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A series by Amelia DiGiano

Amidst the climate crisis, my future feels alarmingly precarious. I started to develop this series as a way of documenting this sensation, the chronic fear associated with climate change. But as I began approaching people to include in the project, it became clear that we do not all conceptualize climate change in the same way. To some it feels existential, but to others, it feels fabricated, and to many, it feels entirely beyond human control. *Portraits of a Planet in Crisis* explores this broad spectrum of human stories that transpire within stories of environmental devastation.



Kylan Skinner | *Hobuck Beach, Washington*

"Climate change is causing major loss of fish and loss of wildlife. I want him to grow up to understand what I saw when I was a child. But I'm sure it's going to be different for him. I want to know more information, but it's so sad to me."



David Collins | *Asheville, North Carolina*

"This is climate change. They've been warning for 20 years that if you heat up the oceans, you're gonna get more violent storms. But I'm not worried. In the book of revelations, it says men will faint with fear as they behold the raging of the seas. It's just the human condition."



Abram and Ashley Misiluti | *Bozeman, Montana*

"We don't have kids yet but we're expecting. Climate change is something we've talked about, like is everything going to be on fire? And will there be enough drinking water? But we also have the mindset that if we're educated, then hopefully we can bring up educated people to help with our world."



Danny and John Bailey | *Swannanoa, North Carolina*

"I'll have to stay here cause I don't have nowhere to go. I'm not worried about climate change. I'm worried about the dam." - Danny



Stenzin Dawa | *Leh, Ladakh*

"If the Ladakhi people die, they will die for lack of water. The fields will go dry, the animals won't be able to drink, all of the springs will dry up. And we're already seeing this happen."



Memory Knoll and Grace Cardulath | *Port Angeles, Washington*

"We weren't really raised to believe in climate change. I'm not a hundred percent sure what to think about it." - Memory



Anthony Smith Della | *Neah Bay, Washington*

"Our science teacher last year told us about how the clams around our reef right here on Front street were getting poisoned by all the oil in the water. The clams are dying and it's poisonous to swim here now. I am a little scared."



Tyler Nelson & Sons | *Cortez, Colorado*

"I think we should take care of the earth. I don't like litter. But what's the opposite of eco-anxiety? I'm like, eco-chill. Drive diesel pick-ups, roll the coal."



Malia, Jordin, Katherine, Elijah | *Neah Bay, Washington*

"It's not something we stress about because it's not that bad down here." - Malia



Andy, Luk, Blaine, Malachi | *Laurel, Montana*

"It's the earth. It'll do whatever it wants. I literally don't care." - Luk



Joe Bryant | *Swannanoa, North Carolina*

"I've heard a whole lot about climate change and I don't know a lot about it. I'm ready to learn about anything right now. I'm tired of damn sleeping on the ground."



Amelia Lasky | *Salt Lake City, Utah*

"God Rules my life more than fear and anxiety, so whatever is coming, my kids will be prepared in some way."