

#NoFutureNoChildren: Teens are pledging to not have children until governments address climate change

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"I don't want any more children to have to face the consequences of our inaction."

"...singing to my babies, listening to their stories, working through homework, baking, finger painting, going for nature walks, dancing in the kitchen- and it hurts almost like a physical pain when I realize I might never get to do these things," writes 18-year old Emma Lim.

"Because even though I want to have children more than almost anything- what kind of a mother would I be if I brought a baby into a world where I couldn't make sure they were safe?" she asks.

Emma is student at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and recently launched a climate-change movement called "[#NoFutureNoChildren.](#)"

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On the platform, which urges people to sign a pledge, she writes:

"I am facing a future of economic instability, of food scarcity and extreme weather."

"I am giving up my chance of having a family because I will only have children if I know I can keep them safe. It breaks my heart, but I created this pledge because I know I am not alone.

"I am not the only young person giving up lifelong dreams because they are unsure of what the future will hold. We've read the science, and now we're pleading with our government. Please, keep us safe. Please act while there is still time."

Over 5000 teens have signed up already, with many commenting along the same lines:

Max, 13, from the UK says: "Because it is simply inhumane to force a child into the world post ecological collapse. I know that I wouldn't want to be brought into the world now..."

Emma-Jane, 17, from Canada explains: "I want my kids to see, touch and feel the beauty of the ocean, trees, and land here. I don't want my kids to live with no food, water, or shelter. I don't want my kids to not be able to breathe as pollution suffocates their lungs with every inhale. I wish I was being dramatic, but I am not."

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Jacob, 18, from Germany, shares: "I see it as irresponsible to bring children into such dangers. Our government is doing too little to protect the climate and thus our region. Where I live will be flooded soon and there is nothing I can do to save this place for my children."

Isabelle, 18, from Sweden says: "I don't want any more children to have to face the consequences of our inaction."

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Wout, 22, from Belgium writes: "The simple idea that we might witness the end of humanity as we know it before our fifties if this is left unchecked, is horrifying. Knowingly having kids, whilst understanding this is the expected future, is closer to murder than abortion will ever be."

Elaine, 19, from Australia says: "I don't want to bring more people into this doomed earth until I know we have a system of government who will ensure THEIR future is safe."

What do you think of this movement? Are they over-reacting or do they have a valid concern about their future?

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