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Categories:

1. Global North
2. Global South
3. Business as Usual
4. Greenwashed Business
5. Climate activists,
6. Quakers and interfaith community,
7. Far right
8. Far left

Global North

Worldview: Paris Accord is a step in the right direction.

- EU wants “net zero” – but see http://www.geoengineeringmonitor.org/2015/06/net-zero-is-not-zero-the-g7s-dystopian-decarbonization/ and Net Zero critique by civil society (Dec 2015)
- Obama’s “best chance”, a “turning point”
- Avaaz boasts victory: https://secure.avaaz.org/en/climate_story_loc/?slideshow

Global South: Those in corporatocy-deemed “sacrifice zones,” environmental justice

NGOS

Worldview: Living with water-food-land grab-mining issues, refugees, calling for climate justice.

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- **Colectivo VientoSur, Chile**: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLGjFfEoDbs&feature=youtu.be]
- **The Corporatization of Governance** [https://youtu.be/hOUEL8Cqy8M]
- **Ecuador and GGJA**: [http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article43729.htm]
- **Third World Network**: [http://www.twn.my/]
- **WECAN**: Bolivian pilgrimage and “Women Speak” [https://wecaninternational.wordpress.com/]
- **Indigenous Environmental Network**: [http://www.ienearth.org/un-promoting-potentially-genocidal-policy-at-world-climate-summit/]
- **Small island states**: [http://reliefweb.int/report/world/cop21-think-big-save-small-islands]
- **Yeb Saño**: [http://peoplespilgrimage.org/ and #PeoplesPilgrimage]
- **USA Peoples Climate movement**: [http://peoplesclimate.org/]
- **Peoples Goals**: [http://peoplesgoals.org/devjustice/people-of-the-world-surge-forward-for-climate-justice/]
- **Patrick Bond**: [https://zcomm.org/znetarticle/paris-climate-terror-could-endure-for-generations/]

Business as Usual

**Worldview: Insight into the players who will buy carbon offsets, i.e. pollution permits**

- **Exxon et al**: [http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2013/feb/14/funding-climate-change-denial-thinktank-network]
- **Offset as Pollution Permits**: [http://www.economicshelp.org/micro-economic-essays/marketfailure/pollution-permits/]
- **CSS**: Carbon Capture and Storage is a critical part of the solution to climate change. See rebuttals in [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon_capture_and_storage#Cost]
- **No fossil plant will be closed**: [http://www.economist.com/news/international/21653964-why-g7-talking-about-decarbonisation-on-sort]
- **Carbon marketers**: [http://www.perspectives.cc/index.php?id=677 with links to documents.]
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- **Global Policy Forum**

**Climate activists**

**Worldview:** Progressive groups who appeal to Western public opinion

- **350.org**: http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/dec/13/paris-climate-talks-15c-m
  arathon-negotiating-physics-and
- **Climate Action Network (CAN)**: http://climatenetwork.org/press-release/civil-society-respons
  ands-final-paris-climate-agreement-released
- **James Hansen**: http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/12/james-hansen-climat
  e-change-paris-talks-fraud
- **Greenpeace**: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/daniel-mittler/-the-paris-agreement-the-e_b_8809260.html
- **Youth in SustainUS**: http://sustainus.org/blog/

**Greenwashed Business**

**Worldview:** Opportunity to make money under the guise of "green" corporate social responsibility.

- **US, Exxon**: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/05/business/energy-environment/large-companies-prepared-to-pay-price-on-carbon.html?_r=0

**Quaker & Interfaith Community**

**Worldview:** Non-violent civil disobedience, direct action to “leave it in the ground.”

- **US Climate Mobilization**
http://www.theclimatemobilization.org/post_game_thoughts_on_the_paris_talks

- Canadian (True North) http://www.theguardian.com/environment/true-north
- **KairosCanada blog**: http://www.kairoscanada.org/blog/tag/paris-climate-change-conference/
  - LINGO
    http://leave-it-in-the-ground.org/links-and-resources/
- **ParisClimateJustice youth**:

- **New Internationalist**
  http://newint.org/features/web-exclusive/2015/12/12/cop21-paris-deal-epi-fail-on-planetary-scale/

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**Far Right**

Worldview: “Agenda 21 is a socialist plot to create world government, stop US growth.”

- http://agenda21radio.com/?p=14132
- http://americanpolicy.org/agenda21/

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**Far Left**

Worldview: Liberal “influence” politics failed.


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