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Many climate 'deniers' are disingenuous

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Dear Editor: I hope something good — or at least nothing bad — comes from the "March for Science," but I'm not optimistic. You either believe and value science and scientists or you don't, and a march is unlikely to change many minds.

I think President Trump and many of his supporters are sincere nonbelievers. When it comes to climate change and the environment (my concerns), some of them simply have strong opinions, which, being uninformed, they bolster with disinformation from the likes of Americans for Prosperity, the Heritage Foundation, and the Cato Institute. This cohort might be reachable.

However, I suspect the so-called denial of many obdurate climate “deniers” is disingenuous. Secretaries Pruitt, Tillerman, Bannon, Zinke, and Moniz probably understand human-caused climate change quite well; their policies are based on their agendas rather than their opinions or misconceptions. They demonstrate an astonishing and dangerous amount of hubris. It may be impossible to reach them, but we have to try. We must exert pressure through Congress and the states, mount a sustained media blitz, and support the considerable progress the private sector is making toward a sustainable future despite government.