

Two climate activists have been jailed in the U.K. for dousing Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting with soup. The pair of protestors are from Just Stop Oil (JSO), an environmental group focused on highlighting the issue of climate change caused by fossil fuels. One of the activists received a sentence of two years in prison. The other will serve 20 months. In October 2022, the protestors threw two cans of tomato soup over Van Gogh's priceless 1888 painting at London's National Gallery. They then knelt beneath the iconic work of art and glued their hands to the wall. The soup did not harm the painting, but it did over \$13,000 of damage to the picture frame.

Presiding judge Christopher Hehir called the Van Gogh painting a "cultural treasure" that could have been "seriously damaged or even destroyed" in the attack. The judge told the activists: "You couldn't have cared less if the painting was damaged or not. You had no right to do what you did to Sunflowers. You clearly think your beliefs give you the right to commit crimes when you feel like it. You do not." He added: "Soup might have seeped through the glass." In their defence, the protestors said that prior to throwing the soup, they checked to see if the painting was protected by the glass. Museum staff worried the soup could have dripped through the protective glass.

What are the best forms of activism against these things? Why?

	What?	Why?
Climate Change		
Corruption		
Taxes		
Food Prices		
Equality		
War		

**Paragraph 1**

1 activist	a.	To spend time in prison because of a crime.
2 dousing	b.	A type of energy we get from things like oil, coal, or gas, which come from the ground.
3 fossil fuel	c.	Pouring a lot of water or liquid over something.
4 sentence (noun)	d.	Something or someone that is very famous and represents a place, idea, or time.
5 serve (verb)	e.	A person who works hard to bring about changes, like helping the environment or improving people's lives.
6 priceless	f.	A punishment given by a judge that says how long someone must stay in prison.
7 iconic	g.	Something so valuable or special that you cannot put a price on it.

**Paragraph 2**

8 presiding	h.	Something very valuable, like gold, or something very special to you.
9 treasure (noun)	i.	When a small amount of liquid falls slowly, like water from a tap.
10 commit	j.	A formal way to say "before" something happens.
11 seeped	k.	To do something bad or illegal, like stealing or hurting someone.
12 dripped	l.	Trying to keep someone or something safe from harm.
13 protective	m.	When liquid slowly goes into or through something.
14 prior to	n.	Being in charge of or leading a meeting, court trial or event.