

CCLI's 2011 Action Project Cool the Climate



- **Cool the Climate** means cooling the heated politics and misinformation about global warming // We must focus instead on the scientific facts about human induced climate change, on what we stand to lose back-tracking in denial, and on what we will gain by acting sensibly to solve the problem

WHAT WE STAND TO GAIN BY THWARTING HUMAN-INDUCED CLIMATE CHANGE

OUR HUMANITY – by solving this momentous challenge, we will help preserve *the hospitality of life on Earth*, for which we owe *our existence*, all the while demonstrating *our integrity as human beings*.

<http://life.gaiam.com/article/push-politicians-one-way-preserve-life-earth>

OUR ECONOMY – by solving the problem of human induced climate change we will not only *spare our economy* from massive dislocation and financial disruption (un-resolved human induced climate change will cost our civilization trillions of dollars in clean-up from and adaptation to the extreme weather events and other major consequences) but we will also *spur on our economy* to unprecedented levels of sustainable economic growth and empowerment (resolving human induced climate change will spur on amazing innovation, efficiency, clean energy solutions, quality job creation and widespread, distributed economic development and revenue generation). <http://www.pewclimate.org/economics>

OUR HEALTH – we will *protect and promote our health* by paying for and ultimately phasing out the dangerous greenhouse gas pollution in our economy as well as eradicating other pollution by-products of the old fossil fuel energy order. <http://www.who.int/globalchange/en/>

OUR NATIONAL SECURITY – we will protect and *enhance our national security* by not sending billions of dollars overseas importing oil from terrorist-sponsoring countries that hate us but instead developing and utilizing our own abundant clean energy sources here in the United States. <http://securityandclimate.cna.org/>

OUR DEMOCRACY – we will *invigorate our democracy* by deploying self determination in our energy generation, decentralizing power production and establishing wide-scale distributed generation, decoupling, feed-in tariffs, smart grids, etc. all of which is expected in a new – more responsible, efficient and renewable – sustainable energy world. <http://www.showmedemocracy.com/biography>

OUR FELLOW SPECIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT – addressing anthropocentric climate change will help *save vast amounts of species of plants, animals as well as whole ecosystems the world over* which otherwise are anticipated to go extinct with the altered temperature and weather patterns predicted from un-abated climate change. While we rely on the biodiversity of life for our health and well-being, and recognize their many other values, living species and natural communities deserve respect and protection on their own right. <http://www.nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/strategies/art21202.html>

OUR DIGNITY – more important than all the vital matters of national interest and the environment is the *matter of re-establishing our self respect and dignity as a human race*. If we can summon the will-power to temper our negative impact on the climate – employing remarkable solutions of innovation and conservation instead – then the United States of America will soar again as a beacon of light and we will uphold our most basic human dignity as a people. <http://sites.google.com/site/garveyethics/home>