

resulting lack of food to feed everyone in need. The climate change conditions accelerated by humans just speed up the process toward the end of life for ourselves and most other living things. The lack of access to further higher education, limited in large degree by the enormous cost it takes to send our young people to college, yells out for the need for free college education for our young people. This is where most critical thinking is obtained. Our young people deserve more from us — much more. Many countries accomplish this.

Why can't the United States?

Walter Larsen, Eugene Rural Oregon duped by GOP Dylan Plummer is right to call for Big Timber to be held accountable for the recent fires, which burned 75% on previously logged private land, discrediting long-held conventional wisdom that more clearcutting means fewer fires.

What's worse, rural Oregonians often impacted directly by the terrible fires typically support the very policies that stoked them: industrial clear-cutting, extensive road building and maximum timber production. How did this dreadful paradox come to be?

The answer has less to do with climate change — although it's important — and more to do with how the Oregon GOP have weaponized rural anger over lost jobs in milling and logging. With Timber Unity providing political cover, and corporate donors providing the dark money, the GOP were able to kill Gov. Kate Brown's wildfire reduction bill, SB 1536, in the spring, just like when GOP senators fled the state rather than vote on Brown's global warming bill.

In both cases, misinformed rural populists were tricked into supporting dangerous pro-corporate pyromania. Now, many have lost everything to wildfires. Are GOP lawmakers and Big Timber lobbyists going to bail out the people they duped?

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