

Breathing doesn't affect carbon dioxide levels

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[Paul Mulshine chastised Gov. Chris Christie](#) for yelling at a child over a climate change question. Mulshine suggested Gov. Christie didn't remember his own climate remark because he's apathetic. Alternatively perhaps Gov. Christie, caught off guard, yelled at the suggestion that he uttered such a foolish comment: Schoolchildren know why carbon dioxide exhaled by humans doesn't cause climate change.

Unfortunately, Mulshine didn't know [the governor's statement has been debunked](#).

No matter how many humans walk, jog or run, exhaling carbon dioxide, we don't change atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. Humans eat carbon-based foods that grew using atmospheric carbon dioxide. We exhale this same carbon dioxide, and levels remain balanced.

When humans use coal, oil or natural gas, we burn deeply buried carbon, raising atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. We have proof the extra atmospheric carbon dioxide causing climate change is from fossil fuels, not people breathing heavily: Fossil fuels emit different carbon dioxide than humans breathe and plants absorb. We're changing both atmospheric carbon dioxide levels, and the character of atmospheric carbon dioxide.

Kudos, at least, to Gov. Christie for reflexively not wanting to lie to a child.

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