Will ignoring global heat destroy us?

1. How do these cartoons describe some reactions to the news that last week the world had the hottest days ever recorded?

2. Climate change has been linked to deadly heatwaves, storms, famine and wildfires. Do you expect the world’s leaders to take effective action to reduce global warming? Why or why not?

3. Fossil fuel producers have spent billions to spread doubt about climate change and block new laws. Have they succeeded?

4. Climate change is blamed for the extinction of many species. Will we experience more mass die-offs? Are we an endangered species?

Between the lines

“It’s not a record to celebrate and it won’t be a record for long. It just shows we have to stop burning fossil fuels, not in decades, now. This day is just a number, but for many people and ecosystems it’s a loss of life and livelihood.”

Friederike Otto, climate scientist. 

Additional resources

- More by John Darkow
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