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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
- 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/
- 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/
- 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

- 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 plants will be closed: http://www.economist.com/news/international/21653964-why-g7-talking-about-decarbonisation-
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- **Global Policy Forum**
  [https://www.globalpolicy.org/component/content/article/270-general/52826-fueling-the-fire-the-big-polluters-bankrolling-cop21.html]

**Climate activists**

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

  - **Youth in SustainUS**: [http://sustainus.org/blog/](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](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.”**

  - **New England Yearly Meeting**: Climate Spring 2 epistle
  - **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/
- 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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