

Is Greta Thunberg a Time Traveler ‘Here to Save Us’ From Climate Emergency’? 120-Year-Old Photo Sparks Flood of Conspiracy Theories



Children operating a rocker at a gold mine on Dominion Creek, Yukon Territory in 1898. The young girl in the foreground looks eerily similar to Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg—with the resemblance setting off a wave of good-natured conspiracy theories. (Photo: University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections)

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Is 16-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg a time traveler [“here to save us”](#) from the global climate emergency?

A photo was taken during the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush in Yukon,

Canada features a child that so closely resembles the world-renowned climate campaigner that some Twitter users initially [dismissed](#) it as a fake.

But the 120-year-old photo was [sourced to](#) the University of Washington's Special Collections archive, leading many to jokingly conclude that Thunberg is a time traveler who arrived in 2019 to warn the world about the planetary climate crisis.

120-year-old photo sparks theories that climate activist & environmental heroine, [@GretaThunberg](#), is, in fact, a 'time-travel' who has traveled thru time to save our planet! Wishing her all the best and success in her mission to save the Earth. We can use the help we can get!
<https://t.co/YCJ35l4irh>

– Dean Friedman (@DeanFriedman) [November 21, 2019](#)

So, 'Greta Thunberg' is in a photo from 120 years ago, and it's my new favourite conspiracy. Greta's a time traveller, from the future, and she's here to save us.
<pic.twitter.com/50bTjPFXvk>

– Jack – J.S. Strange (@JackSamStrange) [November 18, 2019](#)

greta being a time traveler sent to save us from ourselves is the only conspiracy theory i want to hear about
<https://t.co/1IS1VpEyPD>

– Tyler Sloan (@tesloan) [November 21, 2019](#)

Thunberg, whose activism sparked a [global youth-led climate movement](#), is currently sailing across the Atlantic after spending more than two months in the United States.

“We had to slow the boat down to avoid some really rough

weather ahead, but now we're back on track at full speed," Thunberg [tweeted](#) Thursday. "Hopefully we will arrive in Lisbon, Portugal, sometime in early December."

So we know what continent she's headed to now. The only serious question left to consider is this: Will she arrive on time?

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