

## Author of Opinion Piece Omitted Facts

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This is in response to a June 2 My Word from Donald Anthrop.

Doubt, omission and misinformation were the tools and tactics of the tobacco industry and now are being used by the oil industry. Anthrop's recent My Word piece used these same tactics. The sheer level of complexity and very nature of scientific study makes casting "doubt" easy.

There is always more information or the next question to be answered. That doesn't mean we should never take action, particularly when the consequences can quite literally be the end of the human race.

Disinformation and faulty logic were also present in his piece. For example, he expects an increase in carbon emissions over a recent 11-year period to be immediately reflected in the average global temperature change.

Lastly, omission. Anthrop was identified as an environmental studies professor (not a climatologist), but he omitted that he is an "independent oil and energy professional," according to LinkedIn. He has written articles and contributes to oil industry trades as well as the Cato Institute, which is highly funded by big greenhouse gas contributors including Exxon and the Koch brothers.

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