



'How dare you?' Thunberg blasts U.N. climate summit

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Teenage climate change activist Greta Thunberg on Monday opened the United Nations Climate Action Summit with an angry condemnation of world leaders for failing to take strong measures to combat climate change - "How dare you," she said.

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1. Sixteen-year-old climate change activist Greta Thunberg blasted world leaders at the United Nations Monday for failing to take strong measures to combat climate change.

2. Opening the U.N. Climate Action Summit, a visibly emotional Thunberg condemned older generations for polluting the planet and burdening today's youth as a result.

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"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you? You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words and yet I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying, entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!"

3. Days after millions of young people took to the streets worldwide to demand emergency action on climate change, leaders gathered at the annual UN General Assembly aiming to inject fresh momentum into stalling efforts to curb carbon emissions.

4. U.S. President Donald Trump, a climate change denier who has undone every major U.S. regulation aimed at combating climate change - including a planned U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement - was not scheduled to be at the summit, but made a brief appearance in the audience.

5. He did not give remarks but he listened to those given by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

6. Thunberg has galvanized a new wave of climate change activism through her weekly Fridays for Future school strikes, which she began with her solitary protests outside of the Swedish parliament.

7. The teenager watched steely-faced as Trump entered the U.N. amid a throng of reporters.

[PROTESTORS]"What do we want?" "Climate justice!" "When do we want it?" "Now!"

8. Climate change activists were also out in full force in Washington, DC Monday, blocking major traffic hubs in an effort to draw attention to the summit and pressure U.S. politicians to take action.