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## Connecting the dots

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Grant Bosse's Viewpoints column, "Obsession with the Koch brothers clouds the left" (Sunday Monitor, March 17), should have mentioned the harmful climate change disinformation campaign practiced by the Koch brothers. This is the most egregious of their hobbies.

The Kochs have contributed at least \$25 million to various anti-climate science think tanks, including the Heritage Foundation, the Manhattan Institute, the Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment, the Pacific Research Institute, the Tax Foundation, the American Enterprise Institute and the Cato Institute, all designed to disseminate misinformation about anthropogenic climate change.

Even with their so-called "good" acts, the Kochs twist the truth behind the scenes, as in a Koch-funded Smithsonian Institute exhibit on the "Evolution of Man." Here, it is implied that climate change is helpful, as it has led to man's progress in the past. However, the current rate of climate change is some 100 times faster than any previous natural cycles, making climate change adaptation extremely unlikely.

Two other recent articles in the Monitor scream of harmful climate change impacts, for those who can connect the dots. The first, on Saturday, was an article on Whaleback Mountain, "Debt forcing ski mountain to close." It notes that "unusual warm snow seasons in recent years" have contributed to the losses. As climatologists will confirm, this is the new norm. Temperatures will continue to rise, fueled by our burning greenhouse-gas-generating fossil fuels.

The second climate change-related article, in the Saturday Monitor, was about Australia, entitled, "A rich, inclusive culture." Whereas climate change is mentioned several times, the author fails to link recent floods, droughts, heat and crop failures there to climate change.

Instead, he lauds Australia's mining industry for contributing to Australian prosperity, while failing to note that burning Australia's coal fuels both local and worldwide climate disruption.