

EC1340 – Fall 2019

Take home midterm

Due 5pm, October 25, 2019

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The object of this assignment is to use what you have learned in the course to assess the reasonableness of a claim made in the popular press about climate change or climate change policy.

A useful model for what I have in mind are the ‘fact-checking’ columns that now appear in some local papers, including the Providence journal. You can look at a few recent columns here: <http://www.politifact.com/rhode-island/>.

A little more specifically,

1. Find an article making a claim about the effects of climate change or climate policy. Here is an examples that struck me as a good candidate:

- http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Economics/Faculty/Matthew_Turner/ec1340/problems_and_exams/ProJo_Burrilville_Power_Plant_20151113.pdf

This article makes a claim about the implications of policy for climate change and for the costs of the policy. These claims can be assessed with what you have learned in the course, plus, maybe some independent research.

2. After you choose an article/claim to evaluate, check with me no later than Monday October 21 to make sure it is OK.
3. Write a ‘fact checking’ article for the article/claim you select. It should probably not need to be more than two pages long. Try to use a lot of the numbers we’ve developed in class.

Please hand in your completed article/exam to the department receptionist no later than 5pm on Friday October 25.