

Are people today more destroyers of nature or protectors of nature?

Personally, I would say that we are both, with different people acting as different roles. Some people do not-so-great things for the environment like burning down rainforest to make way for cattle and other people do things that are good for the environment. This could be something as small as buying an electric car or participating in “Meatless Mondays” or as large as having an entire country run primarily on renewable energy. I feel like it is also partially dependant on you age. Now, I’m not saying that old people are heartless monsters who like to burn down forests, I’m just saying that most of the people in charge of the big businesses/ corporations that do things like logging or burning fossil fuels are older people, just because of how society functions. The younger generations today are also realizing that we have kind of been left with a world in a steady decline and a lot of the older people in charge of doing things that could/do harm the environment don’t really care because most of them will be dead before anything catastrophic occurs.

Right now, were doing all these things to help the environment because we absolutely need to. Like “we’re-all-gonna-die-if-we-don’t” need to. These steps should have been taken before it reached that point. At this point, we’re basically *forced* to be protectors of nature. And if we choose not to be, well, we’re pretty much screwed.

According to the UN, we have an incredibly small window to “prevent irreversible damage from climate change”. This IPCC report states that we need to cut emissions by 45% by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050 (see page 27).

In conclusion, people aren’t either destroyers or protectors of nature, we’re both. Humans are selfish. We like to chop down forests and take the wood and build things for ourselves. We like to make a bunch of plastic products and when we’re done with them, we just throw them away. We like to build machines that pollute the air, because they might make our day to day lives a little more comfortable. But if we don’t stop doing all that right now, our future isn’t looking bright.