



# **EARTH STRIKE**

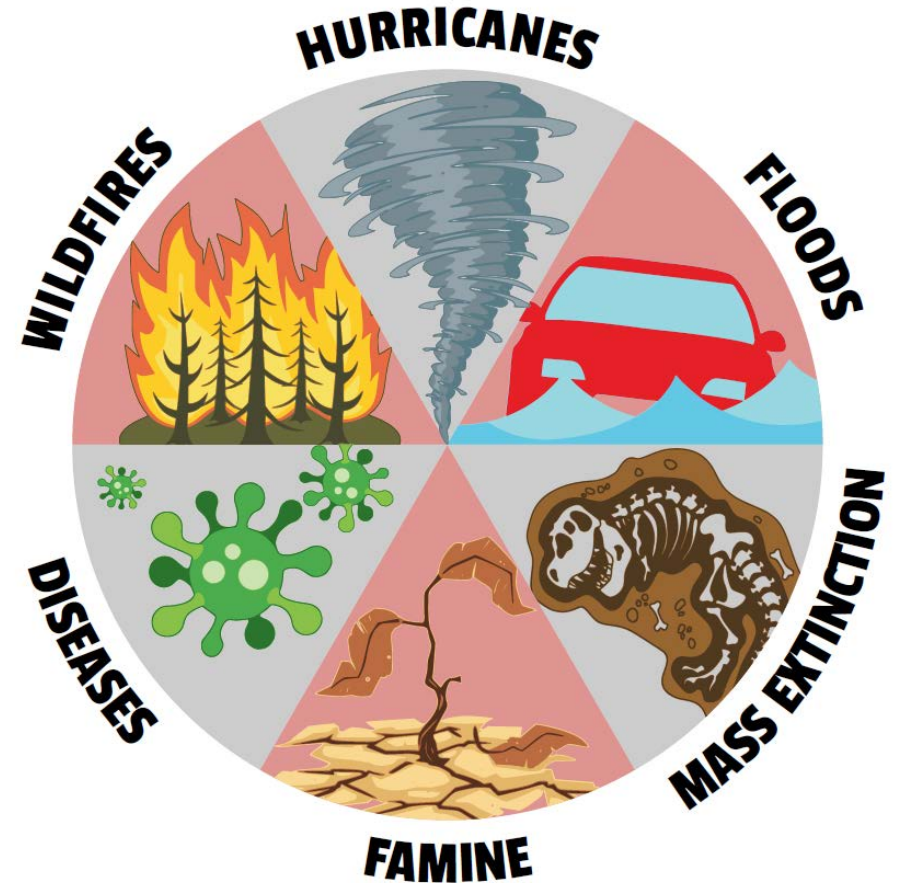
**GENERAL STRIKE TO SAVE THE PLANET**

# WHO WE ARE

- **We are a horizontal, grassroots movement demanding immediate climate action from governments and corporations worldwide**
- Earth Strike began in November 2018, from a rallying cry on a post in r/chomsky to disrupt the system and fight for our future. It grew into an international movement within the span of a few days, united by a common cause
- We now have members in over 60 countries, with national and local chapters organizing autonomously across the globe
- How do we intend to disrupt the system? A **global general strike!**

# THE PROBLEM

- In October 2018, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report stating that if the global temperature increases exceed 1.5 °C by 2030, there will be a **global climate catastrophe**.
- The graphic on the right gives us an idea on what is in store for us if we do not act immediately on climate change.



# THE FACTS

- **The worldwide climatological community has shown beyond a doubt that the planet's climate is changing, and human industry is responsible.** Notice the temperature differences between 1900-2000 and 2000-2017
- In 1980, our north pole had about 8 million km<sup>2</sup> of sea ice. In 2018, it was down to only 4.6 million km<sup>2</sup>.

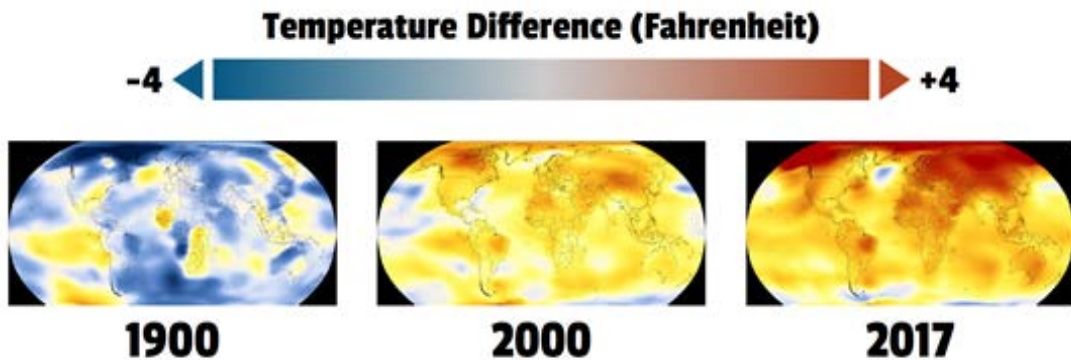


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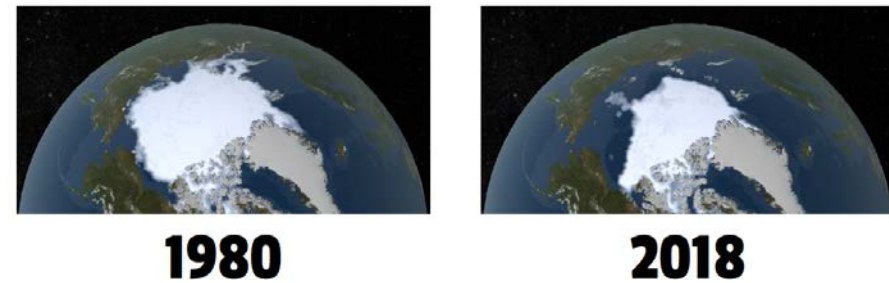


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# THE EFFECTS

- **Severe weather events** such as hurricanes and flooding
  - Loss of life and property, contaminated water
  - Rising sea levels causing millions to leave their homes and become climate refugees
- **Droughts & famines** caused from increased temperatures
  - Without efforts to reduce emissions, yields of vegetables would be cut by about 35 percent in the second half of this century
  - Higher food prices, less stable food supply, and general food insecurity

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- **Dangerous heatwaves**

- Dehydration and heat stroke are common heat-related fatalities

- **Devastating wildfires**

- Caused by dry conditions

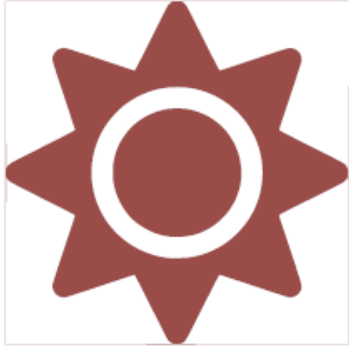
- Extremely destructive of land, human life, and wildlife

- **Spread of illness vectors**

- Disease-carrying ticks and mosquitos thrive in the hot and humid climates

- Malaria, Zika virus, Lyme and West Nile Virus

# THE CAUSE



## INSOLATION

the amount of solar radiation that reaches our atmosphere



## PARTICULATES


e.g. from volcanoes, blocking solar radiation from entering our atmosphere



## GREENHOUSE GASES

e.g. CO<sub>2</sub> and methane, trapping solar radiation within our atmosphere

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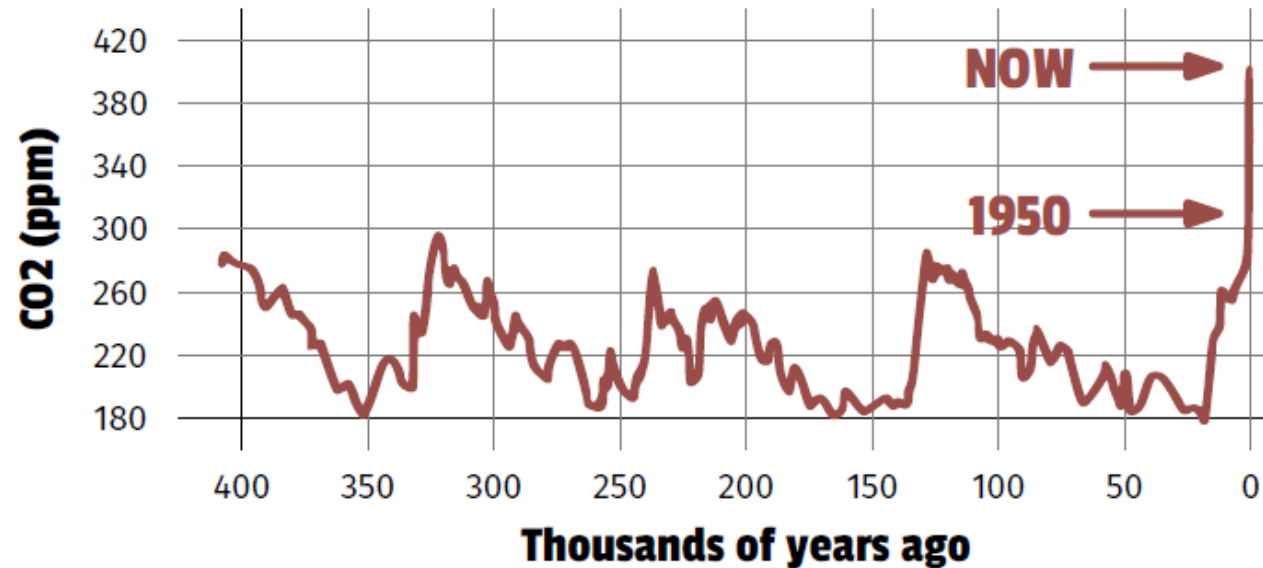
- Insolation is pretty predictable. The amount of solar radiation merely depends on our orbit and axial tilt, which is also predictable. So it is not responsible for our current warming trend.
  - The amount of particulates is much less predictable, but they don't factor into our calculations
  - So what's to blame for climate change?
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# THE CAUSE

- It's man-made greenhouse gases.

## Prevalence of Carbon Dioxide in the Atmosphere



Data source: Nature.com | <https://www.nature.com/articles/nature06949>

# THE CULPRITS

- Scientists from Cambridge University have discovered from their data that, in 2010, 67.3% of global greenhouse gas emissions come from the burning of fossil fuels.
- According to the CDP's 2017 Carbon Majors Report, **100 polluters are responsible for 71% of global industrial greenhouse gas emissions.**

## Who are the Carbon Majors?

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# OUR PLAN

**To prepare for our strike, we will educate, engage, and assist our local communities through:**



## **Educating and Engaging**

citizens by reaching out to local communities, distributing educational materials, and helping others get involved through direct action.



## **Demonstrating**

at public events worldwide, to spread our message and train our communities in boots-on-the-ground activism.



## **Naming and Shaming**

corporate executives who contribute to environmental destruction, and politicians who fail to regulate them effectively.



## **Connecting**

with other environmental activist groups to form a worldwide network and unify the global environmental cause.



## **Providing a Platform**

for leading environmental activists to share their visions for the future of climate activism.



## **Providing Mutual Aid**

for those who are already victims of climate change, and will continue to be victimized in the future by its wide-ranging effects.

# INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULE



## Earth Strike Kickoff Protest

Our first worldwide event will help local organizers engage their communities and kickstart our ground support.

## Halfway Earth Day Protest

On the weekend after Earth Day, organizers and protests will use the build-up to May Day to form closer ties with local unions, who will be integral in building widespread support for the strike.




## Final Pre-Strike Protest

On the Earth Overshoot Day of 2019, we will hold one final protest before our strike, as a final wake-up call for those that have not yet joined in.

# OUR PRINCIPLES

- **Solidarity:** Only by standing together, unified around a common goal, will we stand a chance against climate change
- **Horizontalism:** This is a people's movement. As long as these principles are followed, anyone is free to organize a local chapter and run it autonomously how they see it.
- **Clarity of Purpose:** Our global, general strike is the focal point of our movement, and is what differentiates us from other environmental movements. The worldwide protests are important, but they are simply a means for us to spread our message. By withholding our labor, we are putting economic pressure on those in charge and displaying our power.

# OUR PRINCIPLES

- **Clarity of Message:** We do not wish to embark on frivolous campaigns against tiny issues of consumption, and recognize that our real target is the institutions of production.
  - **Consistency:** Earth Strike is open only to those whose views and actions are compatible with our missions. In particular, we do not support worker exploitation or landlordism, nor do we permit the presence of, or support for, police or current state armed forces.
  - **Inclusivity:** Earth Strike has absolutely zero tolerance for hateful, bigoted, or reactionary politics (e.g. transphobia, ethnonationalism, imperialism, genocide apologia/denial, etc.)
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# OUR PARTENERS AND SUPPORTERS



## Extinction Rebellion UK

Extinction Rebellion is fighting climate-induced mass extinction through civil disobedience. First established in the UK, their massive protests and sit-ins in London in November 2018 took the media by storm.



## Fridays For Future

Fridays for Future is an environmental activist movement started by 16-year-old activist Greta Thunberg, whose scathing December 2018 speech to world leaders at a UN climate summit catapulted her to international prominence.



## IWW Environmental Unionism Caucus

The IWW Environmental Unionism Caucus seeks to unite the labour movement and the environmental movement, to transition unsafe and unsustainable industry to one that meets the best labour and environmental standards.

For a full list of endorsements from international and local organizations, visit:

[earth-strike.com/supporters](https://earth-strike.com/supporters)

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