

**Title:** Social Mobilization and the Politics of Climate Change

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A very diverse group of faculty and students met to discuss the broad issue of how to understand and deepen political engagement in the United States around climate change. Participants discussed various examples of local-level mobilization around climate-related issues and the reasons why national-level mobilization might be more difficult to sustain. There were suggestions of tactics that could be taken to raise popular awareness of the issues and several initiatives going forward were introduced. These initiatives include: recommending a relevant book on climate change for the Cornell Book Project; working together with CCE and Tompkins County to develop leadership education around energy efficiency (interested people should email Ken Schlather, Executive Director for Cornell Cooperative Extension, at [ks47@cornell.edu](mailto:ks47@cornell.edu)); hosting a workshop at Cornell that would celebrate achievements in climate work and mobilization to foster increasing change on the ground (interested people should contact David Wolfe who

leads the Cornell Climate Change Forum); and, finally, ongoing research on social mobilization and climate change. For the last topic, the organizers of the lunch will continue to meet and discuss both ongoing research and potential outreach activities (anyone interested in contributing, please contact Wendy Wolford at [www43@cornell.edu](mailto:www43@cornell.edu)).