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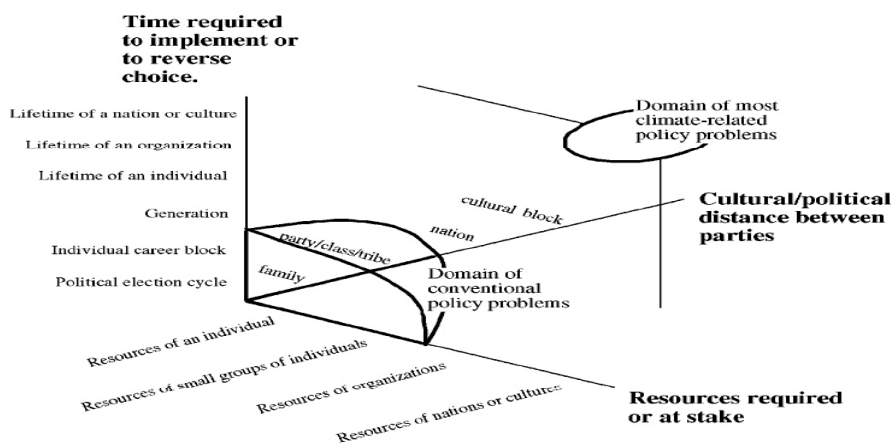
It's a new name for a new geologic epoch—one defined by our own massive impact on the planet. That mark will endure in the geologic record long after our cities have crumbled.

Kolbert(2011) *National Geographic* MARCH issue

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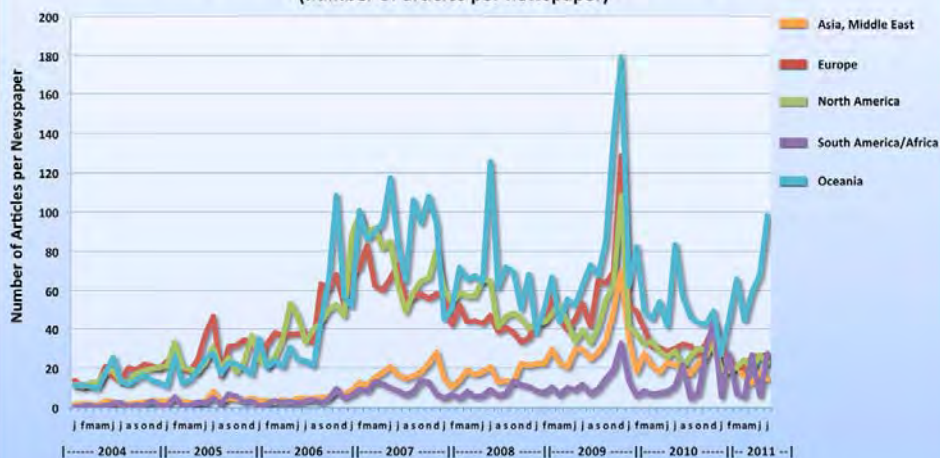
Morgan et al (1999)



"We in the analysis community must stop viewing global change as yet another opportunity to apply our existing tool kit. We must view the problems of global change as an opportunity to better recognize the limitations of current tools, and as a test bed in which to develop new formulations and analysis methods" (p. 279)



2004-2011 World Newspaper Coverage of Climate Change or Global Warming (number of articles per newspaper)



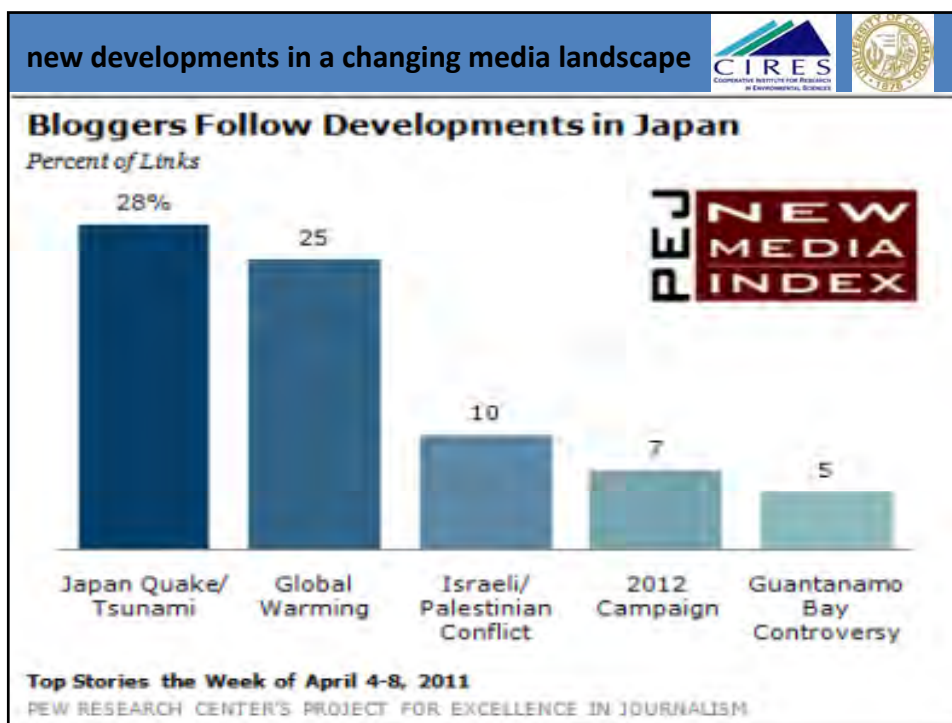
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GENERATION HOT

If you're under 25, you should be pissed about climate change

by Lisa Hymas 27 Jan 2011 8:18 PM

"Generation Hot" is the 2 billion or so young people who will be stuck dealing with global warming and wondering for their entire lives -- and who have to figure out how to do it sanely and humanely. In his new book *Hot: Living Through the Next Fifty Years on Earth*, journalist (and Grist contributor) Mark Hertsgaard puts the official start of Generation Hot at June 23, 1989, when climate scientist James Hansen first testified to Congress about climate change and *The New York Times* put the story on its front page.

"My daughter and the rest of Generation Hot have been given a life sentence for a crime they didn't commit," Hertsgaard writes in a piece in *The Nation* adapted from his book. Even if we manage to ditch fossil fuels over the next 25 years, "the reality is that we're locked in to at least 50 more years of rising temperatures and the harsher climate impacts they bring. Thus the young people of Generation Hot are condemned to spend the rest of their lives coping with a climate that will be hotter and more volatile than ever before in our civilization's history."

Hertsgaard has been reporting about climate change for 20 years, but it wasn't until 2005, when his daughter was born and he began to realize what kind of world she would be growing up in, that he became, as he puts it, "deeply angry."

He plans to channel some of that anger into guerrilla-style protests against the "climate crisis" in "concrete, coordinated" and the media who have denied this.

So you effed up our planet, bud?

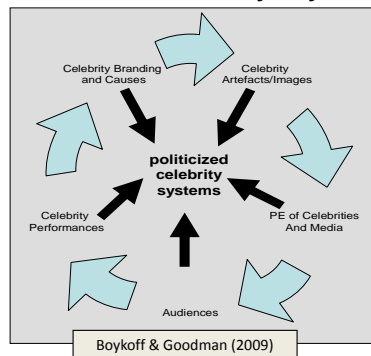
Hymas (January 2011) GRIST

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Politicized Celebrity Systems



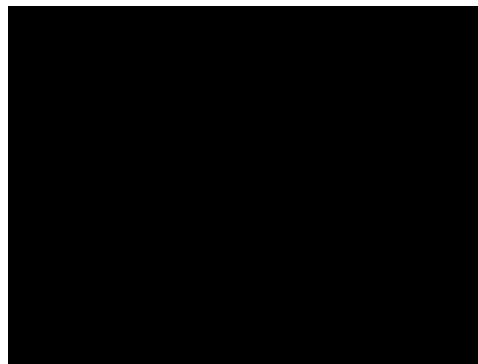
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e.g. Spongebob is a climate alarmist (August 2011)



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