

## **False crises**

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Re "50 years on, environmentalist just as relevant" (Monitor Forum, Sept. 19):

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Mike Di Paola notes that the industrial right still won't let Rachel Carson rest in peace, nearly 50 years after her passing: "The libertarian Cato Institute, co-founded in 1977 by chemical merchant David Koch, is marking the anniversary of *Silent Spring* with its own contrarian publication titled *The False Crises of Rachel Carson*."

Of course, the only false crises are coming from entities such as Cato, which are known for downplaying, if not outright denying, the risks of fossil-fueled climate change. Similar industry-funded think tanks have also engaged in character assaults on climate scientists such as James Hansen and Michael Mann, as well as demonization of such market-based concepts as revenue-neutral carbon pricing.

Shouldn't these think tanks demonstrate some thoughtfulness about the health and safety of future generations, the way Rachel Carson did?

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