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New Study Shows Children Can Influence Parents on Climate Change

A new study released last month by North Carolina State University (NCSU) demonstrates that children can influence the views of their parents on climate change. The finding is particularly relevant given that globally only 54% of people believe in climate change, according to a 2016 Pew Research survey.

The NCSU study was conducted among a group of middle school students. One of the co-author's said that the study "found that there was an increase in climate concern for both the experimental and control groups, but that the shift was much more pronounced in families where children were taught the curriculum." The study observes that children influence their parents on a range of socio-ideological topics and therefore may be able to make similar inroads with climate change. The study also notes that the subject of intergenerational learning is understudied and that more work on how children can and do influence parents is needed.

Among the findings in the study are:

- * Daughters are more influential than sons in influencing parents.
- * Conservative males consistently display low concern and high skepticism around climate change.
- * Changes in parents' climate change concerns were most pronounced among the groups that are typically most resistant to climate change communication.

For more on the study:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/05/190506111428.htm>

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In the News:

Local/Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Pipeline project milestones continue through 2018

- The Recorder – 6/6/19
https://www.abralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Pipeline-project-milestones-continue-through-2018-Recorder_20190606.pdf
 Part 3 of a Timeline series describing events surrounding the Atlantic Coast Pipeline project.

Broken Ground

- SELC Podcast – 6/5/19
https://brokengroundpodcast.org/?fbclid=IwAR39JGiAI8oJbHuCwypOX4WjLT92te7aUOEY_mNiTj2Gz42h8eETb8RAEd4
 Describes landowner efforts to fight the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in Buckingham County, VA.

Commentary: It's time for Virginia to power a clean energy future

- Energy News Network – 5/31/19
<https://energynews.us/2019/05/31/southeast/commentary-its-time-for-virginia-to-power-a-clean-energy-future/>
 Salesforce is calling on Virginia's utilities, regulators, and lawmakers to prioritize clean energy in their policymaking and grid-planning activities.

Dominion's projects could cost ratepayers \$29 more per month by 2023

- Richmond Times-Dispatch – 6/3/19
https://www.abralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Dominions-projects-could-cost-ratepayers-29-more-per-month-by-2023-RTD_20190603.pdf
 A list of projects Dominion Energy pitched to investors in March — but initially declined to tell state regulators about — could cost the average household an additional \$29.37 per month by 2023.

At Long Last, Dominion Decides It's Game On for Offshore Wind

- Blue Virginia – 6/6/19
<https://bluevirginia.us/2019/06/at-long-last-dominion-decides-its-game-on-for-offshore-wind>

Regional/Mountain Valley Pipeline, other

Landslides, explosions spark fear in pipeline country

- E&E News – 6/4/19
<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060472727>
 The blasts are alarming federal pipeline safety regulators and inspiring fear along the paths of the big, high-pressure gas lines.

Analysis: Pipeline project slowdown may challenge Northeast production growth

- S&P Global – 5/31/19
<https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/natural-gas/053119-analysis-pipeline-project-slowdown-may-challenge-northeast-production-growth>
 Though recently completed pipelines have “de-bottlenecked” the Marcellus and Utica basins, and with ACP and MVP's fate uncertain, the region's gas production may become constrained again in the near future.

Big Picture:

The climate crisis is our third world war. It needs a bold response

- The Guardian – 6/4/19

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/jun/04/climate-change-world-war-iii-green-new-deal>
Critics of the Green New Deal ask if we can afford it. But we can't afford not to: our civilization is at stake

Companies See Climate Change Hitting Their Bottom Lines in the Next 5 Years

- The New York Times – 6/4/19

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/04/climate/companies-climate-change-financial-impact.html>
Under pressure from shareholders and regulators, companies are increasingly disclosing the specific financial impacts they could face as the planet warms. Early estimates suggest that trillions of dollars may ultimately be at stake.

DC Circ. Puts FERC On Notice To Bulk Up Climate Reviews

- Law360 – 6/4/19

https://www.abralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/DC-Circ.-Puts-FERC-On-Notice-To-Bulk-Up-Climate-Reviews-Law360_20190604.pdf

The D.C. Circuit said on Tuesday that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should do more to evaluate the climate change impacts of pipeline projects, even though it couldn't determine whether the agency flouted federal environmental law in limiting its climate review of a Kinder Morgan unit's project in Tennessee.

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- https://www.abralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Judges-nix-climate-case-slam-less-than-dogged-FERC-review-EENews_20190605.pdf

Opponents of pipeline argue land was improperly seized

- The Washington Post – 6/6/19

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/opponents-of-pipeline-argue-land-was-improperly-seized/2019/06/06/c4712e0a-8841-11e9-9d73-e2ba6bbf1b9b_story.html

The opponents' main argument is that the commission approved an interstate pipeline, which allows for the taking of property through eminent domain, when it should have considered it an export pipeline for which eminent domain is not permitted.

Trump administration seeks criminal crackdown on pipeline protests

- Politico – 6/3/18

<https://www.politico.com/story/2019/06/03/trump-administration-seeks-criminal-crackdown-on-pipeline-protests-1499008>

The Trump administration is joining calls to treat some pipeline protests as a federal crime, mirroring state legislative efforts that have spread in the wake of high-profile demonstrations around the country.

Another Setback for Plans for a New Pipeline in NY's Harbor

- City Limits – 6/6/19

<https://citylimits.org/2019/06/06/another-setback-for-plans-for-a-new-pipeline-in-nys-harbor/>

Three weeks after New York State rejected a bid to build a natural gas pipeline through its waters, the state of New Jersey did the same.

A global 100% renewable energy system

- Physics World – 6/5/19

<https://physicsworld.com/a/a-global-100-renewable-energy-system/>

A new report by LUT University in Finland and the Energy Watch Group (EWG) in Germany outlines a cross-sector, global 100% renewable energy system, backing up the version it released last year.