

## Why you do NOT want to talk about Climate Change?

The difficulty of communicating to others about climate change has always had two general barriers to getting the word out.

- An individual's reluctance to talk about unpleasant things
- The "How can I do something about this immense problem?" (the Only Me Problem)

In 2019 most people know a lot about climate change, too much actually. Many of the 60 to 70 per cent who are concerned do not feel competent to participate in a discussion about it.

It is a "wicked" problem because, as George Marshal explains in Don't Even Think About It, there are so many barriers to discussing our climate problems that there is a **cone of silence** that shuts down discussion:

- It is woven into many other issues: economics, foreign policy, social justice, food production and health (the Totality Problem)
- Billions have been spent to pollute the discussion with bad science
- It concerns people dying now, and the possibility of extinction of all form of higher life, us included
- Needed changes and adaptations require changes than may negatively affect some people
- Possible solutions are varied and they change as time goes on.

The Climate Stick helps you break **the cone of silence** by telling your Climate Story and by having your name listed for your city as a Climate Stick Supporter on our website (as seen below). For example Michigan has 174 Supporters with 57 from Bay City.

### From the Supporters Page (part of one page out of nine) Total Supporters: 209

Country	State/Prov.	City	Last	First	Middle	Fellows
United States	Michigan	Bay City	Shultz	Deb		
		Bay City	McComb	Carrie		
		Bay City	Johnroe	Jordan	T	
		Bay City	Simons	Edna		
		Bay City	Snable	Skyla		
		Bay City	Duso	Daniel	C	
		Bay City	Redmond	Robert	J	
		Bay City	Laskowski	Kimberly	A	
		Bay City	Jacobs	Whitney	A	
		Bay City	Seeber	Sonja		
		Bay City	Childs	Bill		
		Bay City	Mastroiann	Rick	G	