## Common ground even though differing views on climate change

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## Gadfly:

I truly respect Breena Holland & enjoy debating our polar opposite positions on virtually everything EXCEPT bad government in Bethlehem, where we come together on local issues.

Clearly I have not been brainwashed in school by liberal faculty pushing for control over our lives by using climate change as a vehicle for such control.

Climate science has evolved from the Global cooling scare in the 70's/80's to global warming at the turn of the century to simply climate change more recently as the facts failed to support their mantra along this road.

Climate change has been occurring for thousands of years as a natural phenomenon, including global warming ending the ice age long before fossil fuels were ever conceived.

The fossil fuel industry does not deserve demonization & to deny that natural gas isn't more favorable to Breena's cause vs coal or oil is simply bizarre.

While we will continue to differ on this subject, I will continue to look forward to working with Breena where we can find common ground. Defending neighborhood preservation or bad economic development decisions by our local government officials will bond our otherwise diverse opinions.

Bruce

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