

## **Carbon emissions, Celebrities and the biggest culprit**

The general public are very aware and familiar with climate change, and the huge excess of carbon emissions, but not many are aware of celebrities and the huge and negative contribution they have to this rising issue.

Taylor Swift being the biggest contributor of them all, with over 170 private jet flights over the span of 6 months, producing carbon emissions over 8,293.54 tons. To put this into perspective, the average global capita of carbon emissions is 4.3 tons, meaning Taylor Swift private jets carbon footprint alone was over 1,928 tons the global average.

Swift owns 4 private jets, the Number 13 C, estimated to be worth around 40 million, and two Daasault Jets, both estimated to be worth around three to ten million and the Dassault 900 Falcon, each of which costing about 3,700 per flight hour, 128 gallons of gas per journey and a total of 380 flight hour.

Now, according to Swift's spokesperson, this is "blatantly incorrect" despite her flight records being public and tracked. He would also later claim that the jet was "loaned out" to other celebrities but with no evidence to back this claim up. Keep in mind, Swift is not the only culprit, many other high class names are not far behind such as Floyd Mayweather, Jay Z, Drake, Travis Scott and more, but Swift tops them all.

This is where I believe the gap between rich and poor is at its most prominent, is the large contrast between carbon emissions. The wealthiest one percent of humanity are responsible for twice as many carbon emissions as the poorest 50%. The gap between the rich and poor is expanding, and the poor is paying the price for it and we suffer the day to day consequences as a result. By 2030, the carbon footprint will be 30 times greater. How can we let out future generations grow up in these conditions? Will there even be a climate for them to grow up in? A change must be made, and soon.