

Politicization of Climate Change

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Why is climate change a polarizing topic? What does 'politicizing' science mean? Why is the Republican party linked with climate denialism? What can you do about it? These are all great questions that I wish we didn't have to answer. Unfortunately, the climate crisis is happening, and citizens are left with the burden of urging politicians and business to take action. Join me, a fellow student, to explore how and why there is political inaction climate change. We will begin with a brief foundation in the scientific evidence for climate change, then explore how climate science can be distorted and identify the key institutions pushing the misinformation campaign. The course will wrap up with an understanding of what we, as citizens, can do to depolarize climate change. This class is open to students of all majors/ disciplines; non-EVST majors encouraged!

