

Climate Change in 7 documentaries

To broaden the knowledge of climate change here are eight must-see documentaries that will help keep one up to date on the actions to be taken to save the future of our planet.

1. *An Inconvenient Truth* (2006)

Many have begun to realize the grave consequences of global warming thanks to Al Gore's *The Inconvenient Truth*. The former vice president of the United States exposes facts and data, and warns of other floods, droughts, hurricanes and emigrations caused by rising temperatures - concerns that almost fifteen years later appear firmly founded. Since then, Gore has continued to raise his voice on the climate crisis with the sequel *An Inconvenient Truth 2* (2017), a documentary that describes ongoing efforts to address the problem.

2. *The True Cost* (2015)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-0zHqYGnlo>)

The 2015 documentary *The True Cost* will change your view of the clothes you wear and above all how they are produced. After the collapse of the Rana Plaza textile factory in 2013, in which 1,134 workers died, director Andrew Morgan decided to investigate the human and environmental cost of fast fashion in countries such as Bangladesh, India and Cambodia. Morgan also talks to some of fashion's best-known environmentalists, including Stella McCartney and Livia Firth, who are calling for urgent changes in the industry.

3. *RiverBlue*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sYx6_x7YVQ

The problem of water pollution by the fashion industry is explained in the documentary *Riverblue*, which shows the devastating effects of chemicals used in clothing production on rivers in China, Bangladesh and India - rivers that can no longer be used safely by local communities. One of the most memorable quotes of the documentary is the one made by the co-founder of Fashion Revolution, Orsola de Castro: "There is this joke in China: they say that to know what will be the trendy color for next season, just look at the color of the river".

4. *Cowspiracy: the secret of environmental sustainability* (2014)

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

Although veganism is undoubtedly on the rise, the link between climate change and the livestock industry has not always been so evident. In the documentary produced by Leonardo DiCaprio, *Cowspiracy - The Secret of Environmental Sustainability*, director Kip Andersen wonders why in 2014 no one was talking about the issue. The film helped to raise awareness

of the environmental impact of farms and excessive consumption of meat, despite some of the statements contained therein have aroused great controversy.

5. *Point of no Return. Before the Flood* (2016)

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

DiCaprio took it a step further in his environmental mission with *Point of No Return*, in which he appears in front of the camera this time. The actor and UN climate messenger of peace spent two years investigating both the causes and effects of climate change around the world, from deforestation in Indonesia due to the palm oil industry to melting glaciers in Greenland and in the Arctic. The film ends with a speech by DiCaprio at the United Nations on Earth Day 2016, in which the actor urges the powerful of the world to take action, saying: “You are the last hope of the Earth. We ask you to protect it. For us and for all the living creatures we care for it will be the end”.

6. *Our Planet* (2019)

Our Planet – From Desert to Grasslands:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmtXC_n6X6Q

Our Planet – Fresh Water

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2DU85qLfJQ>

Our Planet – Frozen Worlds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTQ3Ko9ZKg8>

Our Planet – One Planet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfO-3Oir-qM>

Our Planet – High Seas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FqwhW0B3tY>

Our Planet – Forests

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkaxUblCGz0>

Our Planet – Coastal Seas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9PeYPHdpNo>

Our Planet – Jungles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um2Q9aUecy0>

If you need something to remind you of why we need to tackle the climate crisis, just look at Sir David Attenborough's *Our Planet*. The eight-part Netflix series illustrates how global warming is affecting wildlife around the world, from flamingo chicks in Africa to lowland gorillas in the Congo rainforest. It comes after *Blue Planet II* (2017), which shocked viewers by showing how plastic in the oceans and rising sea temperatures are compromising the marine ecosystem.

7. *This Changes Everything* (2015)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rqw99rJYq8Q>

After his smash hit 2014 essay, 'A Revolution Will Save Us. Because capitalism is not sustainable', Canadian writer and activist Naomi Klein made a documentary that asks this question: "What if facing the climate crisis were the last chance we will have to build a better world?". After visiting communities severely affected by climate change - including those on the south coast of India and those in the area around the Athabasca tar sands in Alberta, Canada - Klein highlights the relationship between our economic systems and the crisis our planet is facing.