## Business as usual means the news will get worse (10)

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## Gadfly:

Yes, I think it is noticeable that more voices are joining the call for climate action.

Unfortunately, there are also many comments deriding the advocates of climate action—and the national government is showing no leadership. The Democratic leadership is a big part of the problem, refusing to make a strong push for the "Green New Deal" that Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has been pushing. (In fact the Dem. leadership is actively undermining it.)

At the state legislature, there is almost no discussion of or planning for climate action. Pathetic.

Locally, Easton has a good start on developing a CAP, but it seems to be stalled at the moment. In Bethlehem, there is talk about developing a CAP, but little or no public discussion of methods to be used or possible goals. Allentown has been talking about it, but I don't know what's happening with that. It seems so painfully obvious, but if we don't stop "business as usual" and make some dramatic changes, the news will continue to get worse.

Peter