Climate Change and the Cranky Uncle

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The Cranky Uncle



The Cranky Uncle Game

- Open the game on your phone or at https://app.crankyuncle.info/home
- Log in with group code VUCLIM
- Don't opt in to take the research quiz at this time
 - The quiz would add about 10 minutes at the start and 10 more minutes at the end.
- Take 20 minutes to play that game on your own.
 - When you finish the first five causes of misinformation, then it will unlock the detailed questions about logical fallacies, cherry picking, and conspiracy theories
 - Can you think of examples you have heard from other people of climate misinformation using these patterns?
 - Ask me if something seems confusing and you would like me to explain.
- After 20 minutes of play, we'll break into small groups to discuss the different kinds of misinformation, then discuss among the whole class.

Play the game



Discuss the game in small groups



Group discussion

- Was there any question from the game that you found especially interesting?
- Was there any one of the FLICC

FLICC Review

- Fake experts
- Logical fallacies
 - Ad hominem
 - Ambiguity
 - False analogy
 - False choice
 - Red herring
 - Single cause
 - Straw man
- Impossible expectations

- Cherry picking
 - Anecdote
 - Slothful induction
- Conspiracy theories
 - Contradictory
 - Immunity to evidence
 - Nefarious intent
 - Overriding suspicion
 - Persecuted victim
 - Something must be wrong