

# REFERENCES, SOURCES AND FURTHER READING

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A full list of line-by-line references and sources is posted on the book website [www.dontignoreclimatechange.org](http://www.dontignoreclimatechange.org). There is a lively and continuing discussion and the references are regularly updated with new comments and clarifications.

From over 700 sources, I have selected a short selection of those I have found most useful and stimulating. Those indicated with a \* can be found and downloaded on the internet. I have shortened some of the titles for ease of searching.

## OVERVIEWS ON THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Clive Hamilton has given years of thought to the issues covered in this book and his book, **Requiem for a Species** (2010, Routledge) was a major inspiration. His insights can also be found online in his 2009 paper with Tim Kasser, **\*Psychological Adaptation to a Four Degree World**.

There are two major online summaries of climate change psychology. **\*The Psychology of Climate Change Communication: A Guide** by Sabine Marx is a very nicely produced overview. A more technical summary is **\*Psychology and Global Climate Change** produced by an expert task force at the American Psychological Association.

Kari Norgaard's pioneering analysis of climate denial and silence in her book **Living in Denial** (2011, MIT Press) is very readable. She summarises her ideas in an online report for the World Bank **\*Cognitive And Behavioral Challenges In Responding To Climate Change**.

Another innovative analysis of the underlying psychology of climate change – this time from the psychoanalytic tradition - comes in a selection of essays, some highly insightful, in **Engaging with Climate Change: Psychoanalytic and Interdisciplinary Perspectives**, edited by Sally Weintrobe, (2012, Routledge).

On cognitive psychology and decision making I strongly recommend Daniel Kahneman's **Thinking Fast, Thinking Slow** (2011, Penguin). Eviatar Zerubavel's **The Elephant in the Room** (2007, OUP) is an excellent introduction to thinking about socially constructed silence. I have also been strongly influenced by the writings of Jonathan Haidt and Daniel Gilbert.

A summary of the research on narrative formation and the resistance of deeply held beliefs to challenge can be found in Stephan Lewandowsky and colleagues' little known paper **\*Misinformation and Its Correction: Continued Influence and Successful Debiasing**. Despite its intimidating title, this is actually a very accessible and fascinating study. Dan Kahan's research and blog posts can be found on [www.culturalcognition.net](http://www.culturalcognition.net) and a good starting point is his opinion piece for Nature, **\*Why we are Poles Apart on Climate Change**.

There are good books on the psychology of risk by Dan Gardner and David Ropeik and, for a synthesis of the academic research, I can recommend **Risk: A Very Short Introduction** (2011, OUP). A summary of research on climate risk is contained in the paper **\*Why Global Warming Does Not Scare Us (Yet)** by Elke Weber.

## THE CLIMATE ISSUE AND ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST ACTION.

There is so much strong writing on climate change, much of it online, that I cannot pick out any single source, though I am consistently stimulated by George Monbiot, Bill McKibben, Naomi Klein, Joe Romm, Dave Roberts and Sharon Astyk. At the disaster end McKibben's 2012 Rolling Stone article – **\*Global Warming's Terrifying New Math** is deservedly famous.

The arguments for a more positive technocratic message are presented in **\*Sizzle** by Futerra Communications, the materials of Sustainia and the many publications of the Breakthrough Institute, starting with its deliberately provocative report, **\*The Death of Environmentalism**.

Theda Skocpol's **\*Naming the Problem: What It Will Take to Engage Americans in the Fight against Global Warming** is a challenging critique of the campaign to bring about climate change legislation. Skocpol does not pull any punches, which led to some lively on-line wrangling with climate activists.

A detailed analysis of the climate denial campaign as an ideological movement can be found online at [www.desmogblog.com](http://www.desmogblog.com) and in two good books: Naomi Oreskes' **Merchants of Doubt** (2012, Bloomsbury) and James Hoggan's **Climate Cover-Up** (2009, Greystone). Two Greenpeace reports expose **\*Koch Industries: Secretly Funding the Climate Denial Machine**. For a discussion of the personalities of professional deniers, I recommend the very enjoyable Washington Post article **\*The Tempest** by Joel Achenbach.

For a better understanding of the moral universe of radical conservatism see **\*The Tea Party and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism** by Vanessa Williamson and others and COIN's report **\*A New Conversation with the Centre-Right about Climate Change**.

I avoided discussion of the science itself, but, for my money, Mark Lynas's book **Six Degrees** (National Geographic, 2008) has still to be bested as a highly readable summary of future impacts. My main sources were the somewhat more opaque World Bank report **\*Turn Down The Heat: Why a 4°C Warmer World Must be Avoided**, and the online papers from the 2009 **\*Four Degrees and Beyond** conference.

There are numerous books criticising climate science, usually very dull, but the most entertaining attack on climate change as a belief system is James Delingpole's **Watermelons: How Environmentalists are Killing the Planet**. Delingpole has no interest in science or evidence, so this is just pure narrative driven bile.

## PUBLIC OPINION

Matthew Nisbet and Teresa Myers conducted an exhaustive overview of polling from 1987-2007 charting the rise and falls of **\*Twenty Years of Public Opinion**. More recent research can be found in the regular publications of the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication, especially its America Mind programme. Models for segmenting public attitudes can be found in the regular research of the **\*Six Americas project** and the **\*American Climate Attitudes** reports by the Social Capital Project.

## **CLIMATE COMMUNICATIONS**

On the general communication of climate change, the **\*Climate Crossroads Guide** by Climate Access is a good introduction. There are a good range of online materials at [www.talkingclimate.org](http://www.talkingclimate.org) and [www.climatenexus.org](http://www.climatenexus.org). **\*From Hot Air to Happy Endings** by Green Alliance contains a collection of essays from leading theorists.

In writing this book I was especially intrigued by Judith Williamson's lecture **\*Unfreezing the Truth: Knowledge and Denial in Climate change Imagery** and her masterful analysis of the semiotics of climate change and Gill Eraut's analysis of climate change narratives in **\*Warm Words: How We Are Telling the Climate Story**.

## **OTHER WORK BY GEORGE MARSHALL AND COIN**

My first book **Carbon Detox** (2007, Octopus) presents some of my ideas in this book in a digestible self-help format. The themes are further explored in technical reports by my organisation, the Climate Outreach Information Network. Our website [www.talkingclimate.org](http://www.talkingclimate.org) includes briefings on social norms and networks, behavior change and science communication. Recent reports include **\*Climate Silence (and How to Break it)**, **\*After the Floods: Communicating Climate Change Around Extreme Weather**. Regular reports are posted at [www.climateoutreach.org.uk/resources/](http://www.climateoutreach.org.uk/resources/)

You can also read my somewhat irregular blog postings at [www.climatedenial.org](http://www.climatedenial.org) or tweets as [@climategeorge](https://twitter.com/climategeorge).