# FOOD CHOICES: WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO DO WITH CLIMATE CHANGE?

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#### **AGENDA**

- AHIMSA DO NO HARM, NONVIOLENCE
- FOOD CHOICES AND HARM TO THE PLANET
- WHOLE FOODS PLANT-BASED DIET
- BOOKS, COOKBOOKS, DVDs AND OTHER RESOURCES



#### WHAT IS FOOD?

- FOOD IS A FUNDAMENTAL NECESSITY
- FOOD IS A SOURCE AND METAPHOR FOR LIFE, LOVE, GENEROSITY, CELEBRATION, PLEASURE,
   REASSURANCE, ACQUISITION, AND CONSUMPTION
- FOOD IS ALSO A SOURCE AND METAPHOR FOR CONTROL, DOMINATION, CRUELTY, AND DEATH
- FOOD CHOICES ARE LEARNED, I.E., COMFORT FOOD
- LIVE IN DENIAL SO DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR



- PLANET FACING MAJOR SPECIES EXTINCTION
- COWS PRODUCE MORE GREENHOUSE GASES (18%) THAN THE ENTIRE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY (13%)
- MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO HUMAN-CAUSED CLIMATE CHANGE
- MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO RESOURCE CONSUMPTION (WATER INTENSIVE, GRAIN FOR FEED, ETC.)
  - TAKES 660 GALLONS OF WATER TO MAKE ON HAMBURGER, 2220 GALLONS FOR 1 POUND OF BEEF,
     1,000 GALLONS OF WATER TO MAKE ONE GALLON OF MILK
  - WATER FOOTPRINT IN ANIMAL AGRICULTURE LARGER THAN ANYTHING ELSE
  - ONE COW EATS 140 TO 150 POUNDS OF GRAIN A DAY 50% OF US GRAIN FEEDING ANIMALS, NOT PEOPLE IF WE DIDN'T BREED THEM WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO FEED THEM



- MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION/DESTRUCTION
- NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS NO FOCUS ON ANIMAL AGRICULTURE
- ANIMAL AGRICULTURE RESPONSIBLE FOR 91% OF AMAZON RAINFOREST DESTRUCTION —
   RAINFORESTS ARE THE PLANET'S LUNGS
- HUGE AMOUNTS OF ANIMAL EXCREMENT RUN OFF INTO WATER SYSTEMS AND THE OCEANS –
   KILLING THE OCEANS WE'LL HAVE FISHLESS OCEANS BY 2048



- ANIMAL AGRICULTURE WELL-FUNDED LOBBYING EFFORTS
- FBI GUILTY OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM IF DISRUPT PROFITS FROM ANIMAL AGRICULTURE
- RAISING AND KILLING ANIMALS FOR FOOD IS KILLING THE PLANET
- NOT SUSTAINABLE
- SOLUTION: STOP CONSUMING ANIMALS AND LIVE A VEGAN LIFESTYLE

# CHOOSING A WHOLE FOODS, PLANT-BASED DIET

- DHHS: 2015 FOOD PYRAMID: FOOD AND NUTRITION PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN HEALTH PROMOTION AND CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION — PYRAMID REFLECTS THE CURRENT BODY OF NUTRITION SCIENCE - HELPS HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND POLICYMAKERS GUIDE AMERICANS TO MAKE HEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE CHOICES, AND SERVES AS THE SCIENCE-BASED FOUNDATION FOR VITAL NUTRITION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.
  - SUSTAINABILITY ENVIRONMENT
  - DECREASE INTAKE OF MEAT AND DAIRY
- WHERE DO YOU FALL? WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE?
  - MEAT EATER MEAT, POULTRY, FISH
  - PESCATARIAN, DOES NOT EAT MEAT BUT DOES EAT FISH
  - VEGETARIAN (OVO-LACTO) NO MEAT, POULTRY OR FISH, DAIRY ONLY
  - VEGAN, RAW NOTHING WITH A FACE OR A MOTHER



#### MAKING DIFFERENT CHOICES

- CHOOSING A WHOLE FOODS, PLANT-BASED DIET
- STRATEGIES
  - COLD TURKEY VERSUS EVOLUTION
  - MEATLESS MONDAYS
  - ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS: PCRM 21-DAY KICKSTART PROGRAM WITH MEAL PLAN; HSUS
  - FORKS OVER KNIVES BOOK, MOVIE, COOKBOOK
  - LOTS OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE
- RESOURCES: BOOKS, COOKBOOKS, DVDS, WEBSITES, APPS, ETC.



# G-BOMBS DAILY

- DR. JOEL FUHRMAN ANTI-CANCER FOODS
  - GREENS
  - BEANS
  - ONIONS
  - MUSHROOMS
  - BERRIES
  - SEEDS



#### THE ESSENTIAL EIGHT

- WHOLE FOODS DIET JOHN MACKEY, DR. ALONA PULDE AND DR. MATTHEW LEDERMAN
- THE ESSENTIAL EIGHT
  - WHOLE GRAINS AND STARCHY VEGETABLES.
  - BEANS AND OTHER LEGUMES
  - BERRIES
  - OTHER FRUITS
  - CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLES
  - LEAFY GREENS
  - NONSTARCHY VEGETABLES
  - NUTS AND SEEDS



#### OTHER HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

- VEGAN DIET AND HEALTH
  - PROTEIN
  - CALCIUM
  - VITAMINS B12, A, AND D
  - SOY
    - ESTROGEN
    - THYROID
  - CARBOHYDRATES
  - OILS

- READING LABELS
- ORGANIC VERSUS CONVENTIONAL, BUYING LOCAL, CARBON FOOTPRINT
- GMOs
- FOOD SAFETY
- EXERCISE
- SLEEP
- STRESS
- HAPPINESS/JOY

# ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP: DIRTY DOZEN

- STRAWBERRIES
- SPINACH
- NECTARINES
- APPLES
- PEACHES
- PEARS
- CHERRIES

- GRAPES
- CELERY
- TOMATOES
- SWEET BELL PEPPERS
- POTATOES

# ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP: CLEAN FIFTEEN

- SWEET CORN \*
- AVOCADOS
- PINEAPPLE
- CABBAGE
- ONIONS
- SWEET FROZEN PEAS
- PAPAYAS\*

- ASPARAGUS
- MANGOES
- EGGPLANT
- HONEYDEW MELON
- KIWI
- CANTALOUPE
- CAULIFLOWER
- GRAPEFRUIT



# EAT WELL, STRESS LESS, MOVE MORE, LOVE MORE, THAT'S IT!

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