

Carbon is certainly linked to climate

Steven Gibbs' letter belittling environmentalists for supposedly being wrong on the science of carbon, climate and biology reminded me of something Albert Einstein once said. He was told that 100 writers disagree with his theory of General Relativity and he responded: "Why 100 authors? If I were wrong, then one would have been enough!" Similarly, Gibbs raises dozens of objections, and if even one had been right, that one would have been enough.

It's pretty simple to point readers to an excellent website that explains why his many claims are wrong. For example, wrong statement: CO2 isn't a pollutant. See skepticalscience.org explanation #41. Wrong statement: CO2 makes plants grow. See explanation #42. Wrong statement: carbon trails temperature. See #12.

There's only one carbon emissions and climate change fact that readers really need to know to be certain about climate change's riskiness: Exxon and other major oil companies have been warning the public about climate change and how carbon emissions are causing it, and what their companies are trying to do about it. In addition, Exxon asked Congress to consider carbon tax legislation as the most effective way to cut emissions in an orderly process without harming the economy. The goal of a carbon tax is not to prevent climate change — it's already happening. The goal of a carbon tax is to reduce the risks of future climate catastrophes.

Albert Einstein's theory of General Relativity was right and, hard as it might be to accept, so is the theory of Anthropogenic Climate Change. Readers who want one reliable source instead of hundreds of writers authoring confusing and wrong arguments, they should contact Citizens' Climate Lobby.

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