

**CC-4 Comments**  
**Recommendation 53**  
**State climate public education and outreach**

The economic impacts of any legislation must be determined and be a part of the decision.

The more education, the better.

Please do not place this burden on the Public Educ system

What will this cost and who is going to pay for this?

There should be a cost/benefit analysis required. The benefits do not justify the costs using sound science. More taxes, regulations and red tape is not what will help Montana.

We need to reestablish a state climate entity through the university system.

An issue of the truth again.....it isn't being taught now.....I don't believe it will suddenly be taught just because of this legislation.

Just do it, no need for additional funds.

Only if the process is balanced

I would like to see the State support a website where citizens interested in these issues can exchange sources of information and participate in a blog. I served on the TWG for Cross Cutting issues as part of CCAC process, and I learned that other states such as Texas support such websites. Our Citizens for Clean Energy website <cce-mt.org>has a wealth of information, but most folks outside Great Falls aren't aware of its existence.

Essential - first step

Ordinarily I would support education but, based upon what I've seen so far on this subject, this is a proposal for indoctrination. No thanks.

What science are you using the current science or some just prior to the cooling trend of the early 20th century?

Let the market decide. Do people care to know? If they do, they will seek sources in a free market. Remove subsidies that hinder that market from operating freely.

Provide information on both sides of the issue. Present a balanced presentation both scientific, geologic, and variable numbers.

Montana is full of sheep, but let's not yet convert humans to sheep.

Public ed. is a must...

I can imagine what kind of program this would be already - all industry in the state would be the villains and the efforts of environmental groups to stop all energy production and economic growth in the state would have a new forum to re-educate with their incorerect beliefs.

Great if educational information is based on sound science and not hysteria.

Individuals can only do so much with this issue, we need strong and numerous government action of many forms and formats...

This smacks of a "big brother" program at its worst. The state of Montana is going to embark on a program to brain wash its citizens to accept what the CCAC committee thinks.

The public needs to be aware that we have to change.

Indoctrination in a pseudoscientific "religion". Smacks of Pol Pot's values AND is a waste of taxpayer money (other than the Californians who move here to spread their "glorious revolution").

Be careful in Choteau, though.

A good idea. As long as it has nothing to do with the controversial man made "global warming" theories.

Have we not screwed up this planet enough? If there is hope it is with the kids.

I've seen kind of "education" types of programs produce. "Thriving natural systems" precludes mining, timber harvesting, and any kind of natural resource production. It also includes emphasizing the toxic nature of anything to do with mining, rather than the conversion of a waste to a resource.

I like the idea - just don't know how good the state would be at this.

Already being done by non-government organizations; let's not waste taxpayer dollars on duplicative efforts.

Are our children really that uneducated that outreach is needed? Study less, educate less, reach out less and simply START funding real, meaningful change -- if local, green subsidies are emphasized and hidden GHG/FF incentives removed (e.g. \$860B U.S. Defense budget to fund huge U.S. Navy to keep Straits of Hormuz and other international shipping lanes safe for Exxon Mobil profits, etc.) then govt. and the public will get the changes it desires -- and then some!

As long as there are some real, affordable choices available to average and lower income consumers.

good idea, but be careful when implementing, so that spending does not get out of control.

We have far too many rednecks in the State. I don't doubt that there are probably just as many people proportionately in Montana as there are in Mississippi who are climate change deniers.

Thus needs to be happening right now.

All the others will work best with this education program in place

Climate change causes are not well-enough defined to start indoctrinating children.

It's important, hopefully something that will also be adopted nationally.

Ball's already rolling with so many groups and individuals getting word out.

Will you be using weather cycle and sun cycle scientific knowns.....not the Nobel Prize Frauds being perpetrated....?

Schools.

DON'T FORGET TO MENTION HOW MUCH LESS USE OF PESTICIDES WOULD REDUCE CO2.  
SEE ABOVE COMMENTS.

again...the cost of education before rather than after legislation is always a catch-22 affair...seems like the news media could help out here without a lot of extra money being thrown into educational efforts...I know I live in la-la land!

This has too many facets to cover here, but it is one of the most critical steps towards an educated and involved public; without with nothing permanent can be accomplished.

This tends to lead to brainwashing of people.

Normally I would support this but this really depends on whose "science" and values are being promoted. Science is heavily politicized and I would want to know what my taxes were going for before I signed on to this.

One of the most important steps to take. Will require funding source, but payback will be major.

Please, no more govt programs that cost money we do not have. No, some one else will pay.

The laws of physics (and economics is merely a sub-discipline of physics) will rule in spite of what you try to teach or propagandize.

Studies show that there is zero climate benefit to investing in GHG reduction. Clearly there is no consensus on any benefit to GHG reduction. CO2 is too small in % of atmosphere to drive climate. We must tell both sides of the story in public education.

How many new FTEs will this require?

SEE PREVIOUS COMMENT ON POTENTIAL FOR BRAIWASHING INSTEAD OF EDUCATION

Enough!

How about Climate Education for All..

this is obviously a one-sided agenda driven propaganda program - no thank you

Community efforts make for improved communities.

NO more gov't.

Any plan suggesting additional programs for the educational system should be tabled until the state can properly fund education.

Our climate changes, it is natural, it is NOT man-caused. Man cannot change this no matter what legislation you propose.

Hopefully the government will not engage in such propaganda.

Make sure state education standards are revised to include this, otherwise it won't be taught in public schools.

all of these programs cost money

Again, promotion of bad science.

the kids are all ready brain washed

Private sector responsibility

waste of cash

What does this mean? Is this a method of "brain wash" our young to accept, without thinking, the politically correct version of our environment? It almost sounds like environmentalism is becoming our new religion.

As are so many of these, this brings to mind the spectre of the Nanny State.

You're not talking about education here, because if you were, it would be presented in a neutral context. If the SCIENCE (all of it) is presented and people allowed to draw their own conclusions, OK. Otherwise, it's just state propaganda.

This Action Plan was not a Montana grassroots Plan. It was the same plan written for California and other states. Who's views are you going to promote?

this assumes that everyone is in agreement of the cause of climate change, so this is an education program and not a propaganda program.

<http://www.righttalk.com/asx/ggws.aspx>

Unfunded mandate that has no merit.

Do you mean indoctrinate impressionable minds to believe that a "theory" that has not been proven except by "consensus" be accepted as a fact. Rather than teaching all the fact about the issue and allow the student, teacher, and parent make an inform decisions.

Who will pay for this new program since our schools are already crying they don't have enough money? Oh I remember the government who get all if its money from the tax payer.

Figure out decisively and first if global warming is man caused or cyclic and sun related. What I have seen so far is education by agenda, my science vs. your science. Nothing conclusive.

We don't need more grant funded education, the cost of admin and application outweigh any benefit. Use existing entities to accomplish this, some are already doing it. Duplication

Already the indoctrination of our people with lies regarding GHG is unacceptable and shows your untrustworthiness. You need to get honest about this control tactic that seeks to undermine our state and country.

Teach people that the earths climate changes and that it is a natural event. If it weren't mamoths wouldn't be frozen in glaciers and tree stumps wouldn't be under glaciers either

More government for what purpose?

I will not uphold my tax dollars going to brain washing.

Totally against brain-washing our youth on a subject that is not proven to even exist.

As long as you give them both sides of the issue.

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Who pays?

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YES.

Again, you assume that everyone believes this. Don't thrust your beliefs on everyone.

People will make the difference. Knowledge is power.

DO IT.

This program needs to provide a balanced approach to the question of GHG and climate change. There is still a huge question about the effect of manmade CO2 on climate change.

You already brainwash these kids in your public schools. What more do you want?

This is already being done.

Good idea. Should work well in Missoula where the majority of the committee is from.

Not the Govt's job!!!!

Kids are already being bombarded with this

Very important!!! This is my area of expertise, and I would love to help in this area. Dave Morris 531-7811.

Got a job for me here? This is the prerequisite for getting the political backing to make most of these proposals fundable long-term! Seriously, everyone considers him or herself an environmentalist, but few of us diminish our wasteful habits. Our state government needs to give us that opportunity, just as government reduces healthcare costs by encouraging healthy behaviors. No other planning goal focuses on the community's common benefit as much as does sustainability.

Good luck!

Not only enhance personal community but community community.

The only reason we have such problems with opportunities such as these today, is that we were not taught how much we impact the environment when we were in grade school.

Yes, but only if balanced. I do not agree with reports that there is a consensus on the real impacts of GHG emissions. Also, note that CO2 is actually a beneficial chemical. We need it even though we have to be careful how much is produced. Again, all costs and benefits have to be weighed. Education is great, but we cannot promote the garbage science that is part of the Climate Change movement.

As long as the education program is unbiased.

More redundancy in government. This is already going on. We do not need to spend taxpayer dollars on this.

raise more taxes for propaganda of con games

"Government is not the solution to our problems, it IS the problem"

Excellent rhetoric.

We need leaders to tell citizens what they COLLECTIVELY can do--Montanans are willing to help and to sacrifice, but they need to know how to make their individual actions add up to something by insuring that others are taking the same actions.

Why should the State of Montana promote propaganda supporting a concept that has no basis in science? Next, the State will be advocating teaching creationism as a valid scientific concept.

Propaganda. Do not fund.

Fed. funding and no raise in state taxes.

yes! fantastic! we need current policy makers and the next generation to be environmentally concious and to make choices that benefit our communities in the long-run rather than only short-term gains. Present both sides of the global warming story.

The State Government takes enough taxes from taxpayers now for education.

If you were as worried about our citizens kids being able to do math and read well, we'd have some of the smartest people on the planet solving loads of our problems by now. Your priorities are all turned around, in my view.

Climate education would be fine, but no one really knows what the future will bring, there are too many unknowns. The IPCC is a totally biased organization that does things based on how much grant money they will receive rather than science. This formula is totally backwards from what it should be.

Only if accurate and objective.

Yes, we have to get people interested in the commons. People need to care for some reason, make it personal and get people involved.

Don't increase state spending on this. There is already lots of public awareness.

Yes!

Is this another California thing?

Public education based on Al Gore or both sides of the issue with scholars from both sides getting an even shake.

An invaluable investment!

For starters, schools should be required (w/necessary funding) to be more efficient -- e.g., recycle, use local foods & products, set winter thermostats lower (often are ~80 degrees!)

Scientific theories on global warming do not warrant new taxes or legislation. Need additional analysis to understand impact on consumers and penalties on business development.

Only if this is not a political pseudo-science arrangement!! In other words politicians keep their hands off of the data, results and conclusions and final reports. Politicians are welcome to review and provide comments only!!

I am for education not propaganda! If you do this both sides of the issue must be included. Students should be educated in how to recognize junk science when they see it. A fair and balanced approach is a must if this is to be done.

This recommendation could lead to increased costs to consumers and should be analyzed to determine total cost to consumers.

Climate change is totally normal. It has been going on forever. We can't change it, it just is. Leave it alone.

Again, schools claim they don't have enough money to educate our kids properly now, and you want them to spend more time brainwashing our kids?

Propaganda.

Sounds good, but from past experience, I think it is a bad idea for the State to be involved sifting the way people think. What ideas will be pushed?

All of these are 'feel good' expensive bulls\*\*t legislation. Global warming is NOT a fact (cold records set last winter in the southern hemisphere) so it might be Northern hemisphere warming, but not global. Secondly, latest studies of the sun spots (that control global temperatures more than humans) indicate that within 20 years we will be back in a 'mini-ice age'. Not politically correct, but MUCH more accurate.

Sounds good but needs to stay "real"

This is too weak. How about establishing a new education paradigm for higher education. Develop a pilot degree program in the University system. A new Degree BS/BA called say Global Warming Abatement. Students could choose specialties-Biology-Engineering-Politics/Legal-etc. Fund it w/ coal tax money. Think long term.

Not if the goal is to promote the theory of man caused global warming brought on by greenhouse gas emissions as opposed to the natural cycle of increased solar activity that has been responsible for global warming periods as recently as the Medieval Warming period. The Greenland ice cap melted during that warming period just as it is melting during this warming period. The only difference between then and now is the environmentalists who seem bent on finding fault with human habitation. The Norsemen took advantage of the medieval period to colonize Greenland with farm and ranching communities that soon developed into a brisk and rich culture. Of course they did end up with that nasty little ice age that came along to cool things down again. Makes one wonder who the environmentalists would have blamed for putting the ice back on Greenland?

Now it's one word....BRAINWASHING  
NO NO NO!

Sounds like more propagandizing. WE would only support this if it gave a balanced presentation. Not likely with the current hysteria.

Who? What? Where? When? Why? Who would decide these questions in relation to what would be taught?

Yes!

Definitely!

Education is good, but not nearly enough, especially in a culture where we are so encouraged to consume, consume, consume. Big business and government should shoulder the primary burden, since they are most responsible for global warming.

education and volunteerism needs to be incorporated.

Will just end up being a radical environmental agenda.

In the long run, simply put, this is the most important thing we must do.

WHAT A GREAT IDEA !!! People will want to, and WILL get involved in solving this problem if they are educated and then invited and persuaded to participate, to do their part, and talk others into doing theirs.

Again, educators need to be in as some level to make the information easy to understand for all.

Too vague. A licence to rob taxpayers and create corruption.

This sounds like a state run re-education system.

How is this funded?

Absolutely not. If these recommendations are an example of what would be the basis of such efforts. Must make sure that any education and outreach is balanced.

No brainwashing please!

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Need time frame.

This could be the most important project. People must be aware of the situation before they act.

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This sounds too overtly like indoctrination, not education. Fork this, it's done.

This is a good idea as long as the program is properly named; I propose: Montana State Ministry of Education and Propaganda.

At this point I would not trust what the lesson plan would consist of. This seems to be an emotion driven topic.

Need Recycling program!!!



Montana spends enough on education already. There are plenty of non-profit and corporate programs on this.

This can be good or bad. Factual, peer reviewed education mtl's are OK.

Absolutely. Americans are SO behind Europe, New Zealand, Canada. We used to be the innovators and leaders. What happened?

Sounds nice. This should apply to more than climate. It is presumptuous to think that we can reverse the natural progression of climate by being nice and being conservative.

With Global Warming being only a theory and not proven as of today, and recent studies showing the coming of an earth cooling phase with increased areas of ice in the South Pole region today and a decrease of heat from the sun, it would be improper for Montana to provide possible false information to an already confused public. Some scientists are already recommending using more fossil fuels and creating more CO2 to possibly heat the earth a bit to offset the coming of a predicted mini ice age. Objections only as I have no confidence the education would be balanced and objective.

Provides for positive cultural change.

Education should be based on proven facts not government hypocrisy.

essential

Require courses in sustainability, etc at the High School Level. Incorporate incentives in Drivers Education for consumers to purchase more fuel efficient cars. \*\*\*Mandate Spare the Air Month Competitions in Major Cities. Call me 406-257-56878 Ask citizens to step up to the plate. Get rid of old wood stoves...please!

continue evolving and spreading over time, and involve all parties and sectors sounds too much like "OR ELSE"

One of the most important components

State should have been doing this to a greater degree all along!

Partner on a national basis

So long as this education includes the fact that because man has discovered about GHG does not mean that he, alone, is responsible for it. Yes, we do need to do our part to be responsible stewards of our environment. But this includes education about the history of our planet, that this planet has gone through "climate change" since time began-- that even in the 1920s people noticed evidence of a warming, that in the 1970s we were concerned about a global cooling, and that we are looking at strong evidence of global cooling today as well. Education is essential, but not to the point that we blame ourselves for everything this planet is doing. This is absurd. This planet existed long before we walked its face, and it will continue doing so after we are gone. To be the best stewards we can be, we need to study history, know where and how we live today, and plan to give the best we can to our children. I think we are providing a good example to the world with what our country has done. Education is the best long range solution available to the human race.

Education is absolutely KEY to any of the above and below !!!

IS THAT NOT PART OF THE GOALS OF OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM NOW???

Respondent does not have sufficient information or knowledge to rank this recommendation.

WHAT A DISGUSTING HOAX!!!

maybe, would want to see it first

The news media is a great, no-cost source for this.

I support educational efforts. Take a look at existing energy education programs - like at DEQ - how can they be enhanced?

Make sure that the information provided shows clearly what the impact of industry and commerce is on energy use vs. the individual's use. See the BIG picture.

Do not use my tax dollars to attempt to brainwash my children into believing the ideas of the CCAC committee. Let our science teachers teach the science please.

We should be as well informed as the EU and the rest of the developed world. We are not!

Yes! education is the key to any success.

Major brain washing attempt by government, chicken little the sky is falling. Run government will save you comrad.

Holcim supports state climate public education and outreach efforts, but recognizes the need for appropriate funding mechanisms for these efforts.

very supportive of this idea.

Runs the risk of being a government brainwashing exercise unless approached honestly and openly.

Likely not to be science based, but more like religion or propaganda. See comments above refuting idea that critics constitute a flat earth society.

The more you know about the environment you live in the better choices you are able to make.

Only if private funds are used, no tax payer dollars.

I'm more comfortable with energy issues than climate change still, although I know they interact.

Public school curriculum should focus on this issue. All Montana citizens should be made aware of the ecosystem goods and services we depend upon and how our actions and personal choices impact natural systems!