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Commentators on American culture assert that the era of the Religious Right has come to an end and that a small but nevertheless influential number of evangelicals are re-examining their place in American politics (cf. E.J. Dionne). Over the past two years especially, theologically conservative but politically more progressive evangelical leaders have publicly criticized the narrow agenda of the Religious Right and conservative Christians' taken for granted support of the Republican party. Those leaders argue that being an evangelical Christian does not necessarily translate into being a Republican, and that their faith tradition is far too rich to focus only on the issues of abortion and gay rights. Consequently, they emphasize the importance of other moral issues, such as human rights, poverty, and global climate change, and advocate a less divisive approach to politics. My dissertation project is concerned with this changing face of contemporary American evangelicalism. I attempt to shed some light on the roots of this change by focusing on evangelical environmental activism, most notably activism with regard to global climate change.