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### Economic Consequences:

- **IMF Insight:** Delaying climate policies can harm economic growth, with partially credible policies potentially doubling the cost of transitioning to a low-emission economy [1].
- **White House Warning:** Lack of investment in climate change mitigation could increase costs for the government and society[2].
- **Joint Economic Committee Caution:** Inaction could slow productivity growth, with modest warming potentially shrinking the economy by hundreds of billions of dollars[6].

### Social Consequences:

- **World Bank Observation:** The poorest and most vulnerable bear the brunt of climate change impacts despite contributing the least[4].
- **Brookings Institution Alert:** Without a racially equitable strategy, climate policies could widen racial wealth and prosperity gaps[13].
- **United Nations Concern:** Climate change can exacerbate within-country inequalities, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged groups[8].

### Environmental Consequences:

- **White House Note:** Climate disasters in one region can have cascading effects on other regions[5].

- **Risky Business Project Warning:** Continuation of the current path could lead to severe environmental effects in many U.S. regions, including storm, flooding, and heat wave damages[10].

## Conclusion:

- The lack of climate change policies in U.S. states has wide-reaching and severe consequences for the economy, society, and environment. It's crucial for states to adopt and implement effective climate change policies to mitigate these potential impacts.

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