

# **Global warming**

**To put this in terms of power,  
Americans are consuming  
roughly eleven thousand watts  
every moment of every day.**

**A string of incandescent Christmas lights  
uses about forty watts.**

**It's as if each of us had two hundred  
and seventy-five of these strings  
draped around our homes, burning 24/7.**

**...**

**This means that an American household of  
four is responsible for the same emissions as  
sixteen Argentines, six hundred Ugandans,  
or a Somali village of sixteen hundred.**

**Elizabeth Kolbert,  
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