

# Culture, Ideology and a Social Consensus on Climate Change

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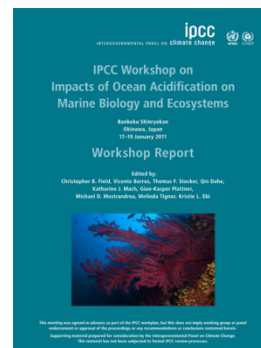
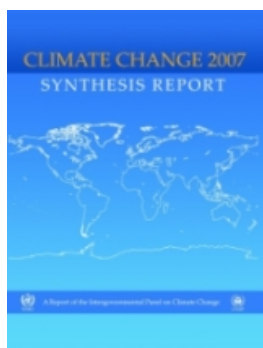


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# ***Divergent Trends***

## Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2007)

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- **Doran, P. and M. Kendall Zimmerman (2009). "Examining the Scientific Consensus on Climate Change". *EOS 90 (3): 22–23***. 3,146 of the 10,257 polled Earth scientists. Among all respondents, **90%** agreed that temperatures have risen compared to pre-1800 levels, and 82% agreed that humans significantly influence the global temperature.
- **Bray, D. and H. von Storch (2008). "A Survey of the Perspectives of Climate Scientists Concerning Climate Science and Climate Change"** 2,058 climate scientists from 34 different countries. "How convinced are you that climate change, whether natural or anthropogenic, is occurring now?" got **93.8%** very much agree (67.1%) or to some large extent (26.7%), 6.2% said to some small extent (2–4), none said not at all. Question 21 "How convinced are you that most of recent or near future climate change is, or will be, a result of anthropogenic causes?" received **83.5%** very much agree, (34.6%) or agreeing to a large extent (48.9%), 15.1% to a small extent (2–4), and 1.35% not agreeing at all.
- **Lichter, R. (2008). "Climate Scientists Agree on Warming, Disagree on Dangers, and Don't Trust the Media's Coverage of Climate Change". *Statistical Assessment Service, George Mason University***. 489 randomly selected members of either the American Meteorological Society or the American Geophysical Union. **97%** agreed that global temperatures have increased during the past 100 years; **84%** say they personally believe human-induced warming is occurring, and 74% agree that "currently available scientific evidence" substantiates its occurrence. Only 5% believe that that human activity does not contribute to greenhouse warming; and 84% believe global climate change poses a moderate to very great danger.
- **Anderegg, W., J. Prall, J. Harold, and S. Schneider (2010). "Expert credibility in climate change". *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America***. Survey of 1,372 climate researchers found that **97–98%** of the climate researchers most actively publishing in the field support the tenets of ACC (Anthropogenic Climate Change) outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and (ii) the relative climate expertise and scientific prominence of the researchers unconvinced of ACC are substantially below that of the convinced researchers.

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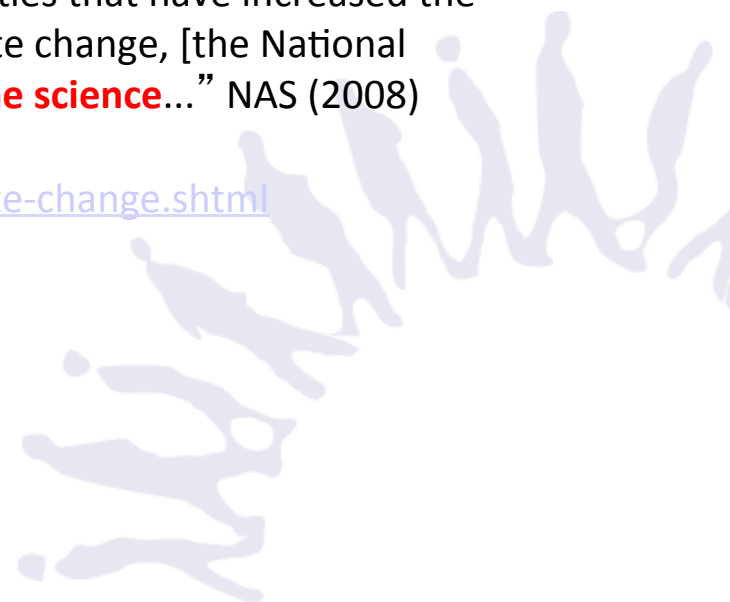
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**US National Academy of Sciences:** "In the judgment of most climate scientists, Earth's warming in recent decades has been caused primarily by human activities that have increased the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. ... On climate change, [the National Academies' reports] have assessed **consensus findings on the science**..." NAS (2008)

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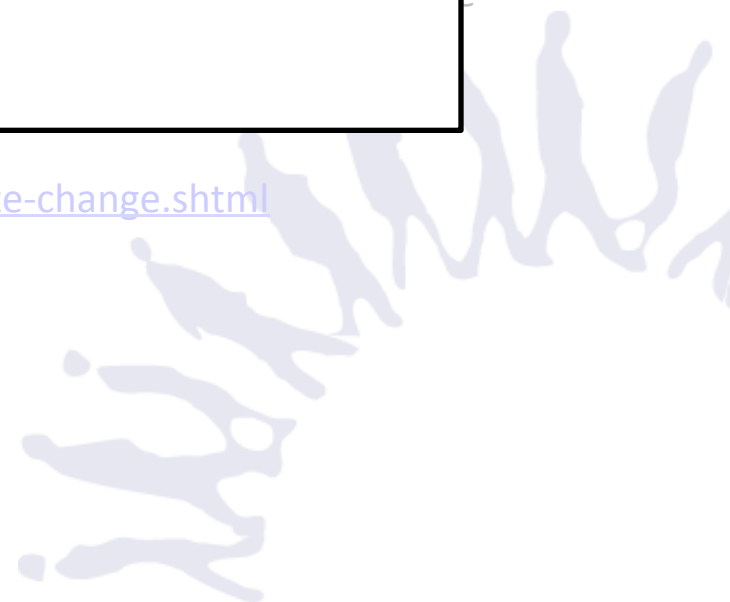


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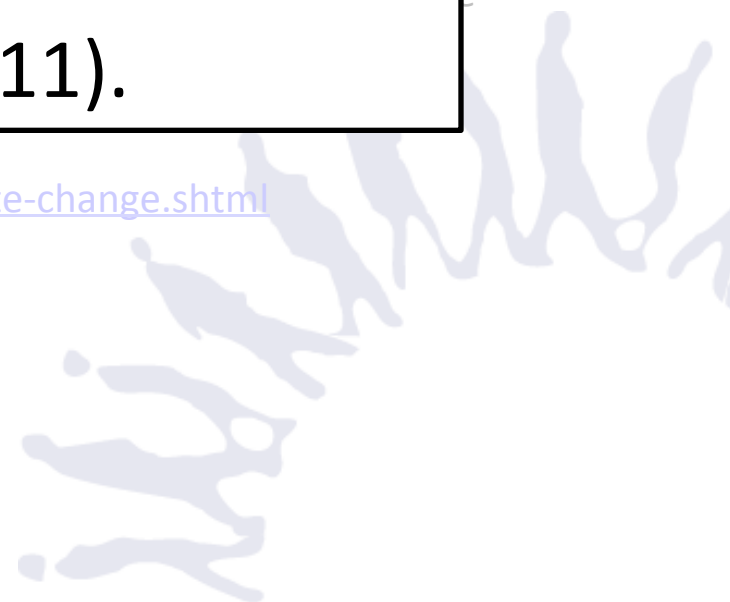


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*Cigarettes and human health*

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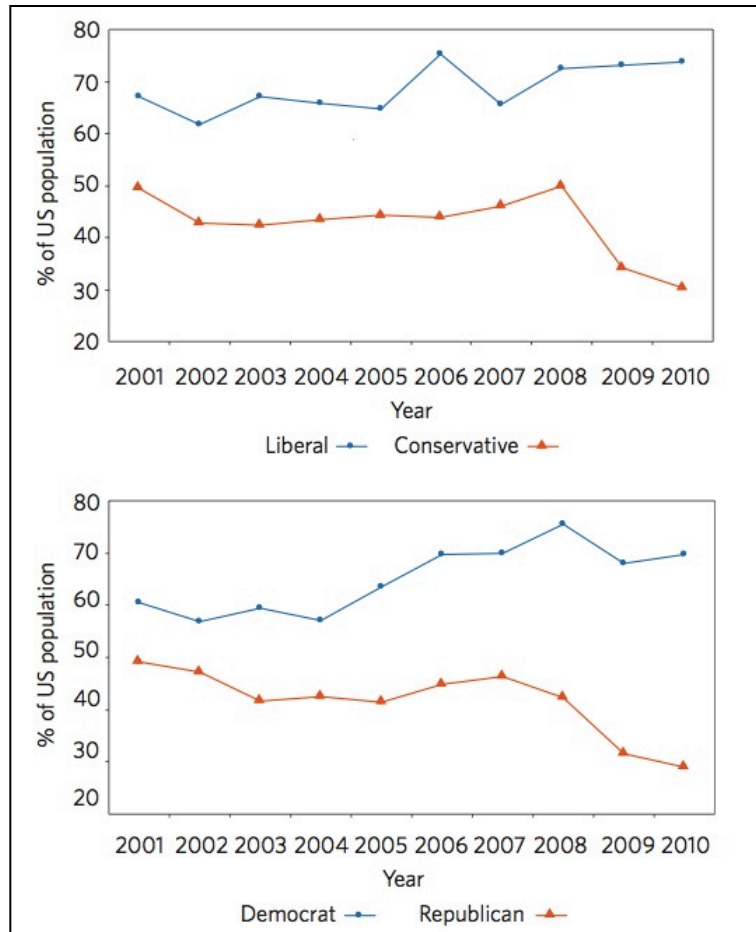
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- **IS** an existential challenge to our worldviews
  - Think of a formerly benign, even beneficial, material in a new way; as a hazard.
  - Think of the global ecosystem and our place within it on different terms
  - Consider how and whether we cooperate and organize a global response to this global problem

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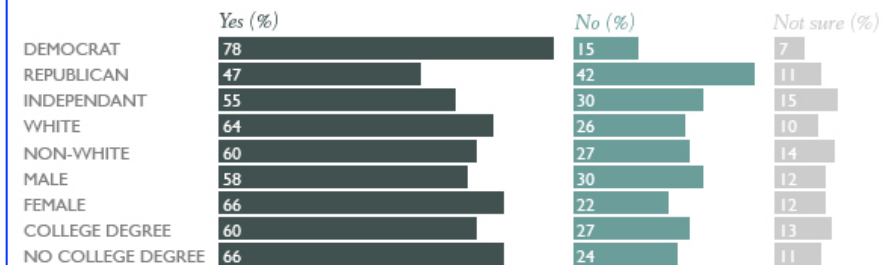
Multiple studies have shown that political affiliation is one of the strongest correlates of individual uncertainty about climate change.

75% of Democrats believe there is solid evidence of global warming compared to 35% of Republicans and 53% of Independents (Pew).

## II. Global warming views tied to partisanship

78% of Democrats see solid evidence of climate change; Republicans almost evenly split.

"Is there solid evidence that the average temperature on Earth has been getting warmer?"



Source: NSAPOCC 2011

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SOURCES: McCright and Dunlap, 2011; Maibach, Leiserowitz, Rosen-Renouf and Mertz, 2011; Pew Research Center, 2009; Borick and Rabe, 2012.

# *Climate Change as a Cultural Issue*

- Multiple studies have shown that political affiliation, cultural worldview and environmental values are the strongest correlates of individual uncertainty about climate change, not scientific knowledge (i.e Maibach, Leiserowitz, Rosen-Renouf and Mertz, 2011).
- Critical to the formation of worldviews are the referent groups to which people belong. Cultural cognition is influenced by group values and people will generally endorse the position that most directly reinforces the connection they have with others in that referent group (Kahan, 2010).
- People will openly consider evidence when it is accepted or, ideally, presented by a knowledgeable member or source that represents their cultural community (Kahan, Jenkins-Smith and Braman, 2010).
- Once minds are made up, providing additional scientific data can make people more resolute in resisting conclusion at variance with cultural beliefs (Feinberg and Willer, 2010)

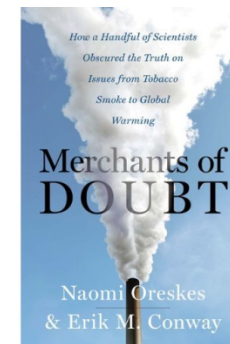
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## **1. Political Ideology of Climate Proponents**

- AGW believers “hate people, they hate the Western economy.”
- “The environmental agenda seeks to use the state to create scarcity as a means to exert their will, and the state’s authority, over your lives.”
- “All of our industries have been hampered by government regulation...climate change is just another attempt to diminish our freedom.”
- “He who controls carbon controls life.” Suggests we might end up with carbon rationing cards for every person; references Thomas Friedman’s NYTimes editorial about the ability of China to do more on climate change faster as essentially a call for totalitarianism in the US.
- In line with Oreskes and Conway’s findings



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## **2. Trust in the Market**

- “Doing nothing about climate change is doing something. It enables people to keep their money and invest it in the future.”
- The idea of “green jobs is just an ideological push for a Euro-style disaster.”

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  - Nothing in science is “incontrovertible, especially in a primitive and complex field like climate. Incontrovertability belongs to religion where it is referred to as dogma.”
  - “The problem of science goes back to WWII...they moved the peer review process to the pal review process.”

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- 6. Discomfort with the Scenarios of Climate Outcomes**
- 7. Role of Government**
- 8. Differing Values and Notions of Morality**

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# *Three Possible Paths Forward*

1. The optimistic path in which people do not have to change their worldviews.
2. The pessimistic path in which people fight to maintain their worldviews.
3. The consensus based path in which people reason through an evolved set of worldviews, moving beyond positions to consider the underlying values and interests at play.

SOURCES: Bazerman, 1994; Raiffa, 1982; Bazerman and Neale, 1992; Fisher and Ury, 1991.



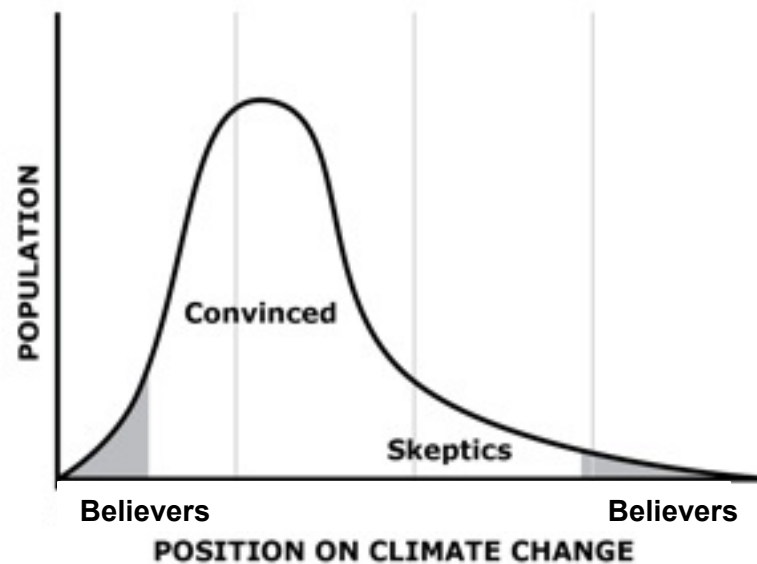
## ***Two sets of implications....***

1. Tactics derived from the social sciences towards communicating climate science.
2. Tactics and considerations for the academic scientist (natural and social) for engaging in the public debate over climate change.



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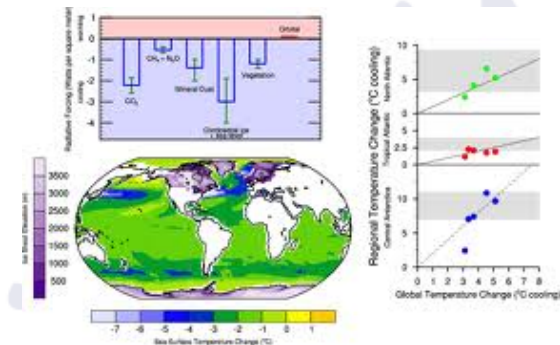
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  1. Is CO<sub>2</sub> increasing the atmosphere?
  2. Does this lead to a general warming of the planet?
  3. Has the climate changed over the past century?
  4. Are humans partially responsible for this increase?
  5. Will the climate continue to change over the next century?
  6. What will be the environmental and social impact of such change?



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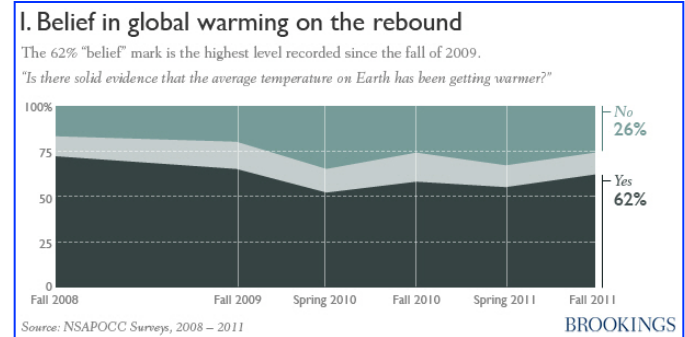
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8. Employ events as leverage for change



**Fig. 4: “What is the primary factor that has caused you to believe that temperatures on earth are increasing?”**

	Spring 2010	Spring 2011	Spring 2012
Glaciers Melting	22%	21%	15%
Warmer Temperatures Observed	15%	17%	21%
Weather Changes Observed	15%	17%	20%
Scientific Research	14%	9%	11%
Media Coverage	16%	14%	9%
Declining Species	N/A	2%	1%
Human Activity	5%	7%	10%
Natural Patterns	3%	3%	4%
Not Sure/Other	10%	11%	10%

Note: Asked only of individuals who indicated that there is solid evidence of increasing global temperatures.

(Borricks and Rabe, 2012)

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### ***Where are the Boundaries?***

- 1.Where do we draw the line between being an academic and being a public citizen? Certainly we can talk in the abstract about putting different hats on. But in practice it is not so easy or clear.
- 2.What considerations do we have for “objectivity,” both real and perceived. Is belief in the IPCC consensus a “bias”?
- 3.How far outside our area of specialization can we drift in our public comments?
- 4.Should we lend our name to notably political issues? Is there any risk to my academic legitimacy by adding my name so such initiatives?

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### What are the Roles?

5. Are there multiple roles that a scholar can take?

<p><b>Pure Scientist:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Focuses on research with absolutely no consideration for its use or utility, and thus in its purest form, has no direct connection with decision makers...Examples of the Pure Scientist can be <i>found more frequently in myth</i> rather than practice...research results have implications for broader society...even Einstein became active in politics.”</li></ul>	<p><b>Issue Advocate:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Focuses on the implications of research for a particular political agenda...<i>seeks to reduce the scope of available choice</i>...Aligns him/herself with a group (or faction) seeking its interests through policy and politics...and take a stand on particular issues, such as a presidential election, the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, or the Kyoto Protocol.”</li></ul>
<p><b>Science Arbiter:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “<i>a focus on positive questions that can, in principle, be resolved through scientific inquiry</i>...avoids normative questions, and thus seeks to remain above the political fray...take the role of a formal, authoritative committee, such as committees under the National Research Council or a federal agency.”</li></ul>	<p><b>Honest Broker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Engages in decision-making by ...seeking to explicitly integrate scientific knowledge with stakeholder concerns in the form of alternative possible courses of action... <i>seeks to expand the scope of available choice</i>...seeks to place scientific understandings in the context of the smorgasbord of policy options....such as the Office of Technology Assessment (terminated in the 1990s).”</li></ul>

SOURCE: Pielke, R. (2007). *The Honest Broker: Making Sense of Science in Policy and Politics*. (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press).

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### ***What are the Roles?***

6. Are there multiple roles in the engagement process?
  1. **Subject-matter experts** to present the latest scientific findings,
  2. **Decision scientists** who can identify the most relevant aspects of that science and summarize it concisely,
  3. **Social and communication scientists** who can assess the public's beliefs and values, propose evidence based designs for communicating content and processes, and evaluate their performance, and
  4. **Program designers** who can orchestrate the process, so that mutually respectful consultations occur, messages are properly delivered, and policymakers hear their various publics.”

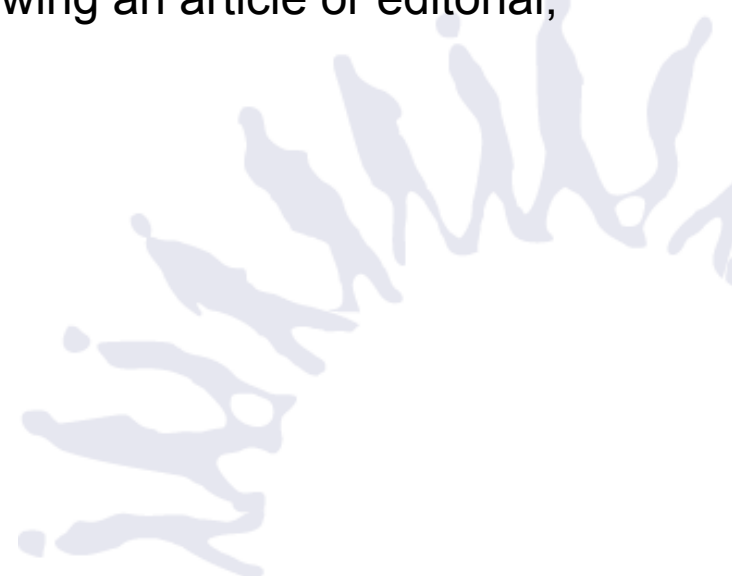
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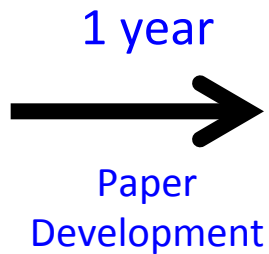
### ***What are the Rules?***

7. Is public engagement a role that can only be played at certain stages of our careers?
8. Does this role change our “publication” strategy?
9. Are there any outlets are illegitimate (journals, editorials, blogs, tweets, business conferences, skeptic conferences, etc)?
- 10.What is legitimate “engagement”? When we get hostile emails, do we reply? When we have hostile comments following an article or editorial, do we reply? Is this engagement?



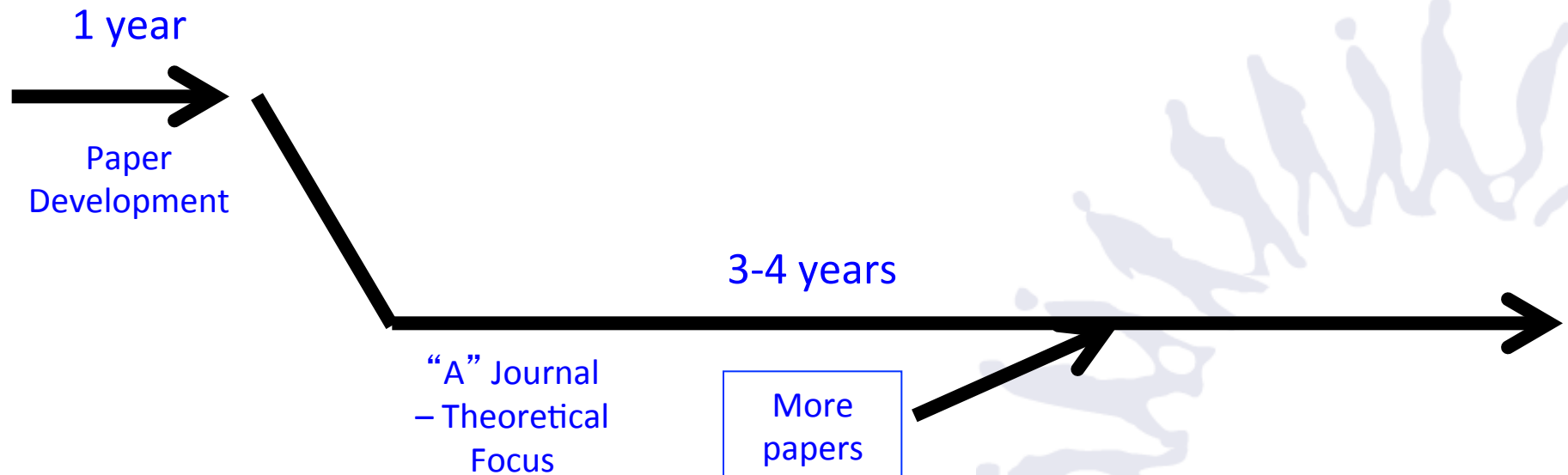
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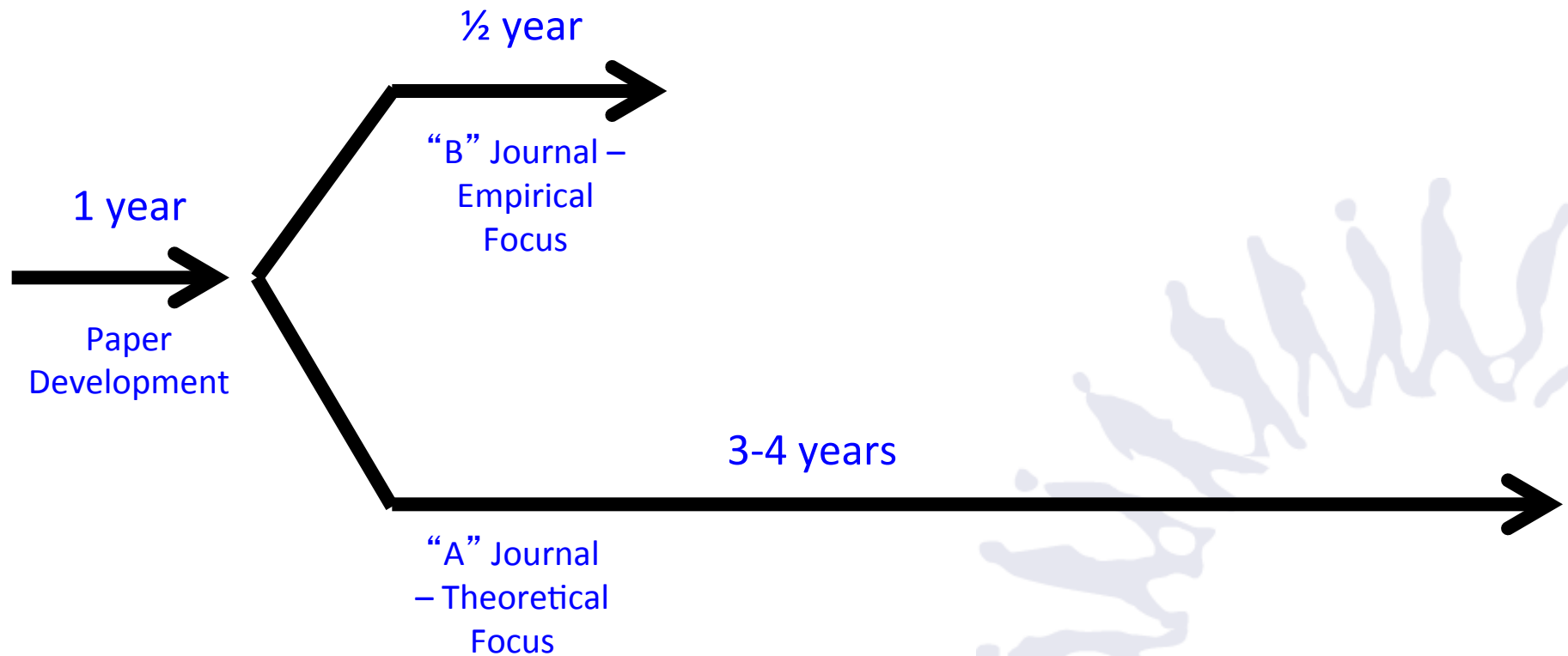
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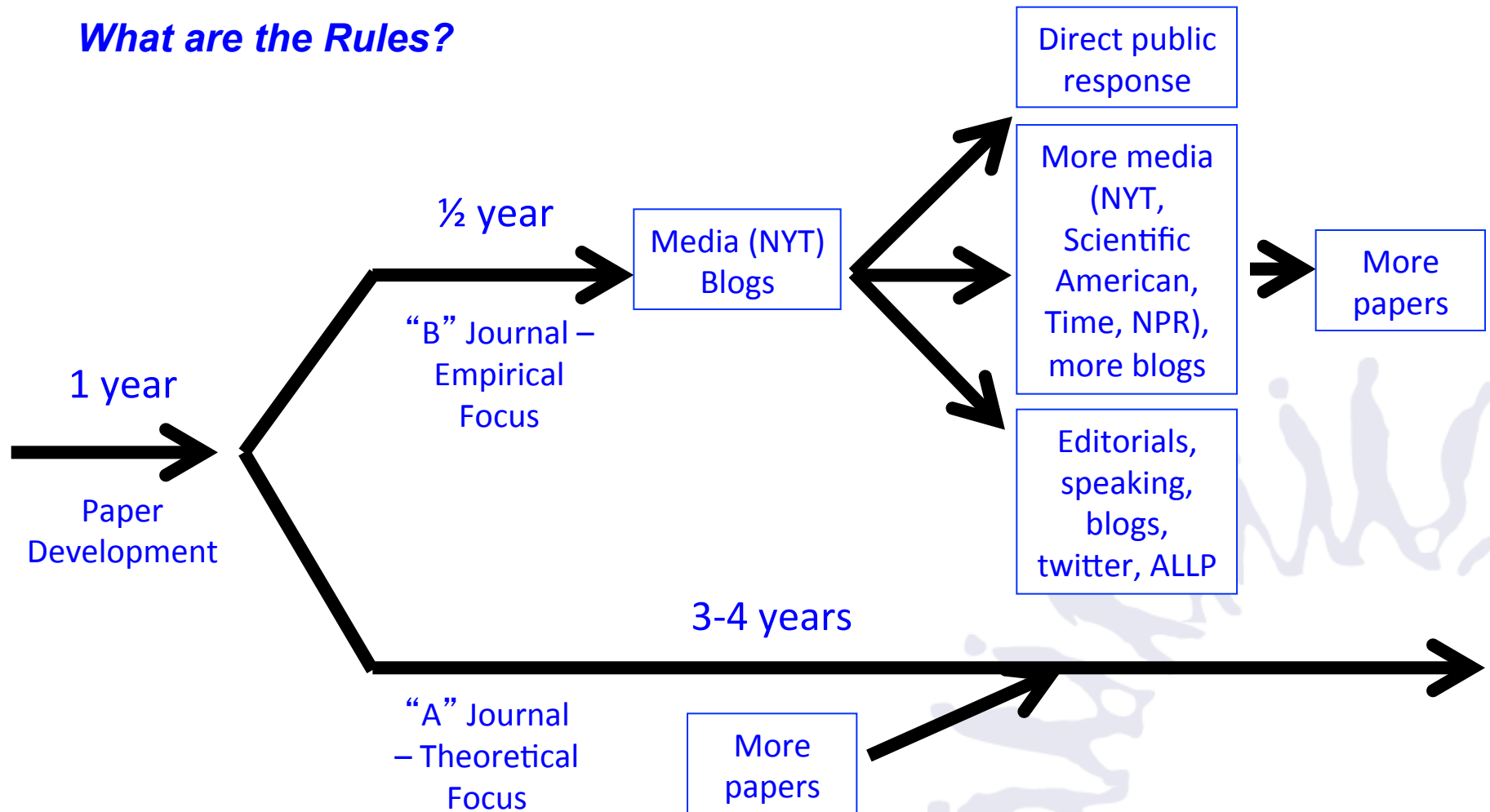
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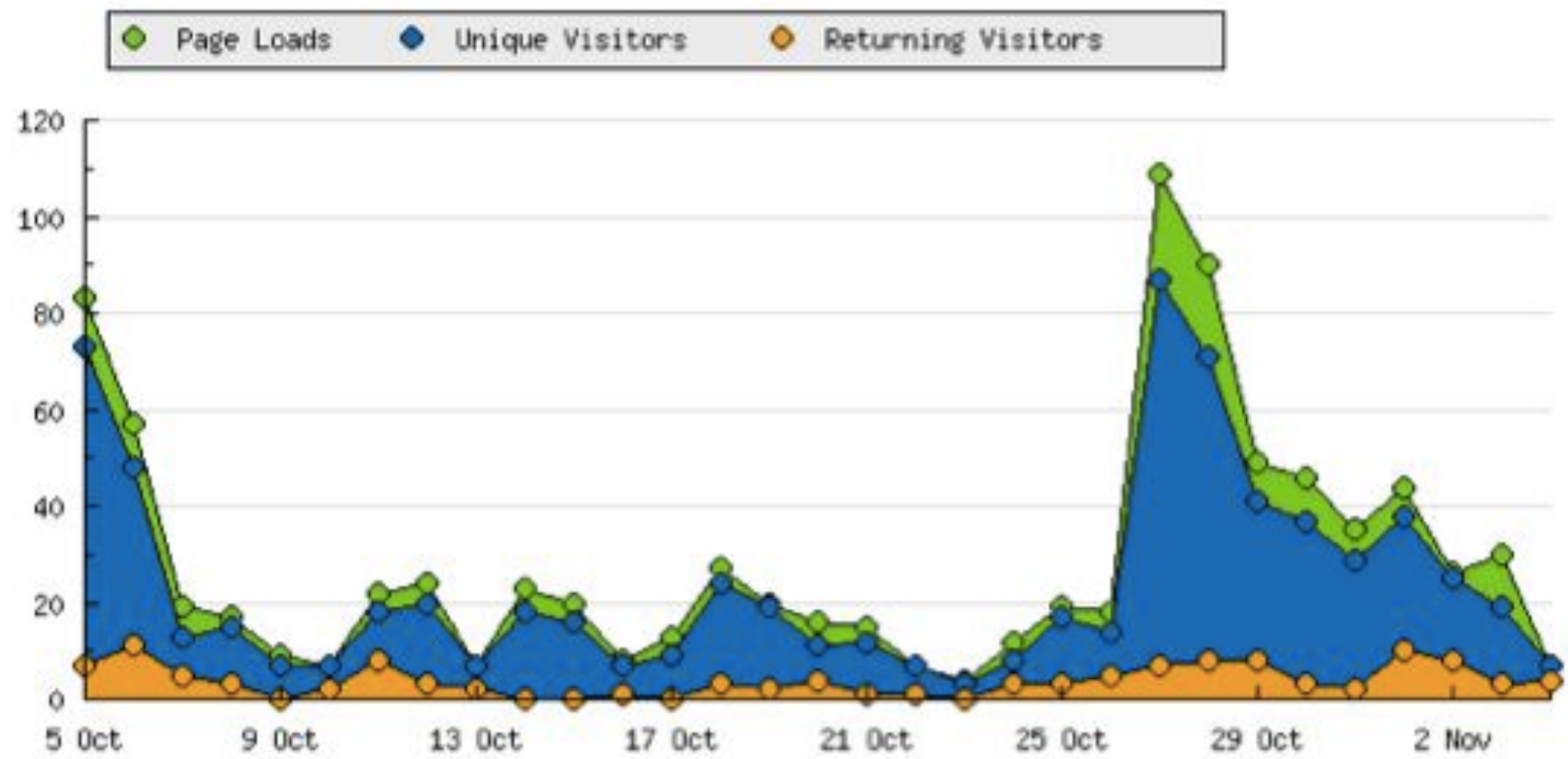
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