

Film Response: Global Warming

Some of the major environmental problems the earth is currently experiencing are sea ice and the melting snow packs in the eastern Arctic and Alaska. Both have seen a 4-7 degree increase in temp over the last 50 years as opposed to 1 degree over the past century in other regions. Mt. Kilimanjaro and the Swiss Alps have seen a significant reduction in the formation of their ice caps and glaciers. Finally, greenhouse gases and toxic metals are also side effects of man-induced climate change.

The long-term dangers of this exposure are, first, the reverting of Earth's climate back to that of the pre-historic time, resulting in an increase of carbon dioxide over time. Population increases are also a concern as three billion more people are expected to share the earth by 2050 bringing the global total to more than 9 billion. This, scientists believe, will overwhelm the Earth's ecosystem.

Working to slow down the progress of global warming's effects while preparing to endure nature's self-corrective measures necessary are the overall focus in trying to resolve these issues. Effective legislature along with proper monitoring is also essential. Specifically if alternative methods of producing power are implemented without abandon such as solar, wind power and other forms of clean energy.

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