

Handout Lesson 1

Rejection and Change

Instructions: Watch the video, "Rejection and Change" from the documentary, *This Changes Everything*. Then respond to the questions below.

1. What opinion do attendees of the Heartland Institute Conference on Climate Change have about global warming? How does this view compare to Naomi Klein's, who is shown attending the conference and narrates the video?

2. What worldview is illustrated by one man's statement about the value of trees and elephants? What is your reaction to his comment?

3. Joe Bast, President of the Heartland Institute, said, "If human activity is causing climate change, then almost anything could be justified in terms of a government response." How would you restate what he is saying in your own words? What would you justify in terms of a government response to climate change?

4. The German government has invested billions in the development of renewable energy systems, which now account for 30% of the country's electricity. According to the video, what have been the benefits of this transition?

5. What strategies did Germans use to bring about their country's rapid energy transition?
