

Donald trump and climate change

Climate Change

Climate change is one of the most important matters of our time. Its consequences are immense and if there is failure to make changes it will keep getting worse. Temperatures are changing, glaciers are melting and more and more forest fires are occurring. It feels almost impossible to save ourselves from the worst when people like Donald Trump holds so much power. Trump fails to understand that scientifically proven facts about climate change are legitimate and does not hesitate to share ignorant comments about the matter. Donald Trump has publicly said and tweeted on twitter such pearls of wisdom as **“it’s freezing in New York where the hell is global warming”** “the badly flawed Paris climate agreement protects the polluters, hurts Americans and cost a fortune. NOT ON MY WATCH ““we must reject the perennial prophets of doom and their predictions of the apocalypse”.

Trumps view on climate change can appear confusing as he refers to climate change as “mythical and non-existent” yet he also stated in December 2019 that climate change was personally very important to him "Climate change is very important to me. I've done many environmental impact statements in my life, and I believe very strongly in very, very crystal clear clean water and clean air." This statement is extremely frustrating considering the fact that he has repeated it constantly. Each time Trump fails to mention the most horrific facts of climate change like the temperatures and sea levels slowly rising and soil drying up which will eventually make it infertile for farming resulting in famine. Trump also used a racist comment to try and blame China for global warming which later he announced was a joke in 2012, he famously said climate change was "created by and for the Chinese in order to make US manufacturing non-competitive". Clearly one of the most powerful men in the world enjoys making humour out of such an extreme matter. Each time Trump decided to discuss climate change it puts more and more stress on the people as someone who has the ability to make a change finds entertainment in the subject and refuses to believe the truth which is devastating. Although making a change to help our environment would be so much easier with Trump’s help, we as people have strength in numbers and if we do not give up we can make the change alone with or without his help.

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