



## XR protests around the world<sup>1</sup>

Extinction Rebellion (XR) staged an “international rebellion” on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019<sup>2</sup> with mass demonstrations in cities around the world. Its aim was to urge governments to take action on the climate crisis. In Britain activists successfully used a range of strategic road blocks to bring central London to standstill.<sup>1</sup>

“Because time is running out.  
We’re almost at the point of no return.”<sup>3</sup>

Extinction Rebellion called on the UK Government to declare a climate and ecological emergency and to act immediately to halt the loss of wildlife and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by 2025. They also want a Citizens' Assembly to participate on the process.<sup>1</sup>

“The governments are doing nothing.”<sup>3</sup>

Extinction Rebellion was officially launched in October 2018. It now boasts over 400 groups across 72 countries. XR believes that humanity is approaching a point of ecological collapse as a result of man-made climate change and describes itself as an “international movement that uses non-violent civil disobedience in an attempt to halt mass extinction”.<sup>2</sup>

MP Caroline Lucas stated that “the brave XR activists taking nonviolent action to protect the planet on which we all depend for our survival shouldn’t be arrested and charged. They should be applauded and they should be heard.”<sup>2</sup>

“ACT NOW!”<sup>2</sup>

“If not you, who? If not now, when?”<sup>3</sup>

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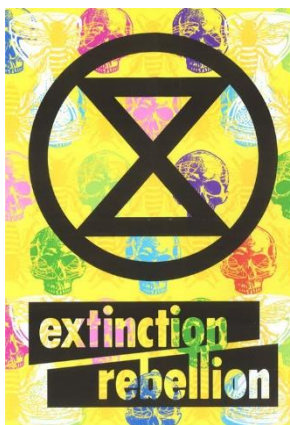
*Extinction Rebellion: 217 protesters arrested in first day of disruption in central London*  
The Telegraph (07/10/2019)

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*Extinction Rebellion: Who are the climate activist group bringing cities to a standstill and what are their aims?*  
The Independent (07/11/19)

3 Extinction Rebellion (2019)

*International Rebellion – UK Action in London – Begins 7 October*  
<https://rebellion.earth/the-truth/demands/>



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