

**Neighbor Sam:**

- You believe that climate change is happening but you are not sure whether it is due to natural or human causes. You are also unsure whether or not a change to the climate is a bad thing. You do not spend much time thinking about climate change, so it is not a big concern for you. However, you are greatly concerned about other environmental issues such as air pollution in your city and its effects on people's health and the surrounding forests and wildlife. Also, you think natural resource conservation is a good idea to ensure both healthy environments and productive economies for future generations.

**Neighbor Maya:**

- You have seen a few documentaries about climate change and find the news about global climate change projections very depressing. You just don't see how you could make a difference in such a huge issue so you tend to ignore it. You know climate change will harm animals in the arctic but you don't see what it has to do with your own community.



**Neighbor Taylor:**

- You believe that the science on climate change is not at all clear. The news reports are contradictory. For example, when there is a heat wave, the headlines read “Global Warming Effects Being Felt in the Northwest!” But when we have a colder winter than usual, the headlines change to “Snow in the Northwest? Who Said the Climate is Warming?” You believe there are scientists on both sides of the issue making different conclusions about whether it is happening, the causes, and the effects. Once the science has been settled, and the news media are consistent, you will be receptive to either side. You are just not sure that we should be taking action on climate change when there is so much that is still being debated.

**Neighbor Jordan:**

- You work for an international company and have traveled to different countries. You believe that the science on climate change is not at all clear. The news reports are contradictory. But you do know that some countries are already doing a lot to adapt to climate changes and other countries are very vulnerable to future disasters. Floods, typhoons, and drought will affect developing countries more severely than they affect the United States. You are confused, but you also care about people around the world. But you aren’t sure what you can do.



## Climate Perspectives Scenarios

### Neighbor Kris:

- You believe that climate change is happening, but that the climate has been changing for a long time and humans have nothing to do with it. Therefore, there is no way for people to affect climate change because they have no control over the climate. This theory about human-influenced climate change is all part of a political agenda and scientists are supporting it to fund their research. We really shouldn't be spending so much effort researching causes and solutions for climate change. We should focus on people's ability to adapt to this new climate, for example, by changing food production strategies or by improving community preparedness and disaster response.

### Neighbor Monique:

- You believe that God created a perfect world and doubt that humans can affect it. The theory about human-influenced climate change is all media hype. We really shouldn't be spending so much effort researching causes and solutions for climate change. We should focus on people's well being, for example, by volunteering and giving to charity.