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Letter writer should check out the source being used

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A June 20 letter writer laments many letters seem to be based on “emotions rather than objective data and information.” The author cites the Heritage Foundation to support his assertion that the Paris Climate Accord is only a wealth redistribution scheme.

The Heritage Foundation is well-known for its one-sided views and for hiring Jason Richwine, who believes blacks and Hispanics are intellectually inferior to whites. (I wonder what Richwine imagined about the deficiencies of other nonwhites such as Indians and Chinese).

The foundation’s methodology has been criticized by Reason Magazine and the Cato Institute. The World Resources Institute, 350.org, and others used scientific data to show that the Paris Accord is just a first step in dealing with global warming. But our president and the Republican leadership continue to deny global warming. Furthermore, President Donald Trump has been promoting “alternative facts” and calling names.

In the name of objectivity, let us remember the Heritage Foundation is not the only think-tank in the world and, in the name of civil society, let us all be civil to each other.