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

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Global warming. A controversial topic that brings many to argue. One side saying it is occurring and has been caused by humans. The other side saying it's not real and a scam.

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Mukhtar Ahmend defined the changing temperatures of the atmosphere, biogeochemical cycles, land, ice and almost all components of earth as climate change. Global warming causes the temperature to rise in simple terms. With rising temperatures comes a threat to life. Ahmend highlighted some instances from global warming like heat waves and abnormal rainfall patterns. Mostly everyone has heard of global warming. But not all really pay attention to this crisis or even care. People need to learn about the effects of global warming. They need to decide for themselves if it is worth trying to fix.

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Deniers of global warming are all around the world. Pew Research Center's data found that only a quarter of the US population believe it is a minor threat and 16% does not even believe it's a threat. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research researched that deniers used to argue 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 even as serious as everyone thinks.

One denier from their research 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 proof of research, greenhouse gases have been produced through human activity causing temperatures to rise. This is why everyone needs to be educated on the truth of global warming.

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The other side of global warming firmly believes that it's real and needs attention. Most people and countries in the world do consider it to be a major threat. 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 individuals 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 claims that climate change is real. Food production will slow down. Coastal areas will be endangered by rising sea levels. Dangerous weather occurrences like floods and storms will happen often. Believers of climate change are concerned about these impacts. We all should be concerned. But humans are to blame.

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

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[Insert Greta Thunderberg Ted Talk]

We must keep working to improve this crisis. Even limiting the energy you use now to lessen the amount of greenhouse gases produced helps. Switching to other sources of energy helps even more. Frederic Siegal promotes to mitigate and eliminate vulnerability from this crisis. This is exactly what we need to think like. Based on the improvement of the environment during the COVID-19 pandemic, there isn't much more to show that humans hurt the Earth. What other proof do we need to show we have to change.

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Now back to the first question I asked you when we started. Is the world ending? To be honest, I don't know. It all depends on humanity's decisions. Do we continue to live normally? Do we continue to emit greenhouse gases into the air and not care? Or do we try to stop these rising

temperatures? Do we put forth an effort to combat this global warming? That decision is for you to decide. What side of history do you want to be on?

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