

Multiple Climate Film Ideas

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Film IDEA #1 - "The Climate Kids" – Docudrama

SUMMARY

A brilliant M.I.T. freshman and her classmates discover the world's leaders are catastrophically wrong about climate change. National policies focus on reducing carbon dioxide emissions ("decarbonization"). However, harm comes from global warming—and warming is primarily caused by 150 years of past carbon dioxide emissions, methane emissions, melting sea ice, etc.

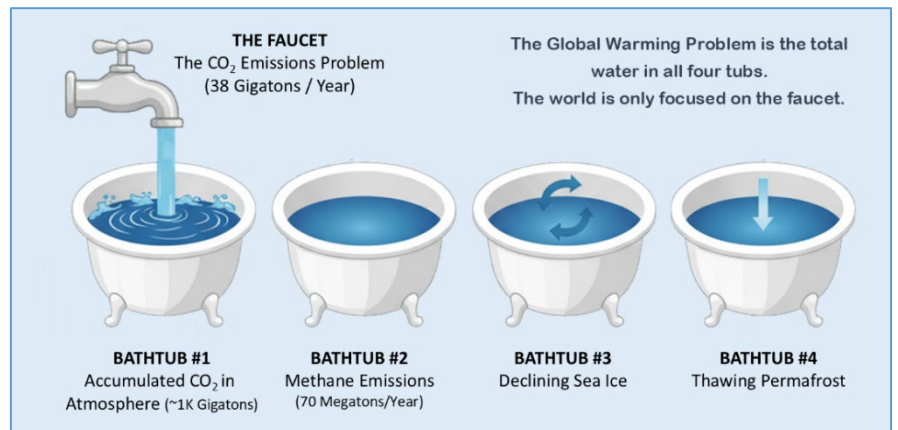
In other words, national leaders are trying to solve the wrong problem.

The freshmen respond by launching a campus-wide quest to design a "climate moonshot": a massive R&D program aimed at solving the whole problem before it is too late.

SYNOPOSIS

NANCY, a petite Asian-American with a bouncy, irrepressible energy enters M.I.T. hoping to prove she belongs. Within days, she discovers a problem so large that belonging is no longer enough; she needs to lead.

The first lecture that she attends is riveting. The charismatic climate professor shatters the students' worldview with a simple metaphor: the climate problem is like a faucet with several bathtubs. The faucet, he explains, represents annual carbon emissions—40 billion tons of carbon dioxide per year. The first bathtub represents warming from a trillion tons of carbon dioxide accumulated in the atmosphere over 150 years. The water in the other tubs is due to other warming sources, such as methane emissions. Ultimately, multiple sources of warming combine and increase the planet's temperature.



He reveals a terrifying truth: global policy, media, and activism are all obsessed with slightly turning down the faucet, while completely ignoring the fact that the water already in the

tubs is what's causing catastrophic global warming. In other words, the planet is heading toward disaster, and the people responsible for fixing it are focusing on the wrong problem.

Over lunch the freshmen consider the following question: What is more likely to solve the climate problem, a million confused adults or several caffeinated M.I.T. freshmen? They conclude the freshmen. Yet how might they get started? An upperclassman suggests they seek out former US Secretary of Energy, Professor Anthony Stone.

They find Stone sitting on a park bench feeding pigeons.

NANCY: Is it possible for a few Freshmen to solve the climate problem, and if so, how?

STONE: You have more power than you know.

NANCY: Tell us about our secret power?

STONE: Billions to save trillions.

NANCY: Explain.

STONE: Billions of additional dollars for R&D, to save trillions of dollars in climate-related costs.

NANCY: But what might be developed that is not already being worked on?

STONE: This is for you to identify.

NANCY: But how?

STONE: Your second secret power.

NANCY: Which is?

STONE: Your campus.

NANCY: We ask professors what they would do with billions of dollars for additional R&D?

STONE: That's it.

NANCY: And we record the responses, feed them to AI, and generate a summary document?

STONE: Now you're thinking.

NANCY: What might we call this document?

STONE: A plan to save the planet.

Unsettled and fascinated, Nancy and her classmates canvass the campus in search of professors and former leaders in climate science, aerospace engineering, atmospheric research, business management, and economics. Each expert gives them one piece of a larger answer.

They conclude the world’s current approach is destined to fail for two primary reasons:

(a) The current plan is to transition to a green economy, at a greater cost. However, no one benefits by reducing their own carbon dioxide emissions. They are too small. Instead, each person wants the other 8 billion people on the planet to collectively reduce theirs. In other words, the world’s current plan requires people to do things they will not do. Nancy and her friends conclude the only solution is to do R&D, to the extent required, to reduce the cost of green energy, to below that of fossil fuel.

(b) The current climate plan distributes responsibility downward — from nations, to regions, to agencies, to individuals — until no one is responsible for solving the whole problem. Nancy and her friends reach a radical conclusion: the world needs a new kind of laboratory; one explicitly tasked with solving climate change end-to-end. Not managing it. Not slowing it. Solving it. But what would such a lab actually do? A summary of their interviews becomes the business plan for a new Climate Moonshot laboratory.

Is it possible for a few freshmen to solve the climate problem?

They’re about to find out.

DRAFT MANUSCRIPT

[https://www.ma2life.org/g/film/The Climate Kids.pdf](https://www.ma2life.org/g/film/The_Climite_Kids.pdf)

Film IDEA #2 - “The Climate Moonshot” – Documentary Film

SYNOPSIS

This is a documentary film that explores the following question:

Is it possible to solve the climate problem with a surge of R&D in key areas; and if so, what are those areas and how much might a “climate moonshot” cost?

This film is based loosely on concepts presented in the following videos:

Climate Strategy [#19]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGPgiIDZoDA>

Video

https://ma2life.org/g/video/Video19_Script.pdf

Script

Example Climate Moonshot [#20]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihTGioEKrns>

Video

https://ma2life.org/g/video/Video20_Script.pdf

Script

What is the World’s Climate Plan? [#21]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-nU3liTTUo>

Video

SUMMARY

In 1961 President Kennedy stated he wanted a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

In response, a moonshot program was set up and funded.

In theory, we could do the same with climate change.

More specifically, we could have scientists and engineers drive down the cost of 24/7 green energy, to below that of fossil fuel, to solve the carbon dioxide emissions problem.

And we could have them identify how to reflect sunlight back into outer space, without harm, to solve the global warming problem.

The goal of the film is to communicate a path forward that is relatively easy, and reasonably priced.

STORYLINE

The narrator undertakes a journey of personal discovery. At first, he believes the solution is decarbonization supported by political will. However, the facts point to a different reality. Warming is caused by 150 years of past emissions, and other factors, not one year's emissions. In other words, we have a carbon dioxide emissions problem, and a global warming problem, and each needs to be addressed separately.

Film IDEA #3 – Fictional Climate Solution Film

SYNOPSIS

A brilliant MIT freshman and her classmates discover the world's leaders are catastrophically wrong about climate change. National policies focus on reducing carbon dioxide emissions (“decarbonization”). However, harm comes from global warming—and warming is primarily caused by 150 years of past carbon dioxide emissions, melting sea ice, thawing permafrost, etc.

In other words, national leaders are trying to solve the wrong problem.

With the help of faculty, the MIT freshman come up with a plan: set up a new laboratory and task it with solving the entire climate problem with a surge of R&D in key areas. Yet

what areas? Join them as they canvas the campus in search of the ultimate climate solution.

REFERENCE

The Climate Solution (fictional drama film)

[https://www.ma2life.org/g/film/2 Climate Film Kids SUMMARY.pdf](https://www.ma2life.org/g/film/2%20Climate%20Film%20Kids%20SUMMARY.pdf)

[https://www.ma2life.org/g/film/1 Climate Film TECHNICAL BACKGROUND.pdf](https://www.ma2life.org/g/film/1%20Climate%20Film%20TECHNICAL%20BACKGROUND.pdf)

Files on Google Drive

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UyEyyGock43PQpnMMcEmq_94gy4m3GHI

Film IDEA #4 – “The Climate Solution”

FILM STRATEGY

Climate solution videos #0 through #21 are posted on YouTube. For links, visit:

<https://www.manhattan2.org/>

The scripts for these videos are in file “Climate_Videos_1_to_21.docx” on google drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HywL5t6VA7VntJb1Pa8ug0gufousW_5w

In theory, someone could go through this .docx file, select concepts, and hand the list of concepts to a documentary film writer who converts concepts to film script.

Film IDEA #5

Alex Rivest put together an idea for a documentary film, and anyone is welcome to use this for free.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1usYekFEEXYCXq5TOFeULLV7ZTbHWQZjD>

Film IDEA #6

In theory, one can feed the script to 21 videos and the 90-page moonshot business plan into AI and say “get me a film”. For an example of this, see the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_OELQsPwU4KmHoa0DoGZUMZcIkcwlGrD

For a copy of the 90-page moonshot business plan visit:

<https://aplantosavetheplanet.org/bp>

Climate Moonshot Videos

Climate Strategy [#19]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGPGiIDZoDA>

Example Climate Moonshot [#20]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihTGiOEKrnS>

What is the World's Climate Plan? [#21]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-nU31iTTUo>

Standardized Nuclear Power [#11]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIlbovU67wI>

Automated Nuclear Power Construction [#12]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=af00cy117Qo>

Co-locate Chemical Making with Nuclear Power [#13]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gqmKGV1h5Y>

Economic Fusion Moonshot [#14]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvZzGHSugy4>

Reflecting Sunlight [#9]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJ-ddFDiA4w>

Stratospheric Aerosol Injection (SAI) [#10]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p402hv9tSDA>

All Moonshot Videos

<https://www.aplantosavetheplanet.org/video>

Climate Moonshot Files

Climate Moonshot Business Plan (90-page pdf)

<https://www.aplantosavetheplanet.org/bp>

Links to Moonshot PDF Files That Can be Fed to AI (open-source)

<https://www.aplantosavetheplanet.org/pdf-ai>