Telling the Truth is central to all human moral, religious and legal codes. Yet, at this pivotal point in human history, Telling the Truth is the most difficult thing we can do. It is also the most important. So let’s not do it alone. Let’s come together to create a culture of Truth Telling Civil Resistance.

SCIENTISTS HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY LIED TO US

Telling The Truth is difficult because we are in Soft Climate Denial [1], because it entails uncomfortable emotions and because the media, politicians and even scientists systematically lie to us, as illustrated by this article in The Conversation [2].

JUST 3-4 YEARS LEFT

“We have to move rapidly,” said Professor Sir David King, founder and chair of the Centre for Climate Repair at Cambridge University and former Chief Scientific Advisor to multiple UK governments. “What we do over the next three to four years, I believe, is going to determine the future of humanity. We are in a very very desperate situation.” [3]

1 BILLION PEOPLE MUST MOVE OR DIE BY 2030s

“Global average temperature rise” is a misleading statistic as 71% of the earth’s surface is ocean, so 2°C = 7°C average increase on land, where humans actually live. 1% of the earth’s land surface currently has ave. temp. of 30°C (eg Sahara desert) 2°C global average rise will mean 20% of the earth’s land becomes this hot! Southern Europe, all of Africa, Southern US, Central America, India, Australia, huge areas where humans have lived for 1000s years will be too hot to survive. 1000 million people will have to move. [4]

The way land temperatures spike above “Global Average” is illustrated by Lytton, Canada suffering 49.6°C before being obliterated in July 2021 [5]

Chatham House, the prestigious international affairs think tank was formed in 1919. Their 2021 Report identifies that we have just a 5% chance of staying under 2°C, whilst Globally, each year in the 2030s:

- More than 400 million people a year are likely to be exposed to temperatures exceeding the workability threshold (unable to work outdoors).
- More than 10 million people a year are likely to be exposed to heat stress exceeding the survivability threshold (likely to die outside)” [6]
CIVIL RESISTANCE

We ended slavery, won men, then women the vote, the right to roam, gained independence for India, ended apartheid, scrapped the £23Bn biggest UK road building programme since the Romans, banned Genetic engineering and fracking in the UK all through Non-Violent Direct Action and Civil Resistance.

The Freedom Riders illustrate the power we have when we are willing to do whatever is nonviolently necessary. Just 23 Freedom Riders changed history through their courage, non-violent discipline and sacrifice [7], inspired and organised by Diane Nash [8] and others, they in turn inspired 1000s of actions and campaigns over the next decade.

FOSSIL FUELS

The International Energy Agency was Created in 1974 to ensure the security of oil supplies. However, their 2021 Report calls for fossil fuel to be left in the ground and an end to new extraction licenses. [9]. UK Gov fossil fuels subsidies = £25 Million/day and amongst the worst in Europe. [10]. The Cambo Oil Field is the no brainer line in the sand when it comes to implementing the International Energy Agency’s recommendations. The Cambo’s heavy, dirty crude oil could not even be processed in the UK, but would be shipped to Rotterdam for processing, so those who claim it helps address the UK’s energy crisis are lying to us. [11]

JOIN OUR WEDNESDAY ZOOM MEETING

We need people to host talks, give out leaflets, post on social media, help with research, contact the media, whatever you love to do we need you! Join our weekly Zoom meetings to begin connecting with others and exploring how you can help. You’ll find friendly people from your area who, like you, are keen to Take Responsibility at This Time. No one else will save us.

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