Fact check on climate change

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Thomas Sowell's article "Stormy weather and politics" was very sad. It was sad because Sowell, an experienced economist, strayed into fields he doesn't know — physics, meteorology and climate science — and presented wrong information and expressed opinions that are completely at odds with respected authorities. Sowell should stick to his area of expertise: free market economics. Indeed, economists in Sowell's field write often about how to deal with the serious risks of climate change. Economists from across the political spectrum agree that a carbon tax is the best way to lower carbon emissions quickly, cheaply, efficiently and equitably.

Moreover, George Schultz (Ronald Reagan's Secretary of State) and Gary Becker (Noble prize winning economist) wrote about a carbon emissions fee and rebate plan that would stimulate the economy and create jobs. Sowell is just wrong that reducing emissions will cripple our economy.

I urge you to fact check climate change articles so the public learns about available options.

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