

We Went to the Moon. Why Can't We Solve Climate Change? By John Schwartz

This article provides a brief synopsis about the political influences on science and its progression through time. The article emphasizes the achievements that people can achieve when we have a goal or objective at the forefront, for example going to the Moon, however political viewpoints, greed and a societal evaluation of priorities must be eminent to make a difference. The question is: Why can't we achieve this great feat again by solving the problems of our climate change?

Science is a Human Endeavor

As responsible citizens, fixing the ozone layer must be a world-wide endeavor as the effects of climate control has a direct effect on every human living on this earth. It is the actions of each human that has affected our conditions here on earth. Our ability to change the way in which we live will have a direct impact on the climate change. Science is a human endeavor but we must all be willing to make changes in our lives to make this world a place that we can all live in effectively.

Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence

Climate change has become an increasing concern over the years and has also been on the political forefront. "Rising levels of greenhouse gases are raising temperatures worldwide, leading to shifting weather patterns that are only expected to get worse" (Schwartz, 2019). This scientific evidence of shifting weather patterns is the knowledge that must be considered as we convince our politicians that rising temperatures and climate change is a real thing in our world and must be taken into account for the future of our time on earth.

Science is a way of knowing

Controversy has occurred that shows that efforts to change reductions in greenhouse-gas emissions would clearly decrease their bottom line. Despite the evidence that science brings us, our politicians seem to think they understand more than our scientists resulting in decisions that are being made that focus more on the bottom line than on what's best for our society. The application of science is our way of knowing the world around us and it is necessary to find the cures of our illnesses, the use of energy efficient fuels and the scientific knowledge that will inevitably progress our world to new dimensions.

Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them

John F. Kennedy once said: “not because they are easy, but because they are hard; because that goal will service to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone and one we intend to win...” Science is not easy and the discoveries made through science are the great feats we will make as a society.

Reason abstractly and quantitatively

The depletion of the ozone layer is a direct effect of the increase in the emissions of green -house gases. Humans are directly responsible for the increase of the green house gases, therefore society must be directly responsible for fixing the problem.

Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of other

This viable argument that appears in this article clearing shows a divide among the politicians and the scientists. Each perspective and scientific discovery are worthy of their opinions and their important contributions are what makes society be the determining factor of viable reasoning among them.

Reference

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