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Episode Question Ideas: Episode 119

Former US Senator Russ Feingold: Climate Change/ Biodiversity and the Campaign for Nature

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Full Episode Questions

- Describe the 30 x 30 initiative. Use accessible language that someone unfamiliar with the program area would understand.
- Why might the United States be the only non-signatory in some of these climate agreements? What might be driving these behaviors? How can we shift these behaviours as a country? Write a campaign that addresses these ideas.
- For non-Americans, how might we work to shift the distribution of powers in the United States to increase the signing powers of these agreements?
- What are some of the strategies that individuals such as the former Senator could use to get more countries to sign on for agreements like this? How would you convince other governments to sign on?
- Develop a mind map that illustrates the connections and differences between climate change and biodiversity for human populations. Link other issues such as pollution into your mind map. Then, in a different color, add the impact of politics to your mind map. Where can politics have a positive or a negative impact on these



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relationships? How might COVID-19 or another global pandemic fit into this web?

- The Senator suggested that working together for biodiversity and climate change activism is likely the best solution for both issues. Do you agree? Defend your position.
- In many places biodiversity is an implicit issue rather than explicitly stated. How can we increase the dialogue about doing climate action and biodiversity action together?
- In fewer than 500 words, describe the links between climate change, biodiversity, conservation, and colonialism. What is the role of development in this complex relationship?
- What lessons can be learned from the Senator's stories about communicating biodiversity? How can this be applied to climate change and the intrinsic value of adaptation?



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