
More Effects of Climate Change?

Link:

<https://stosselintheclassroom.org/both-sides-more-effects-of-climate-change/>

Guide:

The questions below will help students achieve a better understanding of the arguments made on either side of a contentious topic. Because these questions often touch upon statements made briefly in the videos, we recommend reading the questions before watching each video.

Students are encouraged to take notes during the videos, and it may be helpful for students to break into groups, each taking responsibility for only a few questions, before coming together for discussion.

Analysis Questions:

1. What are the opposing ideas in these two videos?
2. In the CBS News video, Vladimir Duthiers said that “more than half a million lives have been claimed by extreme global weather events that were intensified by manmade climate change.” Was that number higher than you expected? Was it lower than you expected? Why?
3. John Stossel said: "Globally there's been no increase in drought, and in the U.S., the EPA acknowledges the last 50 years have been wetter than average." Were you surprised to learn this? Why/Why not?
4. In the CBS News video, David Schechter said: “[T]he planet has already warmed by 1.3°C. That might not sound like a lot to a lot of people....” Does it sound like a lot? Why/Why not?
5. John Stossel said that alarmists like to start comparisons of wildfires in the early 1980s. Why is that?
6. David Schechter said: “The nations of the world have pledged to keep warming to 1.5°, but currently the world is on track for up to 3.1° by the end of the century.” Are projections like that reliable? Why/Why not?
7. In the Stossel video, what did Linnea Lueken say was the "real driver" of wildfires?
8. David Schechter described the process researchers used to study the impact that climate change may have had on weather events. What was that process?
9. John Stossel said: "Climate change may cause real problems, but we can adapt to them rather than get hysterical about myths." Do you agree that we can adapt to the problems of climate change? Why/Why not?
10. David Schechter said: “Climate change juices the odds of [weather events] being worse.” What did he mean by this?

11. Linnea Lueken said that the Great Barrier Reef is thriving, and that that's not surprising.
What reason did she give for this?
12. According to David Schechter, did climate change create the catastrophic weather events mentioned in the video?
13. John Stossel asked: "If the good news is so obvious, why would [the media] keep reporting bad news?" How would you answer this question?
14. Did these two videos share any common ground? Were there any points on which they agreed? If so, what were they?
15. Should one of the arguments we heard carry more weight than the other? If so, which one? Why?
16. Did you have an opinion on this topic before watching these videos? If so, what was it? Has your opinion changed? If so, how? What did you learn from these videos that affects your views on this topic?
17. What else would you like to learn about this topic?
18. For more on this topic, see the first entry in this two-part series: [The Effects of Climate Change](#)