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Jerry Brown: GOP in 'denial' on climate change

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Gov. Jerry Brown took on Republicans and the Cato Institute and joked about Jesuits in a speech to his climate

Speaking to about 250 scientists, activists, policy officials and Richard Branson, Brown blasted Republicans for global climate change.

He singled out the conservative Cato Institute for contributing to the "cult-like behavior of the political lemmin

"I know something about cults," quipped Brown, a former seminary student. "I don't want to say my time with dogmatic, somewhat one-sided to say the least, and not particularly open to contrary opinion."

Brown said addressing the risks of a changing environment demanded cooperation.

"We have to pull together and do everything we can to wake people up" about climate change, Brown said.

Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, will address the crowd Thursday afternoon.

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-- Anthony York in San Francisco

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"dogmatic, somewhat one-sided to say the least, and not particularly open to contrary opinion" - sounds like the perfect description of Al Gore, Jim Hansen and the rest of the people pushing the anthropogenic global warming cash machine.

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