

What Do You Feel Hopeful for in a Rapidly Warming World?

Poppa & Momma Historic Community Garden

Speaker 1:

Those out there: engineers, scientists, researchers, the young children too, and teenagers who have great ideas of what to do... I'm really hopeful in their ideas for the future and what they're going to bring to at least slow us down a little bit in what's happening.

Speaker 2:

As long as they're given resources, and space, and time, and respect, and acknowledgement, and to not take the air out of their sails, because I feel like we really just need to let the young folks really keep running with it.

Speaker 1:

I think, like we were just saying... when I come to the garden, I feel hopeful for plants teaching us things that we don't know, and more and more people tapping into that knowledge.

Speaker 3:

I'm hopeful that community gardeners and spaces like this can be a part of the resurgence of appreciating green spaces.

Interviewer:

So what do you feel hopeful for?

Speaker 4:

Life.

Speaker 5:

The garden.

Speaker 6:

I feel hopeful that the Earth will be fine without us because humans are a mere blip.

Interviewer:

What is hope? What is hope for you?

Speaker 7:

Yeah. Hope is that you have freedom... we have freedom. We're always going to have freedom. That's hope; that freedom is not that far away.

Speaker 8:

Hope is just finding new ways of creating a space for you to be in.

Speaker 9:

Hope is the motivating factor; Hope is what gets you out there and spreading the word.

Interviewer:

So what do you feel hopeful for?

Speaker 10:

This is a good question. I feel hopeful that things go in waves, that things have seasons. What do I feel helpful for? I don't know. Maybe I feel no hope at all.

Speaker 11:

I'm sorry, I don't feel hopeful. I think our goose is cooked.

Speaker 12:

We have to start responding appropriately to the world as it unfolds in front of us instead of just... Sit back and find comfort in hoping.

Interviewer:

What does hopelessness feel like?

Speaker 13:

Kind of like I'm dragging; I'll turn off my AC being conscious of how much energy I'm using, but why? I'm the only one. I feel like sometimes I'm the only one. What's the point? I did it, but what's the point? Maybe I could keep it on for two minutes longer, because I'm hot. I start getting selfish, it's like, "I'm hot in here." Or when I get home, I want to be cool when I walk in the house, but even if I'm not here... Things like that, because nobody's really thinking about it. So you kind of give up on what you're fighting for in a way.

Speaker 14:

Do I feel hopeful? No, I really haven't contemplated that part.

Interviewer:

Cool.

Speaker 14:

Well, let's look at it like this...

Speaker 7:

One of the most beautiful things that you could have is having hope, because it gives you ambition and it gives you curiosity and you want to go out and try to do things that could be helpful... Even if you don't know what's going to be the outcome.

Interviewer:

You really have a deep hope for the future of this planet, don't you?

Speaker 15:

One should. One shouldn't give up hope in self and other's earth. Once you have an open mind... A growth set mindset. I think, if possible, that there is hope for this world.

Speaker 16:

The one thing that really interested me when I went to the new park in Green Point, it was kind of like seeing a micro environment getting better... in a way that there are more fish, and birds, and wildlife there in a place that had an oil spill 100 years ago. And it's encouraging to see that something can get better.

Speaker 17:

Let me say this here. If you say hopeful, maybe I'm not hopeful, but I know one thing... I have to keep on fighting. I have to keep on trolling. I have to keep on pressuring my people to do what we have to do.

Interviewer:

And at the same time, you are really committed to fighting for a future.

Speaker 7:

Yeah. I mean, that's why I'm here at this farm.

Interviewer:

You kind of simultaneously don't fully believe in a future, but are also committed to...

Speaker 7:

Yeah, because it's hope. That's what I have. That's all I have. Nothing else. Nothing but hope and love.

Interviewer:

But not enough hope to have a kid, right?

Speaker 7:

Yeah, because it's just logic. I don't know. You just got to play it smart.

Speaker 18:

I feel hopeful that we'll find the technology. Somebody's going to find the technology to fix something, might not be technology at all... We might just use nature and put it back into nature. Something is going to happen in the future. It could be good, but I'm just waiting for it.

Speaker 19:

As someone that comes from slaves, you got to have... I have hope, you know what I mean? I have hope that faith will come along and change this. And if it doesn't, I still have hope and faith that things can get better. And if they can't do it, I'll try to do it myself.

Speaker 20:

So there's the hope right there. I'm hopeful for that.

Interviewer:

And just like that, mommy's done.