

Week 6: When did we find out about global warming?

Various mathematicians and scientists have been investigating theories around increasing carbon dioxide levels and global warming since the 19th century.

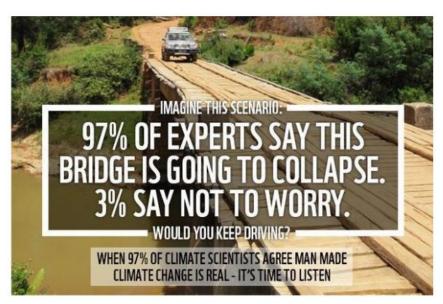
However, by 1988 stronger evidence had been accumulated and Dr James Hanson put global warming on the international agenda. He was a pioneer in trying to reach the public and politicians.

Global warming was met with a lot of resistance:

- Being the most profitable industries, fossil fuel companies had the most to lose. They promoted that the science was so distorted that it was unclear and there were too many complexities around climate science that it would be too expensive to fix.
- Donald Trump has even said that it's a hoax and a money-making industry.
- People said we should adapt to the changing world.

Therefore, it took a lot of time to change policies.

Dr Hanson says that we haven't entirely wasted the 30 years, but it would have been much easier had we started gradually to develop technology, whereas now it is harder to solve.



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