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Fossil fuel divestment at U of T

13 messages

Milan Ilnyckyj <milan@sindark.com>
To: GroundsForThought@greenbeanery.ca

22 July 2016 at 20:25

Good evening,

I noticed in your window that you are holding a discussion on the fossil fuel divestment campaign at U of T. Will you be inviting someone from the campaign to participate?

Best wishes,

Milan

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PhD student, political science, University of Toronto
Junior fellow, Massey College
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Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>
To: Milan Ilnyckyj <milan@sindark.com>
Cc: GroundsForThought@greenbeanery.ca

14 September 2017 at 15:34

Hello Mian,

Are you still involved with Toronto 350? I'm looking for a speaker for the end of this month.

Best

Larry

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Lawrence Solomon is a columnist with Financial Post and the executive director of Energy Probe.

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Milan Ilnyckyj <milan@sindark.com>
To: Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>

14 September 2017 at 15:41

Larry,

Toronto350 / UofT350 are no longer running a divestment campaign at U of T. The student Leap Manifesto group is planning to start a campaign of their own, and I can give you a contact with them, but they haven't gotten started yet.

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Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>
To: Milan Ilnyckyj <milan@sindark.com>

14 September 2017 at 15:47

I'm looking for a speaker on climate change, not on the divestment issue. Are you interested, or anyone you know?

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Milan Ilnyckyj <milan@sindark.com>

14 September 2017 at 18:05

To: Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>

Larry,

Potentially, and I could pass it on to a few others who may be interested. Do you have details on the event?

Best wishes,

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To: Milan Ilnyckyj <milan@sindark.com>

14 September 2017 at 18:19

It would be a discussion on whether there's a scientific consensus on climate change controversy, with two (or three) opposing points of view (I will argue the no case). David Cayley, the former host of CBC Ideas, would be moderating the discussion. It would be held the last Tuesday of September, at Green Beanery, [565 Bloor West](#). Admission would be free.

How does that sound?

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Milan Ilnyckyj <milan@sindark.com>
To: Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>

14 September 2017 at 18:55

Larry,

It sounds like a waste of time, as there is an overwhelming scientific

consensus that humans are causing anthropogenic climate change. Virtually the only scientific claim with more evidence behind it is that evolution is happening.

Milan

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Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>

14 September 2017 at 19:08

To: Milan Ilnyckj <milan@sindark.com>

It should be easy then to win the argument -- otherwise, I will have a clear field to (in your view) mislead the public.

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14 September 2017 at 19:21

To: Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>

Larry,

Actually, it would be playing into a well-known climate change denier strategy. It's covered in an infamous memo by Frank Luntz, in which he emphasizes how maintaining a public sense that there is doubt about climate change can be an effective strategy for preventing meaningful political action on the issue.

You can see Luntz's memo at:

http://www.sindark.com/NonBlog/Articles/LuntzResearch_environment.pdf

The whole issue is also well covered in Naomi Oreskes' book "Merchants of Doubt".

At this point, the only people arguing that climate change isn't a human-caused problem are those with an ideological commitment to preventing us from taking appropriate action in response. It's an irresponsible and cynical behaviour.

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14 September 2017 at 21:14

To: Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>

Larry,

I strongly recommend Naomi Oreskes' book, which I have reviewed at:

<http://burycoal.com/blog/2010/10/12/merchants-of-doubt/>

The website for the book has useful references:

<http://www.merchantsofdoubt.org/keydocs.html>

Available free online and also worthwhile is Spencer Weart's "The Discovery of Global Warming":

<https://history.aip.org/climate/index.htm>

You may also find content from my website on delayers and deniers

useful: https://web.archive.org/web/20120118131344/http://www.sindark.com/wiki/index.php?title=Major_climate_change_issues#Deniers_and_delayers

Particularly: <https://www.sindark.com/2009/07/29/arguments-with-climate-change-deniers/>

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14 September 2017 at 21:31

To: Milan Ilnyckj <milan@sindark.com>

Sounds like a cop out to me. In fact, your side used to debate, but you lost every time. That's when you decided to stop debating.

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14 September 2017 at 21:37

To: Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>

Larry,

How do you explain what is happening to the arctic ice?

http://www.sindark.com/genre/20070822_oldice-2.gif

Milan

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Larry Solomon <larry.at.large@gmail.com>

14 September 2017 at 21:42

To: Milan Ilnyckj <milan@sindark.com>

Why not ask me in front of a roomful of people, where 50-60 people could be educated?

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