

The politics of climate change

Editor,

Marita Noon works for fossil fuel advocacy organizations that oppose environmental action, oppose green energy and deny climate change. Although she has no scientific training, she often writes columns denying climate change.

The only thing that surprised me about her climate-change-denying column was the timing. I noticed this week in New England a sudden deluge of climate-change-denying articles funded by fossil fuel industries and written by regular climate-change deniers. Why this week I wondered? Probably because they know families will be together for Christmas and New Year's eve. They also know that 2014 has already been proclaimed to likely be the hottest year on record. They don't want families sitting together peacefully talking about reasonable ways to fix global warming. They want a few unreasonable family members to be armed with the latest confusing climate-change denier nonsense so they can argue over holiday meals.

The most reasonable way to address global warming is by having Congress enact a national carbon tax and rebate the revenue to the public via regular dividend checks. A carbon tax will motivate investors to develop clean energy faster, and will motivate homeowners and businesses to increase efficiencies. A rebate check will prevent a carbon tax from creating a drag on the economy.

Now is the perfect time to lobby your elected officials for a carbon tax, and be incredibly patriotic. How is lobbying for a carbon tax patriotic? The Saudis are again manipulating our oil and gas prices in order to dissuade us from switching to green energy, insulating our houses and buying fuel efficient cars. The Saudis also want to eliminate competitors by driving American oil and gas drillers out of business. Low oil and gas prices and high operating expenses will force American drillers to close their operations.

The best way to foil their plans is by enacting a carbon tax, thus motivating Americans to phase out fossil fuels and develop green energy. Then the Saudis will be hoisted on their own petard.

I was in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. I remember that 15 of the 19 hijackers who attacked our country that day were Saudis and they were aided by more Saudi nationals in our country. I remember what Saudis did to us.

I want Congress to insulate Americans from Saudi manipulation by phasing out fossil fuel dependence.

Going green with a carbon tax is patriotic, whether or not you believe in global warming. I hope Marita Noon and her colleagues at

The Heritage Foundation are patriotic.
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