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Visualisation in climate services

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Donald Criss

Times Pick

Munday, WV | Nov. 10, 2019

Your article seems to suggest climate scientists have gotten it wrong by underestimating the severity of the consequences climate change would bring about. Not so much. Many scientists, myself included, viewed the dire predictions generated by computer models and empirical data with great concern over the last three decades. The news got worse with each iteration of the climatic models, painting a picture no one wanted to see and suggested remedies no one wanted employ. The dire consequences of climate change is not fringe alarmist ranting; it is reality. The notion that if scientists had only given adequate warning, action would have been taken does not reflect reality. Scientist are concerned with assembling and interpreting facts, not motivated by a perceived need for consensus. Failure to address the problem is the result of bureaucratic caution and politics based on short-term economic gains for the wealthy few.

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Times Pick

Nice town, USA | Nov. 10, 2019

Please. The problem is not that scientists got something wrong. The problem is that climate change denialists went to work soon after scientists started urgent warnings. They are still at work

1990

SO, THIS CLIMATE
CHANGE THING
COULD BE A PROBLEM...



1995

CLIMATE CHANGE:
DEFINITELY A
PROBLEM.



2001

YEP, WE SHOULD
REALLY BE GETTING
ON WITH SORTING THIS
OUT PRETTY SOON...



2007

LOOK, SORRY TO SOUND
LIKE A BROKEN RECORD
HERE...



2013

WE REALLY HAVE
CHECKED AND WE'RE
NOT MAKING THIS UP.



2019

IS THIS
THING ON?



There is
NO Planet B



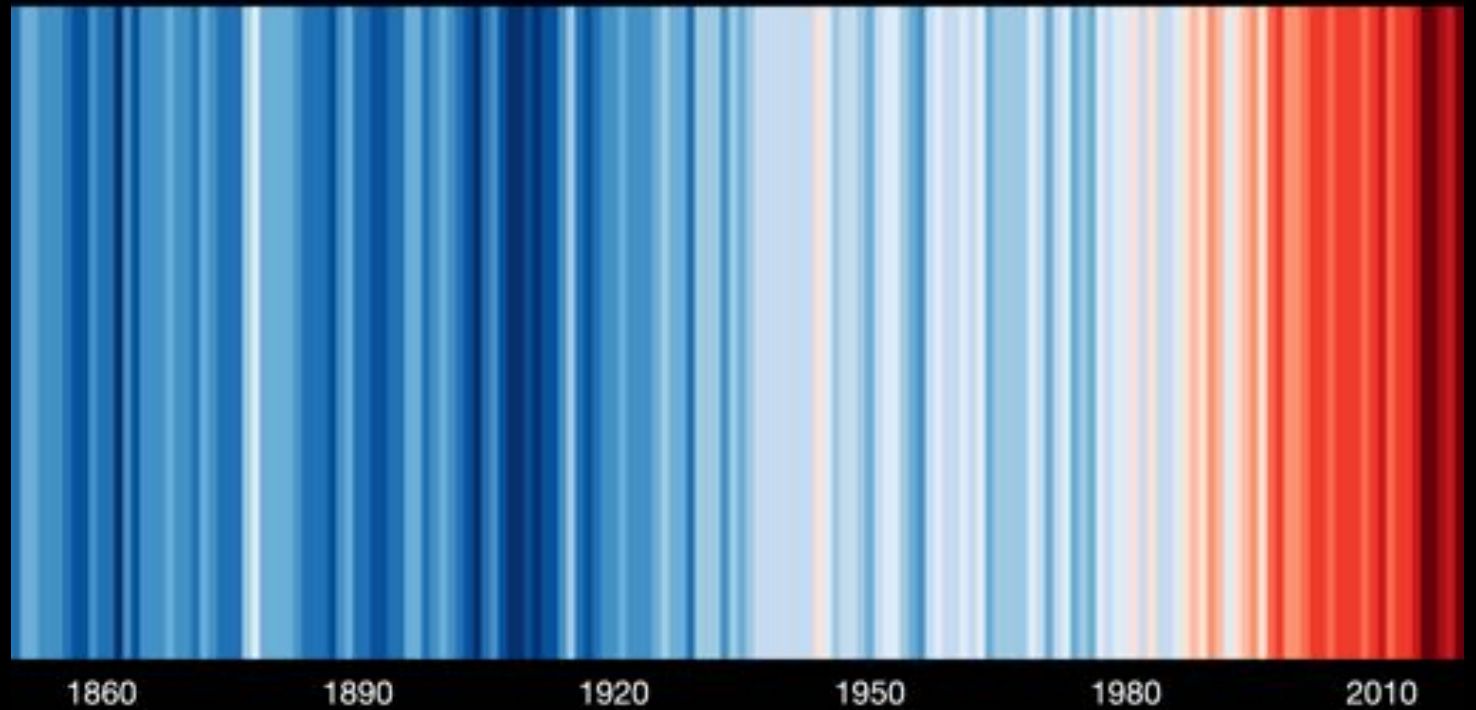


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VISUALS

#ShowYourStripes

Global temperature change (1850-2019)



Not only for
broad audiences...

Policy makers



Industry



Civil protection



... and many more

Engage them
Raise Awareness
Trigger action



**ACTIONABLE
INFORMATION**

Climate Services

Lourenço et al. (2016) Nature Climate Change

opinion & comment

COMMENTARY:

The rise of demand-driven climate services

Tiago Capela Lourenço, Rob Swart, Hasse Goosen and Roger Street

With the concept of climate services rapidly climbing research and research-funding agendas worldwide, the time is ripe for a debate about the objectives, scope and content of such services.

Over the past decade, multiple frameworks and agendas have been proposed for climate services^{1–5}. These initiatives have tried to keep up with an ever-growing knowledge base, a more informed appreciation of the importance of climate for decision-making, and a greater demand for all sorts of climate-related

The Climate Services Roadmap⁷ recently launched by the European Commission takes on a broader perspective where climate services can cover the “transformation of climate-related data — together with other relevant information — into customised products [...] and any other service in relation to climate that may

Comprehensive information about existing climate services is not readily available, suggesting that a market for such services and products may be growing slowly or not at all. It has been suggested that the current business area is relatively small, in both number and size of involved organizations⁸, and/or too fragmented⁹.



Three examples of visualisations for climate services

- 1. Can we add more information?**
- 2. WOWfactor**
- 3. Let's be practical**



Something we learned



Interacting with information is key

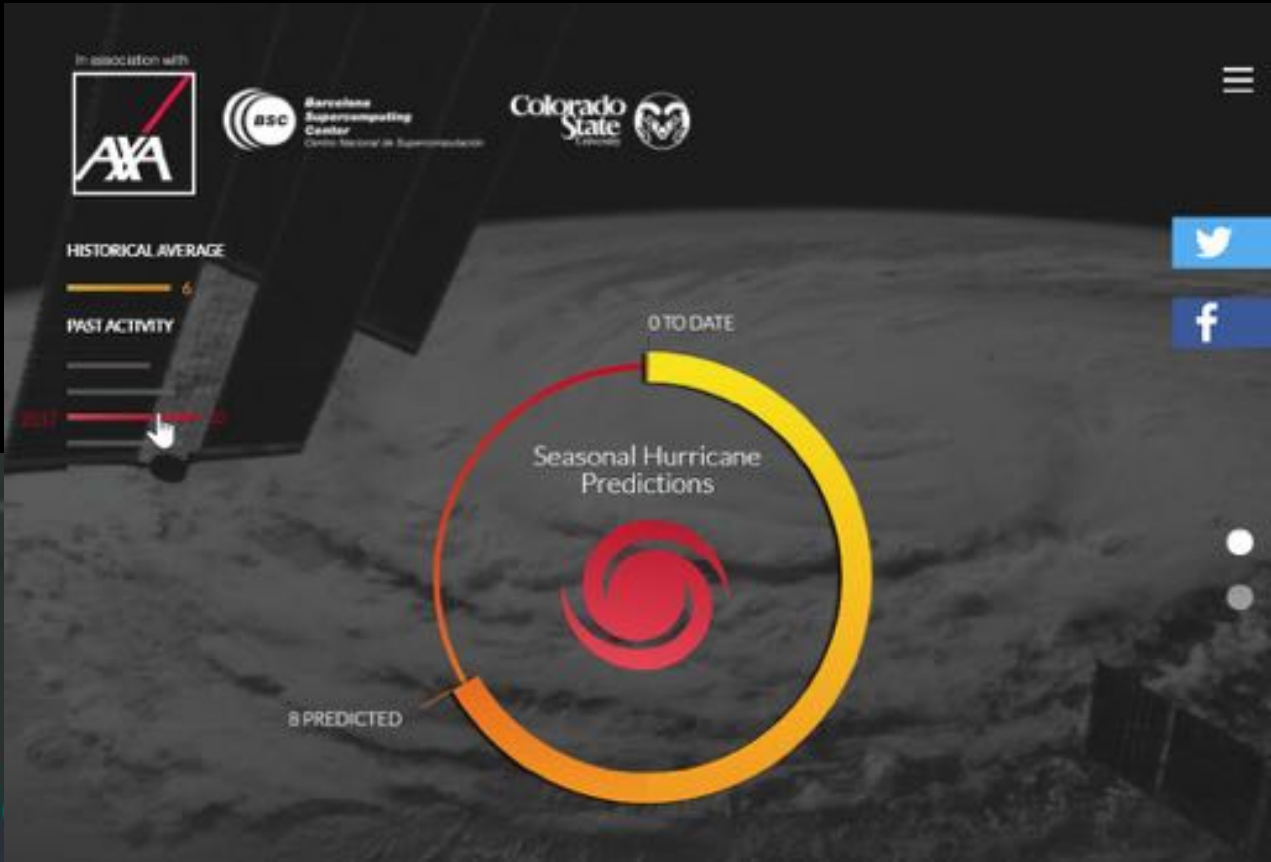
There is still a lot to do to make
information really actionable

1. Can we add more information?

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3. Let's make it simple

www.seasonalhurricanepredictions.org



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Colors also matter

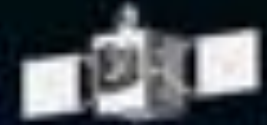
**A service sometimes can be as simple as
gathering all relevant information
in the same place**

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- LAND MONITORING
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
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Climate Data Store



<https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/>

User Experience research

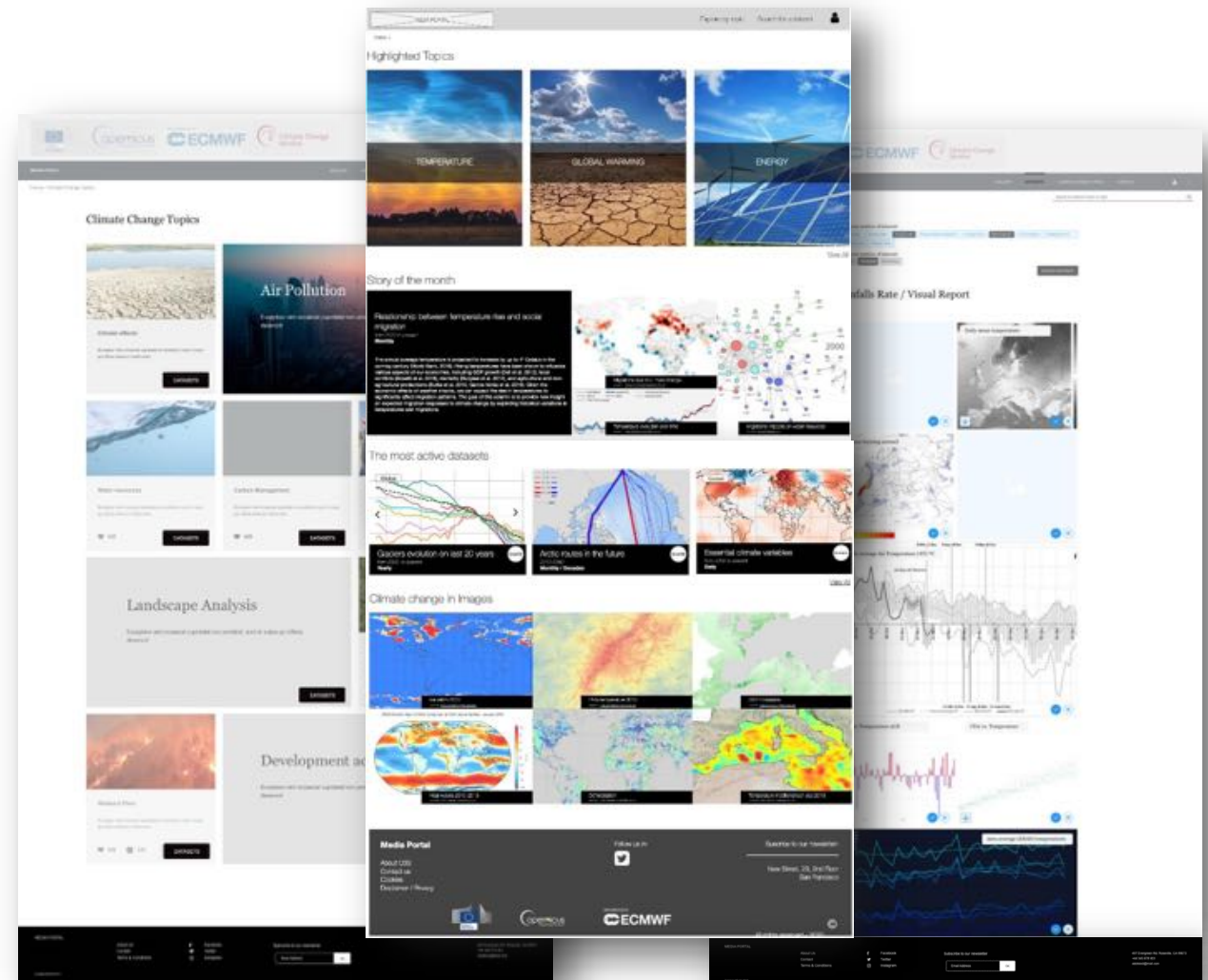


... Data was their priority

Want to test it?

It takes 15 minutes

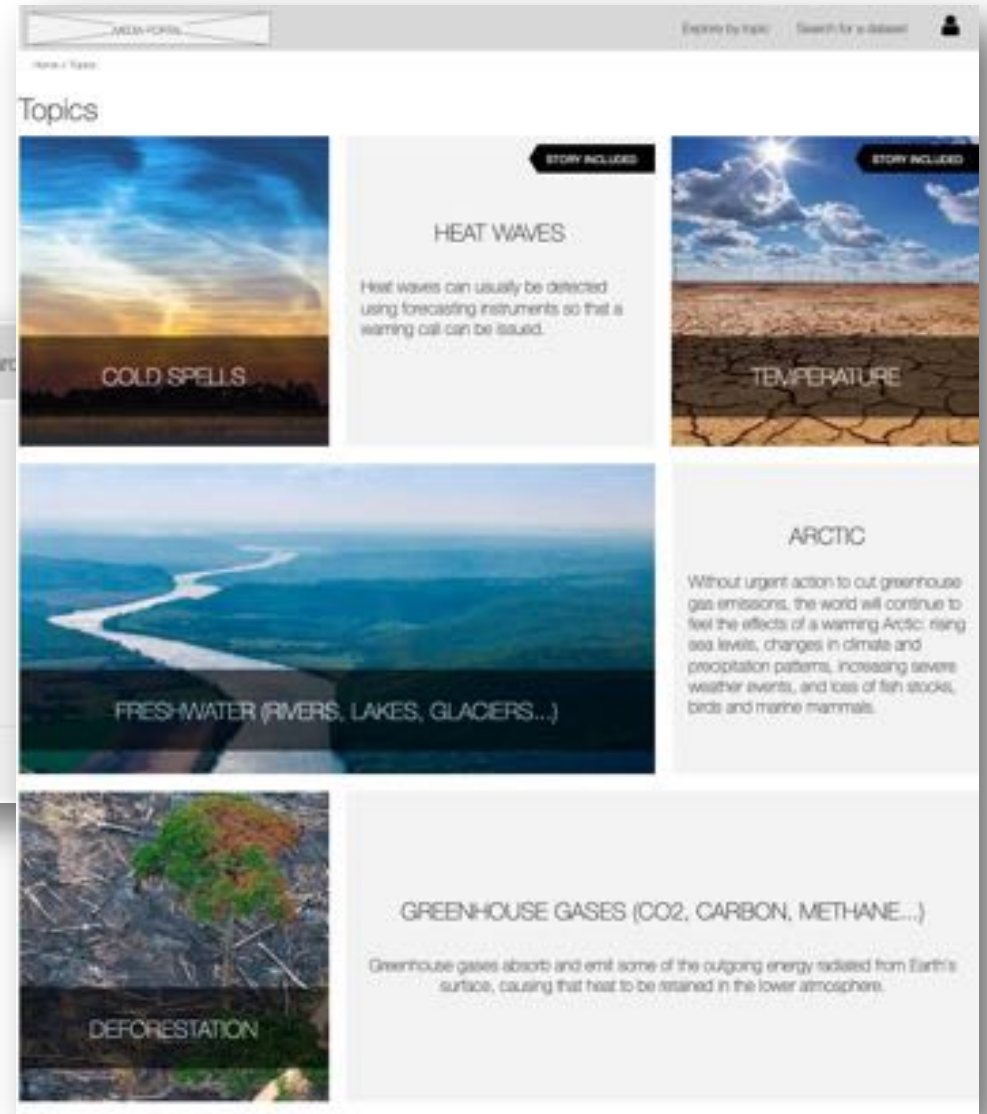
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Or write me if you want to provide more feedback during the development

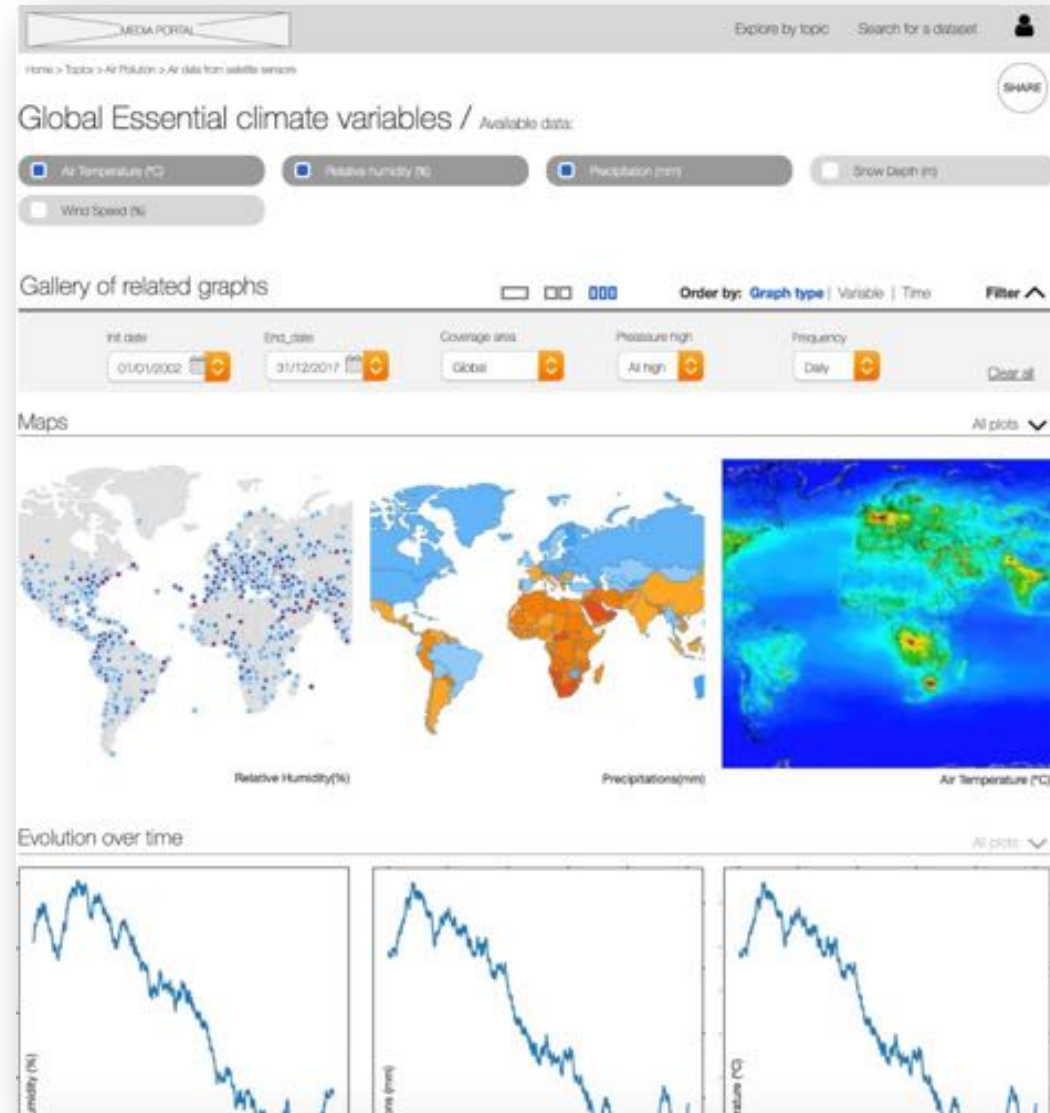
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Finding ideas for articles by exploring by topic



Exploring visually a selected topic

Downloading BOTH graphics or data



Something we learned



Try control your preconceived ideas

**User research and testing functionalities
has priority over design**

THANK YOU
and remember...



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