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Is the world ending? Are we, humans, causing our own demise? Or is mother nature taking it into her own hands?

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Global warming. One side says it is occurring and has been caused by humans. The other says it's not real and a scam.

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In simple terms, global warming causes the temperature to rise. With rising temperatures comes a threat to life. But it is more complex. Mukhtar Ahmend emphasizes the changing temperatures of the atmosphere, ice, land, biogeochemical cycles and other components of climate change. Ahmend does highlight the key dangers of global warming like heat waves and abnormal rainfall patterns. So why aren't more people trying to fix things?

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Deniers of global warming are all around. The Pew Research Center's data found that only a quarter of the US population believe it is a minor threat and 16% do not even believe it's a threat. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research notes that deniers argued that the Earth wasn't even rising in temperature, then claimed that humans aren't to blame for the warming. Now they don't think it will be as serious as everyone thinks.

One denier stated, "Global temperatures have been high in the past. The current temperature increase is nothing new or unique, but just natural variation." That claim is invalid. Based on proven research, greenhouse gases have been produced through human activity causing temperatures to rise. This is why everyone needs to be educated on global warming.

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Most people and countries in the world do consider it to be real and need attention. The Pew Research Center has found out of 23 countries, 67% of the population sees it as a major threat. They noticed higher levels of education in individuals who were more likely to agree with the

reality of climate change. People who see the large and small scale impacts of climate change understand it needs attention. Immediate attention.

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The United Nations notes some of the effects of climate change. Food production will slow down. Coastal areas will be endangered by rising sea levels. Dangerous weather like hurricanes and droughts will occur frequently. We all should be concerned. And we all are to blame.

We produce so many greenhouse gases in our lives. The UN found these gases are produced through industrialization, deforestation and agriculture. Greenhouse gas emissions levels are way too high. Like a record of billions of years too high. Even the youth are worried. Many youth activists are starting to get involved and try to reverse the damage.

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[Insert Greta Thunderberg Ted Talk]

Even limiting the energy you use lowers the greenhouse gases. Switching to other sources of energy helps even more. Based on the improvement in the environment during the COVID-19 pandemic, there isn't much more evidence needed. What other proof do we need to show we have to change.

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Now back to the first question. Is the world ending? To be honest, I don't know. It all depends on our decisions. Do we continue to live as we have? Do we continue to emit greenhouse gases into the air and not care? Or do we try to stop these rising temperatures and combat global warming? That's for you to decide.

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