

There is no doubt that we are already experiencing an existential threat. Peer reviewed research papers that touch the subject of climate change are published at a rate of 15-20 thousand per year in every scientific discipline, climate science is likely the most rigorously studied field of science in history. There is no credible argument to be made that it isn't happening, there isn't a college or university on the planet that offers any degree program grounded in the natural sciences that refutes it, I don't think there is even one science class offered anywhere that refutes it. We are at the overkill stage in terms of proving out something we understood almost 200 years ago, that releasing excess CO₂ into the atmosphere from human activities, in particular the burning of fossil fuels, will cause the planet to heat up. We are at the point where you don't need a thermometer, or satellites, or ice cores, the evidence is absolutely everywhere. We are failing our children, our future generations, and ourselves through our continued inaction. Since the IPCC first warned us in the early 1990's our CO₂ emissions have actually increased by approximately 60 to 70% and this year we will once again break our all time record for emissions. We must act now, our current agricultural models are not capable of handling the changes, many of the worlds largest, most densely populated cities will face water security issues on a scale beyond their ability to respond. We either act now and take aggressive action and make an orderly, organized, globally coordinated transition to the zero carbon economy or we continue what we are doing and very soon we will find ourselves in a chaotic, completely uncoordinated collapse of organized society. We are already in way over our heads, yet we allow the most ignorant, most uninformed, and the most avaricious and corrupt to dictate our policies. This is madness and we will pay the price.