



# CLIMATE CHANGE

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## FIRST STRIKE

Lately we have been hearing about banning plastic straws, pollution, and the devastating issue of climate change.

We have seen the images of plastic in the stomachs of marine life or a straw in a turtle's nose and know that plastic is a danger to wildlife and our oceans. Most people understand that plastic is harmful to our environment, but generally see this issue as unrelated to global warming.

As a matter of fact, 99% of plastic is made with petroleum, an integral part of the world's economy and of the global climate change crisis. In 2019, Greta Thunberg, a 16 years old Swedish environmental activist who gained global recognition on her climate change campaign, came to New York to strike with thousands of students to demand action.

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# LEARN AND CHANGE



Thaousand of people met in Foley Square in Manhattan before marching to Battery Park.  
By Mark Abramson for The New York Times



Students marching to Foley sqaure, holding creative signs expressign their concerns.  
By [Time](#)

# Lower Manhattan



Students from the Bronx High School of Science under an Earth like banner. Chang W. Lee/The New York Times

During that time, I was working with NYPIRG, the largest student activist, non-profit organization in New York. Multiple students from City Tech gathered together to meet with other CUNY students to go to the strike. When we arrived, it was hot, crowded, impossible to move or breath. It was difficult to maneuver and find all of my friends because most of the streets were closed. However, all thoughts got clouded by the clever signs people held, the loud chantings, and the intensity of the atmosphere around us. It was the first time in my life being in a protest on that scale.



Greta Thunberg shared this picture on Twitter with the caption "New York City is looking huge!"

The artists that experience, participate, record, or document events such as the Climate Strike in 2019, have the power to make a chance, and also have a crucial role in our society. They help teach, raise awareness, and even enlighten the rest. The photographers, similar to Gordon Parks, show the fury, disappointment, impatience, love, curiosity, respect and all the emotions people go through when they can't describe themselves.