Diversifying Power
Why We Need Antiracist, Feminist Leadership on Climate and Energy

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Polluter elite: Strategic investments to resist transformation
(Kenner, 2019)
1. misinformation campaign to deny climate science
2. undermine public trust in government
3. minimize worker protections and worker rights
Climate Crisis: A Crisis in Leadership

Climate Isolationism
Narrow technocratic lens Based on domination & control Missing opportunities for improving the human condition

Energy Democracy
Broad Investments in people & communities Based on social justice & human dignity Leveraging urgency for transformation
Growing the Squad

Patriarchal Leadership

- Based on domination, exclusion & competition
- Concentrates wealth & power
  - prioritizes investments to maximize corporate profits
- Exacerbates inequities and racial/gender disparities
- Denies systemic problems to sustain status-quo

Antiracist, Feminist Leadership

- Based on collaboration, inclusivity & participation
- Distributes wealth & power
  - prioritizes investments in communities & workers rights
- Reduces inequities/disparities by centering racial justice
- Leverages transformation by linking problems
Resisting the polluter elite by linking climate & energy to:

- Jobs & economic justice
- Health, well-being & nutritious food
- Clean transportation
- Housing justice
- Educational justice

Jacquie Patterson, NAACP
Environmental & Climate Justice

Jasmine Banks, UnKochMyCampus
Our Collective Power for Transformation

Lead and act to inspire new leaders

Advocate for system change

Understand & unlearn racism and sexism
   Talk about racism and sexism

Vote and help others to vote
   Engage with your elected officials

Prioritize diversity, equity & inclusion everywhere

Advocate for local community renewable energy

Leverage data, science and information for change

Support cooperatives and novel economic structures

Connect across the divide – listen and learn

Mary Robinson
Former President of Ireland

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