



than-life circumstances, it is imperative that, instead of trying to get a leg up, people identify the importance of the situation and work to produce a solution. It is impossible to deny the change taking place at this point, and it is even more deplorable to pass off the blame on everybody else to avoid it. The issue around environment and climate is bigger than letting the world die because “why should some people have restrictions on gas and pollution when others don’t?”. Desmond Tutu was quoted in saying, “People of conscience need to break their ties with corporations financing the injustice of climate change.” The uncanny precision of this statement is unsettling at best, but, in reality, extremely concerning and disturbing. The climate is not something to play around with— in fact, since 2001, sixteen of the seventeen hottest years were recorded. Moreover, a shocking statistic from NASA reveals that arctic sea ice is now melting away at an alarming new rate of *thirteen percent per year*. Thirteen percent of many animals’ habitat and thirteen percent of the entire world is vanishing every year, but it is continuously neglected because the solution is not one people want to face. Nobody likes to think about having to cut back on waste or gas emissions; they’d prefer to let other people make the sacrifice so everyone can live comfortably. Too often, though, people fail to remember that one person or one country cannot singlehandedly restore the earth—it will take everybody and everything to fix the mistakes made, because, as so delicately put by former President Barack Obama, “Climate change is no longer some far-off problem; it is happening here, it is happening now.”