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Washington Post Amplifies Climate Change Denialism From the Heartland Institute | VICE

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The Heartland Institute has spent decades peddling pseudoscience on behalf or major corporations. From helping big tobacco <u>downplay smoking cancer risks</u> to helping big telecom demolish popular consumer protections <u>like net neutrality</u>, Heartland can routinely be found peeing in the public discourse pool on behalf of its corporate donors.

This week, the organization received some help spreading climate change denialism from *the Washington Post*.

In a new report, the *Post* advertises the arrival of 19-year-old German Naomi Seibt, a self-described "climate skeptic" and aspiring YouTube celebrity. Seibt was recently hired by The Heartland Institute, a 35-year-old "think tank" with a long history of climate denialism. The organization has in the past sent out climate denial propaganda and disinformation in the form of newspapers sent to journalists, "books" sent to public school teachers, and videos that claim "carbon dioxide is not a pollutant."

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