

Viewpoint: Hectoring Americans to go vegan will do ‘almost nothing’ to combat climate change

Eating meat is bad for the climate—or at least that was one of the main conclusions highlighted in a flood of news reports based on the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s August report, Climate Change and Land.

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Before you give up your animal protein of choice in an effort to save the planet, let’s crunch some numbers to see just how much livestock raising and meat consumption contribute to U.S. emissions.

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Assuming every American adopts a vegan diet and all livestock raising ceases, that change would reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by just 3.6 percent. In their 2017 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences study, agronomists Robin White and Mary Beth Hall [found] that the total elimination of animal husbandry would reduce U.S. emissions by 2.6 percent.

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