

Greta Thunberg speech to UK Parliament | Climate strikes

“You Lied To Us”

Greta Thunberg is a truly spectacular human being, which is why watching this speech was very harrowing. She is up there speaking about a current issue that could potentially lead to our end if the proper regimes are not put in place, and the reporters and audience members are laughing and clapping at odd moments. She started off by stating that she [and the rest of our generation] grew up in a very fortunate time. We have things that our elders only could have dreamed of and for “and yet we may have nothing.” She then goes on to talk about young people and when they approach older folks to bring issues, like climate change, to their attention. “They [adults] ask the school children who are striking for climate change, how do we solve that?” How do we solve the economic crisis stemming from the climate crisis? “We say, ‘Well we’re not really sure, but we have to stop burning fossil fuels, restore nature, and maybe other things that we haven’t figured out yet.’ They say, ‘That’s not an answer’...” And it just keeps going back and forth. What they don’t realize is that we *are* giving them an answer, we’re just not giving them **the** answer. Another thing that troubled me was the way they would respond to some of her statements, they would clap or laugh at certain things that gave her this perplexed look on her face. Almost as if they didn’t understand what she was trying to get at. Greta blows my mind because, at age sixteen she had a mission to help end climate control and to this day she is still fighting, even if she thinks they don’t seem to get it.