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**Carbon Calculator Reflection**

Despite the article revealing the fact that, the “carbon footprint” concept was made with ill intentions meant to place the blame on the people rather than on the industries, if we place the blame back on the industries alone, then we are committing the same mistake they did. Therefore, while still acknowledging that industries are major contributors to the climate change that we are experiencing, we should not forget that the average citizen also has an impact, though much more minimal, on the environment. However, I agree that reduction of one’s carbon footprint might not be the best solution for this crisis we are facing. Perhaps it was a good starting point a few years ago, but considering how little time we have left before further irreversible changes happen, I believe it would be better if communities would focus their efforts on decreasing the amount of, not only carbon but, general fossil fuel gases in the atmosphere. Furthermore, it would be great if further emphasis could be placed on the fact that “going green” is not in fact the solution to global warming, but simply a way to buy us a little more time before extinction. I feel this message was lost during the implementation of the concept of the carbon footprint though perhaps this fact was just not so concrete at the time. In addition, it is possible that the spread of this general notion through the masses could inspire further climate researchers to explore possible solutions to this problem rather than just spread awareness of it. Don’t get me wrong, spreading awareness of the issue is phenomenal and the people who do it are way beyond the average person, but when statistics show that more than 70% of Americans already believe in global warming, perhaps it is time to move on to the problem-solving phase.