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Op-Ed Essay: Appeal to conservative viewpoints: Protecting America from climate change

As the people and leaders of the United States. We have similar values and concerns for the growth and prosperity of our democracy. We as a whole believe that national security, an exceptional economy, and the preservation of US wildlife and habitats are what we hold dear to us. That drives us to bring forth the issue of climate change. As we know climate change/ global warming according to [USGS.gov](https://www.usgs.gov) is, ‘the rise in global temperatures due mainly to the increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. “Climate change” refers to the increasing changes in the measures of climate over a long period of time – including precipitation, temperature, and wind patterns.” We collectively know that natural disasters, For example, tornados, wildfires and hurricanes have gradually increased in power causing catastrophic damages throughout the United States. Which drives me to the argument that I’m proposing today. These natural disaster damages have been resolved with an extreme amount of government funding, causing more money to come out of the non-mandatory spending and taxes for the US citizens. Although, have we ever thought to deplete climate change/ global warming by putting the budget and taxes toward initiatives to stop climate change from gradually increasing which means less money being taken away from the people and cut the budget in half. By investing our money and time into initiatives to decrease climate change, it takes the financial

stress off of the people and government, by relieving the amount of funding that goes to disaster relief funding.

National security is something dear to the US's extremist republicans. Although, why don't you ever ask yourself, if weather is a national security threat in itself. National security is basically the act of preserving the United States sovereignty, by depleting internal and external threats, when it comes to the safety for its people, economy and society as a whole. Climate change/ Global warming is now becoming an internal threat. Several American lives are being lost to these natural disasters each year, and let's not talk about the amount of memories and personal valuables that are lost too. According to [Ncei.noaa.gov](https://www.ncei.noaa.gov), approximately sixteen thousand nine hundred and eighteen US citizens lost their lives in natural disasters from 1980 to 2025. If we truly cared about the internal threats to US citizens wouldn't we have resolved this in 1980? So as leaders of this country and the sole purpose is to protect the sovereignty and safety of this country, why don't we take the initiative to stop being lazy and cheap to save lives. As an extremist you press patriotism and praise the people that serve our country, whether its internal or external. Why don't we produce ways to deplete deaths from climate change/global warming, which is now a pressing internal threat. According to [climate.gov](https://www.climate.gov), approximately five hundred sixty eight direct and indirect deaths were caused by natural disasters just in 2024, which is the eight highest in forty five years. If we want to prioritize the safety of our citizens, instead of watching the amount of deaths increase, why don't we keep the current initiatives that were placed previously by representatives and create more plans to keep the "American Dream" alive.

As conservatives you regulate your arguments behind the economic integrity of this county and do anything to keep the stocks and the yearly budget in balance. If we look at the amount of funding that goes to disaster relief plans and the amount of crops and devastation that farmers have because of these storms, we can potentially see a price gouge in fresh grocery store goods. Also the amount of money being taken away from other possible initiatives that conservative representatives may have on a more dire matter at the time. According to climate.gov, In 2024 approximately 182.7 billion dollars went to natural disaster relief, which is an absurd amount of money going to something we can also resolve completely. This can potentially put the United States over the budget they have in place for the year, putting us in further debt. As for agriculture losses according to Fb.org, “Total losses to crops and rangeland (including apiculture) from major 2024 weather and fire events exceeded \$20.3 billion, accounting for 11.1% of NOAA’s total economic impact from disasters. Of this total, \$10.9 billion in losses were covered by Risk Management Agency (RMA) programs as of February 2024, while approximately \$9.4 billion remained uninsured, fell outside policy coverage limits, or did not qualify under existing risk management programs.” If we as a democracy truly care about the integrity of our economy, and the amount of jobs and agriculture lost causes a shift in the stocks, we need to hit Climate change/Global warming head on to prevent further loses.

As time passes in the United States, conservatives have been overseers of the land, maintaining the integrity of our natural landscapes for generations. Climate change/ Global warming is jeopardizing your ability to say that you’ve protected it up to this point, depleting the safety of our forests, killing our wildlife, and ruining the natural beauties of the United States.

Using your abilities to make a change is a great way to show conservation and allow your children/grandchildren an outlet to witness and experience the wildlife you used to love. Climate change is affecting our national forests which depletes the chances of tourists and your grandchildren/children to witness the beauty of the United States. If you care about the knowledge that the future generations hold on the natural heritage of the United States then we need to combat this issue. Things like fishing or hunting are being affected by climate change/Global warming, which is a national treasure that a lot of fathers indulge in with their kids. According to MSc.org, they state,” Climate change threatens fish stocks, but also creates new opportunities for fishing. Areas in the Tropics are predicted to see [declines of up to 40% in potential seafood catch by 2050.](#)

In contrast, areas in higher latitudes, such as the North Atlantic and North Pacific, are seeing increases in the range of some fish species. These changes bring challenges. To continue to fish sustainably requires adopting new ways of fishing. The fishing industry and governments have found it difficult to agree how best to manage changing fish stocks, particularly if fish are moving across international boundaries or where catches need to be significantly reduced.

Aquatic or [blue foods present an opportunity to improve nutrition with lower environmental burdens.](#) “ This one takes away from future profits when it comes to the fishing industry which is in very high demand. It also takes away from quality time between a child and their parents, which affects the socioeconomic integrity of our country. In the United States we’ve seen a drastic increase in wildfires over the years, and numbers are leaning toward the effects of climate change. These wildfires are one killing our wildlife and national but also killing service workers fighting off these fires. EPA.gov states,”Together, forests, shrubland, and grassland cover more than half of the land area in the United States.¹ These ecosystems are important resources, both

environmentally and economically. Although wildfires occur naturally and play a long-term role in the health of these ecosystems, changing wildfire patterns threaten to upset the status quo. Multiple studies have found that climate change has already led to an increase in wildfire season length, wildfire frequency, and burned area.^{2,3} The wildfire season has lengthened in many areas due to factors including warmer springs, longer summer dry seasons, and drier soils and vegetation.² Similarly, climate change threatens to increase the frequency, extent, and severity of fires through increased temperatures and drought (see the [U.S. and Global Temperature](#) and [Drought](#) indicators).” This is not like I said, just affecting us environmentally but economically. We need to press this issue further if we want to withstand a regulated socioeconomic platform for current day times but also in future for generations to come.

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memories and lifetime valuables being demolished. Lastly, the national treasures that are being destroyed due to these storms and wildfires. Like the national forests that are being demolished causing a lower demand in tourists and less economic impact. More importantly the socioeconomic impact it has, parents like to hunt and fish with their children and without the outlet to do that relationship begins to deplete and become more distant. As representatives of the United States you need to pick your battles wisely.

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