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Episode Question Ideas: Episode 112

Dr. Michael Mann: The Climate Knight Rises – Australia Bushfires + Covid19 + Climate Denialism + Michael Moore’s new Anti-Environment movie and much more!

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Full Episode Questions

- At the beginning of the episode, Dr. Michael Mann discusses being in Australia during the 2019-2020 bush fires. Have you experienced any climatic emergencies first-hand? If so, describe the emergency, and the feelings you may have experienced during and/or after the event. What were the lasting impacts of the event on you?
- In about 150 words, simply explain the mechanisms that Dr. Mann describes as potentially underestimating climate change impacts.
- What are the implications of governments not committing to action on climate? How can we remind politicians that climate change must be a non-partisan issue?
- If you were approaching sabbatical as a climate researcher, where would you want to go and what topic would you want to explore? Share a brief proposal for the research program you’d be interested in leading? How does adaptation influence this research plan?
- How might imagery that is considered “disturbing” potentially influence the narrative of climate change and climate action? In your opinion, is this helpful or harmful to the climate action “fight”?
- Describe the parallels of climate denialism and the anti-science response to the pandemic. Provide at least one example of a parallel between the two. What advice could climate scientists provide to the medical community as we navigate misinformation amidst COVID19?



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- What are the potential implications of anti-climate or anti-science rhetoric and dialogue when driven by individuals often seen as icons for pro-science decision making? In your opinion, how might this shift impact climate action?



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