

This one is interesting.

Motivating governments is something scientists have been trying to do since time immemorial, and it is with a remarkable rarity that they actually succeed. This question is not as much controversial as it is relevant, which is why I will briefly cover it.

Governments globally, whether or not they are democracies or dictatorships, rely upon one thing in particular to maintain power: the mandate of the people. Public support as raised and destroyed empires, and appealing to the public avoids rebellion as a dictatorship and ensures more terms in a democracy. Therefore, populism is a great way to motivate governments. However, the current environmentalist tactic is fear-mongering, and whereas that may work on some, for others (such as myself) I find it to be tiring and often unscientific. A more moderate approach centered on actual evidence, economic benefits, and some more hopeful messages would do well to spread to more moderate, centrist populations. A combination of reason and blind activism is a potent one, and as the belief spreads it could definitely influence even the most powerful of governments.



At this early phase of the 21st century, the motivation of governments is simultaneously the most difficult it will ever be and the most important. Reducing emissions now can reduce the work we have to do later and ensure the survival of more species, however, at this current point in time, there are few concrete signs of climate change and it is naturally difficult to convince people of long-term benefits or issues.

Of course, fear-mongering does and always has had a place in the heart of many movements and it remains a powerful tool. However, one should be

careful to not repeat the same fear-mongering to the same group too often or they may become desensitized or disillusioned altogether.

Verdict on the issue: A combination of evidence, reason, and science combined with a small amount of fear-mongering appears to be the best way forward for now. The motivation of governments remains an important issue.