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## SAVE AUSTRALIAN FORESTS

*Australian firefighters desperately try to drown out the wildfires.*

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We can now all let out a sigh of relief. In spite of societal advancements beyond our wildest imagination, the 2010s was indeed a turbulent and complicated time for many. It was the decade of ISIS, radical right-wing populism, and some of the worst migration crises the world has seen. It was the decade of violent campus protests, police brutality, and social media breaches into each and every one of our lives. In some sense, the worst is finally behind us.

Unfortunately, for most global issues, time is not exactly the best medicine—and this is never more true than it is for arguably the most contentious of them: climate change. In this age of perpetual crisis, this problem has considerably worsened yet stirred a global dialogue on climate action to an unprecedented degree. In the past year, a 17-year-old Swedish teen by the name of Greta Thunberg became the face of the movement, calling upon global leaders to take responsible action against what could devastate the livelihoods of millions.

Her message is clear: we are running out of time, we are not doing enough, and we can do more. By nature, she, to a certain degree, simplifies the complex issue of climate change to a single call for action, eliciting a sense of urgency and responsibility toward the issue for the public. However, at the same time, it is also evident that there



movement consists of rhetoric—and while impassioned speech does draw considerable attention to an important issue at hand, its impact admittedly falls short of concrete action in reality. While one may argue that awareness is 80 percent of the battle, that the first step that should be taken for fighting against climate change is being exhorted to take action, panic-rousing rhetoric alone may not be enough.

There may be the sense that we are in a crisis

Change report, global temperatures will rise to a point of no return by 2030; we now have 10 years to solve this climate crisis. Researchers predict that every half degree will introduce devastating effects to the world's environment, impacting millions around the world in the form of destroyed coral reefs, wildfires, and the elimination of Pacific Islands due to rising sea levels. Recently, Australia has already faced extreme fires, hail, and other catastrophic disasters that have been linked to climate change, leaving 18 million hectares of forestland ravaged and millions of animals dead on

top of severe human suffering. Thunberg's call to action has never been more urgent. In words, how do we continue to

However, purely rational action to implementing, as polls show, action is not enough. Though little is being said, the same is true for the United States. The

feasible, its failing, ing international account. So that this could be smoothed, considering the United States have

considerable threat to mankind. Very few of us place credence in climate denial science, but we think no action should be taken. We instead need a view of potential steps personally incorporating lifestyles to collectively address this ongoing crisis. The pressure to be action is tally friendly as Thunberg's self-defeating. It is difficult and impossible to give up plastic or flying, and anti-plane movements on the Ground.

Instead, over the next 10 years will be tangible action as a collective to combat the species.

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