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Radio: "The weather..."

The weather. It's bad, it's good... Everybody wants to know about the weather. But overall is the climate changing?

Nat: "In your opinion, is the climate changing?"

Michael: "The climate is changing, it's definitely changing because of all the events we are seeing... Particularly all the... All the tornadoes that... that happened around Florida, and around the... the Caribbean. For me there is undeniable evidence that the climate is changing and you also see this on the mountainside where the snow levels are getting higher and higher, and at the lower altitudes, less and less snow falls. But for me it's clear that this is something undeniable. The planet is heating up and if we don't do something to stop it, it will be difficult for our children."

Nat: "So if I have understood correctly, the weather is a very important factor in your work?"

Hakim: "Yes the weather is very important. For example this year we've had very big heatwaves in the summer so... the scorching heat creates droughts, yes? As I work in the area of water and the environment the weather is an important factor for both the environment and for my work."

Nat: "Do you think the climate is in the process of changing?"

Hakim: "Well scientists are saying it isn't but I'm finding that the summers are becoming increasingly hot with more intense heatwaves each year."

Nat: "Do you think the climate is in the process of changing?"

Alexis: "Oh you've really asked me one there... On the face of it, yes everyone is talking about it. You just have to listen the news, read the papers, it's a bit of a big question, in terms of ecology etc."

Nat: "What kind of a big question?"

Alexis: "Well the evolution of weather patterns, global warming, I mean that kind of thing... Myself, I am not an expert so... But given the facts, we should be concerned about it!"