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This War on Oppression will only be won as one
mass movement.

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Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible starting at the local level, and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

Spotlight

Dr. Michael E. Mann



**Distinguished Professor of
Atmospheric Science
Director, Earth System
Science Center**

By DonnaMarie Woodson

Taking a more relaxed stance by removing his suit jacket and tie, Dr. Mann took questions and opened a very important dialogue with his passionate

audience members on the catastrophic effects of climate change at **“The Countdown to Climate Change”** Symposium, September 23, 2017.

Instead of proceeding with his prepared slide presentation, Dr. Mann explained that there never seems to be enough time to answer questions and wanted us to have the benefit of hearing each other's concerns on this vital subject of Global Warming, a most urgent issue of our time.



Despite a power outage at the beginning of the symposium held at Park Road Baptist Church in Charlotte, 200 excited guests waited in anticipation of Dr. Mann's insight and the possible alternatives to fighting back against the science deniers and increase awareness of this global emergency.

We were honored to have **Mayor Jennifer Roberts** in attendance with a proclamation declaring—



September 23, 2017

***"Climate Change
Awareness Day"***



Dr. Mann was a Lead Author on the ***Observed Climate Variability and Change*** chapter of the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third Scientific Assessment Report in 2001** and was **organizing committee chair for the National Academy of Sciences *Frontiers*.**

He has received many honors and awards including NOAA's (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) outstanding publication award in 2002 and selection by *Scientific American* as one of the fifty leading visionaries in science and technology in 2002.

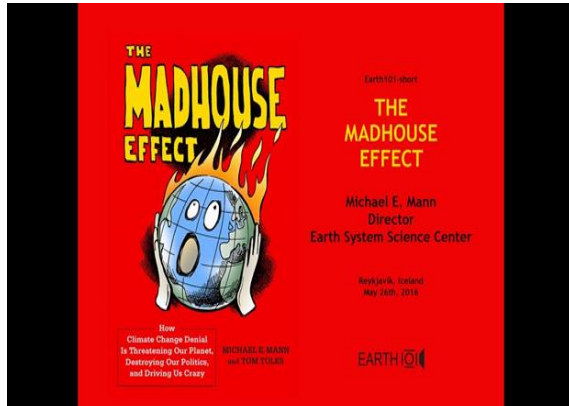
Contributing with other IPCC authors, he was awarded the **2007 Nobel Peace Prize.**

In October 2010, Mann wrote an op-ed in the Washington Post in which he described several past, present and projected attacks on climate science and scientists by politicians, making the link between them and "the pseudo-science that questioned the link between smoking cigarettes and lung cancer, and the false claims questioning the science of acid rain and the hole in the ozone layer.

Saying they were "not good-faith questioning of scientific research [but] anti-science", he called for all his fellow scientists to stand against the attacks.

A supporter of Democratic candidate Terry McAuliffe's successful 2013 campaign for governor of Virginia; Dr. Mann promoted the role of scientific research and technology in job creation.

Dr. Mann is the author of several books including his most recent work, **“The Madhouse Effect”**, which features cartoons by **Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist Tom Toles**.



Through satire, **“The Madhouse Effect”** portrays the intellectual pretzels into which denialists must twist logic to explain away the clear evidence that man-made activity has changed our climate. To learn more about the book, [click here](#).

A special thanks to **Joel Segal, Executive Director, Alliance of Climate Solutions Coalition** and the many co-sponsors of this remarkable event.

- **Carolina Clean Air**
- **Coalition of United Progressives CharMeck**
- **Sierra Club**
- **Greenpeace**
- **MeckMin**

“The Count Down to Climate Change”

Featuring World Renowned Climate Scientist

Dr. Michael E. Mann

Presented by North Carolina Climate Solutions Coalition

Saturday, September 23, 2017
Park Road Baptist Church
3900 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209
2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Registration beginning at 1:30 pm

Special Guest Speaker: Mayor Jennifer Roberts

Global warming is one of the greatest existential threats our planet has ever faced. As the Director of the Earth Systems Science Center at Penn State University, Dr. Mann has been a leading force in climate change research. He is the award-winning author of more than 200 peer-reviewed publications and has written four books related to the climate change field, including *Dire Predictions*, *Understanding Climate Change*, *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars*, *Dispatches from the Front Lines*, and most recently, *The Madhouse Effect*. This is a unique opportunity to learn from one of the world's foremost climate change experts, and to understand where our planet is headed and the steps we need to take to avert a global catastrophe.

For more information contact Joel Segal at: joel.r.segal@gmail.com 571-344-1518

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Editorial

The Right to Protest

By Tarik Kiley

9/26/2017

Let's look at protest in America. Given the recent Charlottesville, Virginia Alt-right and Neo-Nazi protests, and the current debate on the protest of NFL players such as Colin Kaepernick, it seems a legitimate question to ask—who has the right to protest?



Well, it should be noted that America has a history of protest. One of the earliest American protests was the Boston Tea Party in 1773. This was a famous protest

about a tea tax, which when the British responded with The Coercive Acts, served as a catalyst for the American Revolutionary War.

Another famous American protest was the March on Washington in 1963. Here Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his “I have a Dream Speech.” It could be argued that this large-scale protest led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Even if you argue that protesting does not work, the fact that Americans can legally and rightfully voice opposition prove, that American democracy, does indeed work. Because Americans can protest, as democracy grants them the right, it is a sign of a functioning system. If Americans were *not* allowed to protest, it would be a betrayal of our most deeply held values and ideals.



The only logical distinction, this author would make here, is the difference between a riot and a protest. While some say, a riot is the result of not being heard, there should be a distinction between protests which use political violence and those which do not. While it is true that frustrations often boil over, at the same time, there should be a responsibility for citizens to remain civil. So, this author believes that

the Alt-right *should not* be able to kill people at their protests. Also, this is the fundamental distinction, between the Civil Rights movement and the White Nationalist movement.

It should be admitted though, that the United States of America itself was birthed through a Revolutionary War. Because, Americans *can* protest, and most likely have a peaceful way available to them of redressing their

grievances, it seems that wanting a war, against the US government is truly *wrong*.

Also, wanting to use violence against other Americans simply because you do not believe they should be citizens, is also, wrong. So,



the Alt-right is wrong. They do not get to unilaterally decide who citizens of this country are and who are not, especially when they want to draw the lines of citizenship along racial and religious lines.



It should also be noted, that *all* Americans have the right to protest. If the Alt-right has the right to protest, then an African-American football player, also has the right to protest. This is indeed the American ideal of equality. Then let us keep this in mind, and truly uphold the American ideal and belief that all people are created with equal rights.



<http://www.upworthy.com/7-times-in-us-history-when-people-protested-and-things-changed>

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/suffrage-civil-rights-war-and-puppets-when-and-why-americans-have-marched-washington-180961809/>

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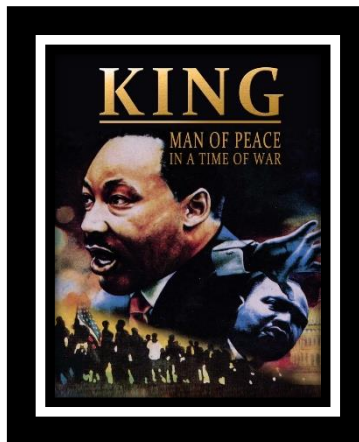
Check out the Coalition's new website at:

<https://coalitionofunitedprogressivescharmek.wordpress.com/>



Coalition of United Progressives Movie Night

"King: A Man of Peace in a Time of War"



Wednesday, Oct 18th – 6:30 pm
Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church
3435 Nevin Rd.
Charlotte 28262

Announcements



You Can Vote

Final Registration Events for 2017!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

Charlotte Community Health Clinic: We have a table inside this large health facility. Spanish and English-speaking volunteers welcome!

[RSVP HERE FOR 9AM-12PM](#) and [RSVP HERE FOR 2:30PM-3:30PM](#)

Monday, Oct. 2nd, [RSVP HERE FOR 10-noon](#) & [RSVP HERE FOR noon-2](#)

Friday, Oct. 6th, [RSVP HERE FOR 9-noon](#) & [RSVP HERE FOR noon-3](#)

Alliance of Moral Progressive Democrats

Health Care Forum

Thursday, October 26th

Dr. Walter H. Tsou, Keynote Speaker

One of the country's leading expert on health care reform and financing.



Please submit your group events to donnamarie93@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.

Happenings



Climate Change is Not a Hoax!



Gallery!



The Executive Corner:

Executive Director - Jade X. Jackson

Rev Rodney Sadler, Joel Segal, DonnaMarie Woodson

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