

The History of Climate Change Denial

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- Who was the 2008 G.O.P. nominee for President and what was his position on climate change? Provide evidence of the nominee's position.
- Who are Nancy Pelosi and Newt Gingrich (you'll need to pause and look them up) and what did they do together in 2008?
- What did President Obama propose to Congress in 2008?
- What is the 2010 Citizens United decision? What did it allow?
- Who are the Koch brothers? How do they make money?
- How did the Koch brothers influence Republican primaries?

- Who is Fred Upton?
- What was the difference between 2016 G.O.P. Presidential candidates' positions on climate change?
- How big is California's economy? Have they implemented cap and trade? Who is their governor?
- Where is Jerry Brown when he is interviewed?
- What is his evidence that environmentalism is good for the economy?
- Does he feel the federal government is needed to fight climate change?

- How much of U.S. carbon emissions is California responsible for?

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- What was George H.W. Bush's position on climate change?
- Who is John Chaffee? When is he introduced to climate change and what is his reaction to it?
- Who is James Hansen? What do he and his colleagues do in 1988 to get noticed?
- How does George H.W. Bush campaign on climate change in 1988? How does he view the relationship between business and the environment?

- What was going in the United States in 1992 at the same time the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro was happening. What fear does the Earth Summit create?

- How did the fossil fuel industry fight climate science?

- How many major political parties worldwide deny climate change?

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