

NORTH, SOUTH NOT THAT DIFFERENT

Your recent online article headlined, "Things Southerners do that have to be explained to Northerners" was great. But maybe Southerners have more in common with Northerners than you think. You collect bacon fat? Northern Jewish families collect animal fat - we call it schmaltz.

Iced tea with sugar is disgusting.

Fried food at fairs is the best - try a falafel at one of New York City's street fairs, or a deep fried "grilled" cheese from a Boston food truck. Ask Mainers, who drive two hours to Gosselin's donut shop in Bangor, about those amazing molasses donuts.

As for driving because public transportation isn't great, even in cities with great public transportation, Northerners want the convenience of their own vehicle to schlep stuff, a faster commute, without waiting in the cold ... but parking can cost \$200 a month.

We have more in common than you think.

We're suffering extreme heat and drought. We're tired of Congress ignoring climate change. Exxon even talked to Congress about legislation, and Congress ignored them.

Northerners have local chapters of [Citizens'](#) Climate Lobby to get Congress to enact climate legislation. Southerners do too.

A new group will be forming in your area soon. Readers should contact CCL for more information.

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