



When I ask them if they are concerned, or even scared about what might happen, again, a huge range:

--nah, we have technology out the wazoo that will fix it all

--the scientists are worry warts...we've got the time we need

And on the scared side:

--Apparently the feedback loops are so long with this stuff we may already be falling off a cliff and just not know it

--I look at my grandkids and wonder what they will experience...I am scared for them - war, loss of species, economic upheaval, whew - what are we doing?



There are lots of reasons for these ranges - what data people pay attention to and how they interpret the data, and a person's general optimism or pessimism as well.

But what is clear is this: fear or no fear, guilt or no guilt, if we don't feel responsible for changes that have to be made, we will not be leaders in efficient energy, better consumption patterns or anything else that matters with the greening of our way of life. If we don't feel responsible, or accountable to future generations, we are passengers on the planet, along for the ride.



Me, I'd prefer to be partners or stewards, not passengers. Then I can be guilty and scared and trying to do something, a lot of things, about it.