

I don't represent any financial or political interest. I am not a lobbyist. So I can't negotiate, compromise or make deals. I have nothing to offer you. All I can do is to urge you to listen to and act on the science, and to use your common sense.

I am not even going to explain why fossil fuel subsidies are bad. It is the year 2021. The fact we are still having this discussion and even more that we are still supporting fossil fuels directly or indirectly using taxpayer money is a disgrace. It is proof that we have not understood the climate emergency at all.

If you compare the current so-called "climate policies" to the overall current best available science you clearly see that there's a huge gap. This gap between what needs to be done in order to stay below the 1,5°C target and what we are actually doing is widening by the second. There are several decades missing.

The simple fact is that if we are to live up to our promises and commitments in Paris, we have to end fossil fuel subsidies. Now. And that is not my "opinion".

And yet, this is just the very minimum amount of effort that is needed to start the rapid sustainable transition. It may seem like we're asking for a lot. And you will of course say that we are naive. And that's fine. But at least we're not so naive that we believe that things will be solved by countries and companies making vague, distant insufficient targets without any real pressure from the media and the general public.

So either you do this or you're going to have to explain to your children and the most affected people why you are surrendering on the 1.5-degree target. Giving up without even trying. Well I'm here to tell you that unlike you, my generation will not give up without a fight. We will never give up the fight to safeguard present and future living conditions.

I don't believe for a second that you will do this. As long as you get away with continuing you will do just that. The climate crisis doesn't exist in the public debate today. And of course since it doesn't really exist, and the general level of awareness is so absurdly low you still get away with not stopping fossil fuel subsidies.

I know I am not the one who's supposed to ask questions, but there's something I really do wonder. How long do you honestly believe business as usual activists like you will get away with it? How long do you think you can continue ignoring the climate crisis without being held accountable?

You get away with it now, but sooner or later people are going to realise what you have been doing this time. That's inevitable. You still have time to do the right thing and to save your legacies, but that window of time is not going to last for long. What happens then? We the young people are the ones who are going to write about you in the history books. We are the ones who get to decide how you will be remembered. So choose wisely.