

Climate Change and Our Lives

Mariane Kulick

Our president does not believe in climate change. Neither does the head of the Environmental Department he put in power.

But we believe in it. Eight days of no power after Hurricane Irma made us believers. Did the people of Louisiana and Texas gain any understanding after being battered by their own hurricane? How about the people of Puerto Rico where there are rivers instead of streets? How about the people living in the northwest who struggle with massive fires?

Weather analysts reporting during Irma referred to the warm ocean waters as adding power to the hurricane. Well, why are the waters getting warmer? Why are icebergs melting in the Arctic?

There may be some things in this world we can't do anything about, but this we can. We should be leading the world in this endeavor instead of a president who walks out of the Paris Agreement, who has decided that the wealth of the fossil fuel corporations is more important than our health.

We in Florida live on a little peninsula with warming waters on both sides. We have a big stake in this and we had better deal with it.