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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”
- Guardian:
- Economist:
- Avaaz boasts victory: https://secure.avaaz.org/en/climate_story_loc/?slideshow
- US jurist Prof Daniel Bodansky,

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=yLGjFEOdbs&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLGjFEOdbs&feature=youtu.be)
  The Corporatization of Governance [https://youtu.be/hOUEL8Cqy8M](https://youtu.be/hOUEL8Cqy8M)

- **African Oxfam:**


- **Ecuador and GGJA:** [http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article43729.htm](http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article43729.htm)

- **Young FOE:** [https://www.foeeurope.org/yfoe](https://www.foeeurope.org/yfoe)

- **Friends of the Earth:** [https://www.foeeurope.org/Paris-climate-deal-not-fit-people-planet-121215](https://www.foeeurope.org/Paris-climate-deal-not-fit-people-planet-121215)


- **Third World Network:** [http://www.twn.my/](http://www.twn.my/)

- **WECAN:** Bolivian pilgrimage and “Women Speak” [https://wecaninternational.wordpress.com/](https://wecaninternational.wordpress.com/)


- **Yeb Saño:** [http://peoplespilgrimage.org/](http://peoplespilgrimage.org/) and #PeoplesPilgrimage

- **USA Peoples Climate movement** [http://peoplesclimate.org/](http://peoplesclimate.org/)


- **Patrick Bond:** [https://zcomm.org/znetarticle/paris-climate-terror-could-endure-for-generations/](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**

- **Offset as 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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon_capture_and_storage#Cost)

- **No fossil plant will be closed**

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- Global Policy
  Forum

Climate activists

Worldview: Progressive groups who appeal to Western public opinion

- 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.

- Gates and top CEOs: http://www.environmentalleader.com/2015/12/01/cop21-carbon-pricing-billion-gates-businesses-act-on-climate-change/ but see http://kuumbareport.com/2015/05/13/
gates-monsantos-water-efficient-maize-for-africa-project-exposed-as-not-climate-smart-but-corporate-smart/

Quaker & Interfaith Community

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

- US Climate Mobilization:
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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

ParisClimateJustice youth:

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

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/

Far Left

Worldview: Liberal “influence” politics failed.


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