

I wonder if Ed Begley knows the price of organic milk?

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Tuesday on the CBC interview show [Q](#), Jian Ghomeshi talked to actor Ed Begley Jr., Hollywood's leading environmental activist and green-lifestyle enthusiast. Discussing [Living With Ed](#), the reality TV show in which Begley and wife Rachelle Carson clash over his carbon-footprint obsession, Begley observed that Carson is the sort of person who cares about the earth but doesn't go to extremes.

His examples? Carson doesn't like to use Begley's power-generating stationary bicycle to make her toast. And she doesn't like taking the bus.

I admire Begley as an actor and activist (and [drummer](#)), but...wow. He really sees these two examples as similarly fringe? Just more evidence that while there may be a lifestyle gap based on environmental concerns, it's dwarfed by the one based on money and class.

Perhaps Stephen Colbert remembers better than Carson does what it's like to ride the bus. In this amusing conversation with religious historian Stephen Prothero, Colbert compares a Quaker meeting to a ride on a city bus: