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# School Strike for Climate

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greta\\_Thunberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greta_Thunberg)

[May 4, 2019, Douglas Yazell, Houston Texas USA]

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Friday, May 3, 2019, was probably the second occurrence of School Strike for Climate, or Fridays for the Future. This was the date used in the USA this week. In the USA, I found some event images this weekend from San Diego California.

Greta Thunberg of Sweden started this movement as a lonely individual going on strike on her own every Friday, School Strike for Climate Action, so to speak. More than a million K-12 students have since joined the strikes in more than 100 nations.



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As reported by the Guardian and the most of the media, that led her to accept invitations to speak to the Pope and groups such as the European Union, Davos, the Parliament of the United Kingdom, and the COP24 climate change event of the United Nations.

A TEDx event in Sweden (Stockholm, in English, about 10 minutes in duration) is an excellent, free, and online presentation by this young woman (age 16). As I recall, she started reading about climate change at age 11. ([Link](#) to the TEDx event.)

As she points out, the greenhouse gas emissions are increasing, they are irreversible, we delayed for 30 years, and we must now change the rules. We must now take action.

As I prepare to be a Green New Deal panel discussion member with Bay Area Sierra Club in the Houston metropolitan area (where I am a board member), I am often reading and listening to David Roberts online. He is a climate and energy journalist with [voxx.com](http://voxx.com). He has an extensive background in philosophy. Mr. Roberts appears in some recent podcasts and YouTube videos.

Knowing that the Green New Deal is endorsed by the Sierra Club allows me to support it in a non-partisan way. The Green New Deal is now a resolution introduced by Democrats in the Congress of the USA. Its length is only 14 pages. ([Link](#) to the Green New Deal document.)

An important feature specified in the Green New Deal is the 20 to 1 ratio of average family wealth comparing White America to Black America in the USA.

Mr. Roberts explains that the Green New Deal aims to disconnect health care insurance from employers, while keeping everyone who wants a job employed with a good job. Something like that.

([Link](#) to a YouTube video of Mr. Roberts at Yale University. [Link](#) to Mr. Roberts in a podcast episode of America Adapts.)



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