Global Issues: Unit 2

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**What’s Happening Out There questions**

1. Do you think that local climate change initiatives are as important as international initiatives? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think many businesses prefer a cap and trade system to other means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions?
3. What might be a more effective way to help businesses make a positive contribution to the environment?
4. Do you think carbon offsets are a good way to reduce our negative climate impact? Why might these offsets not be feasible for everyone?
5. What ideas do you have for working to reduce climate change impacts within your own community? What groups in your community could you work with?

**HONORS**

**Read the article (taken from a blog post on huffingtonpost.com) ‘Where is Obama on Climate Treaty?’ and answer the following questions.**

1. What are some of the criticisms of Obama’s environmental policies made by the blogger? Do you think these criticisms are fair? Why or why not?