Media and the politics of climate change in Kiribati: a case study on journalism in a "disappearing nation"

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Abstract
Although the Pacific nation of Kiribati has been identified as one of the most vulnerable countries to the impact of climate change, little is known about the attitudes of the local media and the public toward this issue. This is in contrast to empirical studies’ findings which have shown that the... Read more

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Climate change is threatening the livelihoods of the people of tiny Kiribati, and even the island nation's existence. The government is making plans for the island’s demise. Tabwena Kaokatekai, 42, of Buariki, a village in North Tarawa, with her newly planted mangrove trees. Sign up to receive our in-depth journalism about climate change around the world. Sign Up. You can opt out or contact us anytime. Privacy Policy | Terms of Service. Climate change will have very long lasting consequences that we will be dealing with long after he is gone. Long after other issues like immigration, the economy, debt, jobs, terrorism, or new words like “covfefe” have passed from our minds, the implications of our climate effect will linger. It will be the job of scientists, historians, and the media to continually remind people of this. Climate change could have been solved. Those who will be blamed will certainly claim “But I didn't cause this climate change.” What is ironic is that many of the people who deny human-caused climate change are the same people who live and breathe so-called “patriotism.” But this patriotism has become a “my country right or wrong” parochial slogan that is anything but patriotic.