes and mind a little more, they could help change the planet.

It takes all of us.

The idea that the world we all know and love is slowly disappearing before our eyes, and the fact that many politicians are not willing to make some sacrifices in order to preserve our beautiful planet, is ridiculous. Teenagers preach about "save the turtles" and climate strike on Fridays but on their way back they all buy slurpees, (which come in entirely single use plastic, a huge threat to our environment). The reality is, if we all care about the environment as much as we say we do, we need to make some sacrifices, and educate ourselves on what is really important. I'm scared that the cynics and skeptics of our generations will be the downfall of mankind and the world as we see it today. The people that either don't acknowledge climate change, or say that it's not as big of a deal as everybody says it is. Those are the people that refuse to recycle or compost or reduce their carbon emission, because "it's third world countries that are the real threat to the environment" or that they "won't recycle until India does." The people who don't realize that the only way we can make a difference is to do as much we can. We need to stop playing the blame game and just start taking action. People like Greta Thunberg have gotten the media's attention, so now is the time to figure out what we can do as individuals to help the climate crisis. Because it will take all of us.

Mind a little more.

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The future is in our hands.

My entire life it's been drilled into my head that we need to save our planet. When I was younger it was all about planting trees and turning the water off when you brush your teeth, then, that transformed into how we need to cut carbon emissions then, how single use plastics need to be banned. Today this has all come to a forefront, EVERYTHING. Honestly in my opinion there has always been an issue but it all depends on who is listening. I'm young yet my whole generation feels they are carrying the weight of the world. The future is in our hands. I'm terrified of the future but, I have hope because for once people are listening. I'm frustrated because the biggest decisions regarding climate change are being made by governments and people who are only concerned with their bottom line. You know what's amazing? It took a 16 year old girl to wake up millions of people. Not a politician. Not a millionaire. A 16 year old girl. That means anyone can drive change. When I have kids they'll play in our backyard filled with milkweed for the monarch butterflies. We'll visit the ocean, it'll be clean and the coral reefs will be prosperous. In school they will not learn about the downfall of our planet they will learn about how we saved it. When I walk outside the crisp clean air will fill my lungs. The sweet sound of countless songbirds dance around my ears. I will look around at strangers faces and there will be an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and pride.

We care about each other.

I think the world will only be a better place once we care about each other as much as we care about climate change. How come it's so easy for us to rally around climate issues, but it's hard to give to our change to people who are lying in the streets? How come we hate people simply because they believe other things than us? HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER is way more important than how we treat our earth. And how we treat our earth is INCREDIBLY important in and of itself.

It needs to be done NOW.

Climate Change is very real. As a sixteen year-old girl from a small town it's hard for me to picture our world collapsing, but it is and we need to listen to our mother earth she's begging for us to stop, screaming at our new ways of life and how we have destroyed her. One of our largest ecosystems is dying- The Amazon Forest, and although all that surrounds me is the people I know and the vast amount of farm land, I can't help but wonder and thank whatever God is out there that I have it as good as I do. Drought, fire winds up to 200km, the wars that come from lack of natural resources, deforestation, smog air, heatflashes, cold/freezing winters, malnutrition, lack of clean water. I deal with none of these problems that come from climate change. Yet many others do. Whole nations are suffering from the horrifying results of climate change. Something needs to be done. Something needs to be done NOW.

Everything sucks right now.

Climate change scares me. All the videos I see on social media and in the news, they all tell me the statistics of how long we have until it can no longer be reversed. Some say a few years and some even say a couple months. It makes me worried about my future. Even though sometimes I struggle coping with my present life, I have still always looked forward to going to university and moving and starting a family. To think that there's a very real chance that I won't get to experience that, deeply troubles me. That's what scares me the most, not being able to grow up and make mistakes and laugh and cry and become who I want to become. It makes me angry. I'm angry because I won't get to have the same experiences as my parents did. It angers me because the future generations won't get to ever see the world for the beautiful thing it used to be. But the thing that angers me the most is That people don't care... so much so that some refuse to believe it's even REAL?!?! Are these people too incompetent to merely open their eyes to see that ice caps are melting, its snowing in places it never snows and that soon there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish? We can't change our situation unless everyone is on board. The reality is that we are in too deep and if only a quarter of our population steps up, it'll be no use. We need countries and their leaders to step up and make big changes. Not just reusable straws. We need to cut our carbon emissions. We need to get rid of single use plastic. We need to stop the exploitation of our natural resources. And we need to grasp the concept that we have one place to live. No matter how much research we do, we can't live on mars or on the moon. We need to take care of the one place we can live. I want the future to be something I look forward too. But right now the future smells like garbage and gas. It sounds like car horns and factories. It feels hopeless. And it looks like an apocalypse. Some may find that description extreme, but it's not far from the truth. Everything sucks right now but we can change it.

Make the world live again.

The children are our future. We can't expect change without effort. That's something the world is lacking these days. Everyone wants work done FOR them, so tell me why when children are supposed to be kids, they're too busy fighting for our rights when the adults are sitting on their ass watching the television screen. You often don't associate anxiety with climate change, but you get anxiety when you realize that the world is ending due to carelessness and selfishness. You can't cover up the holes you've dug with a simple rug, expecting people to not fall through the cracks of society. The Earth is slipping away due to us humans taking advantage of our luxury we call life. Our children need to be kids, and the adults need to take actions for their consequences. The children are our future. Please let them see adulthood. 'Make America Great Again?' More like "Make The World Live Again".

If people stop buying, they'll stop producing.

Animal agriculture is terrible for the environment. By eating less meat and more plant based you can help the environment on a day to day basis! If people stop buying, they will stop producing. Being vegan can really make an impact on the environment. I suggest watching Cowspiracy if you want

to know more or just look it up for yourself. Even incorporating one meat free day a week will help! Thank you for creating a platform for us to share I think it is great what you are doing. Talking about it, raising awareness and demanding change is a great start to combating climate change!

This is our time.

Growing up I've always wanted to have a family of my own. My parents gave my siblings and I the opportunity of seeing the world and I wanted to give my future children the same experiences that I had. Travelling to see oceans, national parks, and mountains is something that you don't always appreciate until you see it in person. Unfortunately, those dreams are becoming less likely to become a reality. My future children may not get to see the blue ocean, and colourful sea beds that I once saw. They may not get the chance to climb those cold, icy mountains. They may not even get to visit cities that exist today due to climate change. It's a hard reality to accept. However, I do have hope that we can make a difference. I believe that our generation is one that can make the change. We have used our platforms, our voices, and our dedication to make changes in the past. This is our time, once again, to make another change.

A mass extinction is soon to happen.

I am terrified.. scared to bring kids to the world, to have grand children and bring them to a world much worse than mine. My small town in Ontario is struggling to keep up with all the big cities and the high schools are trying their best to make people aware but it is going to be a much slower process than what we presumed. There are still people who don't believe in scientific facts which I cannot explain how infuriating it is to hear them talk. Older people who think our generation is weak when we are trying our best to build a tougher world and even seeing kids not motivated enough to stop using plastic, going out less and bringing their own food to help the environment. Seeing kids not care enough to recycle is crazy when they know deep down it's wrong. I'm not too sure what our future is going to bring. All I know is it's probably going to get worse before it gets better and a mass extinction is soon to happen.

The time is near.

Climate change absolutely terrifies me. You see all the movies about the world coming to an end and at the time you think, "that's insane, that will never happen". But now the idea of it is becoming more and more real everyday. As a teenager, I'm scared for my future. It's sad to think that a way for me to help the earth is to not have kids, but I've always wanted to be a mother. If I do have kids, what danger am I putting them in by letting them be apart of this world? I feel helpless, like I can't live my life anymore because I'm afraid of what I might do to make the climate worse, and what can one person do to change it? yeah, those are some of my thoughts.

I'm still trying to work towards a future.

I'm terrified that I'm living for nothing. I feel guilty for everything I throw away because it just causes more waste to bury us in this mass grave that we call a planet. I'm only 17 and I feel like I won't have a future, but I'm still trying to work towards one.

Restore the climate.

Honestly, I am very scared for the future of our climate. One of my biggest dreams has always been to have children, and sometimes I consider NOT doing that because of the bleak outlook for our world and what it would look like for them. Will the ocean be so trash filled that my kids will garner diseases just by stepping into it? What will happen if there aren't enough trees to sustain oxygen and my babies don't have the air to breathe on their own? What if there isn't such a thing as 'the ice caps' by the time I'm even pregnant?! One of the most beautiful smells/experiences to me is the crisp, Autumn air and the burning of a campfire on the breeze. I can't imagine a world where this isn't a possibility, but horrifyingly enough, I'm sad to say that I can. I AM angry. I am VERY ANGRY that the generations before us have left our climate like this. Because it will be OUR world soon, and the fact that my children may not get to enjoy and experience the same things that I was so gracious enough to, pisses me the fuck off. But I don't want to just be angry (even if it is justified), I want to be passionate enough and powerful enough to take action. I think, if everyone (or at least the vast majority and the people in power right now) could have the mentality that we young people do, it would help. We need to expend all our possible efforts into restoring the climate, or at the VERY least, reducing our toxicity and waste. This applies to every country, every religion, and every political side. Climate matters, our choices matter, and my future - along with the future of so many others - m a t t e r s.

The air will be gone.

MY FEARS: I fear space. I know an odd thing to fear right? But no. It's much more deeper than that, You see we are one, One in a million One in a 100,000,000,000 Drifting on a rock, In a vast universe full of everything yet nothing. And because of this amazing concept I am scared... I am scared that we will fuck it all up I fear that one day, Because of our selfish ways, We will have to flee our home. The home that has been so giving to us, The home that saved us That gave us shelter OUR HOME. And leave, Travel through this vast nothing-ness All because we ruined our home. One day I fear the birds will not sing, The water Will not flow, The air will be gone, And our HOME broken. I fear my children will never see what OUR home has to offer. I fear myself, a teenager will not grow old enough to see the last sun set... That sun set will be clouded by smog clouds and that beach will be a sea of garbage, the smell will burn your eyes and the air will burn your lungs and the sun will burn your skin. And so I will savour each breath of my sweet air and I will spend my nights watching that orange glow, basking in the warmth it gives to me and I will close my eyes and I will whisper a lost silently not to ruin my moment. "Ill miss You I fear you Climate change. I fear you.

We will burn with it.

I'm scared because our world is up in flames and I'm angry because people say they care but they dont. I'm angry because they say they care about the environment but dont act upon it like they forget that actions speak louder than words. We won't have a future if we dont do anything about this. If we dont cut down on the amount of non biodegradable garbage we are throwing on the earth and if we dont cut down on our greenhouse emissions the world will burn. I can't picture my future knowing that we might not have one, knowing that my kids won't have one. I can't think about my future when we really need to think about the present. Its impossible to imagine a future when kids are sacrificing their educations to educate others about the crisis we are living in. If we dont do something soon, our world will burn and we will burn with it.

I keep waiting and waiting.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL. people who believe it isn't real are DUMB! I am terrified, i am terrified because I feel like i won't have a future. i feel betrayed and disappointed by society and the older generations for my making me believe i can accomplish great things and live a perfect picket fence life. my hopes and dreams have been snatched away in a blink of the eye. i was told i can have a family or a great job, but now it's feels like i've got no future and i'm living to die. i am almost at the point of giving up, i feel that at this point there isn't anything anyone can do to solve the problem. things simply aren't happening fast enough. i keep waiting and waiting and hoping for change but the government's aren't speaking or helping or doing anything to help. i think i am honestly truly going to kill myself before the chain reaction starts. scott, thank you for allowing me to share my pain.

The future to me looks grey.

I am scared of climate change. I am scared of my future as a sixteen year old girl growing up in world where our impending doom seems to be rushing toward us rapidly, and nobody in power choses to do ANYTHING at all about it. I am scared that one day my children will not have a safe world to grow up in and thrive it, like I once had before it all turned to ash. I don't see the point of even trying in school, because I don't know if the world will even survive long enough for me to get a degree in anything. I am angry that people in power chose to do nothing, and when young kids like myself stand up to them (Greta as an example), she is mocked and made fun of and told she 'knows nothing' and should 'stay out of it'. The future to me looks grey. It looks like a cold and bitter winter, and scorching summers, losing my childhood worrying about whether or not my kids will get their own. the future is ours, and young people have to step up, I just don't know how.

It's time to wake up.

I'm terrified and so frustrated. Lives are being risked every day just so some corporations can make profits. It's infuriating. It's unfair. Humanity needs to draw a line in the sand and come to terms with the fact that no one else is going to save us. We have to save

ourselves. We deserve dense rainforests and vast tundras and tropical jungles. I want that for my future kids. I don't want to be scared to bring new life into this world. I don't want to be scared at all anymore. It's time to wake up.

I still see a future.

I'm terrified that I won't be able to grow up and live my life before it's over. I'm terrified that I'm not going to get to thank my parents for everything that they've done for me and my sister because we'll be gone before we get the chance to. I'm terrified every single fucking day and no one is listening to what we have to say. At what's most terrifying is that I still see a future where I get married and have children, the typical American dream, but deep down, I know that probably won't happen unless we do something right now. Craziest part is, I never thought that this would be what would kill me.

Sickness will grow.

Climate change is probably one of the scariest thing affecting everyone. No matter who you are you will be affected by climate change. I would like to think of myself as environmentally friendly and constantly trying to change and adapt. Plant based, no straws, compost + recycle, getting things second hand, homemade cleaning supplies etc. But every little bit matters. I hope this movement of environmental activism keeps growing and more people make changes in their lives and companies change for the planet and not just prioritize money. I hope we learn better solutions, get rid of plastic, plant more trees, stop mass farming, stop urban sprawl and landscape fragmentation. Design to create landscapes which can filter pollution, provide animal habitats and re-use existing materials. I worry we will lose all our coral reefs, our air won't be clean, garbage will be much more present and sickness will grow.

There is no backup planet.

As a young person who is going to be dealing with the effects of climate change more than the current generation, I am terrified. What scares me the most is that very few people are actually trying to fix it. People tend to turn the other way and figure that someone else will fix it later. Some people have the audacity to claim it isn't real. If everyone could acknowledge that there is a problem that needs to be fixed, then we would be on the right track. I'm scared for my generation's future. I'm scared for my future kids' future. I'm scared for the future of our planet and all life on earth. There is no backup planet. We need to admit to our mistakes and take action to fix it.

I'm scared to have children in this world.

I'm still trying to work towards a future.

A Moment Left Behind: Countless days I sit on the beach listening to the waves clash, the salty breeze catching my hair and spraying across my cheeks, it's calming to me, to be this close to nature it makes you feel like you are apart of something so much bigger than yourself, To dip your hand in the ocean waters and have the ability to feel like you are touching all the corners of the world, to release your worries into the swirling blues by this simple action and feel at ease with life. An amazing feeling it is, letting go. Unfortunately that's what we've done. We've let go. We've let go of our resources our glaciers our forests OUR HOME. And now we will pay the price. A shame we couldn't hold on to that moment before at the waters edge for longer, but like water our earth is slipping through our hands, slipping out of saving. And one day the choice to change won't present itself it won't come clashing back like the waves, no one day the waves will stop and we won't have our moment, we won't have our oceans, we won't have our home. We need to grasp onto that moment and never let go. We need to change now.

We have ruined our home.

I'M FUCKING PISSED OFF. MY GENERATION WON'T GET TO SEE WHAT THE WORLD FULLY HAS TO OFFER BECAUSE THE PREVIOUS GENERATION HAS RUINED IT CLIMATE CHANGE HAS RUINED US AND OUR HOME, WE HAVE RUINED OUR HOME. WE NEED TO FIX THIS OR MY KIDS MIGHT NOT EVEN SEE THE SUN.

Our future is a f—king horror movie.

In life, I have always been very anxious. When I was a child, I was frightened by THE end of the world. I've seen a lot of psychologists because of that. "Everything's going to be okay" or "There's nothing to worry about". Now oh fuck. I don't even have words to express how I feel about our planet. I'm afraid I won't be able to live freely anymore. Not being able to look at the stars or the sunset. I'm afraid I won't have the chance to spend time with my family because of climate change. I am angry that I am powerless toward that. In my way of life, I do many things to help the planet breathe a little: I'm a vegan, I wear clothes from thrift stores, I walk for the environment I have the impression that people in high places in our society don't care about the future. I'm 18 years old and I'm afraid of having children. DUDE. It was my dream when I was a child. Why carry life if the future doesn't even make sense to them? I don't even want to follow my dreams anymore. Going to school becomes more and more useless. I often cry because of it. The future is no longer in colour for me. I am completely losing hope. Our future is like the apocalypse movies we used to listen to scare ourselves. Our future is a fucking horror movie. Why are we here? The future smells like real shit. The future sound like a sound that you don't want to hear anymore DUDE. I am freaking scare. And we can't even run away. We are stuck here with a ton of people powerless who care about LIFE, hopefully. We are also stuck with powerful men who truly don't care about nothing but money.

We won't know it until it's too late.

Climate Change is something very very real but no one seems to care about it. It definitely scares me and what scares me the most is that future generations might not know of certain animals because they're going extinct or bright green grass and y'all trees because of climate change stopping that all. I'm beyond angry because people seem to care more about followers and likes and celebrity drama rather than something that's actually occurring to them personally. The future to me feels dull, almost like as time goes on it'll get duller and duller. Grass will be brown, the sun won't shine as bright, barely any animals left, and we won't know it until it's too late.

I'm sick of just screaming.

They told us when we were children that our opinions didn't matter, that we were too young to understand, that our thoughts would change as we got older. So we waited. Eventually we grew up, and we realized that they hadn't discounted our beliefs because we were young, but because our beliefs threatened theirs. I just want to be heard. I'm sick of just screaming into the void and hoping something comes of it. Thoughts of the future conjure images of fear and darkness-of thick, black tar, rain that melts stone and burns skin, a bitter taste that nothing can wash away. It's a gritty film that clings to skin and coats the lungs, it's engines revving and horns honking-an LA rush hour that never ends. It's watching the last rays of weak sunlight slip over the horizon, and praying it isn't the last time.

I can't leave them like this.

I feel like no one takes it seriously when we are literally ruining our only home. Everything's changing and no one wants to do something serious about it. It scares me that I won't be able to have kids because I can not leave them like this. I am so angry that no one takes us seriously and when they laugh because we are walking for it instead of planting trees. It sucks.

A war over clean water?

I'm scared for when I grow up and I won't be able to call it "the good old days" since the days will be spent fighting for more time on this planet. My future will be telling my kids about the animals they will never get to see, or the reasoning for the darken skies. Looking back we had two wars already, what's

next? A war over clean water or clean air? All the things we love and rely so heavily on will be gone in a blink of an eye because of the chances and opportunities we are not taking to help aid this planet. I'm scared, yet I am hopeful for change.

Without the earth we are nothing.

I am angry and saddened. I am a person who wants to make a huge difference but I don't even know where to start. I just know that I have to do something. I am a photographer and I love to shoot nature and people in nature, but every time I do it breaks my heart because our earth is dying and no one seems to care. if we don't do something to reverse the effects of climate change I am going to have no inspiration left to shoot, it will all be dead. The people who are in charge have the power to make serious change and instead are focusing on the less important things of life. Without the earth we are nothing, and it is our responsibility to take care of our home, and we aren't. I am anxious every time I hear an update about climate change The rising sea level, the rising temperature.. that scares the shit out of me... as it should! I don't know what the future holds for our earth, but I hope it holds the revival of our beautiful planet and all the beautiful landscapes we were given. It just breaks my heart to see our world die so quickly and I have to stand back and watch our politicians argue about money.

Change must begin.

I don't know Scott. Climate change is straight terrible. I feel like it's being less and less know about. What is the world even doing about climate change? Whats even happening. It just gets worse. Nothing ever gets better. Our world is slowly burning and no one is doing anything. People may do little things but how is this going to help our huge world? Even worse the Amazon rainforrest is on fire and it's so big that I heard people still live in there land they never been saw the outside world. What's going to happen to them. I just think it's really sad that our world is on fire and there's actually not a lot people that know or even care. Change must begin.

The future is in danger.

I want to be able to accomplish dreams and goals in my life and not die because our plant becomes uninhabitable. I don't want to have to cram the rest of my life in 10 years. I want to get a job, buy a house and a car, I want to get married. I don't want to have kids in a world where there future is in danger.

I'm tired.

I'm pissed because this could be stopped. Honestly. If we stopped disrespecting Indigenous peoples, not only in Canada but around the world; if we stopped corporate conglomerates from sucking the Earth dry (literally in some cases) extracting resources no matter what is in their paths and what WILL come of it. I'm tired of capitalism. I'm tired of being told that if I care for somebody else that it hurts me somehow. I'm tired of being in competition with people who are just as tired as I am, if not more, while people can warm the bench with millions and billions of dollars just locked away to multiply. I'm tired of being told that I, ME SPECIFICALLY, am doing something wrong when we know corporations pollute and destroy the environment at levels and speeds that no one individual could ever keep up with. I'm tired of being sold solutions. I'm mad that I bought the metal straws. I was never going to have kids, so that doesn't bother me. But I gotta say: as someone who has suffered domestic and sexual abuse, and is living with CPTSD, anxiety and depression, all of this makes it so much harder to imagine a future where I get better and live the life I want to. This feels insurmountable in a way that I've never really understood before. Because this COULD BE insurmountable.

The resilient will stand.

We're in a time where everyone is forced to think about the end of days. We all know it's "global warming," that the heat is what is going to take us out. I am terrified for the moments after the fire chokes. When the trees are ash, the water turned to poison. After the regret has finally stained the lips of the rich. When there is not enough oxygen

to spare for a spark. But still, hope will slip through every crack, every blade of grass in the sidewalk concrete. The resilient will stand, and they will survive as crawling ivy flourishes. In the ebb before the flow, cling to hope. Hope is the rockiest wave to the smoothest of shores.

Some people will turn away.

The climate crisis gives me anxiety. Being such a small being on such a big earth, you feel hopeless. Thinking you would do whatever it takes to stop global warming, but feeling empty and afraid knowing that not everyone feels the same way, or is willing to go the extra mile to make sure our earth doesn't become a land no longer inhabitable. I feel anxious and worried that my future children will only know a world that is in a state of emergency. I feel anxiety that people don't believe that global warming is happening, that they don't believe in the science that says our oceans are rising, and the science that proves natural disasters will become more frequent and more destructive than ever. I have anxiety knowing that we can only face this crisis if we face it together....knowing some people will turn away.

I'm unsafe.

climate change makes me feel completely unsafe. i am scared at the point where i question everything. i am angry because no one is taking it seriously. WE NEED TO TAKE ACTIONS AND USE MACHINES MADE IN JAPAN THAT BURN WASTE AND RELEASE OXYGEN THAT IS MORE PURE THAN OUR OWN! we need them everywhere! my view in the future is darkness and pollution... it will smell bad and the air will be so polluted that we can visibly see it with the naked eye... Thank you Scott Helman for a chance to say this..

So why don't we?

I am scared for the future, shouldn't we be excited, planning our careers, house, life instead of worrying if there will be clean water that long. People don't care if it won't effect them or if it will effect the size of their wallets. That scares me more than anything. I

like to believe in the good instead of getting stuck on the bad. Voices like Greta inspire, I believe in the youth. I believe that we grew seeing people we didn't wanna be like. We can make the steps to change literally the planet, so why don't we?

You don't really miss something until it's gone. The problem with climate change is that not enough people noticed/did anything about it until it's too late. I wish I could say otherwise, but the future's looking bleak. I'm scared.

This awful mess.

I am terrified for my future. Even with all the action by the youth of the world recently, it seems like nothing will change the minds of government officials who care more about saving money than they do about saving the planet. All my life I've been told that older generations are wise, but look what they have done to us. Technological advances mean nothing if there is no habitable world left to utilize them. I want to have kids someday, but I could never justify bringing people into this world and subjecting them this awful mess. At the rate we're going, my children would die of climate change. The optimist in me wants to believe that we can turn this around and everything won't fall to shit, but the realist in me lives every day with the knowledge that somewhere, right now, a species is going extinct, a harbour is being polluted, a pipeline is being built, and the people in charge don't care enough to stop it. Anyway I could rant about this forever but that seems like a good spot to end it.

This life is so lovely. Take good care of it.

I'm currently sitting at a brewery having a solid IPA and catching up on some work. (Why the fuck am I still working? It's 7 pm on a Friday. I need a vacation. Corporate America sucks. My first love is music. We may have a lot in common.) It took me an hour and a half to get to a place that usually takes about 20 minutes to get to with no traffic. I live in the fourth largest city in the United States. It's in Texas which sucks but it's also the most diverse city in the entire country and you could not pay me to leave. I am entirely in love with this city but you can only imagine how congested it can get. I'm frustrated, honestly. I've seen the city I grew up in literally drown. The university that taught me so much, was entirely underwater. Do you know what it's like to lose absolutely everything? Over and over and over again? People/animals lose their lives because of something that political parties don't even believe exists. That's a lie. They know it exists. Their faith in "God" is just so much bigger. Okay. That's smart. Agreeing just to disagree. Can you imagine? That could NEVER be me. Don't get me wrong, I believe in a higher power and afterlife. I believe in something bigger than myself. With that, I think climate change is so much more than watching icebergs melt. Is it climate change or is it human change? People have stopped caring about people. Why would we care about the planet when we're fucking up the people we love most mentally and physically for personal gain? It's expensive to survive so we are willing to do whatever it takes to do so. It's human nature. It's fucked but the survival of the fittest, am I right? Climate change can't be taken care of by not using straws. That's not it. That's not the answer. Get the fuck over it. It's not a fashion trend to have a metal straw. The answer is love and I am sure of it. The answer to fixing shit is just being fucking nice to one another, ourselves, and our earth. If we just loved harder without expecting anything in return, we could handle mental health awareness. We could handle climate change. Just love. Love everything and be grateful for everything around you and within you. From a sunflower to penguins, to the person reading this now. It all matters and is not a mistake. This life is so lovely. Take good care of it.

We've been static for decades.

we're not inheriting the earth from our parents, we're borrowing it from our children...but what's left to give back when we lose it in 11 years? when cities flood? when forests burn? I'm infuriated that we

have been static for decades in our perpetual destructive behaviour. And I'm lost as to what we do next. How do we save the one home we have? Fuck if I know.

We have to fight to get people's attention.

Yes this scares me, and it should because climate change isn't something that will fix itself, it's not something to brush away. It's our future, our earth, this is life or death. It's scary knowing that people don't want to help, that we have to fight to get peoples attention. So yes, it scares the hell of me, and it should scare me, you, and everyone else because it's not a pretty thing, it horrible and absolutely terrifying.

Making promises.

Climate change has impacted every part of everyone's life. Since I was little I was I was set on trying to make an impact in cutting my carbon footprint. Last year I started university for biochemistry so that I can work in climate change research when I graduate. We need to call out and point blame to companies that are major contributors to climate change. We also need to elect people who believe in

climate change and make promises to help in cutting Canada's carbon footprint. I'm afraid to have children because I don't want to put them in a world that they can't thrive and they have to worry about their wellbeing every day. I'm angry because so much of the blame is put on regular people instead of the companies that are contributing more to climate change and cutting down trees.

I want to fall in love.

I am 15 with a whole life to live. I want to fall in love, get married, rescue dogs, go to school. I want to live my future and speak my truths. I want to see animals that are going extinct make a comeback. I want to see single use plastics to be removed from stores, homes and companies everywhere. I want to live in a world where the planet is our priority and all news isn't bad news.

This is just the beginning.

I read this poster at the climate change march in montreal, it said "you'll die of old age, we'll die of climate change"... that is a perfect explanation as to how i feel about this subject. I am scared, I'm scared that i wont grow old, that i wont have a future to look forward too. Im angry because the older generation mostly blames of for what goes wrong, but in reality... this started a long time ago. The march is just the beginning of a change. It needs to go further, people need to do something about it. Make a difference, change the way we live a little. Stop using plastic straws, stop burning coal; there is so much that we can do to make a change, but the number one thing is stop burning down our forests. Build more forests to fix the ones that were taken from us. We also need to as the saying goes, "reuse, reduce, recycle". If nothing changes, i see the future being hard to live with, with no nature, less animals, less people, less everything. But... I hope my generation has a future, because from how things are going now... i don't see one. Thank you for reading, i hope this helped.

This is a we problem.

Climate change scares the crap out of me because so often it's not until people see something in front of them do they believe it's happening. By the time peoples lives are seriously affected it could be far too late

to go back on the damage we've done. And people still don't realize the strength of an individual. This is not a 'they' problem this is a 'we' problem and every single person is crucial to making up that 'we'.

I'm planning my life around their mistakes.

I rarely get angry, but I'm so so angry about this. I guess knowing that the world is ending changes some things about you. Once you comprehend the reality of it, it's impossible to ignore it and carry on with your life. Maybe that's why so many people refuse to believe it, refuse to take action. They still want to hang onto their youthful belief that the sky is the limit and the world is their oyster. Why are younger generations the ones who have the courage to face the truth? How is that fair? We aren't considered old enough to vote, to drive, to drink. And yet we're shouldering all the mistakes and all the foolishness of those who are blinded by wealth or power or age. I'm planning my future around their mistakes. Deep down, I know we can fight this. I still have hope. I have to, or I'll waste my life panicking and worrying and fuming. If we save our home but lose our minds in the process, what's the point? If the world falls apart, it would be a waste not to enjoy every last second of it.

We can actively choose no.

We can actively choose not to pay for the destruction of the Amazon by going plant based and buying products that are ethically sourced. Animal agriculture is at the top of the list when it comes to rainforest

destruction, ocean dead zones, draught. It's suuuuper easy to make ethical choices 3x a day. Ask Greta, she's vegan. Yes I'm angry that we are eating the planet to death but more scared for future generations.

To make a world worth living:

I think climate change is proof of how rapidly the intelligence of the human species is declining. What I mean is that, so many people do not believe it is a real thing or worse, don't UNDERSTAND what a pressing issue it actually is. I am a teenager and it is scary to see how many people I talk to that are MY AGE that do not care in the slightest. This is OUR future and I can't speak for them but I know I personally want to be able to live to see it. It also highlights how immensely important it is that we help fix the education issues we face. The fact that we have WORLD LEADERS that do not understand the magnitude of this situation is proof to me that changes need to be made. I just wish everyone would man up and take responsibility for the harm we as a nation have caused and then LEARN from it and PUT IN THE EFFORT, to make a world worth living in, and that you know...exists. I also love your music so much because it is real. I feel like so much stuff in this world is fake now but your music is honest and genuine and I really appreciate it. End of Ted Talk.

The distant future is now.

I'm only 15 years old and I am terrified that I won't get to have a long and happy life. Because of everyone before me and even now, they expect us to be the ones to solve everything while they sit back and relax. When I was little I used to see the world ending in movies and TV shows but they always say that it was in the distant future. It's not. It's starting to happen now and it scares me so much. As a race, we have managed to destroy entire eco systems and we are slowly killing our planet. We need to do something now so we will still have a functioning planet to live on.

The future looks dark.

The future looks dark. Not just for me, for all of us. Climate change is becoming a serious problem, and honestly, I'm terrified. Terrified that if we don't do something now, I won't be able to see the day that my kids will have

my grandkids. I won't be able to see the day where I finally say, "I made it." That is all I've wished for my entire life, and because of this my life and many others could be taken away. Why would we just keep letting this happen?

No one listens to anyone.

Climate change, I was scared when I first heard about from my grade 6 teacher (i'm in grade 8 now) I didn't really care about it until grade 7 when my teacher told us everyday that we are a day closer to not being able to change anything. I was worried everyday in grade 7 because what were we going to do if no one listens to anyone and we are at the point where we can't reverse what we did. But then I got mad. These adults are basically taking away my future, I have my life planned out, I want to be a cop and I know where I'm going to go for training and everything. But these adults are taking away my life. I should have been worrying about idk the math test week or my report card marks not if these adults are going to not listen to the rest of the world when we say there is a problem.

This world will be beyond saving.

Climate change scares the shit out of me to be honest. The fact that soon this world will be beyond saving is absolutely terrifying. We need to actually replace fossil fuels with eco friendly alternatives, cut down on plastic, and get the political leaders to agree that climate change is a thing and that something needs to be done. If nothing gets done, the future is very dim for every single lifeform on this

planet. I doubt that the air we'll breath or water we'll drink will be clean. Animals will be dying left and right, ecosystems will collapse. Everything will turn to dust if no one steps up and addresses these issues, like a sensible human being. Like incase you didn't notice, it might not be affecting you now, but it will and once it does very little can be done to change it.

Why choose to remain immobile and in denial?

I am afraid of what will happen to myself and my family. What about my future children? I've always dreamt of having kids and being a mother but I would never choose to bring a baby into this dying world. It angers me that the older generations (who have the vast majority of people in power) choose to remain immobile and in denial about their actions bringing death and destruction to this planet. Our world is dying and our hopes, dreams, and ambition with it. Any future I might imagine comes in the form of a utopia that I know damn well won't exist without immediate and consistent action on our part - not in the form of paper straws but in the form of mass abolishment of the factories that are singlehandedly destroying our atmosphere and everything in it. We need change NOW.

The Earth needs us.

I think climate change is such an important topic. It's something older generations have ignored for too long and now it's happening. We need to act now or we'll barely have a future. The earth needs us and it's truly sad and infuriating to see that the majority of people who care are under 30 years old. Just because the older generations feel that it's not a concern because they won't be here when the earth feels the full force of the climate change. I see the earth being in one of 2 states. 1: Sad, desolate, engulfed in toxic fumes, and dark with no signs of life or 2: full of colour, new species, laughter, and a beautiful planet. But it's a matter of whether we choose to do anything about the climate changes right now.

Wake up.

i'm scared and angry and it motivates me to go into politics or get a law degree i want a change and i have confidence in myself and that i will make the right decisions. i want

people in power to wake up and people not in power to contribute in helping the environment. what do u think?

We need to reconnect.

Yes, I am both angry and scared about climate change and the fragile state of our one and only planet. We are part of nature and yet we have developed wasteful and consumeristic lifestyles and harmful business practices that harm and threaten the habitat of all species including our own. We need to change our preoccupation with acquiring things and gather experiences instead. We need to make things to last and pay accordingly so we are not as wasteful. We need to recycle and demand better from companies to Green their business practices and reduce packaging and emissions. We need more pedestrian friendly cities filled with bikes and not cars that are reliant on fossil fuels. We need to reconnect with nature and grow food and plant trees and have gardens with native plants. We need to shop local and eat in season produce. The future can be brighter if we work on the environment as if our survival depends on it. It really does.

Wild animals will exist only in stories.

I always wanted to have kids, but now I don't know, because i want them to see the world like I did, in all its glory, but because of climate change, I fear the only things they're going to

see is death. We're killing everything around us, and I'm not sure I want my kids to live on a planet where wild animals exist only in stories.

How much future do we have?

It feels as if we're stuck on a self-destructing planet with no escape hatch. I'm sorry to my animal friends who must suffer at the hands of our damaging lifestyles. I feel small in this huge world of negative change. I don't know what the future will look like; not because I can't put a finger on humankind's development, but because I don't know how much future we have left.

Nobody is trying.

I'm 14. I'm still a child and I care more about the climate than most adults I know. Because I am the one who won't get to raise children. I am the one who may never get married. I am the one who will never get a chance to live my life. But I've accepted that at this point because nobody is trying and I know it's bound to happen. I'm not even upset about it anymore.

That's scary. I am a kid and I've expected all those things. My life will be cut short because none of the people who are supposed to look out for the children of the next generation are doing their job. But it's apparently my responsibility to clean the earth when I've been on it for 14 YEARS. But I guess it is.

Soon our reality feels incredibly dull.

I'm terrified, the thought that I won't be able to completely live my life. I want the luxury of enjoying the world and all it's natural beauty, but it seems so impossible because the only future I can imagine is one where we are all fighting endlessly to save every last bit of our earth instead of just living in the moment and enjoying it. The only way to change it is to act now. Everything i'm imagining will soon be our reality, it smells toxic, feels incredibly dull, and sounds absolutely silent because there will be nothing left.

There are no winners.

We take our world for granted. Not one person could tell you what life is like without it because life without our planet is impossible. The air we breathe, the ground we walk on, the water we drink- it's all dependent on Earth. The thought of all that disappearing forever is so horrifying that we push it to the back of our minds because if we don't think about it, it can't be real right? But we're just lying to ourselves. D-Day is racing towards us like the wildfires in the Amazon. It's creeping up like the water in the Arctic. People promised there would never be another World War but there is and it's not. Only in this one there are no winners. And that to me is terrifying. It's scarier than any monster under the bed or in the closet because in this case we are the monsters who are slowly destroying our own home. We are on a trajectory that leads down into a wasteland of ash and dust. Of disease and hunger and the knowledge that we have no one to blame but ourselves. So unless every single one of us decides to stop ignoring the reality that we have created we're doomed. Centuries of human survival will have been for nothing. But I find it impossible to believe that seven billion people can't achieve one singular goal of everyone works towards it. We have everything we need to save our home, so why aren't we fucking doing it?

For those to follow—

I'm worried that if we don't save our earth soon we won't be able to experience all that life has to offer us... I don't want to live in fear of seeing my future children or grandchildren

suffer through our world dying when we failed to stop it :(We're not just trying to just save the earth for ourselves but ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Optimism is key.

i'm angry. i'm so incredibly angry. i'm seventeen years old and honestly i don't know if i'll be able to live long enough to see my grandkids living in a happy and safe and non-burning Earth. however, i'm also hopeful. i think that many of us see the dangers of climate change and how it will affect each and every one of us, so we can all agree that something has to be done. from small things like buying reusable straws to big things like boycotting large CO2 emitting factories. i believe that the future will hold great opportunities for us to turn this all around. optimism is key!

I feel drained.

Climate change. It scares me. I have a 1.5 year old little boy and every morning I wake up and I pray for change so that himself & generations to come can experience and enjoy the world that was laid before us. So many people thing making a difference in today's day is just sharing a post. Well news flash, it doesnt. Even the smallest changes can make a difference. It drives me crazy listening to people who preech change but cant lead by their own words. Recently I was reading an article and it was stated that someone decided against having children due to the fact that we never know if when we wake up in the morning if earth is going to able to function or humanity is going to survive. I feel drained & so nervous about what the years ahead of us may bring if the nation's dont stand together and make a change.

The consumers first.

Climate change scares the shit out of me. What happens when we have no more resources left, how will we survive or any living organisms? Despite all the innovations that are currently happening, I feel that the most effective way of combating climate

change is with us, the consumers first. Making small and simple changes without the need to go single use things can make the planet a better place, and all of our hearts a lil happier.:)

It's a weird way to look at life, but I feel that while people live, they're also simultaneously dying. It's a delicate balance. Lately, I think that more things are dying than they are living. It's worrisome.

We are activists.

Our planet is broken beyond repair, and it's at no one's fault but our own. Our governments don't listen to our pleas and sorrows expressing our deepest concerns for the future. I personally am coming to terms with the fact that the world my future kids will grow up in will be one of decreased animal species, polluted air and oceans, and an overall lesser quality of life. The future looks quite horrific if we don't do anything about it. Denser forests, hotter climates, various species crying out for help. Climate change HAS to be brought off the back burner and talked about. We need to make actual plans and set them in place to reverse some of the damage and stop it from continuing. It is up to us, since apparently no one else will fucking do it. If anyone can do it, it's our generation. We are doers, we are activists, WE WANT CHANGE! I thank you Scott for bringing awareness to this issue and doing whatever you can to help change our environment for the better.

Educate and advocate.

I think that we need to take action in what is happening right now! People need to see what they are causing. The fact that some people don't believe in climate change is what scares me the most. People need to realize that climate change is a real thing and it has become a huge deal now and it's something we cannot just push aside for later. We definitely need to educate and advocate about what is exactly causing this. I mean have people seen the photos of the ice glaciers in the arctic or the amazon rainforest they are very depressing and live changing. We are harming ecosystems and just overall the earth sooner or later we won't have a healthy and habitable planet to live on.

There's nowhere else for us to go.

I'm angry, and I'm scared. I'm also weirdly calm? It's like climate change is this huge thing that's so easy to ignore because we haven't seen all the implications of it yet. It's this thing that shouldn't even be happening, yet it is. It's scary that this whole entire earth is speeding towards this sort of doom. What will happen to us? There's literally nowhere else for us to go. I'm a little mad that this didn't get somewhat resolved sooner and I'm angry that there are people that still don't believe it's a thing. I wish some all powerful person would stand up and help us see little ways that we all as a human race can start fixing this. It can't come from one of us making changes, it has to be all of us.

The Earth retaliates.

I'm scared for the future generations. The damage has already begun. Thousands of species every are dying everyday. Acres of the Amazon Rainforest are being chopped down to make room for livestock. Our planet is suffering. Our CO2 levels are plummeting and we have a atmospheric crisis on our hands. My resolution to this is simple. Reduce your carbon footprint, reuse and stop eating meat and dairy. I've been Vegan for years and completely object to using our natural resources to sustain a population that uses its greatest assets as food. Fossil fuels are a problem as well. They should remain in the ground where they belong. We are struggling as a species and our planet shows it. We treat our planet like garbage and it's only a matter of time before Mother Earth retaliates.

If we can make it that far.

Not a single human is exactly the same. All souls are different and every eye is a unique shade but when you look underneath our feet, it's all the same earth. Our home is what unites us. For uncountable years we have been selfish and it seems as if we can't break that trend. Why does it seem impossible to come together to save what keeps us alive. That paper, plastic and metals that we trade around hold no worth if our air runs dry. Maybe if the Lorax spoke a little louder and we opened our ears to Leo we would see that it doesn't matter what shoes cover our toe or how low our pockets hang. The future is now, if we can make it that far.

Hurry, before it's too late.

I am so terrified of climate change. I'm scared to grow up because I feel like I'll never be able to get married or have kids or live the rest of my life because we will all be gone before

I reach that point in my life. We need to do something and we need to do it fast but how do we get the big guys to listen. They caused it they need to reverse it before it's too late.

Step up for those to follow.

i am scared for our future and for our children, we need to step up in order to change the world and their lives. we may never see the end of the world, but that shouldn't stop us from changing it for future generations to enjoy. i truly think that we can make a difference and each and every chance you get you should be conscious of your decisions. meatless monday's, saying no to a straw with your drinks, using reusable shopping bags and produce bags when you can. every conscious choice that we make can make a huge difference to our future and the future of this earth.

It's not just our home.

It scares me because I have so much I want to do with my future but i feel like sometimes it won't be a possibility and I'm angry with all the politicians who are more scared of losing their money than their grandkids futures or even the futures of the people they promised to protect by becoming politicians and I hate their fakeness and the fact that they act like they care when they really don't and I want to help so much. I want the future to give way to possibilities for everyone and for there to be less hate and for people to not have to be scared as to whether having children is good because they don't want to bring life into this world where there will be no future and I want there to be more hope for animals and the fact that we are all animals anyways so why do we act like we are better than them when they are what should rule the Earth and how nature is completely connected but we are so disconnected from it that we can't see that we are harming the chances we were given and the beautiful lives we were given and I want animals to stop dying and humans to actually look up and see what is happening and care, like really care about the animals and our home because it's not just our home it's their home and we need to protect our home. I want kids to actually be able to think about their future and all they want to do and I want to be able to think about my future without having to factor in the fact that some things will not be there because of the destructive tendencies of the past and present that are taking place. I just want a future. I'm scared and angry but I also know that there is hope which is given by the fact that there are many people out there trying as hard as they can to save us and I want to help save us as well.

Out of fear, sparks action.

Climate change is inevitable, but what we can do about it isn't. Like Troy Bolton said in his final wildcats game, ITS NOW OR NEVER. Right now is our window of opportunity to do something about it before it's too late, before our own children are fighting battles we should of won. Climate change is here and it's real, but so are we. Fear is the only way we can spark action, without fear for our future we remain complacent. We must rise and take control because those in positions of power will not have to face the consequences of climate change.

Take that step.

I think that climate change is inevitable, and it will always be there. But the thing that scares me the most about climate change is that there are so many things we as people can do to help save and prolong the life of our precious world. So yes, it makes me angry, and yes it scares me. But we can change it, we can save it, we can fix it. We just have to be willing to put in the effort and take that step.

Your hopeful words mean nothing now.

our generation is not here to give you hope. we are here for you to protect and provide for. stop looking at us to lead the movement and start implementing some changes in the actual system. your hopeful words mean nothing now.

How much future do we have?

It feels as if we're stuck on a self-destructing planet with no escape hatch. I'm sorry to my animal friends who must suffer at the hands of our damaging lifestyles. I feel small in this huge world of negative change. I don't know what the future will look like; not because I can't put a finger on humankind's development, but because I don't know how much future we have left.

Whatever it takes for the future.

Climate change is unbearably real. You can see & feel it, even the animals can too. It's a global crisis that the government should pay a huge part in, not just the people. If they have the power to make laws, they should ban pollution. Solar power, Mother Nature and the old ways is the future and everyone should switch to it, fuck the costs, in the end of it all money won't mean shit. I am scared but I am ready for whatever it takes for a future!

Our Earth give us so much.

I've always wanted to be a mom - it's something I've dreamed of since I was little. But with the current path that we are on, what kind of world would I be bringing children into? Will they be safe? Will there be enough clean air, water, land for them to survive? Continuing to pollute or choosing not to take action and pretending like it's ok is simply selfish! Everyone can make a positive change, whether small or big! We have enjoyed this world that we have - we need to protect it so that others who come can do the same! Our earth gives us so much, we need to give back to it in return!

I deserve my chance to try.

I'm scared that people won't realize how bad climate change is until it's too late. I'm scared that just because we're younger than the people in power, they won't listen. I'm scared that when people realize it'll be too late. I'm scared my future kids and grandkids won't experience growing up like I did. I'm unbelievably angry that people before us

have let it get this bad that 16 year old kids are missing school to come educate 50 year old world leaders on things that are glaringly obvious to everyone else. I want people to stop underestimating our generation. I want to be one of the people that changes the world one day, and I deserve my chance to try.

It's f—king
crazy we've
let it get this
bad.

It feels warm and welcoming.

Im very scared, im scared of whats to come next. Everything around me is happening all too fast and i feel as though im being forced into a relationship after getting out of one in which i was mentally abused. I was ignored and made to feel like i was somehow wrong and that what i wanted was bad. My friends now bring to light almost everyday the guy that likes me and that i should date him, but im scared i dont want to be ignored again i dont want what happened last time happen again. My future looks grim and sounds like a hundred kazoos screeching it smells light burning gas. And it feels, well it feels warm and welcoming somehow.

Smell the roses.

Im very nervous for our future generations, with how much stuff we use and throw away. Though we are moving in the right direction with our consumables with paper straws and reusable bags we need to get rid of plastic, like in water bottles, shopping bags, containers and everything that we consume.

I want this earth to be as bright and beautiful as it is when I grew up for many generations to come. I want them to be able to take a deep breath of fresh unfiltered air and be able to smell the roses! I hope society focuses in on that and makes the planet as green as it can possibly be!!

Nobody seems to notice this
is happening and I am scared
to have children because I
don't want them growing up
terrified waiting for the day
the world will end.

I'm only seventeen.

I am so scared for not only my future, but my children's too, and I'm only 17. A teenager with big dreams should NOT be stressing about whether or not they'll have a future. And the worst part is that no matter how much we reduce our plastic waste, it's the big fossil fuel companies that need to change. Middle class men have no power over stopping climate change, and that is the most frightening thing.

With fear comes action, right?

Climate Change scares the hell out of me, I think it should scare the hell out of everyone at this point. With fear comes action, right? What scares me the most is not only the lack of care and cleanliness that we give to our home but also the lack of concern shown. So many politicians and important, influential figures don't seem to be doing much to help our planet or spread any sort of message. We need to be more conscious of our daily habits and choices, put an effort into being more eco-friendly. The simplest changes can make the biggest impact. That is something that needs to be remembered. My hope for the future is that ten generations from now, kids and teens can still benefit from nature's therapeutic smells, sounds and views. Nature has always been a safe haven for me, going on a hike has been so helpful for me on the worst of days. My heart physically aches at the thought of someone not being able to experience that joy.<3

I'm almost running out of hope.

I feel like we just keep going back and back... Before industrialization, people didn't have the chance to take in hands their future, because of hierarchy, people birthed poor and died poor. But now I just feel like the progress we've made wasn't right. Of course liberty rights improved, I've been told all my life that I could do anything I wanted to, but now I don't feel free. I'm in jail. I'm imprisoned by the responsibility to save my life and the life of the future generations. My whole generation has to deal with this pressure. The question I ask my self every day is: Am I going to found a family? Because if my children are going to live in a world where they're gonna see everyone they love suffering to death because of climate change. Oh hell no I won't. My future is not as glorious as my parents was. And I'm angry that some people still denies it. I'm so tired of hearing people say that they don't care or that it's not their fault, because IT IS. It is OUR fault, and it's not because these people are going to die before it'll happen that they have the right to fuck my home up. I'm angry, sad, scared, and almost running out of hope. Future smells bad to me. It smells like death, broken dreams and smog, but I keep going. Hoping people will change. And hoping people like you, that have social influence will keep sensitizing people.

Everyone truly only cares about themselves.

this change in our climate is making me extremely scared for my own future. i'm in my second year of university and i'm wondering why i'm pouring all my money into something that may not even benefit me in the long run because i can't even see what our future is going to be like in even 10 years. these times are truly frightening for me, it scares me to even think that my parents don't believe in climate change. they think that we, the young people, are just whining and crying about something new and have something else bitch about. they don't care if the planet is dying, they know they won't be here in 50 years. it's really making me think that everyone truly only cares about themselves. the older generation could genuinely care less about what we're trying to do for our home. they don't understand the severity of it all, they don't understand that they have done this to our home, we also have contributed but it started with them. it scares me to think that we may not even be able to do anything with all of our efforts, that our efforts are useless because it might already be too late. the future is non-existent in my eyes.... i can't see myself living past even 30, and i'm only 19 right now. i'm just so very scared of all of this.

Ifs and maybes.

It's not the future i'm scared of, it's the fact I might not have a future that scares me. i've grown up thinking that i'm going to get married, have children and live until i'm old. All these thoughts are now ifs. IF I have a future, IF people take action, IF things change. I don't know if i'm going to be able to accomplish the goals I have created for myself may never happen. This angers me, the fact i've been ripped off. The fact I may never accomplish what i've dreamed of my whole life because people don't take action.

We're watching from the sidelines.

It might feel like climate change isn't affecting us right now but the impact it is creating will affect us in our future when we have our own families to care for. I am frustrated by the people who don't seem to care, neither believe that climate change is happening! How is it possible that the temperature at the end of August is less than 20c and in late October we have weather of higher than 30c when usually it is the opposite where I live (October is supposed to get cold!). I am terrified at which a healthy future can't be confirmed and I know that people can make better decisions to help our environment. A lot of people don't care enough. I guess if you stop using straws you can "save the sea turtles" but that isn't enough. We have to stop using all non reusable plastic products that only have negative affects so we can "save the people". If we don't try to be better, our future is going to be unbearable! I feel it will be too hot or too cold. Next thing you know is that the temperature is going to get too hot to be able to stand outside for more than 10 minutes without getting heat stroke with the rising temperatures. Water levels will be so high that we won't know where the land used to be and in years to come, the ice in the arctic will be a theory which can't be proven existed because who would treat our planet so poorly? We shouldn't watch people attempt to reverse climate change, we should take action and reverse climate change.

The world keeps spinning.

Our earth is under a threat that we can help get rid of, unfortunately those with power are either not doing enough, quick enough, or laughing at a threat that won't concern them by the time it's too late. I'm concerned that by the time I have children, they won't be able to

experience the world that I got to when I was a kid myself. While I may not end up living long enough to see the ramifications of our poor decisions, I don't want to know that when I pass on, it's my children, or theirs that have to deal with the outcomes of what transpires.

Cut to the blame.

I honestly feel disappointed in society. We treated climate change like it was nothing for many years and left it to get to this point. Now that people are starting to listen to what is actually going on and are caring it is too late. Everyone is too busy trying to put a blame on other people, when really it is only society to blame. Not one person, or one city or country, it is everyone and it pisses me off that we need to blame other people and not accept everyone has had a hand in it.

Current actions to reduce future catastrophe.

I am afraid of having children. I feel despondent about the idea of changing our global ways before it is too late. I doubt we have the capacity as a species to band together and really make the necessary changes to our lives to save us long term from global long term catastrophe.

I feel like a broken record.

Climate change is so terrifying but I feel like no one is doing anything about it except our generation. I feel like a broken record repeating to everyone that we need change and there's so much we can do but we can't do it alone. We have to stand together because the faith of this world is in our hands. I don't understand why more people aren't taking more action. People tell me how annoying and gloomy my post or stats are but it's reality! We can't be scared forever because we only have so little time to change! We need to love and care for one other and make this world a better place for all living creatures and for our future children of this world. So they don't have to look at a picture book and see what clean water use to look like or to see animals that aren't around anymore. That's the sad truth. Change needs to happen now

Eighteen months left.

I'm scared they there is not going to be a future for me or my kids. If there isn't a future then what are we even working towards whether that be school or work or just your individual life, it scares me when people post and say that we only have 18 more month before it is completely not changeable and it scares me.

Kill the blame.

I try so hard to give my boys a wonderful life. They are 10 and 12 and talk more about climate change then adults. They are an inspiration. Let's stop laying blame and do something about climate change. Let's stop being afraid. Let's elect leaders who make us nervous but are passionate about change and just see what happens. I'm Scared. I want to meet my grandchildren and feel confident they will see theirs.

Thoughts of hopeless and helpless lingers.

I'm afraid everyone will give up, accept that it's too late and make every thing worse. I'd like to die of old age, not lung cancer. The future smells like decay, I know I'm not super optimistic, but the future, in my mind, feels hopeless and helpless.

Concrete prevails.

I'm scared of climate change due to the lack of physical change seen; media consistently posts about the "upcoming dangers" and "environmental stressors" yet doesn't provide resources to connect everyday life with recycling or how to decrease the use of energy! For example I am typing this message with the TV playing in the background (not even watching it) yet that's "the norm" when today's technology should have an automatic turn off time ... today's generation also shouldn't have to depend on timed television we should be outside planting trees etc I am from Toronto- every High rise building built should equal the same amount of spec for GREEN SPACE

We've become our nightmares.

So the world is ending. I feel as though I knew that from the minute I was born. From the deep rooted existentialism that frightened my kindergarten teachers, to my more melodramatic “this is the end of the world” exclamations, I genuinely think I always knew the world was going to end. I was very suicidal growing up. I still am - both suicidal, and growing up, as I just turned 18 in July - and the idea of an end never frightened me. In fact, I generally embrace it. We all have to go at some point, so it isn't worth getting that worked up over. However. The world is ending. It isn't the fact that I may die, or we all may die, that scares me. It is the fact that there is an imminent danger - a threat greater than any war or any word - and there isn't adequate action being taken. The world is ending for us, for the animals, for the living organisms on this planet, and there is nothing being done about it. A nightmare come to life - looking at a clear image through eyes half sober - seeing the void but only perceiving it as a pothole - feeling the flames but only calming them heat - knowing things are getting worse, only to disregard the way to make them better. The world is ending. I know someone who works at the Ministry of the Environment. Sometimes, the things I hear scare me. We don't have enough time to turn it all around. We don't have enough time to fix what we broke. We don't have enough time to undo what's been done. We don't have enough time we don't have enough time we don't have enough time - yet we won't even start. Because fuck it, if the world is already ending, why even bother trying to make something of it? My overactive imagination likes to consider what the apocalypse might look like. One image, as I'm sure has been implanted in my mind from all of the pop culture surrounding the whole “post apocalyptic” theme, is commotion that leads to silence - chaos that leads to death. The other though, the more chilling one, is quick. It is immediate. It is everything, and then it is nothing. It does not give us time to react. It does not give us a breath. There is no warning beforehand, just the dust left after. A **reminder of how temporary we are**. That is what I fear is coming. We stand by idly watching as the world crumbles before us, and we can do nothing but construct empty promises and lie through our teeth. The world is ending. My generation has known the end of the world since we were kids. We did not have the same luxury as those before us, the ability to grow up with a youthful ignorance and the idea that we would live forever. I have known the world has been ending for as long as I can remember. So have my friends and colleagues and peers. We have known that we have had the end of the world thrust upon us since we were brought into it. Despite it not being our fault, we have to fix it. Picking up the pieces of something we would not have even known to break. And even though we are the future, we are the minds of tomorrow, the leaders waiting to become - we are ridiculed. We are too young to have an opinion, we don't care enough about what matters, we are too much of anything that makes the world colourful - and yet, we are at the same time strong and powerful and hell, the kids are alright. The world is ending. Fuck, the world is ending. I don't feel anger. I don't feel hatred. I don't feel sadness. I feel an overwhelming sense of disappointment. Because we have failed time and time again. Because we have ruined the only place we could call home. Because we have become our own worst nightmares. Because we have no one to blame but ourselves. So the world is ending. And as much as I have hope for the future, I am living in constant fear that there won't be one.

We're in a cycle of compromise and consumption.

I am frustrated. I am scared. It's not enough that to be afraid of climate change but being 19, you're afraid to be sick to miss a day of work because you then it puts you in a compromised position. You're afraid that taking on these loans to help your education, merely only set you further back. You're frustrated in the world that surrounds you with so much good, but seemingly becomes overwhelmed with hatred, selfishness fogging the glass that we all see out of. I learned a very wise lesson this summer, that when God created the earth he made everything at peace taking care of every organism. Every species. Every individual living being. It didn't matter if it had 46 chromosomes or 47. It. Didn't. Matter. We were originated to value each other and everything. Our world has become overwhelmed with garbage, in the way he treat everyone, in the way we speak, in the way we analyze each other. If we can only learn to deal with our "garbage" we can have a much cleaner world. I propose the idea, of altering how we consume clothes manufacturing. Concerts no longer distribute tee shirts unless they were found at a thrift store all being entirely unique. Perhaps even, to use communal traffic, there becomes days that are free. We also can introduce the idea, of solar roadways that charge your vehicle as we drive. There are so many possibility, and you're one of them! - great slogan eh?

The nothingness is approaching.

I am terrified that nothing will be done until the damage is irreversible and people start spinning off into nothing because if we are all going to die from the climate why are we even living. I'm afraid that those in charge won't do anything now because the damage

might still be reversible, but once it becomes irreversible what will the benefit be? If we are all going to die from pollution what is their motive to stop then? I'm afraid of people and their lack of community empathy and I'm afraid of the nothingness that is approaching

Humane efforts conflicts with human vanity.

I've seen enough movies to know that climate change is gonna end humanity, unless we do something about it. Its gonna be gen z that's left to deal with our parents' mistakes. And knowing that we might be too late scared the living daylights out of me. The terrifying part is almost no one actually takes action. Well, until now. But our efforts will be in vain if everyone doesn't take action. Yes, I am angry. I am mad about how some people still think this is a joke. The permafrost is melting. Water levels are rising. Winter is becoming warmer, while summer is rainier than ever. I'm mad how we still continue to pollute the planet, even though we are now educated. I'm mad about how adults don't take us seriously. Like, who's gonna listen to a teenager anyways? But we can reverse the effects. We can fix the climate, and this can be done by participating in meatless Mondays, walking Wednesdays, taking reusable bags to stores, use reusable resources, monitor our carbon footprint, plant trees and other plants, and other simple and insignificant seeming, yet impactful ways. At the rate we're going, the Earth is gonna become a wasteland before long. I'm talking dystopian future wastelands. What we imagine as impossible scenarios, could be humanity's destiny. Wearing gas masks just to go to a store, food and clean water shortages... The Hunger Games, but everybody's a part of it. We can prevent that future, but once again who's gonna listen to a 14 year old girl?

Humanize the affluent class.

I remember when it really hit me. I read an article talking about bees dying, and I cried. I am pretty scared. What scares me the most is I keep thinking of the final day, final hour, of everything. Will the actual end be fast? Or is it going to be a hell storm? I catch myself thinking about it often. I am angry. Why do the old rich people not care? Is it because they're rich and think they'll be okay? Or because they know they lived their lives and don't care what happens now? I feel like we're doing all we can now. I feel like young kids are expressing how scared they are. There are rallies, meetings, the only thing stopping us truly are the rich people who don't want to stop being rich.

Earth retaliates.

i'm terrified for the future. i'm only 14 and i'm scared i won't be able to live a full long life because of it. i'm scared that in the future we won't be here long enough. not having a family when i'm older, if i do, them not having a long full life. i'm angry. even if it's just doing simple stuff, like instead of driving, use public transit or even better, bike. i just want to be here for a long time.

If we can make it that far.

Part of me wants to say that it's true that ignorance is bliss because honestly not knowing about the climate crisis makes it seem less significant, like because I don't know about it it can't really be happening. It's so overwhelming. Everyone says start small, and I have I haven't used a single use plastic in so long I keep actual silverware in my car, I haven't touched a plastic water bottle in months I'm vegetarian and I take really short showers but it's so overwhelming. I was at school in the locker room and one of my friends turned the shower on and walked away. She said that she was waiting for it to get hot. I let it run for about 30 more seconds while she was on her phone and then got up and turned it off. It's honestly all of the little things like that that are just so upsetting that people don't think about big picture consequences of any of their actions

Misjudged.

I have anxiety so most of my fears are unfounded, but climate change is a very real fear with drastic consequences. I'm constantly told my anxieties are silly, but this

is real and I get so angry when people try to brush it off as irrational! This isn't anxiety, this is an actual crisis.

What will the apocalypse feel like?

I feel scared. Panicked, everyday. What scares me the most is losing so much and not being able to get it back. If we don't solve this crisis, the irreversible chain reaction will happen, meaning we can't fix it. I am furious. I am furious that the generations before us didn't care to save the human race and that the government doesn't take care of the children that will suffer the consequences of the crisis. My future is unknown to me. I don't know how it will play out, what I'll do if things go terribly wrong. There's no way to know what the apocalypse will feel like.

I want to make a difference.

I'm terrified that I won't be able to live out my entire life. I'm scared that my life will come to an end far before it was supposed to due to people's inability to care. I'm afraid that I won't get enough time to live out my dreams and that I won't be able to achieve the things I want to before I die. I'm afraid that I won't be given enough time to make a difference or impact people's lives. I'm afraid that I won't be able to see the world. I've always been interested in traveling and I've seen posts on Instagram of beautiful places around the world. I've also seen pictures of those places slowly deteriorated and being destroyed due to climate change. I really want to see the beauty this world has to offer and I'm afraid that that beauty will die long before I get that chance to see any of it. I want future generations to be able to marvel the world around us. I want the world to remain beautiful so we always have inspiration.

I want a better Earth.

To be completely honest i'm outraged. i'm so angry at the past generations, at our leaders today and us. why is this not our populations biggest concern? it baffles me that other people don't even think twice about it. i'm 15 years old and everytime i bring it up in my friend group everyone just laughs. the simple steps we could take everyday could change so much. whether it's using reusable products or taking public transit, we can help; so can our leaders. i don't care about building up our big enterprises or our military, i care about our environment. if we keep this up there isn't going to be a world to continue that growth. i need and i want to spread awareness. it's hard to, especially at my age and my platform. i don't know thousands of followers, but you do. i thank you scott, for being the best role model. using your fame for good. think about people who have millions of followers, if they could just spread awareness we could help save this earth. i want a brighter future for myself, my family and friends. i want a better earth.

Selfishness is the precursor to climate change.

When I think of climate change what comes to my mind is.. I have lived in this world for many years now and have had a roof over my head and food on my table to always eat. i've lived with people and places to go to when I needed it. Even with all the shot and downsides I have had so much. Every day people talk about how they have nothing in life and don't appreciate what they have. So many people in the world have no water food shelters and help when they need it. People have talked about change for them for years but have never done it. Now each day, each month, each year. The world will get worse with they way we are going. All those people will never get what we promised. Everyone Will start getting selfish and soon forget about all the other people who need it more.

I assure you this is no game.

hi, my names sophie and i wrote this little thing a couple of days ago to send to my friends while trying to educate them on climate change, but received laughter and criticism instead. ignorance - maybe you should educate yourselves before you make jokes about something that will literally destroy our entire planet and human existence i know for a fact you have no idea what's going on in the world and maybe you haven't considered that at this rate you won't get to see your kids graduate while you guys are playing video games, i'm looking up ways to reduce my carbon footprint and easy fix's that you could do too.

Mabe we need to yell at ourselves.

We took to the streets with our signs and our screams We took photos of each others' protests and circulated them online And I just - I - I don't know who we're yelling at? Maybe we need to yell at ourselves a bit, Get shaken out of our stupor (We are not being hit the hardest by this. I am Canadian, so I'm fucking rich.) But I'm terrified that the people who need these clever signs burned on their doorsteps or shoved down their oesophagi are sitting somewhere above the ozone layer, Hearing, at most, muffled chatterings below, The clinking of glasses and classical piano - And our lungs are slowly filling up with garbage water.

We are the future.

I'm scared, I'm so scared because as a kid I've always thought that I'm going to have forever in a healthy planet, but look at us now? World leaders don't seem to care for our one and only planet! In my dreams, Earth

will be a better place in some years, because people our age are going to become leaders. No more Trump, no more people who only care about money or stupid racist and homophobe stuff. We are the future.

The quality of Earth is declining.

The future, unfortunately, is something that does scare me. I have always been aware of how our actions can impact the planet in such a huge way and I try to do my best to make changes in my own life that will help the environment. I was actually able to take an environmental science class last year which was extremely interesting and was a class that I really feel like I learned a lot from. Much of the course was spent talking about how the actions of humans are destroying the planet and to be honest, all of the big scary statistics just made me feel so helpless. It just doesn't make sense to me how people know how quickly the quality of Earth is declining, yet not have any interest in wanting to make a change. Every once in a while I need to just take a step back from all of the negative and realize that there are people out there who are trying to make a change too. Seeing more and more awareness about the issue being spread on social media recently has given me hope that things will get better. I will continue to make the changes in my own life as well as encourage others to do the same in theirs. Every little bit helps. I just hope we are able to make a change soon, before we cause irreversible damage.

There is power in one.

I am an 18 year old girl and I never really wanted to have kids to begin with but now with everything going on with our planet I can not see myself bringing a new life into a world that so many past generations have ruined for them. I am not blaming the past because that would not do anything but I feel especially being a younger person that we always get blamed when somethings is wrong in our society but for once it is not us who caused the problem. We are the ones who are trying to fix it and if no one will take that seriously then what is the point of us trying. I am also so sad that kids who are going to grow up in this new world and society won't know certain animals because humans are very selfish and don't seem to stop and think about what they are doing and how it effects other life on our earth. Being from canada one of our most amazing creatures the caribou are becoming an endangered species because of over cutting in their natural habitats which makes them more vulnerable to other larger animals. Imagine a world where kids don't know what a reindeer is because we wanted some wood furniture. This needs to be stopped and I think that if everyone who said "I am just one person what difference could I make" did something we could make an impact.

Beauty found in the outdoors must transcend the present.

I want to be able to visit the world in twenty years and still be amazed by the hundred year old trees and be able to see the beaches along the coast the I dreamed of one day visiting and then not being under water. I want to one day bring my kids and grandkids hiking and explain to them what the different trees are and see them in awe the first time they see a wild deer like my parent and grandparents did for me. I want to go camping with my family and tell stories around a campfire listening to loons and crickets then go jump in the lake to clean off. I want future generations to be able to experience nature outside and not on a computer screen in history class about how we fucked it up for them.

Time is not on our side.

I think that climate change is something that has been very real for a long time and I don't understand why people think it is not. What scares me is that there could be one big event that ends the world. However, several big events are happening all the time with hurricanes etc. People are dying and it only seems to matter to those around them. We are not affected globally by tragedies unless we know the people involved. I think that might be the scariest part— the lack of concern. On a personal level, storms are getting more severe and as a person with a disability, it can make travel impossible in the winter. The heat in the summer is unbearable at times and it is difficult to watch family members with lung issues struggle to breath. I don't know if we can fix it. We are running out of time.

Hell is coming at us faster.

I'm scared. I want to do and see and feel so much before everything goes to hell, but every time I turn on the news it's saying hell

is coming at us faster and faster. I'll never be able to have the life I wanted to work for. God how I wish this would all work out

I see a good/bad scenario.

Climate change honestly scares me. The fact that the world is literally burning and causing extreme weather conditions in so many places is extremely frightening; especially in countries that are developing, and may have a hard time getting their lives back together. I am very scared, maybe the world will explode, or maybe the severe storms will only get worse, whatever happens is not going to be good, unless we can fix it. I am very angry that people, especially those in positions of authority are denying the truth. There is not only scientific proof for this situation but we are constantly seeing weather patterns change in the world around us. I am angry that instead of accepting the fact that climate change is real, and trying to work together to help fight it, people are still denying its existence; which literally helps nothing. My view of the future consists of 2 things, a good and a bad. Worst case scenario: the world raises too high in temperature, everyone is screwed, we all die. Best case scenario: the younger generations will take a stance and begin to make change. We are already seeing this happen. The young people are educating the others on this situation because we all know change needs to be made. This is the future I hope for, a positive change.

I want a promising future.

Climate change is frightening to me. I am most scared about the tremendous negative impact humans have had in the very short time we have been on the Earth and that without drastic measures taken NOW, it will soon be too late to fix our mistakes. I am angry that somehow people still find ways to deny the hard facts. People's ignorance to climate change blows my mind. I am scared for what the world our kids will grow up in will look like. I hope our country takes a role as a leader in climate change activism and our political leaders put serious time, effort, and funds into restoring what we have left. I hope for instead of technological advances, we put our efforts towards environmental issues. I don't want robots, the newest phone, or the snazziest car; I want clean air, safety of our world's ecosystems and animals that inhabit them, and a promising future for the generations to come.

If life is an art form, a miracle, why are we trying to ruin it?

My truth. What does that mean, really? My truth is different from yours, or from my friends, my family, but I guess that is what makes it mine, a clean and honest opinion, from someone who has never personally been affected by climate change. But it's there. You hear it on the news, on social media, and you don't believe it really, the seas are rising, the ice is melting, we're poisoning the air, it can't be, because it isn't happening to you, or so you think. We go about our lives in a haze, I think, not really experiencing things, not really ever appreciating everything that we have, the simple things. No one stops to look, to see, to hear, to feel. I've always said to myself, that first and foremost I am an artist, and if I'm honest, I think we all are. I think life is art, that it's a miracle given to us for some reason we can't comprehend, and that art, is anything that moves you. That is my definition. One of my truths. So if life is an art form, a miracle, why are we trying to ruin it? Why would we hurt people, knowing the consequences? Why do we find the worst ways to do things, burning fuels, destroying forests, using plastic, in order to do what? Make a profit, some money, build a reputation? I don't get it. You're asking me, how does it make you feel? I feel confused, desperate, sad, but mostly disappointed. Is this the world I was born into? Is this how it is, corrupt, evil, and manipulative? Growing up, I used to think I was a pessimist, that I was negative about certain things, about myself, about life. I say I used to because there was a moment in my life that I realized I was completely wrong, that really I was not a pessimist at all. I don't think it was a single moment, really, but more of a sequence of them that changed me. They opened me. To the world, to the future, to hope, hope that there is a better way, that there are enough people like me, who see it too, that can create a change. I'd like to share one with you. I was living in Europe at the time, and there had been a strike of sorts, it was something to do with the oppression that the government and the corrupt individuals in my country had caused to the people, the innocent...isn't it always? I was not part of this protest, I had no plans of attending, much less participating. The world is how it is, I am only one person I thought, it's just another day, another rebellion, another failure. I was on my way to some sort

of appointment, I don't quite remember, most things are hazy from that day, but I remember very clearly, being at a dead stop in traffic, with no hope of moving. So I decided to walk. Then, as suddenly as the sun rises in the sky at dawn, I was caught in...something, I wasn't quite sure what it was. Huge crowds surrounded me, loud, fast, it was a blur, talk about sensory overload. I was confused and scared. Then I realized what day it was, where I was, a block away from the parliament building, in the god damn middle of the protest I didn't want to be in. Fully realizing at this moment where I was and that there was no hope of me getting to where I needed to be, I stopped. Like it was yesterday, I remember looking up, it really is that simple, looking up, and I saw something I never had before, felt something I never had before. I focused in on their faces, the people, the sadness behind their eyes, but more than anything, the passion. It is moments like these, that I cannot quite express in words, as I believe that the most important things in life cannot be expressed in this way, that they are simply too powerful. It was at this moment that I felt it, hope, awareness, spirit, whatever you want to call it, but it inspired me. I think that's the key, the secret, to be inspired. Because inspiration creates a reason within oneself to change, to act. I stood in that crowd that day, amongst the protesters, in really completely the wrong place, but somehow, I knew then, that it was absolutely the right place. What is our future? The truth is I do not know, how could I? I cannot tell you exactly what series of events will proceed today, this week, this year. But I can tell you this, that we are capable. Capable of great things, capable of influencing thousands, all on our own, but that we are most powerful together, I have seen it, felt it, heard it. That alone there is hope for a better tomorrow, but together there is more than that. If we truly want change, in the climate, in our rights, our government, whatever it is, and trust me there is no shortage of problems I could list that plague our world today, we must be better. We must open ourselves to different opinions and ideas, we must stop and think before we do, we must act together, and inspire our peers to do the same. So yes, I believe that we can do it, turn it all around, the question is, are you willing to be apart of it?

It's up to me first, then you.

I'm scared my kids won't get to experience a breath of fresh air. It makes me angry that people act like it's not that big of an issue when in reality it's one of the most important issues we're dealing with today. It almost makes me feel hopeless but I know that my generation now and future generations refuse to let this get any worse. It's up to me first, then you.

Our protectors are turning their backs.

I'm scared. I'm absolutely terrified. I should be worried about getting my degree and a career but all I can think about is how the planet likely isn't going to be around long enough for me to do so. I'm so angry. Angry that our parents and elders, the ones that are supposed to protect and support us, are brushing this off as nothing. As something that simply doesn't matter. I'm angry that they're own pride, ego, and ignorance is heavier than our planets survival. I have hopes that things will change, that people will change, that we can be strong enough to push through their unwillingness to learn and adapt.

My Twelve Year Plan

Yes, I'm scared because we only have 12 years and in 12 years I'm going to be around my 20's and if we don't change we might die and I fear death especially at a young age, it doesn't just scare me it terrifies me. And I'm also mad at the fact that some kids are skipping school

just to make a change! And what are the people in charge doing! I also feel if we don't make a change and the planet ends the sky will be black or red, the air will be all smokey, and it will be extremely hot. Thank you for you time.

This is a point of no return.

After going to the climate strike in Montreal on Friday 27th, I was so relieved that approximately 500 000 people marched the streets and felt the same way as me: scared but most importantly; hopeful. The next day, I woke up to the news saying that some political leader decided to sign something that gave Canadian companies the GO to shave the forests that were not yet touched by humans. I had never been so angry before. Angry towards our society, angry towards previous generations but especially angry towards the country's leader who just sat there and did nothing the whole time. Climate change is real. I've always wanted to grow up and have kids. Can I do that anymore? Am I selfish if I have kids and they grow up with oxygen masks and dirty water? This is a point of no return. As Greta Thunberg and Matthew Healy wrote together: "We are right now in the beginning of a climate and ecological crisis. And we need to call it what it is: an emergency. Everything needs to change. And it has to start today. So, everyone out there, it is now time for civil disobedience. It is time to rebel." I am scared and angry and anxious. But most importantly, I am hopeful. If we stick together, and if our generation proves people wrong; we can make the change necessary to change this crisis.

Not in a year, ten years, but now.

climate change scares the crap out of me. adults and people in power are THROWING AWAY OUR FUTURES BECAUSE THEY DONT WANT TO GIVE UP THEIR COMFORT. they simply do not care. i saw a picture of Justin Trudeau, our horrible prime minister marching in the climate strikes. why. he is the one in charge. he could make a law, changing the way people behave, ban single use plastics like vancouver is doing. but he won't. he won't because he's an adult. he became prime minister, he's lived his life. i'm sure he doesn't care if he dies, like most people in power who simply do not care. we NEED to change. not in a year. not in ten years. NOW.

Our governments avoid looking in our faces.

Climate change, terrifies me to the very pit of the depths of my soul. The chances that I dreamed of, feel as though they are being ripped away, every dream I had for the rest of my life, feels as though it's being threatened. I had hopes, I had dreams, I had beautiful goals for myself, in my career, in my relationships, in my travel bucket list, I was bright eyed and filled with optimism that the world was at my feet. That I was ready to put my shoes on and run around the track that is the globe, I was ready to face it head on. I worked so hard, I put everything I had into a university degree, into building relationships, into starting to love myself, and now that feels pointless, because it feels as though this piece of myself will cease to exist as our world fades away. My dreams of bringing beautiful children into a beautiful world, feel as though they are slipping through the spaces between my fingers. I don't think I can bear the thought, of bringing another being, into a world crumbling before my eyes. Can I raise someone in a world, where I cannot be sure I can guarantee them a long, fulfilling, happy life? The answer is no, I can't bring my child into this world, knowing it could be ripped away from them, at an even faster speed than it is being ripped from me. Every-time I think about climate change, I feel as though a weight is being pressed down onto my chest. A pit, of unsettling anxiety, that makes me feel as though I am weak, I am powerless. I have never felt like this, I have always felt empowered, strong, impassioned to fight for what I am passionate about, but this feels like a losing fight. The typical libra in me wants justice, I want balance to be restored, I want to be able to live a life, and be able to bring children who will live a life, like all those before me, but I won't be able to. I don't know what the answer is, I don't know if there is an answer. Our governments avoid looking in our faces, our leaders spew idealistic comments in which they know they will never follow through with. They speak what they know we want to hear, but there is no intention to be true to their words. We are not being listened to, we are cast away as the "millennials" the

“crazy gen z’s” the “liberal snowflakes”, our pleas to be heard falling on deaf ears. Every piece of me wants to scream and shout, kick and fight my way into the offices of those that ignore us, wants to MAKE them listen to us, but right now that feels impossible. I feel weak, I am scared, and I am only one of so many. I am ANGRY, I am FURIOUS, but I am weak, and I am sad, and I am every emotion under the sun. I am angry that those in power are those who are older, those who have lived close to their full lives, and know that the extent of this climate emergency will likely not affect their life. I am angry that they feel as though it is not their responsibility even though it was their actions that put us here. I am ANGRY that they get to choose to be idle, while those of us who didn’t cause this, have to fight in order to get to live out our lives, to fight for the lives of those that we wished to bring into this world. I am furious, that every dream I had for myself has been ripped away, in order to fight for simply my right to stay alive. My heart aches for those that are less fortunate than I. Those that live in places so much more affected by this, the natural disasters, the in-climate weather that they are not capable to handle. Those that the impending climate change is NOW and it is REAL. The future... feels dark, it feels like being suffocated from the inside out. It smells of fire, smoke, it smells of the burning flesh of human kind. This world, is going to burn, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, and it will not come peacefully, it will not be beautiful, nor will it be comforting. The end shall come, and I don’t believe we are ready to face it. I could go on, I could ramble for hours and hours about my fear, my anger, my never ending sense of anxiety surrounding what our world is becoming. But I do not know what to do, I want to stand with all of those who feel ignored, who feel worried, and scared, who feel as I do. We shall only be heard, when all of our voices shout together, in unison, with one voice. Climate change? Is going to be the downfall of our world.

Out of sight, out of mind — not really though.

I am definitely scared of climate change because I feel as if it's not talked about enough. We all know it exists, but it's easy to push at the back of your mind. And when we don't talk about it.. it's forgotten. I'm scared that we won't make a change or do something about it until it keeps getting worse and worse. And by that I mean that it's never going to get better if we leave it. And maybe when others finally care about it, it'll be too late? My look of the future is upsetting to even think about. I feel like I see it being grey. No colour. Covered in smog. Will it be lifeless? I'm not sure how to explain it. Unfortunately I have also fallen into a bad habit of not realizing how bad climate change is getting. But when I do pay attention and think about our future on earth, it's hard to imagine that the future is colourful and full of life. I hope this helps a little! Thank you Scott for starting a conversation about this. It's time to see a change!!

It breaks my heart.

I think this is an emergency! I am scared and angry. I am scared for my future and I am scared to have kids now. I am angry at the people not believing that climate change is

real, I am mad at myself because in my house we're still using single use plastic. I won't go a day without talking about climate change. It breaks my heart.

Passive today, dead tomorrow.

There is so many problems and I feel like no one realizes how extreme it is getting. Everyone is just passively staying in their own lane and we need CHANGE. We need people to wake up and stand up for this CRISIS. The earth is dying in front of our eyes but more people believed in the 2012 movie than SCIENTIFIC FACTS. We need CHANGE and we need it NOW.

For us honestly.

Climate change terrifies me. I am terrified everyday, i apply to university and wonder if i'll even get to finish my degree and graduate, if there's any point to my future? i am angry. i'm angry at people denying it, people not changing. the ego of mankind is going to be the death of our planet, of our life. we are not more important than animals, trees, plants, water, clean air, and a future for our children, and for us honestly.

Just try.

It scares me cause I feel we're all screaming that something's wrong and the government won't hear us. It scares me cause I feel like not everyone understands we can help and make changes everyday. We just have to try. For real.

The future is a privilege.

I am so young yet I am worried about how my children will experience the world. Will they be able to run through the grass, swim in the rivers? Will the air be clean enough for them to breathe? Will there be enough food for them to eat? My biggest fear is the security of our future. I just wish that our parents and grandparents were more concerned about how we would experience the world. And how hard we have to work to try to fix it.

The future is polluted.

Climate change is real and terrifying. Large companies and corporations are choosing to ignore all the warning signs because rich people only care about becoming richer. I'm scared because I don't want to see the earth die in my lifetime. I want to be able to have kids and not worry about emissions damaging their future. I am angry because people who have the money and could potentially help are not listening. They aren't doing anything. A lot of people want to help but everyone has the mentality that, "I'm just one person; I can't fix the earth on my own." I want to be a part of change. We need to take drastic measures and fast. Greta Thunberg is speaking words of change and she's a great role model in this crisis. The future is polluted and corrupt and it's sad. Humans are greedy and I fear we won't be able to start a change until it's too late.

This isn't how I want to die.

Convincing myself that I have a future worth working as hard as I do for is becoming harder and harder each day. I'm spending thousands and thousands of dollars that I don't have for a degree that I may not even get to use due to the climate crisis. I'm working towards having a family that I've so desperately wanted since I was little, and now may never get to meet. I'm working towards seeing the world but I'm starting to doubt there's much of a world to see anymore. It has been drilled into my head since I was little that I need to work hard for the things I want most. I'm really trying. I wish the people in power would try a lot harder than they are to save the generations that had nothing to do with all of this. As of right now my future is completely unknown. Not because I don't know what my passions are, or because I lack the motivation to get there, but because there's a good chance I'm not going to have an earth to carry out my dreams on. Words can't explain how devoted and terrified this makes me. This isn't how I want to die.

Misunderstood.

Climate change does worry me, however I hate that people are so quick to blame all of our climate problems on the oil and gas industry. Sure it's bad for the environment, but if we decrease our oil and gas production in Canada then countries like China, Saudi, etc. will only produce more and they care a lot less about the environment than Canadians. And I know for a fact that oil companies funnel millions of dollars a year into research

to reduce the harm on the environment. I do think we need to decrease our production gradually, and drive more electric cars and all that, but that will be a gradual change. However there are plenty of other sources of greenhouse gas emissions, such as the meat industry which is a huge contributor, so I think there are lifestyle changes we need to make as well. So how does climate change make me feel? Misunderstood

I hope things change soon.

Climate change actually scares me so much. I'm still so young with a future ahead of me and climate change could take that away. One of the things that scare me the most is the fact that so many people seem to not care and this affects so many peoples futures. It affects my future. It makes me mad that people can just ignore the fact that massive horrible things are going on in this world and they don't even seem to care or believe it. I really hope things can change soon, other than the climate!!

It starts from the top down.

I am angry and scared. The thought that if I had kids and they might not even be able to live till they're the age that I am now is enough to make me never want to have them. I don't want to bring an innocent person into this world just to have it taken away from them so quickly. Sometimes I don't understand why it's worth living if we're just killing the only things that are keeping us alive, which is our planet. There are species on this Earth that have lived millions of years and even they are dying because of us. They have survived so much shit yet here we are destroying their ecosystems. To me, the future looks pretty bleak. Unless we start the change right now, I don't know how long our species will last. My major in school is marine biology. I love my major and I think it's really cool and super interesting and it is my true passion, but I feel like it's almost useless now cuz we've almost pushed our oceans into irreversible damage. Shark populations have dropped so much in the past few years it's terrifying. Once the top of the food chain is gone the rest of the ecosystem dies with it, it's basic ecology. I just don't understand how some people can be so naive, stubborn, greedy to feel that they deserve money and wealth over the health of our planet and our lives. It's just not fucking fair.

This is our planet and home.

I think that bottom line it sucks. It's incredibly selfish that people aren't being proactive about making the right choice; the people of today are benefiting financially from large corporations and businesses that are polluting our earth at the expense of our future generations. It may be human nature to procrastinate till the last minute, then make the right choice but this isn't a high school essay paper. This is our planet and our home. We only have one and time is running out. I'm mad that people talk but don't take action, are aware but don't care. Someone needs to and that someone is our generation of NOW because there may not BE a later.

I thought it would be us against the world.

My husband and I are getting a divorce. I thought our love would last forever I stood by him when he fought for his life for a few months. We walked through several miscarriages together. I thought it was us against the world we had won and lost so many battles together. I really thought nothing would tear us apart, I don't think we really were torn I think maybe we let go. I guess we didn't notice that we had drifted apart I can't even say how it happened, but it did. We let each other down I am as much to blame as him, and that hurts more. You know what hurts the most is I lost half of me I no longer feel whole. When I come home we don't talk about our day's, we don't laugh or share inside jokes. None of it matters anymore. We have been together for 10 years and it's like none of it happened. I am left feeling empty hurt angry sad mad. How can the man I loved and fought for no longer be on my side he is now against me. I have all these memories that I can't do anything with. We have an amazing 8 year old daughter. She is now my everything and I let her down too... that hurts the worst. I have caused her world to fall apart because... well I don't know why. Because her dad and I weren't a good match? Doesn't feel like that is enough of a reason. I have never been so broken alone and yet I am around people every day.

Challenge accepted.

Hi so I'm a junior in architecture at Iowa State and we've been focusing a lot recently on adapting architecture to areas that will be flooded in the future due to climate change. We recently visited a site that we had to repurpose because families are being asked to move from the area because it's part of 100 year flood plan. A lot of times when we talk about climate change it's for some hypothetical "them" somewhere else

but here seeing such a direct impact on a community was really eye opening for me. It's weird to me because my parents don't believe in climate change and part of that I think is because they won't be alive long enough to see it be a real problem. I hate to say that but it's true. They don't have to face the consequences for their action or their parents' actions but we do. It's a challenge we have to accept whether we want to or not.

Vanity metrics doesn't equal change.

climate change is a real problem. people think that all the reposts and retweet's will make it all better but the reality is that it won't. we need to take action and do our part to help and protect the earth from worsening all of the damage we have already done.

Should I have children?

Climate change scares me. I don't know what to expect for the future and it's scary. We need to make a change and we need to do it now. I've always wanted to have a big family with at least 5 children, but that makes me wonder if I should have children. It's scary, I don't wanna have children for them to have a miserable life.

They won't enjoy it as much as I did.

Honestly, I'm scared that my future children aren't going to grow up & see the same beautiful world I did, they're not going to get to enjoy it as much as we once did. It truly breaks my heart.

Overall rough.

i am so scared of climate change. i'm scared that we won't be able to reverse it and the earth will slowly get hotter and hotter until everyone and everything is gone. it irritates me that bigger brands and people aren't spreading as much awareness or donating as much money as they should. i think everyone should already be cleaning up after themselves and others and donating even just a bit of money to help with it. not to be like THAT person but i view the future as the earth WALL-E lives in yk? trash everywhere, dusty and hot, not much sound, and overall rough. so go pick up some trash or sum. and that's on periodt.

We must not let go, but act.

First, what a great project! :) What scares me the most about all of this is what the earth will look like in the next few years and especially for future generations. I am currently working in a children's clothing store and it makes me freaking out how much we waste. A plastic bag here, another there ... parents are ready to ask another plastic bag to put, I specify, 1 size 4-year sweaters (it's a real joke, they can easily hold it in their hands) to calm his child ready to do a crisis because he does not have his plastic bag. It's a big detail that makes me really sad even mad. We have to be respectful for the environment, our Earth, our home, our source of oxygen. She should be our priority and educating the young population is a key element according to me to try to achieve a better destiny for all of us. For my part, in my daily life I try to reduce my consumption of meat (I am vegetarian for over 2 years now for ethical and environmental reasons), reduce waste, we have been composting since my birth, an easy 20 years, use reusable straws, use reusable plastic bag, and many more. I think everyone should do the same. I'm sad about how it turns out but we can change it. The environmental crisis should be our priority. We should globally unite and collaborate to make a difference before it's too late. I wonder every day how people are not all worried or alarmed by our situation ... A chance that people like us, the other part of the population, care about our planet. We are going gradually but we will get there. We must not let go, but act. Let's go defend ourselves and try everything. Let's save our house! I am really happy to love an artist that really care about the important things and that is also so talented. Listening to your music makes me spend more happy days. Thank you and I'm so excited about your next songs/ album. Have a nice day :) What scares me the most about all of this is what the earth will look like in the next few years and especially for future generations. I am currently working in a children's clothing store and it makes me freaking out how much we waste. A plastic bag here, another there ... parents are ready to ask another plastic bag to put, I specify, 1 size 4-year sweaters (it's a real joke, they can easily hold it in their hands) to calm his child ready to do a crisis because he does not have his plastic bag. It's a big detail that makes me really sad even mad. We have to be respectful for the environment, our Earth, our home, our source of oxygen. She should be our priority and educating the young population is a key element according to me to try to achieve a better destiny for all of us. For my part, in my daily life I try to reduce my consumption of meat (I am vegetarian for over 2 years now for ethical and environmental reasons), reduce waste, we have been composting since my birth, an easy 20 years, use reusable straws, use reusable plastic bag, and many more. I think everyone should do the same. I'm sad about how it turns out but we can change it. The environmental crisis should be our priority. We should globally unite and collaborate to make a difference before it's too late. I wonder every day how people are not all worried or alarmed by our situation ... A chance that people like us, the other part of the population, care about our planet. We are going gradually but we will get there. We must not let go, but act. Let's go defend ourselves and try everything. Let's save our house! I am really happy to love an artist that really care about the important things and that is also so talented. Listening to your music makes me spend more happy days. Thank you and I'm so excited about your next songs/ album. Have a nice day :))

We need to fix it instead of looking for a new one.

I feel afraid and stressed out when I think about climate changes. Like we have no clue how many years we have left on the earth before we destroy it all. I am scared that one day I'll wake up and I'll hear on the news that we only have a couple of months to live on the earth. I'm terrified of seeing everyone dying because of the climate change. We killed the earth and it's gonna kill us. Yes, I am angry! Angry we are able to produce machine able to kill thousands of people at a time but we can't save our planet? Angry our government spend more money on war machine then on finding a way to help the planet like planting trees and eliminate plastic bottles and plastic straws. We can do a lot of things to change the situation like begin to give a fuck about something else than ourselves, stop pretending like nothing is happening because it is happening and it's happening fast. We should stop destroying forests and start creating some. There's so much we can do but won't. I can't see the future because we are at the beginning of something new, people are starting to understand we fucked up and we need to start making up for our own shit. I hope the future will feel better, will look better, will smell better and definitely will be better. I mean the earth is our home after all we need to fix it instead of looking for another one.

Selfish, misinformed, or both?

As someone who tends to catastrophize a lot, the whole climate crisis terrifies me. It's really scary to know that even if I do all I can, there are millions of people who still don't even think this is an issue that pertains to them or, in some cases, real at all. It scares me that science isn't real anymore. And that we have people who are supposed to be making

decisions for our planet that are incredibly selfish, uneducated on the issue at hand, or both. I want to believe in the goodness of people. That together we'll be able to put an end to this global crisis. But each day I'm becoming more and more cynical, and I don't know that I believe that anymore.

The Earth is a vast universe that is heating up like a boiler.

Climate change is becoming more and more challenging nowadays. I hear and see in the news a lot about fires and burning and our climate changing. I think it's normal, but on the contrary, if we won't stop it, it'll turn into a monstrosity that will swallow the Earth whole. We shouldn't be scared about it. We shouldn't be scared about our Earth dying; instead, we should be scared of us, humans, going into our oblivion. The Earth have survived a lot of extinction events, like the Ice Age, and it survived; the Earth became livable again after millions of years. But the dinosaurs? They became extinct. So, if we really love ourselves, our humanity, we should do everything to prevent climate change from turning into a monster. If we love and care for our very own existence, we should start planting trees and stop cutting them. In the future, I see a world run by technology. No trees, no nature. We are turned into androids with artificial lungs and synthetics to keep us alive. No trees. No more oxygen. We won't need those anyways when we have artificial lungs. But we wouldn't be humans no more if that would happen. Because humans are made of flesh and not of steel. And they breath oxygen in order to survive. Climate change is an important business everyone should be aware of. It's not just happening in one place, but it's already happening all over the world. Let's save our humanity before we destroy it. Let's save ourselves before we kill ourselves. We don't need another planet to live in. We need to rehabilitate this planet we are living in. Scientists should stop wasting millions on space travel, finding and discovering planets. Instead, they should focus on this Earth. This tiny Earth in a vast universe that is heating up like a boiler.

There is no longer prevention.

It's 6:30 in the evening. The sun is setting into all colors of pink and orange. The warm summer air tastes like a bit of heaven on my tongue. The kids are playing on the grass in the front lawn while my husband and I watch the sunset from our porch outside. It's not the thoughts of someone breaking into my house, stealing my belongings or even death. My mind is instead consumed by the ill thoughts of destruction. The destruction of our world, the one that we all share yet choose to abuse. The control that I don't have over keeping my children safe in the future. How every night, I go to sleep with the thought that there is no longer a prevention of these dark times. Our generation and even the one before us has become lazy and selfish with how we represent our relationship between us and the earth. The pretty pinks and oranges in the sky will soon turn to all variations of red. Our front yards will convert to nothing but ashes. And what scares me the most is that I cannot happily imagine my future. Every time I think about the next tomorrow, I get angry...scared...hopeless, because I feel like I'm not deserving of a safe future. And what I want for everyone in my life and after me, is to want to see, feel, and make a change. Because no matter how cheesy it is, it only takes one person, so make that someone you.

We can slow our impact.

Climate change is a naturally occurring event. Humans have triggered that event and are making it happen faster than it ever has before. This is causing a mass extinction. There have already been 5 major mass extinctions and many more other mass extinctions. Humans give ourselves too much credit. We are trying to act as Earth's boss because we are afraid of change. Climate change and extinction will happen with or without us. I do believe we should do what we can to slow our impact, but we also, and maybe more importantly, need to figure out how to survive these changes. Slowing our impact would aide in giving us more time to adapt, evolve, and survive Earth's changes. We're sad to see cute polar bears go away. We don't want what we know, what we are accustomed to, to change. We are sentimental, and that is blinding us. For millions of years the success of a species has been about adaptation and yet instead we are trying to prevent the natural changes of a 13 billion trillion ton planet. It's like we're trying to do things the hard way. We already know human intelligence is declining. It also seems that, on average, less intelligent people have more kids. Therefore, we will continue to overpopulate the planet and less intelligent people will, maybe already do, outnumber the intelligent people. We will run out of resources long before Earth becomes too warm for us to survive. Our population will then massively be reduced, leaving behind the smart and the strong, as well as halting global warming. Humans will live on in small numbers for a while. Then, either a better homo evolves or another genus will evolve to dominate the Earth. We will either become extinct or unrecognizable. Eventually, the sun will explode and Earth will cease to exist anyway. There is a very low chance of an Earth-born intelligent species moving off the planet and populating space. It took millions of chances and variables for us to even happen. That doesn't mean we shouldn't try though.

This is a future worth fighting for.

I'm scared I won't be able to ethically have a family.... that I won't be able to give my children the life they would deserve, one were they can enjoy nature and all the fine things that this earth has to offer, one were they have a bright future. Instead of a future they would have to fight for. I'm scared I will never live my dream of being a mum.

If we act now, the future will be greener than today.

Climate Change, just as you said, is a real issue we must deal with now. I am scared, a lot. People my age are scared they won't be able to grow old or to have kids, and I am scared of that too. That's a really selfish thought, though. Humans are the most selfish creatures on the Earth, and that's just because of our selfishness that our Earth ended up like this. We completely screwed up our mother just for our pleasures, and this, I must say, is a fucked up logic. So, after we fucked up this much, I'm scared there won't ever be a possibility for our Earth to recover from this. I surely am angry too. There are many other options to polluting materials such as plastic. One good alternative for plastic is, for example, hemp plastic. Hemp decomposes after 48 days. Plastic never decomposes, it just breaks down in little pieces, so little they can't be seen. I am angry because, in my country at least, politicians, people in charge and so on, aren't much interested in this situation (or they even refuse to believe it's a real issue) and don't do enough to save Mother Earth. I think everyone can do something, even if it's little, to change this situation. I'm not the perfect activist, but me and my dad are really trying our best to save our Planet. For example, we almost don't use at all disposable plastic, we switched to bamboo toothbrushes and straws, we reuse and recycle. As I said it's not much, but at least it's something. I think the future, if we don't act now, won't be a good one. Many species of animals and plants will extinct, there will be less green and lots and lots of more of grey. I expect it to have a bad smell. But if we act now, we can avoid this. And, if we act now, the future will be greener than today.

We'll be out of time.

All my life I've imagined raising my children. But I never imagined that maybe they wouldn't have a world to live in. It scares me to even think about bringing new people into this world unless we can fix this problem. This

is our only planet. We can't go live on mars, at least not with the technology we have now. And no we don't have time to get better technology. We'll be out of time by then.

Nobody wants to do anything anymore.

I feel broken, the world is the same and people who are fighting for a change is killed and nobody does nothing, sometimes people just act like they are listening and they aren't. What we are supposed to do!!! Nobody listen, nobody change, nobody wants to make things different. But some people shine in this dark situation and do things that save lives, that people save us and save our planet, even If it's just a little action. Part of the future looks grey and sad, other part maybe is just a little less grey. The future we face no longer looks like a future, it looks like a horror movie from which we cannot escape.

Join and conquer.

What scares me the most about climate change? That it's our problem to deal with. The youth are so scared of our future because we have no idea what it'll look like. Everyone is pinning it on us, and saying the young people need to make change and go forth and do good. Yes!! Of course!! But it also truly makes me upset that we have to deal with a massive problem when it wasn't our fault. We see the problem, and we're angry. That's why we're standing up against it. But we CANNOT do it alone. I'm afraid I won't have a future. I'm afraid my kids won't have a future. And that's why we fight to fix this.

Why should I care?

All I ever hear from people say is. "why should I care, it won't happen until after I'm gone" that is what makes me the most angry.

The noise will follow.

the fact that our newer generations will be living on an earth with grey skies and plastic infested waters is really scary to think about it feels like the earth is heating up by a million degrees every year n the only people paying attention are the ones it will affect if something doesn't happen we will have a quiet earth with loud consequences.

We were never taught to fight.

Climate change is the sickness that the world tries to ignore. It breaks through the door with a heavy open sore, that doesn't care if you're hurting or not. It's actions are more louder than the words of empty promises that were supposed to be made but were never kept. You see, the thought of losing something so beautiful, that's supposed to take care of us for eternity. It scares me. That eternity does not last, would not last and could not last with the hopes of us not falling to our knees. It does not belong to me, nor you. With the thought that the "higher power" can control what belongs to us. It does not define us, but we're all falling under their rules. I'm scared for our future. I'm scared for the kids who won't be able to breathe that same air that's been breathed in for years. Is it clean? Or is it just an illusion? All I can smell is the heavy chemicals of the next big invention that is taking from the earth. When will this hurting end? Will it end? Could it end? The question is, when? When will we stop being selfish and start caring for one another? When will we start caring for what is so giving? When can we stop worrying about what might happen in the next 10 years? 5 years? 1 year? Feeling anxiety every time you hear the news. It is giving us more clues. But this society is turning a blind eye. Not towards the sun but towards the reality. We're scared, but we were never taught how to fight. It's about damn time that we give it a try.

I don't want them to suffer the consequence of a dying Earth.

Climate change is so very real. It's scary and saddening to see how much has changed and worsened over the course of my own life. I'm 22. Growing up, I never wanted to have my own children. The list of reasons why was so long: "they're a big commitment", "they're annoying", "they're too messy", etc. Now, the sole reason I do not want to put children on this planet is because I don't want them to

suffer the consequences of a dying Earth. I don't want their lives cut short because of what may happen in the future. I don't want to have to tell them about all the magnificent animals that used to walk the Earth during my own childhood that they won't be able to see due to extinction. I don't want them to have to clean up the mess that past generations have left behind.

We've
mastered
the art of
exporting.

I'm scared because one person choosing to recycle won't fix the state of our atmosphere, it's the profit-hungry corporations that are the primary cause of destruction, whether it be removing previous regulations or not enforcing them, or their blatant irresponsibility in finding loopholes to avoid those that are in place. We have become very good at shipping our problems overseas, and that's what scares me the most.

Is that too
much to ask
for?

climate change scares the shit out of me. i want to live in a world where the earth's natural beauty is not destroyed, where the earth is not being harmed, where people are not being harmed.

We almost deserve it.

i am both angry and saddened that people refuse to believe the climate crisis is a real issue and that even if they do, they don't act on it. we almost deserve what is happening because we are the reason that the climate crisis is real and most humans as a collective are not doing anything about it but the people who are advocating and trying to change what is happening don't deserve to see our world dying because of the bad footprint we as humans are leaving on the earth. the earth doesn't deserve the harm we are doing to it.

It comes in cycles.

Climate change looks like a slowly dying leave. It comes in cycles. We corrupt it and step on it and crinkle it up till it's ashes. The only thing different about climate change and autumn is that one is completely natural, and cycles death turns into life. While we take the cycle and drain in for all it's worth until the leaf is under our shoes in too many pieces to possibly fix. People care so much about money and materialistic things that don't fucking matter, especially in the long run. Oil companies are against electric cars because of money. Multibillion dollar companies can't make that simple change to paper bags, or biodegradable options. Like i find that incredibly fucked. Climate change smells like gasoline. Pleasant to some who have something yo gain from it, but a headache nausea causing smell to those who care. Does it scare me? Hell yeah. Im scared for the people who are actively trying, im scared for the animals.

I've come a long way.

This climate crisis does scare me a lot. Knowing the world is getting near it's end. How soon? Will I still be alive? Or will ancient bacteria be discovered from the ice caps melting that will wipe out most lives? If we continue on with huge amounts of plastic consumption, we literally will be living in our own trash. World running out of hiding places, can't brush it under this rug anymore. I have anxiety tied to breathing and it freaks me out thinking about all the co2 that is in the air around me and how it will only get worse. Seeing there are climate strikes happening gives me some hope for a better future than the dark cloud of doom ahead. Yes there is a nice crowd of people attending but how many protesters actually try to live a lowered waste lifestyle? Feel like most see the protests and stainless steel water bottles as another way to be trendy. They don't really care. They'll get a bamboo toothbrush and reusable straw and tell everyone they meet that they "Saved the sea turtles" My man, it's more than that. It a whole lifestyle change that need to be made and soon. I really don't think it gonna happen in time. We are doomed and it fucks with my mind. I haven't really been an active voice on the front of the fight but I'm here on the sidelines cheering it on. I've been attempting my version of lower waste. Just a lot of little things like shampoo bars, reusable kitchen towels, ride my bike to work, compost food scraps, oat milk vs cow milk, been vegetarian for a whole month now and plan to stay this way. I've even got some family and friends to go vegetarian too. I've came far since I became aware of the climate crisis ten months ago.

Climate change makes me
scared and pissed. Scared
because no one has done
anything about it and pissed
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anything about it.

Thank God our
love is everlasting