

Subject: Expert offer - climate change as a national security issue

Hi X,

With President Joe Biden making climate change a national security priority, I wanted to offer you an interview with Dr. Anatol Lieven, professor at Qatar Foundation's Georgetown University in Qatar, who recently published a book [Climate Change and the Nation State: The Case for Nationalism in a Warming World](https://global.oup.com/academic/product/climate-change-and-the-nation-state-9780190090180?cc=us&lang=en&). [<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/climate-change-and-the-nation-state-9780190090180?cc=us&lang=en&>] The book was chosen as a Financial Times Book of the Year in the environment category last year.

Dr. Lieven, among other things, sees the country's national interests playing an important role in advancing the climate change agenda, including its defense capabilities.

In the book, he talks about redefining climate change as an existential threat to nation states and mobilizing both national security elites and mass nationalism. He draws on history to argue that only drastic measures enacted by nation states and publicly adopted through an appeal to patriotism have the power to enact the change needed to prevent environmental disaster.

Dr. Lieven also:

- Shows how nationalism can motivate people to sacrifice their own interests to save future generations from climate change
- Contrasts the limited threats from Russia and China, with which our security elites are obsessed, with the far greater threats of climate change to the USA and Western democracy
- Shows how an enduring national consensus can be created in support of a "Green New Deal"

An Orwell Prize-winning journalist and policy analyst, Dr. Lieven is also a Fellow of the New America Foundation in Washington DC. He was previously a professor in the War Studies Department of King's College, London.

Please let me know if you are interested in speaking with Dr. Lieven.

Best,

X

This material is distributed by RFBinder Partners Inc. on behalf of the Qatar Foundation. Additional information is available at the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.