

Chapter 7: Climate Change

<http://www.pewclimate.org/>

The PEW centre on climate change's mission is "to provide credible information, straight answers, and innovative solutions in the effort to address global climate change." Their website contains both accessible introductory-level information (including a section called 'Climate Change 101'), as well as a more sophisticated, technical discussion of issues related to climate change.

<http://www.noaa.gov/>

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is a US federal agency which considers itself a "trusted source of accurate and objective scientific information" on four key themes: ecosystems, climate, weather and water, and commerce and transportation. Information on topical areas such as coasts, floods, and fisheries is well-organized, and provides an extensive list of relevant links.

<http://www.gcrio.org/>

The US Global Change Research Information Office supplies information on climate change research, technologies with which to mitigate or adapt to climate change, and educational resources. It is a clearinghouse for documents generated by all participants in the US Global Change Research Program.

<http://www.realclimate.org/>

RealClimate is a forum where climate scientists can post their views about climate sciences. Their aim is to "provide a quick response to developing stories and provide the context missing in mainstream commentary." The political and economic implications of climate science are excluded from the discussions that take place on the website.

<http://www.giss.nasa.gov/>

The Goddard Institute for Space Studies is concerned with studying the changes in our planet's environment that affect our ability to live on Earth. Their research is interdisciplinary, and addresses both the natural and the human causes of change in the environment; it also includes a study of other planets, as "an aid to [the] prediction of future evolution of Earth on a planetary scale."

<http://www.globalwarming.org/>

A sub-group of the National Consumer Coalition, this website was formed "out of concern that the American people were not being informed about the economic impact of proposals to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Nor was the American public being provided with balanced information about the science of global warming." This website focuses on "the consumer impact of global warming policies that would drastically restrict energy and raise costs for consumers."

<http://www.whoi.edu/institutes/occi/topicIndex.do?o=read&id=464>

The Ocean and Climate Change Institute tries to address the question of "how the ocean works in the Earth's changing climate system" through research. They are fostering research that will have a significant impact on the comprehension of the Earth's climate, and are trying to address questions such as "how do changes in the global water cycle affect climate" on various time scales.

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<http://www.theclimategroup.org/index.php?pid=355>

Operating internationally, the Climate Group is an international nonprofit organization which focuses on improving business and government leadership on climate change. They promote the development of a body of knowledge which can suggest ways to lead to a low carbon, but still highly competitive and profitable, economy.

<http://www.climatewire.org/>

ClimateWire is an international news services that specifically focuses on disseminating information related to climate change. Updated daily, articles are compiled by a team which reviews national, international and regional media sources and arranged by region, topic, or time period.