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### **Climate change**

A column recently published in The News Tribune asks if we have lost the battle on climate change.

The evidence he points to isn't encouraging. It further shows that no matter how well meaning (and I count myself among the well-meaning) we may be in our individual efforts, they are inadequate to the task of preventing the impending catastrophes of climate change.

Yet - Harvard researcher Erica Chenoweth and Fulbright Scholar Maria Stephan have published extensive peer-reviewed research showing that dedicated, peaceful activists comprising just 3.5% (or even less) of the total population can bring about major social and political change.

Their research shows that the way to winning this battle is via energized, aware and focused people pulling together to influence the political process.

So don't declare fossil fuel pollution driven climate catastrophe the winner quite yet. I encourage those who are climate aware but not active to jump into the political process.

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