

*Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Marjorie Harris Carr talk about the differences between new and old Florida residents*

Interviewer: I talked a little bit... asked you a little bit before...and you talked a bit about the differences between the new residents and the long time residents, of Florida. Can you discuss, a little bit more, about what you believe the perception of the new resident of Florida to be, of the natural environment, and how that differs, if it does differ, from the person who has been here ten years or so?

Marjory Stoneman Douglas: Well, I've considered a lot of old time residents have cared less about the environment because they didn't consider it endangered. They weren't aware that it was endangered. And they have been some of the most difficult people to change, whereas new people may have come from other parts of the country that have environmental problems and have been working...especially many of these intelligent retired people.

Marjorie Harris Carr: Right! Right!

MSD: We're having a great access of energy from retired people who have come, working with environmental problems where they've been and they're a great help. We have a group here called the Gray Panthers.

MHC: Oh, yes!

MSD: They're elderly people and they're just great! You can get them to write letters. They sit down and write letters, like mad. It's wonderful, the help we're getting from older people who are new comers in that. You can't make a hard and fast distinction between old and new residents in that, because some of the old residents, who have neglected to see that we've had the proper laws and the laws enforced are some of the ones who've caused some of the problems of our environment.

MHC: Yes!

MSD: Because they didn't protect it properly in the first place. They didn't know they'd have to. Maybe we should understand that a little better.

MHC: Again, you know, it goes back to the importance of education through the media, the press and the radio and TV. It's just terribly important.