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## Consider the source

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It would be helpful if slanted Commentary pieces like “Taking the lead on carbon is a losing game,” Aug. 29, by Paul C. “Chip” Knappenberger came with a full disclosure that the libertarian think tank he writes for (the Cato Institute) claims to be “independent” but in fact serves as yet another tentacle for the Koch Brothers, who by now are well-known for their agenda of undermining science and scholarship to serve the interests of corporate America including the oil and gas industry, Big Tobacco, etc.

“The United State is not at particularly large risk from climate change,” the author claims. Even if such as outrageous understatement were somehow true, does anyone care about rest of the world?

Surely not the Cato Institute, and apparently not The Journal, in printing such whoppers as this article and not being truthful about its source.

Editor’s note: The Journal did note, in an identification line below the piece: “Paul C. ‘Chip’ Knappenberger is the assistant director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute, and coordinates the scientific and outreach activities for the center.” We do not have the space to list all of the contributors to every think tank; there are many to the Cato Institute.