

Geopolitics: global warming's best ally?

This year's COP 30 should be impaired by uncertainty. Indeed, climate change and geopolitics worsen each other, according to document 1 by Laurie Laybourn and James Dyke in *The Conversation* published on December 9th 2024. Moreover, document 2 by Attracta Mooney in *The Financial Times* on November 10th 2025 warns that the COP 30 will suffer from climate skepticism. Ultimately, document 3, a cartoon by Joel Pett in *USA Today* published on July 9th 2012 ironically reminds that solutions to climate change are relevant no matter what.

To what extent are the current geopolitics endangering climate action?

Uncertainty is slowing down the fight, while forces rise to derail it even more. However, some hope still remains.

Diplomatic tensions thwart the fight against climate change. Climate conferences that gather representatives from everywhere as depicted in document 3 reflect the current disquiet. Document 1 mentions the war in Ukraine or the lack of interest in climate action from politicians, as many didn't come to the COP 29 in Baku. The COP 30 should happen in even more frustrating circumstances according to Christiana Figueres in document 2. The vicious circle phenomenon seems to be accelerating.

Moreover, fighting climate change is not in the interest of many rising forces. Document 1 reminds that fossil fuel interests still surpass climate ones as some countries stand against restrictive measures on fossil fuels, or remain weak in their commitments, such as India and China mentioned in document 2. Additionally, climate skepticism remains a powerful idea, defended by prominent world leaders. Mirroring the character in the foreground of document 3 calling climate change a "hoax", Donald Trump continues to deny the truth of it according to document 2, even though document 1 shows how he used inflation, partly coming from climate change, to get elected.

Despite this pessimistic outlook, some hope remains. Document 1 acknowledges it could come from the very worsening of the global situation, that could push for a meaningful collective action. Document 3 lists the variety of solutions that would improve the world's well being with or without an actual climate change. Finally, document 2 praises counterforces in developing countries, like Tina Stage from the Marshall Islands, who still call for strong commitments and manage to implement measures, and push for climate change adaptation becoming an economic incentive, attractive to investors.

Collective action against climate change, though tricky right now, could still come about.

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