

Curbing global warming is cheaper than you think

Cost of securing health & safety
35¢
 per dollar of average U.S. household income



- MEDICAL CARE 17¢
- SOCIAL INSURANCE* 10.1¢
- NATIONAL DEFENSE 3.9¢
- PRIVATE INSURANCE 3.1¢
- FIRE, POLICE AND PRISONS 1.0¢

Cost of climate security
Less than half a penny



CLIMATE INITIATIVES .38¢

The cost of climate security is much less than what we already spend on other forms of safety and protection.

Source: Environmental Defense Fund analysis Numbers for current household spending draw on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The cost of climate legislation is calculated as the present value of reduced household consumption expressed per dollar of income, for the period 2010-2030, using forecasts by the EPA, the Energy Information Administration and researchers at MIT.
 *Social Insurance includes contributions to federal government social insurance (Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security) plus private spending on social protection (such as private pensions and disability insurance).



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