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Ever since the House Science Committee was taken over by the likes of Texas Rep. Lamar Smith, it has been using its powers to harass scientists, protect the oil and gas industry (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2016/9/30/1576364/-Republican-science-chairman-Rep-Lamar-Smith-is-now-going-after-the-SEC-to-protect-ExxonMobil>) from climate change (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2017/7/24/1683519/-GOP-House-Science-Committee-Chairman-Lamar-Smith-touts-the-positive-effects-of-Carbon-Enrichment>) culpability, and generally attack the reasons we are supposed to have a House Science Committee in the first place (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2017/5/26/1666265/-The-Scientific-Integrity-of-Lamar-Smith-Scott-Pruitt-and-the-WSJ>). Now Smith and Arizona Rep. Andy Biggs—best known for being booed offstage by his constituents (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2017/4/12/1652527/-Congressman-leaves-stage-to-a-chorus-of-boos-after-saying-the-jury-is-still-out-on-climate-change>) for denying climate change science—have decided to go after a government scientist for practicing science. Linda Birnbaum, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, wrote an editorial called “Regulating toxic chemicals for public and environmental health” last month (<http://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/article?id=10.1371/journal.pbio.2004814#pbio.2004814.ref007>). In it she and co-author Liza Gross give a history of regulations in the United States since President Gerald Ford signed the United States Toxic Substances Control Act in the fall of 1976.

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In the decades since Ford promised a robust policy to regulate potentially hazardous chemicals, evidence has emerged that chemicals in widespread use can cause cancer and other chronic diseases, damage reproductive systems, and harm developing brains at low levels of exposure once believed to be harmless. Such exposures pose unique risks to children at critical windows of development—risks that existing regulations fail to consider. To address these issues, *PLOS Biology* is publishing a special collection of seven articles, Challenges in Environmental Health: Closing the Gap between Evidence and Regulations, that focus on US chemical policy [1 (<http://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/article?id=10.1371/journal.pbio.2004814#pbio.2004814.ref001>)].

In commissioning the collection, we aimed to reveal barriers to developing health-protective policies not only when the scientific evidence of harm is clear but also when it is uncertain. We sought to explore the technical challenges involved in determining how the hundreds of chemicals we carry in our bodies affect health. These challenges include ascertaining exposures and impacts of short-lived compounds; identifying chemicals that pose unique risks to the developing fetus; and assessing the risk of chemicals that cause proportionately more harm at the lowest levels of exposure in violation of longstanding toxicology principles. We asked authors to consider these issues within their field of expertise and to suggest ways to bridge the gap between evidence and policy.

Birnbaum's conclusions are that the U.S. is not keeping pace with scientific advancement, leaving potentially hazardous chemicals unregulated. Well, Reps. Lamar Smith and Andy Biggs want to investigate! Not the science. No, that would be doing their jobs. Instead, they want to investigate director Birnbaum for being an unpaid lobbyist for Big Environmentalism (<https://theintercept.com/2018/01/22/linda-birnbaum-niehs-house-science-committee/>).

A toxicologist who has headed NIEHS and the National Toxicology Program since 2009, Birnbaum received no funding for writing the editorial, as she notes in the piece, nor does she recommend any specific policy, piece of legislation, or action in it beyond being engaged citizens.

Nevertheless, Biggs and Smith, who have both received money from Koch Industries, Exxon Mobil, and other companies that have a financial interest in limiting research on the environmental effects of chemicals, noted that their “committee suspects this activity may be a violation of the anti-lobbying act.” The two Republican members of Congress also called on the DHHS Inspector General to analyze their concerns so that he might “launch a full-scale review of the situation.”

As The Intercept points out, Reps. Smith and Biggs aren’t the first set of Republicans to go after Birnbaum for being all into science and evidence and facts and protecting people.

This isn't the first time the House Science Committee has gone after Birnbaum for bringing attention to environmental science that raises the need for increased regulation. In 2013, then-committee Chairs Larry Bucshon and Paul Broun, expressed outrage about a 2012 article (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23660158>), in which she described the harms of endocrine-disrupting chemicals.

The good news is that Rep. Smith has announced his retirement (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2017/11/2/1712058/-Infamous-global-warming-denier-Lamar-Smith-retiring-from-potentially-competitive-Texas-House-seat>). The bad news is that Smith hasn't yet stopped working to destroy science.

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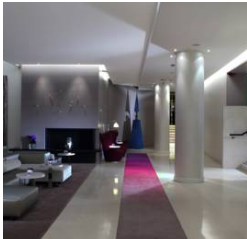

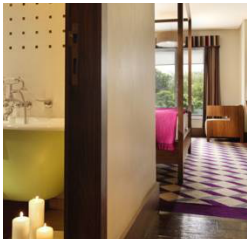







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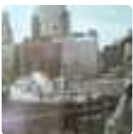
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I emailed Rep. Smith to thank him as he retires:

Dear Congressman Smith:

America owes you a big vote of thanks for looking out for us. Those know-it-all scientists who went and published what must be classified government information that “potentially hazardous chemicals” are harmful to our health should be made to prove what they say or be sued for libel by the Koch Bros. But, thankfully, you can see the broader picture-- that’s why you got elected. As you point out, we all gotta die sometime anyhow, right? And your argument that the government will save all that money on Social Security if unregulated hazardous chemicals mean there will be fewer old people to pay is hard to refute. I know you’re retiring, and you were a perfect fit as Chair of the House Science Committee because of your qualification as a practicisng Christian Scientist. But we will be keep seeing you around Congress, even if only as a lobbyist; don’t worry, it’s a lot easier these days to carry around a lot more money thanks to those suitcases with the little wheels.

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There ought to be a legal requirement that members of the House Committee on Science have... degrees in a relevant science (e.g. Chem, Bio, Physics, Geo, Astro, Math, etc). Even a B.S. would be a huge improvement on these dimwits.

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It would decimate the Republican Party as a whole.

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Walter Einenkel

Jan 23 · 10:48:55 PM (/comments/1735345/69058286#comment_69058286)

I want proof smith can spell “science”

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(/user/BMScott)

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Jan 23 · 04:06:38 PM (/comments/1735345/69053969#comment_69053969)

Speaking as a mathematician, I would not call mathematics a science; it’s a rather different sort of intellectual beast. And I’m not at all sure how much an undergraduate degree in it would help, though I don’t suppose that it would hurt.

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(/user/libera nos)


libera nos (/user/libera nos) ▶ BMScott

Jan 23 · 04:40:54 PM (/comments/1735345/69054517#comment_69054517)

Speaking as another mathematician/computer scientist, you would at least have a respect for statistics and for modeling.

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(/user/jwoolman)


jwoolman (/user/jwoolman) ▶ libera nos

Jan 24 · 10:35:54 AM (/comments/1735345/69061027#comment_69061027)

And the odds are that someone with a degree in math would probably have been forced to take an occasional science course.

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(/user/trumpeloil)


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Jan 23 · 05:20:02 PM (/comments/1735345/69055015#comment_69055015)

Its full name is the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (https://science.house.gov), so any evidence of STEM literacy would be helpful — Math, CS, EE, even ME (hey, they might get somebody who can understand spacecraft kinematics!)

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(/user/maxx02)


maxx02 (/user/maxx02) ▶ BMScott

Jan 24 · 11:04:30 AM (/comments/1735345/69061334#comment_69061334)

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(/user/nwjmc)

nwjmc (/user/nwjmc) ▶ trumpeloil

Jan 24 · 01:04:39 AM (/comments/1735345/69059012#comment_69059012)

All Repubs have at least an undergrad degree in B.S. Quite a few have advanced degrees!

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(/user/jwoolman)

jwoolman (/user/jwoolman) ▶ nwjmc

Jan 24 · 10:41:07 AM (/comments/1735345/69061076#comment_69061076)

You know what B.S. is.

M.S. is More of the Same and Ph.D. Is Piled Higher and Deeper.

(From a proclamation placed on our dissertation adviser's door by my office partner, who claimed he was going to provide a shovel with his dissertation.... I only wanted a gold star on mine -- our adviser had brought in leftover gold and silver stars from his kids' potty training to encourage us.).

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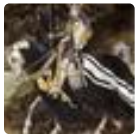
(/user/leah17)

leah17 (/user/leah17) ▶ trumpeloeil

Jan 24 · 06:56:04 AM (/comments/1735345/69059609#comment_69059609)

Great idea. They should make them pass tests — the Gov. of Kentucky thinks it’s important enough that he intends to make Medicaid available only to those who can pass a “health literacy test.”

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(/user/Alencon)

Alencon (/user/Alencon) Jan 23 · 02:47:22 PM (/comments/1735345/69052976#comment_69052976)

“Birnbaum’s conclusions are that the U.S. is not keeping pace with scientific advancement,,,”

I’ll second that one. Hell, the GOP is trying to match us back to the middle ages.

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(/user/Woodguru)

Woodguru (/user/Woodguru) ▶ Alencon

Jan 23 · 05:08:56 PM (/comments/1735345/69054872#comment_69054872)

We’re going backwards from scientific advancement.

★ 5 Recommend



(/user/mungley)

mungley (/user/mungley) Jan 23 · 03:04:54 PM (/comments/1735345/69053210#comment_69053210)

Hey. This fits the definition of Fascism. Again.

and again.

Let’s not pretend that Congresspersons Smith and Biggs are not acting DIRECTLY on the orders of actual lobbyists who don’t like that government employees are trying to govern.

★ 30 Recommend



(/user/JoeCarl)

JoeCarl (/user/JoeCarl) Jan 23 · 03:21:19 PM (/comments/1735345/69053439#comment_69053439)

A political party known both for anti-science stupidity and for abuse of power has been given control over all levels of government. What could go wrong?

★ 22 Recommend



(/user/Mother Mags)

Mother Mags (/user/Mother Mags) Jan 23 · 03:31:33 PM (/comments/1735345/69053557#comment_69053557)

Just one little addendum:

Arizona Rep. Andy Biggs—best known for being booed offstage by his constituents (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2017/4/12/1652527/-Congressman-leaves-stage-to-a-chorus-of-boos-after-saying-the-jury-is-still-out-on-climate-change>) for denying climate change science...

Biggs is really best known here for winning \$10 million (<http://www.azfamily.com/story/31706957/az-state-senate-president-is-former-10-million-sweepstakes-winner>) in the Publishers Clearinghouse lottery and then using his new seat in the AZ legislature to dismantle the safety net. Now he’s doing the same in Congress. “Hey, I’ve got mine, screw the rest of you!” Terrible human being all around.

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(/user/chimene)

chimene (/user/chimene) ▶ **Mother Mags**

Jan 23 · 07:57:51 PM (/comments/1735345/69056761#comment_69056761)

“terrible human being?” sounds like another garden-variety R to me...

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(/user/CyberMindGrrl)

CyberMindGrrl (/user/CyberMindGrrl) ▶ **Mother Mags**

Jan 24 · 01:16:07 AM (/comments/1735345/69059065#comment_69059065)

Kakistocracy in action.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) Jan 23 · 03:32:14 PM (/comments/1735345/69053566#comment_69053566)

Da, Comrade Lysenko!

★ 15 Recommend



(/user/onionjim)

onionjim (/user/onionjim) Jan 23 · 03:49:49 PM (/comments/1735345/69053758#comment_69053758)

That shrivel faced greed fart can not destroy science. He can attack talented and hard working scientists who discover and report the findings.

★ 7 Recommend



(/user/gchaucer2)

gchaucer2 (/user/gchaucer2) Jan 23 · 04:00:26 PM (/comments/1735345/69053887#comment_69053887)

TSCA and Superfund (CERCLA) regs were already crippled by Cheney, Inc. I really despise stupid people in govt and they mostly seem to be all GOPers.

★ 15 Recommend

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(/user/gchaucer2)

gchaucer2 (/user/gchaucer2) ▶ **gchaucer2**

Jan 23 · 04:01:46 PM (/comments/1735345/69053902#comment_69053902)

Also — said before, my cousin who has a PhD in biology worked for Fish & Wildlife out west. She and her comrades were fired during the Bush Administration because they were releasing too much science. Not kidding.

★ 20 Recommend



(/user/pierre9045)

pierre9045 (/user/pierre9045) Jan 23 · 04:05:56 PM (/comments/1735345/69053959#comment_69053959)

I have said this many times now, but it is stories like this that make me strongly feel that we need a Scientific Branch of government (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2017/4/20/1652609/-A-Fourth-Branch-of-Government-The-Executive-Legislative-Judicial-and-Scientific-Branches>).

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(/user/Just Bob)

Just Bob (/user/Just Bob) ▶ **pierre9045**

Jan 23 · 11:07:24 PM (/comments/1735345/69058404#comment_69058404)

With a Science Court?

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(/user/pierre9045)

pierre9045 (/user/pierre9045) ▶ **Just Bob**

Jan 24 · 08:47:05 AM (/comments/1735345/69060080#comment_69060080)

I cannot really picture the concept, but I think they (the science community) would demand a greater authority to litigate in the regular court.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/SunPanther)

SunPanther (/user/SunPanther) Jan 23 · 04:59:31 PM (/comments/1735345/69054774#comment_69054774)

With all those big words in the editorial, I have to wonder which staffer explained it to these morons — or if they’re just parroting talk points from Koch Industries.

★ 4 Recommend



(/user/Woodguru)

Woodguru (/user/Woodguru) Jan 23 · 05:05:03 PM (/comments/1735345/69054823#comment_69054823)

If there was a god he would strike these idiots down. Using a person who is doing their jobs against them in the way their not doing their jobs should be used against them.

There is criminal and willful misuse of political power going on here.

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(/user/Woodguru)

Woodguru (/user/Woodguru) ▶ **Woodguru**

Jan 23 · 05:10:27 PM (/comments/1735345/69054892#comment_69054892)

And this administration wants people to be able to practice their religious beliefs and scientists aren’t supposed to practice their science on the job.

Now I’ve heard it all.

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(/user/unthinkable)

unthinkable (/user/unthinkable) ▶ **Woodguru**

Jan 23 · 10:06:48 PM (/comments/1735345/69057911#comment_69057911)

oh, were it so!

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/gbeth)

gbeth (/user/gbeth) Jan 23 · 05:16:42 PM (/comments/1735345/69054974#comment_69054974)

‘Peer review or it didn’t happen’ has no meaning for the ilk that run our country.

★ 5 Recommend

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(/user/billmosby)

billmosby (/user/billmosby) ▶ **gbeth**

Jan 23 · 06:14:27 PM (/comments/1735345/69055668#comment_69055668)

Probably because they are peerless in their fields (lyin’, cheatin’, and countin’ their money.

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(/user/Volt3930)

Volt3930 (/user/Volt3930) ▶ **billmosby**

Well, at least Smith is leaving to go be out standing in his field...

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(/user/Witgren)

Witgren (/user/Witgren) ▶ **gbeth** Jan 23 · 11:28:20 PM (/comments/1735345/69058530#comment_69058530)

“Peer review” — is that something to do with watching Trump’s pee-pee tape?

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/awakeaware)

awakeaware (/user/awakeaware) Jan 23 · 06:41:37 PM (/comments/1735345/69055954#comment_69055954)

This sounds very familiar. Not too many years ago, Ken Cuccinelli, Virginia’s R Attorney General at the time, launched a campaign of investigating, harassing and generally bad-mouthing climate scientists in the state. He then ran for Governor. Fortunately, he lost.

★ 3 Recommend



(/user/Wolfound)

Wolfound (/user/Wolfound) Jan 23 · 07:19:37 PM (/comments/1735345/69056324#comment_69056324)

And we are supposed to remain a great power? MAGA? I am constantly embarrassed.

I was once encouraging my high school science students to study hard, be active citizens, and keep our country at the cutting edge of science and technology.

One of them thought I was disparaging the U.S. and glowered at me, saying, “America is the greatest country in the world!”

My question to him was, “And what are you doing to keep it that way?”

I would now ask Republicans the same question.

★ 7 Recommend

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(/user/Lucy Montrose)

Lucy Montrose (/user/Lucy Montrose) ▶ **Wolfound**

Jan 24 · 05:58:12 AM (/comments/1735345/69059529#comment_69059529)

Excellent response to the young-un. Maybe, just maybe, you've provided the spark that will keep him from turning into another Caiden Cowger.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/BlueNarwhal)

BlueNarwhal (/user/BlueNarwhal) Jan 23 · 08:37:22 PM (/comments/1735345/69057145#comment_69057145)

Pictures of Smith and Biggs should be on the Dunning–Kruger effect wiki page.

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Looknorth (/user/Looknorth) Jan 23 · 08:40:48 PM (/comments/1735345/69057175#comment_69057175)

★ 4 Recommend



CA Libertarian (/user/CA Libertarian) Jan 23 · 10:24:21 PM (/comments/1735345/69058088#comment_69058088)

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ImConcerned (/user/ImConcerned) Jan 23 · 10:44:16 PM (/comments/1735345/69058252#comment_69058252)

★ 1 Recommend



jim304 (/user/jim304) Jan 23 · 10:56:18 PM (/comments/1735345/69058335#comment_69058335)

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Eppure ha insistito!

or

Eppure lei insistette

Could be our modern equivalent? Hopefully it sticks around as long as the Galileo “quote”.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/Mercy Ormont)

Mercy Ormont (/user/Mercy Ormont) Jan 24 · 12:44:35 AM (/comments/1735345/69058921#comment_69058921)

The bad news is the Biggs hasn’t announced anything. He is unfortunately my Congressman.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/jalmos)

jalmos (/user/jalmos) Jan 24 · 01:16:10 AM (/comments/1735345/69059066#comment_69059066)

Cannot stomach to comment on this.

So, for contrast, a giveaway:

I got multiple copies of Neil DeGrasse Tyson’s *Astrophysics For People In A Hurry* for my birthday a few weeks ago.

Gave away all but one. First person who messages me an address, I’ll mail it there, on my dime of course (I will delete the second I print a label for the box, and will make up a name).

No government offices though. I know they desperately need such education, but I couldn’t stand to know it’d end up in the trash.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/DrFrink)

DrFrink (/user/DrFrink) Jan 24 · 06:43:56 AM (/comments/1735345/69059584#comment_69059584)

It will be so satisfying taking TX-21 in November. Trump only won it by 10 — which in this environment is nothing.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/mikebek)

mikebek (/user/mikebek) Jan 24 · 07:26:42 AM (/comments/1735345/69059676#comment_69059676)

Now if we can just get that much needed ‘FBI purge’ done, we’ll have a fox in charge of every government hen house and we can proceed with the complete dismantling of democracy. Meanwhile, I’ll be deciding which shithole country to choose for my new residence, so I can have a safe place for retirement.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/Hinoema01)

Hinoema01 (/user/Hinoema01) Jan 24 · 08:43:00 AM (/comments/1735345/69060047#comment_69060047)

Republicans what to alienate every possible demographic, don’t they?

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/DD40)

DD40 (/user/DD40) Jan 24 · 09:42:12 AM (/comments/1735345/69060544#comment_69060544)

Golly, don't Pabbies understand that science is the study of God's creation? If Pabbies believe God created all things like the stars and planets and everything on Earth, why do Pabbies believe learning about God's creation is evil?

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/slowwalker)

slowwalker (/user/slowwalker) Jan 24 · 10:45:37 AM (/comments/1735345/69061119#comment_69061119)

I fear my country will never recover from the stupidity that has befallen it. We no longer strive to be the best or smartest nor will we ever be again when we play to the lowest common denominators in our society.

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(/user/Wee Mama)

Wee Mama (/user/Wee Mama) ▶ **slowwalker**

Jan 24 · 11:22:02 AM (/comments/1735345/69061568#comment_69061568)

I still retain a modest hope that this regime will serve as malariotherapy for the body politic, a passing fever that cures us of our worst weaknesses.

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~~ from the DK Partners & Mentors Team
(<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/03/22/1196175/-Announcing-Partners-Mentors?detail=hide>).

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(/user/jedwightn)

jedwightn (/user/jedwightn) Jan 24 · 10:53:03 AM (/comments/1735345/69061200#comment_69061200)

The GOP only gives a damn about dollars for themselves and their wealthy supporters. Environmental degradation is a sidebar and if it effects their ranting rubes, well, collateral damage on the way to riches.

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Walter Einenkel (/user/Walter Einenkel) Jan 23 · 01:08:56 PM (/comments/1735345/69051635#comment_69051635)

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jrooth (/user/jrooth) Jan 23 · 01:17:57 PM (/comments/1735345/69051731#comment_69051731)

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Walter Einenkel (/user/Walter Einenkel) ▶ jrooth

Jan 23 · 01:21:22 PM (/comments/1735345/69051770#comment_69051770)

Recommended 43 times

**kamarvt (/user/kamarvt) ▶ Walter Eienkel**

Jan 23 · 04:22:04 PM (/comments/1735345/69054210#comment_69054210)

It's worth it.

★ 22 Recommend



Bob Love (/user/Bob Love) ▶ Walter Einkel

Jan 23 · 11:14:41 PM (/comments/1735345/69058457#comment_69058457)

"Reagan showed us deficits don't matter." - Cheney, dick

★ 2 Recommend



NotSure (/user/NotSure) ▶ Walter Einkel

Jan 24 · 09:14:16 AM (/comments/1735345/69060312#comment_69060312)

I don't think we can afford *not* to.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/daddybunny)

daddybunny (/user/daddybunny) Jan 23 · 01:30:38 PM (/comments/1735345/69051867#comment_69051867)

Who are you gonna believe: people who have made science their life’s work or a couple of “honest politicians?”

Note: Definition of “honest politician”: Politician who, once bought and paid for, remains bought even when presented with patently obvious contrary evidence in the full light of public knowledge.

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(/user/Captain Frogbert)

Captain Frogbert (/user/Captain Frogbert) ▶ **daddybunny**

Jan 23 · 04:59:46 PM (/comments/1735345/69054778#comment_69054778)

I always thought an honest politician is one who will, “Take their money, smoke their cigars, drink their liquor, screw their hookers, and STILL vote against them!”

Anybody know who said that originally? Google is being uncooperative.

★ 15 Recommend

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(/user/cj51)

cj51 (/user/cj51) ▶ **Captain Frogbert**

Jan 23 · 05:47:18 PM (/comments/1735345/69055367#comment_69055367)

the late Democratic California leader Jesse Unruh

www.latimes.com/... (http://www.latimes.com/la-calpolitics-money-missionstatement-story.html)

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(/user/a2nite)

a2nite (/user/a2nite) Jan 23 · 01:40:09 PM (/comments/1735345/69051993#comment_69051993)

Thanks Walter

★ 20 Recommend



(/user/oldcrow)

oldcrow (/user/oldcrow) Jan 23 · 01:51:26 PM (/comments/1735345/69052174#comment_69052174)

As a partial ‘defense’ the scientists should read into the record the moneys paid to congresscritters by Kochs, etc. as an opening statement, every time.

★ 48 Recommend

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(/user/Buffalo2)

Buffalo2 (/user/Buffalo2) ▶ **oldcrow**

Jan 23 · 06:40:31 PM (/comments/1735345/69055939#comment_69055939)

I emailed Rep. Smith to thank him as he retires:

Dear Congressman Smith:

America owes you a big vote of thanks for looking out for us. Those know-it-all scientists who went and published what must be classified government information that “potentially hazardous chemicals” are harmful to our health should be made to prove what they say or be sued for libel by the Koch Bros. But, thankfully, you can see the broader picture-- that’s why you got elected. As you point out, we all gotta die sometime anyhow, right? And your argument that the government will save all that money on Social Security if unregulated hazardous chemicals mean there will be fewer old people to pay is hard to refute. I know you’re retiring, and you were a perfect fit as Chair of the House Science Committee because of your qualification as a practisng Christian Scientist. But we will be keep seeing you around Congress, even if only as a lobbyist; don’t worry, it’s a lot easier these days to carry around a lot more money thanks to those suitcases with the little wheels.

★ 21 Recommend

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(/user/cupido)

cupido (/user/cupido) ▶ **oldcrow** Jan 23 · 07:56:00 PM (/comments/1735345/69056740#comment_69056740)

The David H Koch Foundation is now one the major contributors to PBS’d NOVA. Some believe he is now calling the shots...

Good Gawwwwwwwd, this is like a “super-bug”...

★ 6 Recommend



(/user/trumpeloil)

trumpeloil (/user/trumpeloil) Jan 23 · 02:07:36 PM (/comments/1735345/69052437#comment_69052437)

There ought to be a legal requirement that members of the House Committee on Science have... degrees in a relevant science (e.g. Chem, Bio, Physics, Geo, Astro, Math, etc). Even a B.S. would be a huge improvement on these dimwits.

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(/user/Walter Einenkel)

Walter Einenkel (/user/Walter Einenkel) ▶ **trumpeloil**

Jan 23 · 02:15:48 PM (/comments/1735345/69052563#comment_69052563)

I would settle for proof that they actually have read a real scientific article.

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(/user/jfromga)

jfromga (/user/jfromga) ▶ **Walter Einenkel**

Jan 23 · 03:39:40 PM (/comments/1735345/69053650#comment_69053650)

I would settle for proof that they can read at the level of a high school senior.

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(/user/Moreplease)

Moreplease (/user/Moreplease) ▶ jfromga

Jan 23 · 03:46:31 PM (/comments/1735345/69053716#comment_69053716)

That would decimate the House Republican caucus.

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(/user/jfromga)

jfromga (/user/jfromga) ▶ Moreplease

Jan 23 · 03:50:20 PM (/comments/1735345/69053762#comment_69053762)

It would decimate the Republican Party as a whole.

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(/user/Greenfinches)

Greenfinches (/user/Greenfinches) ▶ Moreplease

Jan 23 · 06:41:34 PM (/comments/1735345/69055953#comment_69055953)

and that would be a pity why???

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(/user/Finnegan05)

Finnegan05 (/user/Finnegan05) ▶ Walter Einenkel

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Speaking as a mathematician, I would not call mathematics a science; it’s a rather different sort of intellectual beast. And I’m not at all sure how much an undergraduate degree in it would help, though I don’t suppose that it would hurt.

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(/user/libera nos)

libera nos (/user/libera nos) ▶ BMScott

Jan 23 · 04:40:54 PM (/comments/1735345/69054517#comment_69054517)

Speaking as another mathematician/computer scientist, you would at least have a respect for statistics and for modeling.

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jwoolman (/user/jwoolman) ▶ libera nos

Jan 24 · 10:35:54 AM (/comments/1735345/69061027#comment_69061027)

And the odds are that someone with a degree in math would probably have been forced to take an occasional science course.

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trumpeloil (/user/trumpeloil) ▶ BMScott

Jan 23 · 05:20:02 PM (/comments/1735345/69055015#comment_69055015)

Its full name is the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (https://science.house.gov), so any evidence of STEM literacy would be helpful — Math, CS, EE, even ME (hey, they might get somebody who can understand spacecraft kinematics!)

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(/user/maxx02)

maxx02 (/user/maxx02) ▶ BMScott

Jan 24 · 11:04:30 AM (/comments/1735345/69061334#comment_69061334)

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(/user/nwjmc)

nwjmc (/user/nwjmc) ▶ trumpeloil

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jwoolman (/user/jwoolman) ▶ nwjmc

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M.S. is More of the Same and Ph.D. Is Piled Higher and Deeper.

(From a proclamation placed on our dissertation adviser's door by my office partner, who claimed he was going to provide a shovel with his dissertation.... I only wanted a gold star on mine -- our adviser had brought in leftover gold and silver stars from his kids' potty training to encourage us.).

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(/user/leah17)

leah17 (/user/leah17) ▶ trumpeloeil

Jan 24 · 06:56:04 AM (/comments/1735345/69059609#comment_69059609)

Great idea. They should make them pass tests — the Gov. of Kentucky thinks it’s important enough that he intends to make Medicaid available only to those who can pass a “health literacy test.”

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(/user/Alencon)

Alencon (/user/Alencon) Jan 23 · 02:47:22 PM (/comments/1735345/69052976#comment_69052976)

“Birnbaum’s conclusions are that the U.S. is not keeping pace with scientific advancement,,,”

I’ll second that one. Hell, the GOP is trying to match us back to the middle ages.

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(/user/Woodguru)

Woodguru (/user/Woodguru) ▶ Alencon

Jan 23 · 05:08:56 PM (/comments/1735345/69054872#comment_69054872)

We’re going backwards from scientific advancement.

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(/user/mungley)

mungley (/user/mungley) Jan 23 · 03:04:54 PM (/comments/1735345/69053210#comment_69053210)

Hey. This fits the definition of Fascism. Again.

and again.

Let’s not pretend that Congresspersons Smith and Biggs are not acting DIRECTLY on the orders of actual lobbyists who don’t like that government employees are trying to govern.

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(/user/JoeCarl)

JoeCarl (/user/JoeCarl) Jan 23 · 03:21:19 PM (/comments/1735345/69053439#comment_69053439)

A political party known both for anti-science stupidity and for abuse of power has been given control over all levels of government. What could go wrong?

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(/user/Mother Mags)

Mother Mags (/user/Mother Mags) Jan 23 · 03:31:33 PM (/comments/1735345/69053557#comment_69053557)


Just one little addendum:

Arizona Rep. Andy Biggs—best known for being booed offstage by his constituents (https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2017/4/12/1652527/-Congressman-leaves-stage-to-a-chorus-of-boos-after-saying-the-jury-is-still-out-on-climate-change) for denying climate change science...

Biggs is really best known here for winning \$10 million (http://www.azfamily.com/story/31706957/az-state-senate-president-is-former-10-million-sweepstakes-winner) in the Publishers Clearinghouse lottery and then using his new seat in the AZ legislature to dismantle the safety net. Now he’s doing the same in Congress. “Hey, I’ve got mine, screw the rest of you!” Terrible human being all around.

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(/user/chimene)

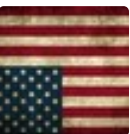
chimene (/user/chimene) ▶ Mother Mags

Jan 23 · 07:57:51 PM (/comments/1735345/69056761#comment_69056761)

“terrible human being?” sounds like another garden-variety R to me...

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(/user/CyberMindGrrl)

CyberMindGrrl (/user/CyberMindGrrl) ▶ Mother Mags

Jan 24 · 01:16:07 AM (/comments/1735345/69059065#comment_69059065)

Kakistocracy in action.

★ 0 Recommend




(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank)

Jan 23 · 03:32:14 PM (/comments/1735345/69053566#comment_69053566)

Da, Comrade Lysenko!

★ 15 Recommend




(/user/onionjim)

onionjim (/user/onionjim)

Jan 23 · 03:49:49 PM (/comments/1735345/69053758#comment_69053758)

That shrivel faced greed fart can not destroy science. He can attack talented and hard working scientists who discover and report the findings.

★ 7 Recommend



(/user/gchaucer2)

gchaucer2 (/user/gchaucer2)

Jan 23 · 04:00:26 PM (/comments/1735345/69053887#comment_69053887)

TSCA and Superfund (CERCLA) regs were already crippled by Cheney, Inc. I really despise stupid people in govt and they mostly seem to be all GOPers.

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(/user/gchaucer2)

gchaucer2 (/user/gchaucer2) ▶ **gchaucer2**

Jan 23 · 04:01:46 PM (/comments/1735345/69053902#comment_69053902)

Also — said before, my cousin who has a PhD in biology worked for Fish & Wildlife out west. She and her comrades were fired during the Bush Administration because they were releasing too much science. Not kidding.

★ 20 Recommend



(/user/pierre9045)

pierre9045 (/user/pierre9045) Jan 23 · 04:05:56 PM (/comments/1735345/69053959#comment_69053959)

I have said this many times now, but it is stories like this that make me strongly feel that we need a Scientific Branch of government (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2017/4/20/1652609/-A-Fourth-Branch-of-Government-The-Executive-Legislative-Judicial-and-Scientific-Branches>).

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(/user/Just Bob)

Just Bob (/user/Just Bob) ▶ **pierre9045**

Jan 23 · 11:07:24 PM (/comments/1735345/69058404#comment_69058404)

With a Science Court?

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(/user/pierre9045)

pierre9045 (/user/pierre9045) ▶ **Just Bob**

Jan 24 · 08:47:05 AM (/comments/1735345/69060080#comment_69060080)

I cannot really picture the concept, but I think they (the science community) would demand a greater authority to litigate in the regular court.

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(/user/SunPanther)

SunPanther (/user/SunPanther) Jan 23 · 04:59:31 PM (/comments/1735345/69054774#comment_69054774)

With all those big words in the editorial, I have to wonder which staffer explained it to these morons — or if they're just parroting talk points from Koch Industries.

★ 4 Recommend



(/user/Woodguru)

Woodguru (/user/Woodguru) Jan 23 · 05:05:03 PM (/comments/1735345/69054823#comment_69054823)

If there was a god he would strike these idiots down. Using a person who is doing their jobs against them in the way their not doing their jobs should be used against them.

There is criminal and willful misuse of political power going on here.

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(/user/Woodguru)

Woodguru (/user/Woodguru) ▶ **Woodguru**

Jan 23 · 05:10:27 PM (/comments/1735345/69054892#comment_69054892)

And this administration wants people to be able to practice their religious beliefs and scientists aren’t supposed to practice their science on the job.

Now I’ve heard it all.

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(/user/unthinkable)

unthinkable (/user/unthinkable) ▶ **Woodguru**

Jan 23 · 10:06:48 PM (/comments/1735345/69057911#comment_69057911)

oh, were it so!

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(/user/gbeth)

gbeth (/user/gbeth) Jan 23 · 05:16:42 PM (/comments/1735345/69054974#comment_69054974)

‘Peer review or it didn’t happen’ has no meaning for the ilk that run our country.

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(/user/billmosby)

billmosby (/user/billmosby) ▶ **gbeth**

Jan 23 · 06:14:27 PM (/comments/1735345/69055668#comment_69055668)

Probably because they are peerless in their fields (lyin’, cheatin’, and countin’ their money.

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(/user/Volt3930)

Volt3930 (/user/Volt3930) ▶ **billmosby**

Jan 24 · 11:19:23 AM (/comments/1735345/69061532#comment_69061532)

Well, at least Smith is leaving to go be out standing in his field...

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(/user/Witgren)

Witgren (/user/Witgren) ▶ **gbeth** Jan 23 · 11:28:20 PM (/comments/1735345/69058530#comment_69058530)

“Peer review” — is that something to do with watching Trump’s pee-pee tape?

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/awakeaware)

awakeaware (/user/awakeaware) Jan 23 · 06:41:37 PM (/comments/1735345/69055954#comment_69055954)

This sounds very familiar. Not too many years ago, Ken Cuccinelli, Virginia’s R Attorney General at the time, launched a campaign of investigating, harassing and generally bad-mouthing climate scientists in the state. He then ran for Governor. Fortunately, he lost.

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(/user/Wolfound)

Wolfound (/user/Wolfound) Jan 23 · 07:19:37 PM (/comments/1735345/69056324#comment_69056324)

And we are supposed to remain a great power? MAGA? I am constantly embarrassed.

I was once encouraging my high school science students to study hard, be active citizens, and keep our country at the cutting edge of science and technology.

One of them thought I was disparaging the U.S. and glowered at me, saying, “America is the greatest country in the world!”

My question to him was, “And what are you doing to keep it that way?”

I would now ask Republicans the same question.

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(/user/Lucy Montrose)

Lucy Montrose (/user/Lucy Montrose) ▶ **Wolfound**

Jan 24 · 05:58:12 AM (/comments/1735345/69059529#comment_69059529)

Excellent response to the young-un. Maybe, just maybe, you've provided the spark that will keep him from turning into another Caiden Cowger.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/BlueNarwhal)

BlueNarwhal (/user/BlueNarwhal) Jan 23 · 08:37:22 PM (/comments/1735345/69057145#comment_69057145)

Pictures of Smith and Biggs should be on the Dunning–Kruger effect wiki page.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/Looknorth)

Looknorth (/user/Looknorth) Jan 23 · 08:40:48 PM (/comments/1735345/69057175#comment_69057175)

Can we start running government as a science and not run government “like a bidness?”

★ 4 Recommend



(/user/CA Libertarian)

CA Libertarian (/user/CA Libertarian) Jan 23 · 10:24:21 PM (/comments/1735345/69058088#comment_69058088)

Surely if the GOP isn’t into regulating these chemicals they would accept the premise of unlimited tort liability for any damages conclusively linked to their use. Or don’t they agree with personal/corporate accountability?

★ 4 Recommend



(/user/ImConcerned)

ImConcerned (/user/ImConcerned) Jan 23 · 10:44:16 PM (/comments/1735345/69058252#comment_69058252)

I would wager his own kids HATE him for this as well ►►► **TRAITOR!** Cockroaches will indeed inherit the earth.

Element removed

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/jim304)

jim304 (/user/jim304) Jan 23 · 10:56:18 PM (/comments/1735345/69058335#comment_69058335)

Perhaps the greatest statement ever made by an honest scientist to overbearing authority:

“Eppur si muove.”

en.wikipedia.org/... (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/And_yet_it_moves)

★ 3 Recommend

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(/user/Mercy Ormont)

Mercy Ormont (/user/Mercy Ormont) ► **jim304**

Jan 24 · 12:45:54 AM (/comments/1735345/69058926#comment_69058926)

I always heard he muttered it. If he’d said it out loud they’d have burned him.

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(/user/Volt3930)

Volt3930 (/user/Volt3930) ► **jim304** Jan 24 · 11:33:45 AM (/comments/1735345/69061730#comment_69061730)

Hah, that is a great one for the ages.

Eppure ha insistito!

or

Eppure lei insistette

Could be our modern equivalent? Hopefully it sticks around as long as the Galileo “quote”.

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(/user/Mercy Ormont)

Mercy Ormont (/user/Mercy Ormont) Jan 24 · 12:44:35 AM (/comments/1735345/69058921#comment_69058921)

The bad news is the Biggs hasn’t announced anything. He is unfortunately my Congressman.

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(/user/jalmos)

jalmos (/user/jalmos) Jan 24 · 01:16:10 AM (/comments/1735345/69059066#comment_69059066)

Cannot stomach to comment on this.

So, for contrast, a giveaway:

I got multiple copies of Neil DeGrasse Tyson’s *Astrophysics For People In A Hurry* for my birthday a few weeks ago.

Gave away all but one. First person who messages me an address, I’ll mail it there, on my dime of course (I will delete the second I print a label for the box, and will make up a name).

No government offices though. I know they desperately need such education, but I couldn’t stand to know it’d end up in the trash.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/DrFrink)

DrFrink (/user/DrFrink) Jan 24 · 06:43:56 AM (/comments/1735345/69059584#comment_69059584)

It will be so satisfying taking TX-21 in November. Trump only won it by 10 — which in this environment is nothing.

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(/user/mikebek)

mikebek (/user/mikebek) Jan 24 · 07:26:42 AM (/comments/1735345/69059676#comment_69059676)

Now if we can just get that much needed ‘FBI purge’ done, we’ll have a fox in charge of every government hen house and we can proceed with the complete dismantling of democracy. Meanwhile, I’ll be deciding which shithole country to choose for my new residence, so I can have a safe place for retirement.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/Hinoema01)

Hinoema01 (/user/Hinoema01) Jan 24 · 08:43:00 AM (/comments/1735345/69060047#comment_69060047)

Republicans what to alienate every possible demographic, don’t they?

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/DD40)

DD40 (/user/DD40) Jan 24 · 09:42:12 AM (/comments/1735345/69060544#comment_69060544)

Golly, don’t Pabbies understand that science is the study of God’s creation? If Pabbies believe God created all things like the stars and planets and everything on Earth, why do Pabbies believe learning about God’s creation is evil?

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(/user/slowwalker)

slowwalker (/user/slowwalker) Jan 24 · 10:45:37 AM (/comments/1735345/69061119#comment_69061119)

I fear my country will never recover from the stupidity that has befallen it. We no longer strive to be the best or smartest nor will we ever be again when we play to the lowest common denominators in our society.

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(/user/Wee Mama)

Wee Mama (/user/Wee Mama) ▶ slowwalker

Jan 24 · 11:22:02 AM (/comments/1735345/69061568#comment_69061568)

I still retain a modest hope that this regime will serve as malariotherapy for the body politic, a passing fever that cures us of our worst weaknesses.

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~~ from the DK Partners & Mentors Team
(<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/03/22/1196175/-Announcing-Partners-Mentors?detail=hide>).

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(/user/jedwightn)

jedwightn (/user/jedwightn) Jan 24 · 10:53:03 AM (/comments/1735345/69061200#comment_69061200)

The GOP only gives a damn about dollars for themselves and their wealthy supporters. Environmental degradation is a sidebar and if it effects their ranting rubes, well, collateral damage on the way to riches.

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