So you're ready to take action against climate change... (UPDATED!)

Do you know the basics?

NO

Human combustion of fossil fuels is heating the atmosphere and disrupting natural systems everywhere, jeopardizing human life on earth. **We have to end the fossil fuel economy immediately, despite strong opposition.**

Read more:
Climate 101 from the Climate Reality Project
9 Questions About Climate Change You Were Too Embarrassed To Ask
50 States of Climate Change, by the Weather Channel

Yes, but I'm very, very sad.

That is a sane and natural response to a horrible situation. Take time and feel what you feel. Be aware, research and experience show that **the best treatment for climate despair is climate action.** Resources at Climate Psychology Alliance and Gen Dread

Yes, but I hate/suck at/am scared of activism.

Expand your concept of activism to include your skills and pleasures: teaching, hosting, writing, gardening, art-making, arguing, performing, communications, etc. **Learn about adrienne marie brown**'s Pleasure Activism

Also, there is work to do that nobody likes, and we all have to take turns. So let's be grownups about it.

Yes, but it's daunting and I don't know where to start.

Here's one way to think about it:

Are you a YES or a NO kind of person?

YES

Do you want to build more...

People Power?

Communicate. Show up. Join/support groups whose work you respect. Make climate your priority and make sure your community and leaders know it.

Some national groups to check out:
Sunrise Movement
Power Shift Network
Climate Citizens' Lobby
350.org
Sierra Club
NRDC
Center for Biological Diversity

Community Resilience?

Find out what impacts face your people. Learn about effective solutions. **Which are most meaningful to you?**

So many great groups to join:

Indigenous Sovereignty
Honor the Earth
Indigenous Enviro Network
Climate Justice
Movement Generation
WEACT for Climate Justice
Climate Justice Alliance
Health/Family
Moms Clean Air Force
Mothers Out Front
Conceivable Future
Water/Food Safety
Waterkeeper
Food & Water Watch
Labor
Climate Jobs Nat'l Resource
Labor4Sustainability

Renewables?

You can work on legislation, local carrier switch and/or installation

Legis-lation

Demand 100% renewables commitments from legislators and corporations. Advocate **Climate Solutions**. **Call. Tweet. Office visits!**

Switch/ Install

At home, switch to renewables with Arcadia, or a local carrier.

Then aim bigger: What org/business/apt complex /house o' worship/gym etc. do you belong to? Urge them to install solar/wind.

If they don't listen, organize. Resources:
Nat'l Community Solar Partners
How to be a Solar Advocate
Solar United Neighbors

NO

Do you want to stop...

Bad Money?

Your bank may be funding fossils: find out here.

Withdraw your money. Tell them why, loudly. Get your friends, family, etc. to join you.

Divest! What is divestment? If you have investments, move them out of fossil fuels.

But more importantly, **work with your school(s), religious group, city's pension fund, etc. to divest**. This sends a powerful practical and moral message to the worst polluters. **Learn more here.**

Bad Laws?

The US hands out millions of our tax dollars annually in subsidies to the most profitable industry in history.

Learn more and #StopFundingFossils with Oil Change International.

Does your state lack or ignore pollution regulations? **Sue with** Earth Justice.

Demand the **#Green New Deal**

Get better legislators with Climate Action Cabinet.

Bad Infrastructure?

Oppose all new fossil fuel infrastructure. **Shut down** existing fossil fuel infrastructure.

Groups focused on Direct Action (find your chapter):
Rising Tide
Greenpeace
Extinction Rebellion
Climate Defense Project (Legal)
Beautiful Trouble (DA Resources)

COAL | OIL | Natural Gas

Oppose existing/ proposed plants, mines, exports, pipelines, wells, etc.

Against Pipelines:
Unist'ot'en Camp
Honor the Earth
Stop Line 3

Against Fracking:
Fracking Information
Useful organizing links
Fracking database
FracTracker

Against Coal:
Beyond Coal
Power Past Coal

More pleasure
Less fuel

Demand your utilities shut fossil fuel plants. What will it take to Decarbonize My State?
Pressure legislators:
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