

How the Climate Kids Are Short-Circuiting Right-Wing Media | The New York Times

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The kids aren't just all right — they're scrambling the brains of their political enemies.

Last Friday, [millions of people](#), many of them children and teenagers, took to the streets during the Global Climate Strike, a protest inspired by Fridays for Future, the international youth effort started by the 16-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg. The protesters' call for broad action to combat global warming was powerful, as was the message sent by their numbers: Dynamic, frustrated young people are instilling in the climate movement a new urgency.

Online, the climate kids' impact can be measured in a different way — by how they're short-circuiting the right-wing media ecosystem that's partly responsible for the spread of climate skepticism. Since Friday's strike, pro-Trump media and conservative cable news pundits have devoted significant resources to turning the children of the climate movement into Public Enemy No. 1.

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