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Tackling climate change and the transition to a zero carbon economy requires a radical transformation of the social, economic and political institutions that structure our lives. It calls for the overhaul of our cities, towns, and buildings and infrastructure; taxing carbon; investing in clean energy and facilitating clean energy transfer; and the re-evaluation of existing practices and social norms. It is also imperative that this transition is a just one, one in which any burdens are borne by those with the greatest ability to pay. All this requires concerted political action. But what kind of political action is required? Who has what political responsibilities to bring about this change? What political responsibilities, if any, do individuals have? What are the sources of these responsibilities? Political action requires coalitions and cooperation with others, but then this raises further questions about what a just and legitimate climate movement would look like.

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