THE FORESIGHT PROJECT

Education for a Sustainable and Safe Future/A Catalyst for Change

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Coming In January:
This newsletter is dedicated to fund-raising so that our work can continue. In January we will have exciting news to share: the Student GreenFIlm Festival on-line; a new Science Fair award; and with your help - our programs for 2010.

Other News: It has been a busy fall, including a Boston Public School Showcase, the [Southern New England Weather Conference](#), the [2nd Annual "Clean Energy Connections"](#) in Springfield, the [MTTC Fifth Annual Conference on Clean Energy](#), and finally, the [MCAN Climate Action Conference](#).

Only a Few Giving Days Left for 2009 . . .

We need your help.

Global warming is not just about the extinction of polar bears or rising sea-levels. It is about us -- all of us.

It is about changes in the weather patterns that we know and depend upon. About disruption of the boundary conditions that confine the jet stream. About record temperatures in California with more than $100M spent fighting fires; more snow in Houston than in Chicago; a 5" rain-storm flooding Atlanta.

And it's about alternatives and being economically competitive in the 21st century: about China reaching the top position as global PV producer in 2008, overtaking Japan; about Vestas from Denmark having more than 60% of the wind-turbine market; about the 57% of our energy consumption just being wasted ([LLNL](#)).

How do we make this a reality for Americans? **There is a critical need for education** -- and that is why we need your support. Our strategies and programs - *Imagining Tomorrow: Alternate Energy Futures,* a creative writing and video challenge, and the CleanTech awards - are unique and proven to be effective; engaging and reaching hundreds, perhaps thousands of teenagers, their families and their communities.

Please keep this educational effort alive and growing: Write your check by December 31 for your 2009 tax-deductible contribution.

And Now More Than Ever . . .

In mid-December, I attended a presentation on Global Warming by the Alliance for Climate Education ([ACE](#)) at a high-school in Newton. The speaker asked who knew what global warming was; out of 200 students, fewer than 10% raised their hand.

On October 22, the Pew Research Group released a report headlined "*There has been a sharp decline over the past year in the percentage of Americans who say there is solid evidence that global temperatures are rising*". In just one year, the percent of Americans who believe in global warming has *dropped* by 14%.
Ironically, this study appeared only days before the International Day of Climate Action, a world-wide demonstration for turning back our greenhouse gas levels to a sustainable level -- successful internationally, but . . .
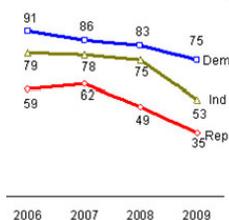
There are many organizations working on various aspects of this issue: Policy, Research, Action. And we must support each other to amplify our individual efforts.

The Foresight Project's role is education. We need these programs to continue. It is not just our children's, or grand-children's future, it is ours.

Please help

The only thing left to say is: Thank You! and -- Best Wishes for a Wonderful New Year, and best hopes for the new decade, and beyond.

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