Deniers cause myth

Re: "Consensus on climate change causes a myth," <u>Jeff Judson</u>, Other Views, Monday:

I loved the headline you used in the online version of this commentary. On one level, the word "causes" works in the title as a noun: Insistence that consensus has been reached on the root human causes of our currently warming climate is a myth. As long as anyone disagrees with the feeblest of arguments, even nonclimate scientists, there's no consensus.

However, on another level, "causes" works in the headline as a verb: The consensus on climate change — reached by scientists, reported by the media, acknowledged by editorials and accepted by 80 percent of Americans — causes a myth to arise in response. The myth caused by this climate consensus is the myth promoted by the <a href="Heartland Institute">Heartland Institute</a> and others, and it has several stages: deny warming exists, deny it is caused by humans, deny we can do anything about it.

Their caws are growing old.

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