

The Climate Action Team at First Unitarian Church of Dallas works to educate, motivate, and advocate for actions to reduce the threat of global warming at First Unitarian.

Join our group to stay informed, learn about upcoming events, meet other activists, take action, and save the planet.

Evidence of climate change and the scientific consensus is at [climate.nasa.gov](http://climate.nasa.gov). Also, [sites.nationalacademies.org/sites/climate](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/sites/climate) views climate change as a security risk.



## Consensus on Climate Change

*There is no debate among serious scientists about the truth of climate change. The American Association for the Advancement of Science published a report that says "97% of climate scientists agree that human-caused climate change is happening."*

Organizations that officially recognize the threat of climate change:

**Major scientific organizations:** the American Medical Association, American Geophysical Union, American Physical Society, and the American Meteorological Society. **National Science Academies** of almost all developed nations, including the US National Academy of Sciences. **Religious denominations:** Presbyterian, Lutheran, American Baptist, Episcopalian, and Unitarian Universalist. **Leading universities:** Harvard, Stanford, Yale and MIT. **Energy companies,** that have engaged in funding denial now claim to accept climate change: ExxonMobil, Chevron, Shell, Conoco Phillips, and BP.

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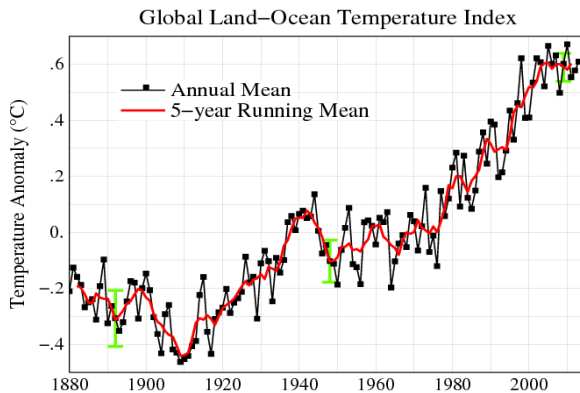


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## Climate Change is underway

- Higher average temperatures – 13 of the 14 hottest years on record have been since 2000
- Melting polar ice – Arctic Sea ice is at record low levels
- Rising sea levels



## Climate Denial Think Tanks and Sources

- Cato Institute, Heartland Institute, Marshal Institute, Competitive Enterprise Institute to name a few
- Learn their support origins to understand motivation ([www.sourcewatch.org](http://www.sourcewatch.org))
- Debunking of climate denial arguments available at [Skeptical Science](#)

## Impacts happening now

According to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, “We are at risk of pushing our climate system toward abrupt, unpredictable, and potentially irreversible changes with highly damaging impacts.”

- Political instability and war
- Climate refugees
- Species loss
- Insect born disease rise
- Coral reef loss
- More unstable weather patterns
- Extended and deep droughts
- Disruption of food supplies
- Risks to water supplies



## Support and join the fight

Support: 350.org, Citizen’s Climate Lobby, Climate Reality Project, 314action (supports electing scientists to congress), Texas Campaign for the Environment, Greenpeace, Union of Concerned Scientists, Environmental Defense Fund, Sierra Club, and End Citizens United.

## Personal Action

In order to avoid the worst effects of climate change, urgent action is needed now. Here are a few of the actions we can take now:

**Consume less:** fossil fuels, beef/dairy, bottled water, fleece, clothing

**Buy:** Carbon offsets ([cooleffect.org](http://cooleffect.org)), electric car, solar panels, local food

**Calculate:** Your carbon footprint

**Turn down:** Your heater/air conditioner

**Be Aware:** 1 gallon of gas = 20 lbs (of CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Be Aware:** It’s us. Texas has the worst carbon footprint of any state.

**Have:** the conversation

**Have:** smaller families



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