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The article chosen from The New York Times is named “By Calling Climate Change ‘Controversial,’ Barrett Created Controversy.” The authors, John Schwartz and Hiroko Tabuchi, made great points describing the response given by Judge Amy Coney Barrett. This article was published on October 15, 2020 so the judge’s confirmation hearing was very recent. The article is discussing Judge Barrett and her avoidance of acknowledging climate change. She is taking the place of an environmental stalwart found in Ruth Bader Ginsburg, which made some the environmentalists uneasy. With her insistence to not have an opinion on climate change puts Judge Barrett in a minority of Americans that is getting smaller by the day.

Judge Amy Coney Barrett is Donald Trump’s pick for the Supreme Court and her Supreme Court confirmation did not look to be helpful towards climate change. The main point off this article is that Judge Barrett has avoided to state her thoughts on climate change. The question from Senator Kamala Harris was, “Do you believe that climate change is happening and threatening the air we breathe and the water that we drink?” Judge Barrett’s response tailored to a person who isn’t thinking of climate change as an imminent threat. The second main point was that people around the country comment on the judge’s confirmation. Richard L. Revesz, who is the director of the institute of policy integrity at New York University Law School, stated, “She’s a smart and sophisticated person.” He continued and said, “If she didn’t want to associate herself with the climate denial perspective, she could have used different words.” The way Judge Barrett neglected to state her opinion on climate change makes her views very hard to get behind.

I chose this article because it is close to election day and choosing someone who’s views to can support is the number 1 priority. The authors did a great job with finding comments and reactions from the people watching the hearing. Climate Change is a real thing and the people who ignore or dismiss it as if it is a small issue aren’t fit to make decisions for humanity. This relates to what we have gone over in class by relating back to climate change in Europe. Climate change is happening all over the world and it is up to the voters to choose a candidate to help save the planet. This article omitted the quotes and reactions to some large scale environmentalist.

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