Climate Change and Federal Politics in the United States

To what degree is the denialist position of the White House on climate change driven by: 1) scientific illiteracy, or 2) ideology and the power of corporate money?

(denialism can be about warming itself, or human causation, or both)

From Vice President Pence, on a non-climate change topic:

<http://uk.businessinsider.com/mike-pence-smoking-doesnt-kill-2016-11?r=US&IR=T>

Pence on Climate Change:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/27/us/politics/climate-change-denialists-in-charge.html>

Trump: The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive:

<https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump/status/265895292191248385?lang=en>

refutation about job loss statements from Pence and Trump:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/niallmccarthy/2017/01/25/u-s-solar-energy-employs-more-people-than-oil-coal-and-gas-combined-infographic/#134bd8012800>

Scott Pruitt, Trump Administration Secretary of the EPA, on climate change causation:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2017/04/03/the-left-and-right-agree-fox-news-destroyed-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-over-climate-change/?utm_term=.e25c4ca56107> (see video part starting at 5 minutes on Pruitt’s climate change causation statements)

related topic – how serious is China about climate change and air pollution, as seen in deployment of the most efficient coal-fired plants:

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2017/05/15/432141/everything-think-know-coal-china-wrong/>