

# Ignorance on global warming unacceptable

## **Perry must educate himself about climate change**

I'm writing about Mr. Hobbs' letter to the editor. I know Fox News and other partisan media outlets broadcast falsehoods denying that climate science has established human causation of our current warming with enough certainty that policy actions are ethically required. Fox's misinformation campaign harms our democracy by preventing citizens from learning the facts and discussing solutions.

However, I'm confident that determined, resourceful readers can free themselves from Fox distortions and rescue our democracy from Fox's destructive influences. One way to free yourself is to attend a local meeting of Citizens' Climate Lobby. Just attend one meeting. Ask your questions. No question is wrong. Keep asking until you understand why human causation of climate change is considered settled enough to warrant immediate action. Your CCL neighbors used to be confused about climate change's cause. They'll understand your confusion, and they'll help you with patience and respect.

However, Rep. Perry is different: He's an elected representative. One role of a U.S. congressman is to educate constituents about issues and legislation. Perry cannot rely on Fox News because their misinformation has been debunked repeatedly. Perry has easy access to correct information; he just needs to contact retired Rear Admiral David Titley, now a professor of meteorology at Penn State. What could be easier?

Perry must also learn how to explain to constituents why time delays between emissions and climate effects make it dangerous to wait longer before enacting climate legislation. CCL volunteers meet with every member of Congress, and we're happy to meet Perry as often as he wants. Our volunteers can help him understand the science, the urgency and best policies.

If Perry won't accept the responsibility of educating himself and his constituents properly about climate change, voters should consider electing a more responsible representative in the future.

Please vote this year with climate as your number one issue.

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