



ROLLBACKS DISCUSSION GUIDE

ROLLBACKS: An Assault Against Life on Earth is a sobering but hopeful wake-up call and call to action.

The impact of climate change - drought, intense tropical storms, wildfires, heatwaves and sea level rise - is undeniable, catastrophic, and happening now.

The Trump administration has met this crisis by systematically and efficiently enacting an alarming number of regulatory rollbacks,

reversing past policy progress and putting our very existence at risk.

We must act before it is too late.

This guide is designed to support group discussions following your viewing of ***ROLLBACKS: An Assault Against Life on Earth***. Together, your group can consider what kind of response the climate crisis calls for, what response will be meaningful to each participant, and what actions you can take, as individuals and as a group. Below are some questions and suggested answers that we hope will contribute to stimulating discussion and igniting action.

Will the actions we take today be enough to reverse the direct impacts of climate change? Or is it too little too late?

There is still time and room for limiting climate change but clearly the window is closing quickly. The most important message is that we need to act immediately, putting the world on a trajectory of stabilizing and reducing emissions.

Why is climate change a problem?

We're seeing the effects of a world transformed by rising temperatures and changing weather patterns everywhere from our well-being to our wallets. The climate crisis means more extreme weather, which means more damaged infrastructure, more lives and livelihoods lost to hurricanes, floods, and wildfires. Many of the places most vulnerable to the worst of these impacts are already among the poorest countries on the planet – places currently reeling from famine and food insecurity, from violence and public health woes. Beyond obvious humanitarian concerns, climate impacts in these regions can further fuel migration, instability, and security concerns all over the globe.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

**1) What is your overall response to this film? What struck you the most?
What were your feelings as the film came to an end?**

2) What can we actually do about climate change?

The solutions to the climate crisis are numerous, but they boil down to one shared goal: Urgent action to cut greenhouse gas emissions and speed the global shift to renewable energies like solar and wind. This means moving very quickly to leave oil, coal, and natural gas behind and accelerate the just transition to clean energy already underway around the world. It's a big ask and a lot to accomplish in a little more than 11 years. But nothing less than the future of the Earth is at stake.

3) What can we do to move from consumerism to community?

Consumerism is depleting nature's resources and producing unimaginable amounts of waste, too much of which ends up in oceans and landfill. Freeing ourselves from consumerism is part of the solution to resolving the climate apathy and disillusionment brought by these emotions. But we have the power to combat climate breakdown through politics, diet, transportation, and perhaps most importantly of all: communication. Talk about your struggles with others, and share your victories. Transforming pain into action can be infectious, and together we can still tip the balance.

To consider: climate change disproportionately impacts poor communities and communities of color around the world. What efforts can we make to be sure that all peoples in our communities are taken into consideration and their voices are heard?

4) What is the single most important thing humanity has to do in the coming years – and what does that mean for me?

The number one goal? Limiting the use of fossil fuels such as oil, carbon and natural gas and replacing them with renewable and cleaner sources of energy, all while increasing energy efficiency. Look at what you can do in your home to reduce the use of these energy sources, work with your community to implement these changes, and put pressure on your local and national representatives to put in place legislation that will oblige corporations to change their energy use. If you're an investor, you can also change your portfolio to make sure that your investments are not in any corporations involved in or producing fossil fuels. Putting legal and economic pressure on businesses is the most effective course of action.

5) Is there hope? Do you feel hopeful?

We want to think there is still hope. Scientists say there is. But they also say that the window of opportunity is small, and getting smaller as time goes by and we go about our days with “business as usual.” It is imperative that we shake off fear, indifference, ignorance and paralysis and take action in our daily lives--from the smallest gestures of recycling and reducing consumption, to raising awareness in our communities, participating in marches, and making full use of our voting power. What can you do to use your hope and keep having hope?

THANK YOU.

Thank you for watching ***ROLLBACKS: An Assault Against Life on Earth*** and using this discussion guide. This document is simply that, a guide. We encourage you to research, communicate with others, and come up with your own answers to the questions posed here. We also welcome any additional questions and responses that you think we should include. We would like this to be a live, organic, document, that viewers can use critically and practically. Write to moca@mocamedia.tv with your suggestions.