



Climate Change is Racist

Discussion questions

Climate Change is Racist is a short book that aims to provoke further discussion – thank you for being a part of that conversation. The following are some questions for those who have read the whole book and are talking about it at the end. If you are part of a reading circle that is discussing each chapter, download the more detailed sheet of questions by chapter from earthbound.report/ccir

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- What was your reaction to the two contrasting maps in the introduction? (You may like to download and show the colour versions available from the website)
 - Is it new to you to think about climate change in terms of racism? What have you learnt about race and climate from this book?
 - How might the conversation about climate change be different if we were more aware of the devastation in some of the world's poorest countries? Would it actually make any difference – if not, why not?
 - Do you agree with the statement “the climate crisis arises from racial injustice and the plundering of the global South, and it is in itself a form of exploitation of the global South”?
 - Have you ever thought of climate change as violence? Do you agree with the author’s conclusion that “climate change is racial violence”?
 - The book introduces the idea of ‘climate privilege’ as a term for those who are not personally affected by climate change. Do you recognise this form of privilege, in yourself or in others? Have you personally experienced loss or harm from climate change?
 - What minority perspectives would you like to hear more of in the conversation around the climate? Where could you find those perspectives?
 - Should compensation be paid for the damage of climate change? How could that be done?
 - What needs to change in your society / in international governance to create a fairer world both in terms of racial equality and climate safety? What contribution can you make to the struggle for climate justice?