

The Big 3 Climate Crisis Strategies

How can we change ourselves to change our path towards the climate crisis?

Overarching and meaningful strategies.

What dominoes must fall for us to make meaningful progress on the climate crisis? In other words, what strategies must we implement in the U.S. if we are to make real advances to avert the worst impacts of climate change? Once we know our strategies we can then design our tactics, our individual actions, to make those dominoes fall.

Effective actions by individuals to accomplish the needed strategies.

Actions by individuals work when a groundswell is created. Groundswells create momentum and results. But for the climate crisis, the needed groundswell has so far been elusive. How does a crisis that threatens life itself on Planet Earth generate so little attention? How does it fail to create the needed inspired reaction to fight the climate crisis? What must change?

The Big Three

1. Strategy - Remove climate deniers from government.

There is no larger impediment to creating and implementing a clean, safe, renewable energy future than the dysfunction in government. Looking through the climate crisis window, these are the climate deniers, bought and paid for by the Koch brothers, ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council), and the fossil fuel giants. Every election must be a climate crisis election.

Ten years ago, most of us would never have predicted same-sex marriage would have achieved a successful ruling by the Supreme Court ten years ago. We need to learn from that possibility. For the climate crisis, all around the world, from the Defense Department, to the banking industry, to major corporations... foundational leaders in every country have begun taking serious steps toward recognizing the climate crisis and taking action to support solutions to avert its worst results. The timing is perfect. Remove climate deniers and we can make big steps to solving the climate crisis. Two birds. One stone. Make the climate crisis the election campaign. But we are up against the clock. We cannot wait for eventual change. We must act now. We must push hard now.

Individual Action – Become politically active

Most of us have not been active in elections. Al Gore recently implored his Climate Reality Project Leaders, “Make every election a climate crisis election.” The Sierra Club has an organized structure to be active in elections. Don’t wait for the other guy to do the job. Get involved. Here are the political chairs to contact for action.

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2. Strategy - Weaken the financial strength of the fossil fuel giants.

There is no message more powerful than decisions by corporations, government entities, and individuals to remove their investments from the fossil fuel giants. This is divestment. These divestment decisions announce to the fossil fuel industry that their strategy to draw every ounce of energy from fossil fuel reserves is a plan to accelerate and multiply the catastrophic impacts of the

climate crisis... to force the planet into habitat and species loss... to create a mass extinction on Planet Earth. 80% of known fossil fuel reserves must remain untouched and in the ground.

Individual Action – Practice and preach divestment

Where you can influence, urge those in charge to divest from fossil fuel investments. Start with your own portfolio. Find out what the investments are for your church, your business, your city. Explain why this is important. Get advice from environmental leaders. Don't be timid. Act.

3. Strategy - Take meaningful individual actions to reflect your priority to say OFF TO FOSSIL FUELS and ON TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Individual actions send a strong message to those who witness, and to the markets impacted by these actions.

Individual Action - The answer? Simple. And hard. When the call for action knocks, answer the call. Make *that* a priority.

Take meaningful individual actions to reflect your priority and say “TURN OFF” TO FOSSIL FUELS and “TURN ON” TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. The list is a longer one. Make it a conscious priority to recognize and act to TURN OFF and TURN ON. **Create and be in the groundswell.** Nothing will change unless it looks like we, the people, want change. It truly is up to us.

Here are some Individual Action ideas to get started...

<http://TheClimateMobilization.org>

<http://350.org/paris/>

<http://ActInParis.org> (Sierra Club)

<https://roadtoparis.climaterealityproject.org/english.php>

Be bold. Be in or help organize a rally. Discuss the climate crisis with friends, family, & church

Act to conserve.

- Buy less stuff - Install solar - New car? High mpg or electric - Use mass transit, bicycle, walk
- Eat less meat, dairy & poultry - Buy organic - Lower thermostat in winter & wear more clothes
- Raise thermostat in summer & use fans to cool - Safely throw away your 2nd refrigerator

Join, Explore, Get Active in organizations fighting the climate crisis

<http://TheClimateMobilization.org>

<http://sierraclub.org> <http://350.org> <http://climaterealityproject.org>

Let none of us be timid. Let all of us decide to act.

WAKE UP. SPEAK UP. STAND UP.

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