Climate Activism
Undermining Free Speech, Free Thought & Free Choice

FRIENDS OF SCIENCE 2020
Donna Laframboise, journalist
former Vice President of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association
I would like to say we're at a point where global warming is impossible to deny. Let's just say that global warming deniers are now on a par with Holocaust deniers, though one denies the past and the other denies the present and future.

Ellen Goodman: Global warning

Can we please stop arguing and do something about the climate?
President Obama agrees that the science is beyond dispute, that the facts are clear, and that denial is no longer an acceptable response. I’m therefore tempted to say: Yes, we can.

It is irresponsible, reckless and deeply immoral to question the seriousness of the situation we are in. The time for diagnosis is over. Now is the time to act, and I say that as a doctor!

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Keynote address by Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland

Special Envoy for the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Climate Change

FAO Committee on Forestry - Rome, 17 March 2009
And as I watched the deniers make their arguments, I couldn’t help thinking that I was watching a form of treason against the planet.
And the thing is that these are externalities that everyone can see. You can deny global warming (and may you be punished in the afterlife for doing so — this kind of denial for petty personal or political reasons is an almost inconceivable sin). But can anyone deny that more drivers means more traffic congestion?

The Conscience of a Liberal

Paul Krugman

March 15, 2013, 9:27 am

Everyday Externalities

Via Mark Thoma, a new paper in Vox on the effects of increased rail service, making clever use of natural experiments created by changes in German
Opinion

The Depravity of Climate-Change Denial

Risking civilization for profit, ideology and ego.

By Paul Krugman
Opinion Columnist

Nov. 26, 2018
climate change skeptics are dangerous...

They are radicals.

They are reckless gamblers...

climate change skeptics are prepared to destroy our children's future.
DON'T THE DENIERS HAVE A RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH?

There's a difference between free speech and a campaign to deny the climate science with the goal of undermining international action on climate change. However, there's also responsibility that goes with freedom of speech — which is based around honesty and transparency. Freedom of speech does not apply to misinformation and propaganda.

GREENPEACE
Deny Deniers their Right to Deny!

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Jail politicians who ignore climate science: Suzuki

Prominent scientist David Suzuki says that people should look for a way to hold politicians who ignore climate change science legally responsible.
Asked by an audience member whether he still believes all climate-skeptic politicians should be jailed, Suzuki said yes.

"You bet," he said, adding he believes the criminal element is "wilful blindness."
David Suzuki thinks Stephen Harper should serve prison time for ‘wilful blindness’ to climate change

For nine years, Canada had a prime minister who ‘wouldn’t even let the term ‘climate change’ pass his lips!’ the environmentalist told Rolling Stone Australia

Alexandra Heck
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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL defines ‘prisoner of conscience’ as someone jailed for their non-violent political beliefs.

David Suzuki says politicians with alternative climate views should be JAILED.
Letter to President Obama, Attorney General Lynch, and OSTP Director Holdren

September 1, 2015

Dear President Obama, Attorney General Lynch, and OSTP Director Holdren,

As you know, an overwhelming majority of climate scientists are convinced about the potentially serious adverse effects of human-induced climate change on human health, agriculture, and biodiversity. We applaud your efforts to regulate emissions and the other steps you are taking.

We appreciate that you are making aggressive and imaginative use of the limited tools available to you in the face of a recalcitrant Congress. One additional tool – recently proposed by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse – is a RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) investigation of corporations and other organizations that have knowingly deceived the American people about the risks of climate change, as a means to forestall America’s response to Dossiers (Union of Concerned Scientists, 2015). We strongly endorse Senator Whitehouse’s call for a RICO investigation.
Climate denial has increased the risk of catastrophic global change. Should international criminal law be used against those who promote this dangerous trend? Economic and political leaders can no longer pretend it is business as usual. Whether they actively induce environmental harm or just ignore the existential threat against the survival of the human species, states and corporations must be held accountable for their actions or inaction regarding climate change.

I have proposed that international criminal law should be expanded to include a new criminal offence that I call *posteriece*. It is committed by intentional or reckless conduct fit to bring about the extinction of humanity. Within groups that, as collectives, worsen climate change in ways fit to make humanity go extinct. Just as international criminal law holds military leaders to account for genocide committed by their troops, it should hold political and economic leaders to account for *posteriece* committed under their authority. These leaders should go to trial at the ICC and be held to account at the bar of the human community’s fundamental shared values.
Climate-change deniers, including those directly invested in the fossil-fuel industry, should no longer dictate the terms; a false balance — sometimes described as "bothsidesism" — has no place in the current conversation. Regardless of your political affiliation, or your financial interest, or your chosen sources of information about the most critical issue of our lifetimes, we all live on Earth.

Isn’t trying to save it in everyone’s best interest?

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"I am responsible for the content of our editorial pages and stand fully behind the editorial."
What Is Intellectual Freedom?

Intellectual freedom is the right of every individual to both seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction. It provides for free access to all expressions of ideas through which any and all sides of a question, cause or movement may be explored.
"The scientists are virtually screaming from the rooftops now," he says, his voice rising. **"The debate is over!** There's no longer any debate in the scientific community about this. But the political systems around the world have held this at arm's length because it's an inconvenient truth, because they don't want to accept that it's a moral imperative.

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**Film**

**Born again**

Al Gore was the nearly man of US politics, the wooden Clinton sidekick who never made it to the top job. But now he's back with a mission to save the planet - and this time he's passionate. In an exclusive interview, he talks to Jonathan Freedland about going green, what he thinks of Bush - and if he'll stand again for president.
Pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot would require rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure (including transport and buildings), and industrial systems (high confidence). These systems transitions are unprecedented in terms of scale, but not necessarily in terms of speed, and imply deep emissions reductions in all sectors, a wide portfolio of mitigation options and a significant upscaling of investments in those options (medium confidence). {2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5}
A new report by consulting giant McKinsey finds that Germany's *Energiewende*, or energy transition to renewables, poses a significant threat to the nation's economy and energy supply.

One of Germany's largest newspapers, *Die Welt*, summarized the findings of the McKinsey report in a single word: "disastrous."
German consumers have paid dearly for the energy transition. German electricity prices are 45% above the European average, McKinsey reports. Green taxes account for 54% of household electricity prices.

But McKinsey issues its strongest warning when it comes to Germany's increasingly insecure energy supply due to its heavy reliance on intermittent solar and wind. For three days in June 2019, the electricity grid came close to black-outs.

"Only short-term imports from neighboring countries were able to stabilize the grid," the consultancy notes.
BJORN LOMBORG
NOT a climate skeptic, but shut down by climate activists anyway
The new center in Perth was to be a collaboration with a think tank I run, Copenhagen Consensus, which for a decade has conducted similar research. Working with more than 100 economists, including seven Nobel laureates, we have produced research that measures the social and economic benefits of a wide range of policies, such as fighting malaria, reducing malnutrition, cutting air pollution, improving education and tackling climate change.
Friday, 8 May 2015

In early April The University of Western Australia announced it had secured $4 million in Federal Government funding to establish an Australia Consensus Centre to undertake detailed economic cost benefit analysis into many of Australia's, and the world's, biggest challenges.

I have stated many times that it is not a centre to study climate change, that the University was not providing any direct funding to the Centre, and that that Bjorn Lomborg would not be involved in its day-to-day operations.

However, the creation of the Australia Consensus Centre attracted a mixed reaction from staff, students and the general public. The scale of the strong and passionate emotional reaction was one that the University did not predict.
Giving Bjorn Lomborg $4m from precious research budget is an insult to every climate scientist in Australia.

#climate
Students and staff warn of angry backlash if 'sceptical environmentalist' Bjorn Lomborg sets up research centre at Flinders University

By Nicole Hasham

Updated July 24, 2015 — 1.51pm, first published at 11.43am
Starbucks has switched to wind power in some of its cafes, but meeting its carbon-reduction goals will require bigger changes. Johnson said he’ll push consumers to choose milk made from almond, coconuts, soy or oats, whose production is environmentally friendlier than dairy. In North
Meat could be the next tobacco as governments look to 'sin taxes' as a solution to climate change

Climate change: German MPs want higher meat tax
## Food in the Anthropocene: the EAT-Lancet Commission on healthy diets from sustainable food systems

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Plant-based diet can fight climate change - UN

By Roger Harrabin
BBC environment analyst, Geneva

8 August 2019
The nutritional science is unequivocal that animal foods are the most nutrient dense foods, and they provide nutrients in the form in which we need them. (And I wish this were not the case as a former vegan/vegetarian, but facts can be inconvenient). Animal foods are the least lucrative foods, however, and thus hold little interest to global conglomerates.
Climate change's next target: your natural gas range

California leads trend in banning gas installations to help fight climate change

Kim Brunhuber · CBC News
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Cities are banning natural gas in new homes, citing climate change

BY IRINA IVANOVA
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Montreal to phase out oil heating in next decade

Mayor Valerie Plante confirmed Monday the city of Montreal will force every oil furnace in the city to be shut down by 2030.

Oil furnaces will also be banned in newly-constructed buildings throughout Montreal by that date.
Gas heating ban for new homes from 2025

By Roger Harrabin
BBC environment analyst

13 March 2019

Climate change

It's part of a bid by Philip Hammond to address the concerns of children protesting about climate change.
But these schemes are controversial and Greenpeace said it would be much better for the government to introduce a tax on frequent fliers.

Mel Evans from Greenpeace said: "The Chancellor's rhetoric may have been strong on the environment, but tackling the climate emergency demands much bigger thinking.

"Issues like the shoddy state of our existing housing stock and rapid adoption of electric vehicles require serious money behind serious policies.

"A good start would be banning the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2030 (instead of 2040 at present)."

Reacting to measures outlined in Wednesday's Spring Statement, Friends of the Earth's Dave Timms said: "Instead of putting climate change at the heart of economic policy-making, the Chancellor is merely fiddling in the margins while the planet burns.

"The nation's children are calling out for tough action to cut emissions, Mr Hammond must listen harder to the lesson they’re teaching him."
Carbon footprints
Want to fight climate change? Have fewer children

Next best actions are selling your car, avoiding flights and going vegetarian, according to study into true impacts of different green lifestyle choices

Damian Carrington Environment editor

Asthma inhalers emit same amount of carbon as 180-mile drive, health watchdog warns

Greenhouse gases in 100-dose inhaler equivalent to driving from London to Sheffield, new guidance warns

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Warning: your festive meal could be more damaging than a long-haul flight

George Monbiot

We miscalculate environmental risk: eating certain meats is about the worst thing you can do to the planet

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My sustainable valentine: Spread the love, not the carbon footprint
Study says dogs have larger carbon footprint than SUV

By Mark Rahner

8th October

Revealed: How feeding our pets contributes to climate change

By Victoria Weldon

PETS HAVE THE SAME ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AS 13.6 MILLION CARS, STUDY SHOWS

Time to consider your carbon ‘paw’ print, according to US research

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