

Beacon Hill Seminars – Spring 2018

Climate Vulnerability:

Responding to the Physical, Economic & Social
Challenges of Earth's Changing Climate

Session 2

**The Challenge of Sea-Level Rise: The
Case of Florida - Immediate and
Longer-Term Vulnerability**

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Let's remember what is happening...



As in the past, the warming of the earth is manifested in the melting of the ice caps, leading to the rise of sea-levels around the world.

Comparing coastal cities... Miami & Atlantic City, for example



Miami



Consider the coastal city comparison

Atlantic City



<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2018/03/10/sea-level-rise-miami-and-atlantic-city-fight-to-stay-above-water-2/>

YALE Climate Connections

[Unlike Harvard, Yale has made a special effort to reach out to the public on climate issues, presenting important debates for public information and discussion.]

What happens when officials deny that climate change is happening?

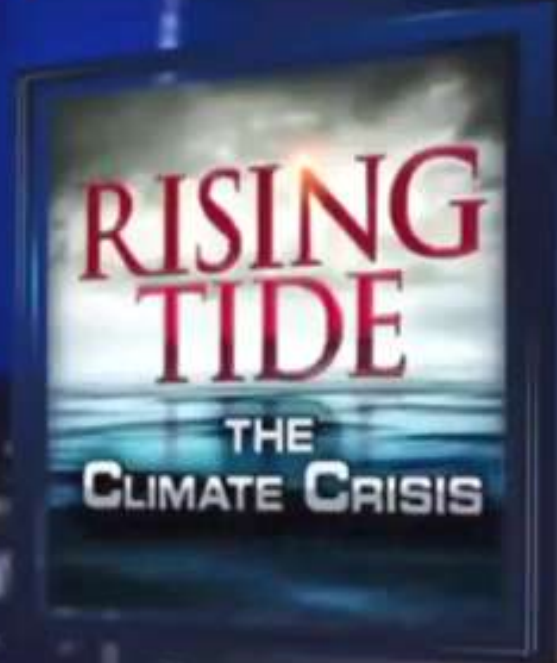


<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2018/03/09/censoring-south-florida-sea-level-rise-2/>

THE ED SHOW

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msnbc.com



<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2016/12/01/floridas-political-disconnect-on-climate-and-sea-level/>

What can we learn from Holland?



<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2018/03/14/lessons-from-holland-on-fighting-rising-sea-levels-2/>

What about Boston ?
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Does “Beacon Hill” see what is
coming?





<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2018/02/22/how-bostons-preparing-for-rising-sea-levels-4/>

What is Boston's plan?



<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2017/08/23/report-eyes-climate-change-in-boston-2/>



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Where are the scientists?



Where are the scientists? Where are the Government Officials?



Where are the scientists? Where are the Government Officials? Where is the Public?



<https://environmentawordpress.com/2018/03/09/facts-dont-wljusticetv.in-fights-heres-how-to-cut-through-confirmation-bias-tali-sharo-t/>

Consider Boston's relation to the rising sea...and its highly promoted expansion plans...



<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2018/03/12/boston-seaport-ws-development/>

Boston is *not* Miami, but is **the public understanding of sea-level rise** any more sober or sophisticated in Boston than it is in Miami?.... Perhaps not...



A Tale of Two Cities: Boston, Miami & Climate Change

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Miami Beach, FL

*it was the season of Darkness,
it was the spring of hope,
it was the winter of despair,
we had everything before us,
we had nothing before us,
we were all going direct to Heaven,
we were all going direct the other way...”*

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