

Orwell and The Donald

Steve Coronella discussed political manipulation and George Orwell's essay "Politics and the English Language" ("In Trumpworld, Orwell again tops the charts," Feb. 3). Coronella quotes Orwell to highlight President Trump's tendency "to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind."

Last month, Trump said, "I'm a very big person when it comes to the environment. I have received awards on the environment."

The Washington Post demonstrated that this was untrue — pure fiction.

When it comes to policy questions, Trump's team downplays the urgency of dealing with climate change, from repeating false doubt about the accuracy of climate models to spreading silly tales that no one knows what causes climate change.

We know that our greenhouse gas emissions — especially from fossil fuel use — have caused most of the warming experienced since 1950. We know ignoring climate change is bad for our health, economy and country — while cutting emissions is good for our health, drives economic development and protects our country, children and grandchildren.

— Judy Weiss, Brookline

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