The good news is, we have everything we need now to respond to the challenge of global warming. We have all the technologies we need, more are being developed.... But we should not wait, we cannot wait, we must not wait. - Al Gore

A recent study concludes that a low-meat diet along with high agricultural efficiency would help reduce  $CO_2$  in our atmosphere by 25 part per million, which would be enough to prevent the two-degree rise in global temperatures that is regarded as the safe threshold.

Livestock production currently accounts for 78% of agricultural land use. Each unit of land can feed a far greater number of people on a plant-based diet than an animal based one. Yes, we have the technology and we have the information on how to respond to the challenge of global warming.

## The question remains... <----

Are we going to ignore the solutions right in front of our face, waiting for the day when renewables become ubiquitous and affordable, or are we going to act now?

#### **Resources:**

51% of GHGs come from animal agriculture *http://www.worldwatch.org/node/6294* 

UN urges global move to meat and dairy-free diet http://bit.ly/un-report-goveg

Meat The Truth (*An Unconvenient Truth*-like documentary linking animal ag. and climate change) *http://www.meatthetruth.nl/en/* 

Grass-fed cattle have a higher carbon footprint http://bit.ly/grass-fed

Climate change will become irreversible by 2017 http://bit.ly/climatechange2017

25ppm reduction in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> on low-meat diet http://bit.ly/25ppm-co2-reduction

A balanced, plant-based diet can provide all the nutrients to help you thrive. http://bit.ly/p-plate

Get started with a plant-based diet http://www.tryveg.com/ Livestock is the No. 1 cause of the destruction of

rainforests.

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# TRUE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP CAN'T IGNORE ANIMAL AGRICULTURE



"It's funny how we want transformation without having to change." Will Tuttle, The World Peace Diet

#### It's absolutely correct that the growing meat intensity of diets around the world is one of the issues connected to this global crisis. - Al Gore

Ten billion of the 60 billion-plus land animals killed worldwide for human consumption come from the United States, making it the largest consumer of animal products.

By reducing their meat consumption, United States' citizens can make a huge impact against climate change, and also set an example for developing countries to follow, to ensure a healthy planet for future generations. "Animal agriculture is the most inefficient use of fossil fuels, land and water."

As the country comes to more accept the reality of the crisis, there's going to be much more receptivity to a full-blown discussion of the solutions. - Al Gore

While it is a good idea to continue trying to reach out to climate change skeptics about the dangers of global warming, it is up to the rest of us to start doing all we can to avert worst predictions of climate change.

### Implementing renewable energy will take 20 yrs and cost \$15 trillion

The one solution that Mr. Gore continues to ignore, unless he is questioned about it, is what we decide to put on our plates every time we sit down to eat.



#### There are times in the history of our nation when our very way of life depends upon dispelling illusions and awakening to the challenge of a present danger. - Al Gore

According to the International Energy Agency, it will take over 20 years at a cost of \$15 trillion to build the necessary renewable energy infrastructure to stave off the worst effects of climate change. They also report that at present rate climate change will become irreversible by 2017.

We cannot wait for solar panels and electric cars to become affordable for everyone. But, anyone can make a huge impact in the fight against climate change by eliminating their consumption of animal products.

# *I for one do not believe our country can withstand 10 more years of the status quo. - AI Gore*

Scientists have been warning us about the planet's growing appetite for animal products for several years. Yet, because climate change leaders, like Al Gore, pay so little attention to it, people continue to believe that our advancing technological knowledge will solve our climate woes.

The one solution that Mr. Gore continues to ignore... is what we decide to put on our plates... We continue to implore to our elected leaders to pay attention to this important issue, and to invest in renewables and efficiency. However, they continue to capitulate to the oil, gas and big agriculture companies who help finance their next election.