*This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs The Climate* written by journalist and author, Naomi Klein, deconstructs and analyses the free market ideology and how it inhibits the progression of mitigating climate change. Klein’s book is not limited to the deconstruction of global warming and why it has been slow to palliate and explores current probable alleviations to climate change as well as how climate change impacts various communities.

Klein opens this text with [word] that is entertaining for the audience, not really setting a doomsday tone that is used later in the book. Right wing politicians and climate change denialists are depicted as idiotic and [word]. Near the end of the segment, Klein states that climate change deniers are scared and resistant to change like other political ideologies, including the author herself, stating her own ethnocentrism when describing the right-wing denialists.

The next part goes into depth of the minds of the upper class, and members of the Heartland and how their mindsets prevent the advancement of battling global warming. I found this part the most interesting as the author dives into compassion fatigue, the rich stating that global warming is great for the economy as well as a lack of compassion and incentive to aid other countries and members of the working class. This horrified me and broke my heart. I tend to lean into more optimistic approaches to human nature and the sheer absence of empathy.

Klein goes into depth of how politics, and economics affect the movement towards combating global warming. One of the barriers being the World Trade Organization. WTO limits localized renewable energy in Ontario, Canada, labeling the business as a violation of the treaty by being inequitable to other trade business in the organization. This is how I understood this conflict. To counteract this, Klein describes how Germany changed ideologies, realizing that privatized organizations for power and energy was much more efficient than public organizations. Klein calls this a decentralized business model. I found this idea fascinating as it does not seem like it could counter the American ideology of capitalism and free market, based on my understanding of the politics. At this point in the novel, I am having trouble grasping political contexts and why it is so difficult to just have stuff in place to limit pollution emissions. This area in humanities (political relations and international trade relations) has always been hard for me to grasp. The authors jargon and bouncing between different ideas and issues made it much harder to wrap my brain around. There is so much to digest in each page.

Klein dives into environmental policies in western countries and “Blockadia”, a ground of activists that protest large pollution emitters. I found this to be interesting as Klein goes into the movements against pipelines, fracking, oil wells, etc. I was able to connect this to my own background as an indigenous woman and my strong ties to the land previously occupied by the Yakama Nation, and how the land has turned into a free market industry and in other areas companies violating treaties.

This book had so many examples of different models to economically and ideologically combat climate change as well as the barriers that prevent this moving forward. This is a book I need to spend more time reading and will likely need to read more than once to fully understand the author and her main themes. This book was hard to read because of all the jumping around different analyses and tangents on civil rights movements or villainizing the Republican party. As fun as it was for me to read about villainizing the Republican party due to my own biases, it got old quick and wanted more concise and straight to the point information. I think this is what makes reading these books hard is because of the intense interdisciplinary work from the science of agroecology and the effects of global warming, evidence of global warming, political and ideological analysis, and personal symbolisms or experiences to the topic. Not to mention the inclusivity of civil rights. I found the interconnection of civil rights movements with indigenous groups, lower income population, people of color, and climate change an intriguing approach to understanding and personalizing the effects of climate change. The author did a good job later in the book of creating that emotional connection and sense of urgency to the reader as it is hard to picture or play out long term issues when they do not affect you personally. The author did also contradict herself often when examining different ideologies and economic policies, and this was noted by other critics. However, I did not see this as an issue as I was able to draw my own conclusions and I believe Klein was trying to coerce the reader into examining all sides and recognizing that the battle to mitigate climate change does not have one simple solution. The contradictions are great for creating another layer of analysis for the audience. However, the author is trying to take a huge bite out of a tough subject. Klein covers issues globally and tries to examine the economic, ideological, and cultural models for a majority of companies. She also tried to give the audience information on agricultural pollution, air pollution, mining issues, and fossil fuels which are huge and long topics already, much more when looking as numerous countries. I do appreciate the lack of universal generalization of many countries and political models which fit my framework of understanding all the little things that contribute to the issue of global warming. But this book should be more organised and perhaps divided by subject instead of huge main ideas with multiple disciple analyses.

I would recommend this book to everyone honestly. As politically left as it is, this book is great for taking apart political ideology and recognizing some of the problems that are in front of our faces. My hope would be that people would learn from this book and truly analyze their fear of change and then take the necessary steps to plan for the future. But I tend to be an optimist. I would also recommend this book to STEM majors in environmental science as well as students studying the humanities as this subject would be very hard to understand and later help solve climate change without the interdisciplinary piece. For someone to read and understand this book, they will have to be proficient in political jargon and basic understand of environmental science, as well as involvement in politics.

I chose this book because I was looking for a book that would dive into the politics and culture of western cultures and how it feeds into global warming. I was more looking to support my argument rather than gather information and then make a conclusion. I wanted to have a stronger understanding of why mitigation climate change is so hard and to look for some hope in letting the planet recover and the longer survival of the human race rather than just bad news. The author shares this through the efforts, and trial and errors of many countries. This book was great for that balance of doom and urgency as well as hope for the future and finding more renewable energy sources, respect for people of tribal affiliations, people of color, and lower income families. It also helped me understand more of what I can do as a normal joe citizen in college and how I can raise awareness and make a difference. I need to re-evaluate the book and take more time to fully grasp the tough concepts the author was conveying. Works Cited

“This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs The Climate” Naomi Klein 2014

Collins, Sheila (2015) "Review of This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate. Naomi Klein. Reviewed by Sheila D. Collins.," The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare: Vol. 42 : Iss. 2 , Article 9. Available at: https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/jssw/vol42/iss2/9

https://www.theguardian.com/books/2014/sep/19/this-changes-everything-capitalism-vs-climate-naomi-klein-review