

no longer produce food and the loss of countless numbers of species. Through our greed and ignorance our only home will have been turned into a planet unable to support the nine billion people estimated to inhabit the planet by 2050.

Imagine instead a system that promotes clean fuels and sustainable living. An organization called Citizens Climate Lobby has proposed a model that would help drive just such a social change. The model, called a "Revenue Neutral Fee and Dividend," would place an increasing fee on pollution introduced into the system by the supplying industries. And 100 percent of the revenue collected would be returned to American households in equal shares.

Please review their work at citizensclimatelobby.org.

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BREAKING RAPE CULTURE

I am heartened to read letters about ending rape culture, especially when written by men. In response to the two writers who think women are responsible: Yes, we are. But not in the way you think.

As a 35-year-old woman who has survived multiple incidents of rape and sexual assault, I learned to avoid "dangerous" behaviors. I stopped wearing sexy clothes, preferring to hide my body. I no longer allowed myself to be alone with any male, no matter how long I had known him. I never had been much of a drinker, but I became a complete teetotaler. This list sounds to me like the control behaviors of a trauma victim who wishes fervently to believe that she can stop violence against her — and it is.

I do not believe that those things protect me. We need to end rape culture. As a mother and a woman, here's how I am doing it:

I raise my children in an alternative

community without screen media or cell phones. I teach them to avoid alcohol and drugs, and tell them it is OK to be rude to people if they are not respecting their boundaries. My kids wrestle a lot and take self-defense classes. We talk openly together about sex, including details about safety, risk, reproduction and consent. My children know where my condoms are (and how to use them), and they are welcome to take them without any comment from me.

I encourage my kids to step in if they see someone in danger of being victimized, or if someone is being teased or harassed. My kids have seen me take action when I witness abuse or violence. When a drunk man on the bus threatened the female bus driver, I stood up and walked towards him (while everyone else on the bus stayed in their seats). He saw me coming and got off the bus. I went home and told my kids about it.

It isn't enough to raise boys who won't rape, or girls who won't become victims. We must raise our kids (boys and girls) to be willing to step in and protect those

who are at risk. Rape culture includes a few rapists and a lot of bystanders who do nothing. Instead of blaming the victim, let's practice being good neighbors. Educate yourself about rape and how our culture condones it. Think about how you would recognize a potential sexual assault situation and how you might step in to stop it. Then act.

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OUT OF CONTROL

During the Vietnam War I supported our soldiers, military and the federal government. Now the draft is over, poor people are funneled into "permanent Army" service and the federal government is no longer owned or controlled by the American people. I don't recommend joining the military to anyone, and definitely not women.

*D.H. Bucher
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