

TALKING POINTS

Demand Action on Climate Change: Five Critical Points

Many students worldwide are walking out of their schools in hopes to create change. In the U.S., some teachers do not support these walkouts because it takes away from their student's learning. However, students feel it is their job to do something about climate change for the betterment of their future. It is important to stand behind these students, take action and voice our support for policy changes in response to climate change.

1. AWARENESS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

It is very important to understand the severity of global climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions are continually contributing to global warming, sea levels are rising while glaciers are dramatically melting and coral reefs are declining. We need to acknowledge that these changes are not normal or safe for our families and homes.

2. THERE ARE COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

The effects of global warming aren't solely reflected through increasing temperatures, but also extreme weather cases that could further damage populations and our environments. It is crucial to remember that just as summers will get hotter, winters will get colder. Climate change includes extreme hot or cold weather and severe or unexpected disturbances such as cyclones, tornadoes or wildfires.

3. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACT NOW.

World leaders have revealed that the planet has only 11 years to completely and rapidly transform to a global clean energy economy to avoid risking floods, food shortages, extreme drought and wildfires. All of us need to focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions to begin to level out the global temperature and eventually reduce it. Let us reach and maintain safe and healthy communities for all.

4. BE AN ACTIVIST. SUPPORT CLIMATE CHANGE MOVEMENTS.

Instead of discouraging climate change movements such as the student walkouts and climate strikes, we need to support and demand change along with these movements. Participate and donate to important causes or movements and learn more about how you can help your community for the future of our youth.

5. CHANGE YOUR HABITS IN FAVOR OF THE PLANET.

Create a ripple effect starting with your actions! Recycling, reusing and reducing is a great way to simultaneously support our environment and save money. Additionally, get into the habit of decreasing the amount of electrical and water usage at home by switching to compact fluorescent

light bulbs, unplugging electrical sources when not in use and only running dishwasher or washing machines with full loads.

ABOUT NCCP

The National Climate Change Prevention (NCCP) is a nonprofit that provides information on climate change and awareness of climate change prevention. NCCP serves to help educate communities on the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, transforming energy systems and preventing the most harmful effects of climate change. The nonprofit also aims to promote climate change movements and demand policy changes in support of the Green New Deal. NCCP is partnered with many organizations such as Youth Climate Strike and Climate Change Education Partnership Alliance (CCEP).