

SEJ Webinar: Covering a Crisis: Climate, Coronavirus and Global (In)Action

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00:37:53 Benjamin Dills: Good morning everyone! As the webinar goes on, feel free to use the Q&A function (in the bottom row of buttons below the speakers) to pose questions for the panelists to answer during the Q&A.

00:42:25 Benjamin Dills: When you pose a question in the Q&A, please include your name and affiliation.

00:52:20 Toni Klemm: A general question (and I might have missed it during the last minutes while I muted the conversation to write this question): Are you mainly comparing the U.S.' response to the Coronavirus pandemic to the U.S.' response to climate change, or are you linking the two? I understand the former, but if it is the latter, could you please explain how the two are linked? It's my understanding that the pandemic was primarily caused by our global connectedness and a lagged response to contain the spread (among other factors, such as limited supply of medical beds, masks and ventilators), not so much by environmental conditions caused or increased by climate change. (Toni Klemm, climate scientist at Texas A&M University)

00:53:49 Toni Klemm: I have not, thanks a lot! :-)

00:54:38 Ken Baake: Ken Baake Texas Tech English: The social polarity seems to be one of individual action versus collection action. Individualists, many conservatives and libertarians, want a face on the challenge they face, a liberal elitist who wants to take away their autonomy. The response is individual, I will buy more guns, etc., in order to face a threat from other individuals--the bad guys. Even the virus has a face, that of the other who might infect us. Collectivists see more abstract and broad challenges, such as climate change, whivh

00:55:18 Benjamin Dills: Thank you for the questions, Toni and Ken! Can you please copy it into the Q&A feature? It is one of the buttons un a row beneath the panelists

00:55:26 Ken Baake: which require a collective response. You can't fight climate change individually.

00:57:02 MJ, SEJ Staff: Great question, Aliya! Please copy it to the Q&A feature (button below the speakers). Thanks!

00:58:59 Ken Baake: I don't see the q&a feature.

01:01:14 MJ, SEJ Staff: Thanks, Adam!

01:03:00 Emily Gertz: Many of us work freelance and/or for digital publications with targeted niche beats, such as my outlet Drilled News. So it's not about WashPost or NYTimes coverage.

01:03:19 Emily Gertz: Or just about that coverage, which of course is critically important.

01:08:56 Katherine Hayhoe: <https://www.sciline.org/>

01:09:24 Katherine Hayhoe: This is a great resource sponsored by AAAS that connects journalists to scientists in all fields. Their homepage is full of covid-19 information and contacts right now. But they cover all fields.

01:19:10 MJ, SEJ Staff: Here's an SEJournal resource guide for reporting on COVID-19: <https://www.sej.org/publications/reporters-toolbox/journalism-associations-other-groups-offer-covid-19-reporting>

Also check out our #CoveringYourClimate: Emerald Corridor special report: <https://www.sej.org/publications/covering-your-climate/emerald-corridor>.

This special report is designed to help journalists in the Pacific Northwest cover the impacts of climate change, as well as the actions taken to mitigate its worst effects and to adapt to what can't be stopped. Other climates to come!

01:27:21 Sebastian: Naomi Klein's books offer solutions!

01:28:18 Benjamin Dills: So everyone knows, the webinar recording will be shared by link to all attendees, and will be available on the SEJ website!

01:30:30 Meaghan Parker: Geneva: if you haven't already, you can join SEJ as a student member here: <https://www.sej.org/how-to-join-sej>

01:31:44 MJ, SEJ Staff: To stay informed on #CoveringYourClimate and other SEJ programs, join our email list: <https://bit.ly/SEJMail>

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01:33:28 Meaghan Parker: SEJournal: Environmental angles to COVID reporting:
<https://www.sej.org/publications/backgrounders/coronavirus-pandemic-spawns-many-stories-environment-beat>

01:34:01 Meaghan Parker: For journalism educators:

01:34:16 Emily Gertz: Thank you all! Great webinar.

01:34:18 katieholten: Thank you