

Republican presidential candidates given 'Climate B.S. of the Year Award'

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[The Pacific Institute](#) [1], a progressive think tank in Seattle, has given the Republican presidential candidates bad marks for their views on climate change. In fact, the institute is awarding them "The Climate B.S. (Bad Science) of the Year Award," reports Anne Roan Thomas, a doctoral candidate at the Catholic University of America.

[Thomas' article appeared on the Catholic Alliance for the Common Good's website Wednesday](#) [2]. She contrasts Rick Perry, Rick Santorum, Ron Paul and Mitt Romney's "disheartening" difference of opinion with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' strong statements that global climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms, nor about partisan advantage or interest group pressures.

"It is about the future of God's creation and the one human family ... and our responsibility to those who come after us," [reads a USCCB statement from 2001](#) [3].

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