

Is Trump on another planet?

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We have only got one planet, and Trump wants to trash it. There are some things we cannot afford in this life. He is one of them.

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This is the transcript:

Trump is on another planet.

What do I mean? I mean that President Trump's indifference to climate change suggests that he believes he's living on a different planet to the rest of us.

As a matter of fact, climate science is now settled.

We are suffering climate change.

It has been created by human activity.

The only way in which we can constrain it in a way that ensures that human life on

Earth can continue in the way to which we are accustomed is by taking action to control our climate emissions.

And there is no plan B.

Nor is there another planet.

But if you were to listen to Trump, and by the way, Kemi Badenoch, who seems to be a firm believer in what Trump has to say on this issue, you would think that there was another planet - a planet where we could manage climate change without difficulty, where a three-degree increase in global temperatures:

- * would not disrupt food supplies,
- * would not disrupt water supplies,
- * would not create mass migration around the world because people could quite literally not continue to live in the places where they are now.

They are wrong.

Trump is wrong.

His policy of “drill, baby, drill”, as he puts it - which is all about creating more oil and more extraction of minerals and more carbon - which is all about the delivery of more carbon into the environment as a consequence of the burning of more oil and gas and other minerals - is disastrous. He will literally be passing a death sentence on young Americans.

But more than that, he'll be passing a death sentence for many in the world.

And I literally mean a death sentence. Because those people who will have to move because there is no water where they are, because it has run out because of climate change, will die if they can't move and there's no guarantee that the world is ready for them to move.

This is what worries me.

Trump's pretence that there is another planet is wrong.

There is only one planet.

And if we don't care for it, we are in deep trouble.

Kemi Badenoch's pretence that we can adapt to climate change is wrong because we can't.

The claim that business makes that we will find some solution to this in some technical sense, but which we don't know about as yet, is wrong, because we've known about this problem for long enough for that technical solution to have been created by now, or it probably doesn't exist.

We have to care.

The simple fact is that Trump's representation that there is no problem with climate change, is a simple statement that he doesn't care, and that frightens the life out of me.