



Climate Change May Cause Increased Violence

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Global warming is clearly a hot button issue. But is it possible that climate change could be causing an increase in violence worldwide?

Scientific researchers have found even a small change in temperature or rainfall can be linked to an increase in assaults, rapes, murders and even war.

Some examples of this are increasing violence in India during recent droughts, and a spike in violent crimes in the US during heat waves.

Many studies show excessive heat can cause aggression, but another factor in play, may be the changes in economic conditions which can affect a person's decision making.

But despite some evidence people aren't fully convinced.

"Personally I don't see that there could be a link between climate change and any form of civil unrest," said Joe Leighton, from Harrison County. "I think the causes are many."

Some researchers agree and link certain world conflicts with other factors like high infant mortality rates, distance to international borders or high population density.

Still many scientist say the projected level of climate change will ultimately make this world a more violent place.



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