CODEBOOK

for the article

'Climate-Soviets,' 'Alarmism,' and 'Eco-dictatorship': The Framing of Climate Change Scepticism by the Populist Radical Right Alternative for Germany

Coding Unit

Following Kuckartz (2018)[1], we do not apply a formal but a semantic definition of the coding unit. A coding unit is a „unit of meaning," (literally translated from the German word "Sinneinheit[en]") (Ibid., 84) which is "defined as a coherent chunk of text in which something is stated about the same object" (Früh 2017, 88).[2] Or as Kuckartz defines it: "a complex statement that is understandable in the later analysis even outside of its context." (2018, 84). The "unit of meaning" thus is the smallest unit of text by which a sceptical argument can be expressed.

Frequently, a coding unit matches one grammatical sentence. However, there are different exceptions:

- Often, one grammatical sentence will contain more than one sceptical argument.
    - Formal grammatical indicators such as commas, semicolons or conjunctions (such as "and") can be helpful to locate the different arguments but this is not always the case;
    - sporadically, a sceptical argument is expressed by no more than a combination of a few words as in this example: "the fairy tale of evil CO2". This short statement expresses attribution scepticism (E1.3. "Climate change is a function of natural cycles and unrelated to human activity") because by using the word fairy tale (i.e. lie) the link between CO_2 and warming is denied.

- Regularly, two or more grammatical sentences form a "unit of meaning" and can be combined into one coding unit. This is the case when one argument is spread out over more than one natural sentence, as in this example:

    > *"And one already thinks about how the ordinary citizen can be squeezed even more ["ans Säckel gehen kann"]. In order to make the well-deserved vacation even more expensive, air travel will be taxed even higher."* (in: 'Die Bahnfahrt muss billiger werden und nicht das Fliegen teurer!', 19.07.2019)

[1] Kuckartz, U. (2018). Qualitative Inhaltsanalyse. Methoden, Praxis, Computerunterstützung (4th edition). Beltz Juventa.
[2] Früh, W. (2017). Inhaltsanalyse: Theorie und Praxis (9th edition). UTB. All quotes are my own translation.

- Following Kuckatz (2018, 43) who explains that "[…] the coded segments can overlap or be nested in one another", two or more different codes can be applied to the same chunk of text. An example is this sentence:

  > *"Daimler wants to cut jobs [...] - this is a consequence of the green climate scare and harms our industrial location and our employees."*
  > (in: 'Die grüne Klima-Ideologie zerstört Deutschlands Schlüsselindustrie', 25.04.0219)

  Here the argument that climate change is 'alarmism' is expressed by only four words: "the green climate scare". The other code applied to this chunk would be that climate policies "would harm industries".

Context Unit

The context unit is the largest amount of context information that is taken into consideration when evaluating under what code an individual chunk of text should be coded (Kuckartz 2018, 44). The context unit is the whole article in which the chunk that is to be coded was found.

Name	Description	Example code(s) from the data (AfD Kompakt)
Evidence scepticism [a.k.a. science frames]		
E1 Scientific evidence of climate change is uncertain	= statements that frame the evidence base of man-made climate change as still uncertain; possible indicators are phrases like: we (still) need more evidence / it still needs to be found out… / studies are very uncertain…; Statements like this one: - "No to the wrong approach ['Irrweg'] of so-called climate protection, which sets the wrong emphasis for Germany's future on the basis of questionable assumptions" (in: 'Streitschrift 'Die Grünen endlich angreifen, statt sie hochzureden'', 11.06.2019) where the evidence base is portrayed as "questionable" (in German: 'fragwürdig') would still fall under this code Statements, however, talking about the "never proven hypothesis of man-made climate change" are coded under the sub-code E1.3 ('Climate change is a function of natural cycles and unrelated to human activity')	"Among other things, the federal government must first of all prove what damage has so far occurred from the CO2 emitted by humans and which countries and branches of the economy have been demonstrably damaged so far." (in: 'Bundesregierung und EU sind auf der UN-Klimakonferenz gescheitert', 16.12.2019) "Of course, climate change must be taken seriously and dealt with objectively. It is also necessary to find out whether and to what extent this is man-made." (in: 'Wirtschaftsexperten: Klimapolitik gefährdet Deutschland als Industriestandort', 11.11.2017)
E1.1 There is no scientific consensus	= statements that claim that the existence of a scientific consensus among climate scientists is wrong; instead, climate science is portrayed as controversial ("umstritten") (corresponds to consensus scepticism, see Engels et al. 2013)	"The number of researchers who expose the forecasts of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change as ideologized shells is increasing. More than 400 scientists recently appealed to the UN." (in: 'Das

		Bundes-Klimaschutzgesetz wird ein Verbots- und Steuererhöhungsprogramm', 26.10.2019) "The letter from the scientists shows that the claim made by the federal government that practically all scientists see humans as the main cause of climate change is wrong." (in: 'Über 500 Wissenschaftler widersprechen der These vom 'menschengemachten Klimawandel'', 25.09.2019)
E1.2 Climate change is not happening and there is no warming	= statements that deny that there is a warming trend or that assert that a cooling of the earth's climate took place (corresponds to trend scepticism, see Rahmstorf 2004; van Rensburg 2015)	### not found in the data ###
E1.3 Climate change is a function of natural cycles and unrelated to human activity	= statements that acknowledge a warming trend, however, claim that it is not man-made CO_2 that is seen as causing climate change, instead… - …alternative climate forcings are named such as the sun, cosmic rays,…; - … or climate change is described as a natural process (corresponds to attribution scepticism, see Rahmstorf 2004; van Rensburg 2015); this code is also applied when a statement denies the link between (man-made) CO_2/CO_2 from fossil fuel combustion and warming – but no alternative forcings are named	"Climate change has been a natural process for hundreds of millions of years. The main influencing factors are the sun, cosmic rays, earth orbit parameters and water vapor in the atmosphere." (in: 'AfD startet Kampagne Grüne stoppen', 19.09.2019) "In contrast to this, all previous findings indicate that the change in the world's climate is a predominantly natural, constant process in which industrialisation does not play a decisive role." (in: '1. Konferenz des Bundesfachausschusses der AfD 'Klima und Energie'', 20.02.2017) "The claim that man-made CO2 causes dangerous global warming is not supported by science." (in: '1. Konferenz des Bundesfachausschusses der AfD Klima und Energie', 20.02.2017)

		"…the never proven hypothesis of man-made climate change" (in: 'Unter dem Vorwand des Klimaschutzes plündern Stadtwerke ihre Bürger aus', 09.01.2019) "Germany's complete waiver of its CO2 emissions would – and only if one believes in the pseudo-theory of man-made climate change – result in a maximum reduction in the calculated increase in global mean temperature of 0.000653°C." (in: 'Gibt es Energie in Deutschland bald nur noch für Reiche?', 28.01.2019)
E2 Climate change is good or not bad [a.k.a. benefit frames]	= statements that see climate change as harmless or even beneficial (corresponds to impact scepticism, see Rahmstorf 2004; van Rensburg 2015)	"The better global vegetation (food plants) brought about by the increasing CO2 in the atmosphere is also positive." (in: 'Warum wir die Klimadiskussion in der EU neu aufarbeiten müssen', 20.05.2019)
E3 Mainstream climate research is 'junk' science	= mainstream climate science and/or climate models are portrayed as producing biased or flawed results; the integrity of climate scientists is questioned; it is claimed that mainstream climate science got it wrong	"Patrick Frank, scientist at Standford [sic!] University (SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory), shows in a detailed scientific study (Propagation of Error and the Reliability of Global Air Temperature, Frontiers in Earth Science, September 6, 2019) that climate models are flawed. The errors are so large that climate models cannot predict the temperature development, not for 1 year and not for 100 years" (in: 'Wissenschaftler bestätigt – Klimavorhersagen sind Hysterie, 16.09.2019) "And now the Greens demand, because of a beautiful summer with unusually many hot days in a row, supported by pseudoscientists who speak of a new hot time that they want to have modeled in their computers, that a statistical mean value should be protected by the constitution" (in: 'Es ist Unsinn, den Klimaschutz ins Grundgesetz aufzunehmen', 20.08.2018)

P3 Climate change is a myth or scare tactic perpetuated by environmentalists and bureaucrats	= environmentalists and bureaucrats are accused to have a hidden agenda e.g., "Climate researchers, political scientists, biologists, ecologists, and others found out how much funding would flow to them … if only they could stoke a perpetual state of alarm" (Heartland Institute, as quoted in Cann & Raymond 2018)	"The current hot summer is said to be the reason for a major ideological attack by NABU and the Greens on the Germans' climate nerve. One hopes that the Germans will feel guilty again. The aim is to raise donations for NABU and - following the wishes of the Greens - to convert German agriculture to unrivaled organic." (in: 'NABU und Grüne: Deutsche Bauern sind Sündenbock des Klimawandels', 10.08.2018) "These figures show that the man-made climate change that has been asserted in Germany for years from certain directions is to be understood as pure scare tactics from which certain organisations and parties benefit" (in: 'AfD fordert den sofortigen Ausstieg aus der Energiewende', 06.09.2017)
Process scepticism		
P1 The IPCC intentionally altered its reports to create a 'scientific consensus'	= the IPCC is not objective, but biased in favour of warming	"…the far too high parameters of the so-called Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)" (in: 'Unter dem Vorwand des Klimaschutzes plündern Stadtwerke ihre Bürger aus', 09.01.2019)
P2 Climate change dissenters are unfairly treated	= e.g., statements criticise that… - …climate change sceptics are attacked because of their views or are being discriminated against because of their views; - …sceptic voices are silenced/not heard in the scientific or public debate; - …findings of contrarian scientists are "overlooked"	"As soon as experts like the climate realist Prof. Dr. Lüdecke put forward irrefutable arguments against the dogma of man-made climate change, the Greens verbally lash out!" (in: 'Umweltausschuss-Eklat: GRÜNE dulden keine fakten-orientierte Gegenrede', 22.02.2019) "Independent scientists who question man-made climate change because there is no real evidence of it do not have a say in such programs." (in: 'Sind die

		Waldbrände in Schweden Folgen des Klimawandels?', 24.07.2018)
P3 Climate change is a political tool of the 'Altparteien'	= 'Altparteien' (German for: 'old parties') have a hidden agenda, and climate change is only a smokescreen to realise this hidden agenda	"After the popular 'colonial guilt' has gradually wore off, Müller [the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development] is now constructing a German 'climate guilt' to justify the redistribution of German prosperity to the global south." (in: '500 Mio Euro für 'Klima-Entwicklungshilfe' sind 500 Millionen zu viel', 11.10.2019)
P3.1. Climate change is a political tool to squeeze money out of the taxpayer	= climate change is only a smokescreen to raise taxes / introduce new taxes (e.g., a carbon tax); a typical German word would be "Vorwand" An example of a statement that would not fall under this code is the following critique of the carbon tax: "In addition to diesel driving bans and the high gasoline and heating oil prices, another burden for the people of this country is being considered in order to be able to keep climate protection promises." (in: 'Die CO2-Steuer ist ein Deckmäntelchen zur Bürger-Abzocke', 01.05.2019) → here, climate change is *not* portrayed as a smokescreen ("Vorwand") for the tax	"It is already clear that the tax-related increase in price of three cents per liter of fuel will not change anything in terms of climate change. That is also not the actual goal of putting a price on CO2. Instead, it is once again just a matter of exploiting an additional source of taxes that will help to plug growing holes in the federal budget." (in: CCO2-Steuer ist nur eine weitere Erschließung der Steuerquellen', 26.09.2019) "…and this planned CO2 tax is nothing more than a smokescreen to rip off the citizens even more." (in: 'Die CO2-Steuer ist ein Deckmäntelchen zur Bürger-Abzocke', 01.05.2019)
P3.2. Climate change is a political tool to force Germany to accept 'climate refugees'	= climate change is only a smokescreen to force Germany to accept climate refugees	"In addition, the German population should be inoculated so much climate guilt that they are finally ready to take in so-called climate refugees, in addition to war, economic and other refugees" (in: 'NABU und Grüne: Deutsche Bauern sind Sündenbock des Klimawandels', 10.08.2018)

P4 The media or ‘Altparteien’ are alarmist	= climate change is exaggerated by the ‘old parties’ (or the government - which consists of the old parties) or by the mainstream media (or the so-called ‘lying press’); typical indicators are that there is a “green-“, a “CDU-“, a “left-green” etc. “climate-alarmism” or “climate-scare”; (German: “Klima-Hysterie”, “Panikmache”)	“Instead of taking countermeasures, the federal government is unnecessarily fuelling the hysteria at the world climate summit.” (in: ‘Die Klimakonferenz in Kattowitz steckt fest im unausgegorenen Kohleausstieg’, 10.12.2018) “Climate state of emergency is scare tactics. Should emergency laws be passed now?” (in: ‘Klimanotstand in Konstanz, Heidelberg und Karlsruhe? Völliger Unsinn!’, 19.05.2019) After an image of a construction site in front of the state parliament which looked like a desert was used by a local newspaper in the town of Potsdam to illustrate an article, the AfD criticised: “It is unreasonable how the public is misled and fooled by the Brandenburg media with such an image in order to fuel a climate policy that threatens prosperity.” (in: ‘Nach Ausruf des Klimanotstands in Potsdam Tausende auf der Flucht?’, 15.08.2019)
Response scepticism [a.k.a. policy frames]		
R1 Policy would harm the national economy		
R1.1 Policy would economically harm the ‘core people’	= personalises the economic harm by naming *specific groups* of the population that would be negatively affected by policy, e.g., the average person, households, electricity users, vehicle owners, commuters, families, taxpayers, etc.	“The taxpayer pays for it, the vehicle owners are expropriated and the climate that one pretends to save remains the same” (in: ‘Fahrverbote-Wahn: Nun sollen Autohersteller ‚alte’ Dieselautos in Zahlung nehmen’, 17.09.2018) “A family of four pays directly and indirectly over 25,000 euros more for energy in this 9-year period.”

		(in: Energiewende: Bürger müssen für utopische Klimaziele finanziell bluten!, 11.10.2016) “The normal people who keep the country going are paying the bill for the CO2 ideology, which the grand coalition has adopted without any critical objection.” (in: ‘Klimapaket der Groko: Kfz-Steuer wird sich mehr als verdoppeln’, 27.09.2019)
R1.1.1. Policy would harm low income and elderly consumers	= personalises the economic harm by naming *specific groups* of the population that would be negatively affected by policy, e.g., “the little guy”, the poor or the socially disadvantaged (“kleiner Geldbeutel”, “Geringverdiener”, “einkommensschwache Haushalte”), people receiving social benefits, retirees, etc.; climate policies are portrayed as socially unjust and/or as increasing social injustice	“It is simply cynical to force the economically weakest to decide between the alternatives: eating or heating! And the corporations receive discounts!“ (in: ‘AfD-Fraktion Baden-Württemberg fordert Ende der Stromabschaltungen für einkommensschwache Haushalte’, 30.10.2017) “Anyone who fights against driving and energy use and makes them more expensive also harms the little guy [‘die kleinen Leute’]. There is no such thing as a ‘socially just’ climate policy.” (in: ‘Die Klima-Kanzlerin wird zur Totengräberin der deutschen Wirtschaft’, 29.04.2020) “Commuters and low-wage earners are particularly burdened by a CO2 tax and can benefit the least from bonuses.” (in: ‘Klimaprämie-Plan belastet Pendler und Geringverdiener in Rheinland-Pfalz’, 22.07.2019) “With the plans to deliberately increase the price of the staple food meat, the old parties show that they are out of touch with the ‘little guy’.” (in: ‘Grundnahrungsmittel Fleisch nicht zum Spielball von Klimahysterikern machen’, 17.09.2019)

R1.2. Policy would economically harm industries	= names specific industries that would be harmed by policy (e.g., the car industry, the coal industry)	“With the climate protection program 2030, the government has decided to put an end to the German automotive industry.” (in: ‘Der ökopolitische Irrweg der Regierung wird eine Pleitewelle einleiten’, 09.12.2019) “The job cuts announced by VW shows where the increasingly religious climate alarmism is leading…” (in: ‘Energiewende: Die Klimahysterie bedroht unseren Wohlstand’, 13.03.2019) “While we are sacrificing the few industrial jobs in structurally weak Lusatia to phase out coal, …” (in: ‘Deutsche Klimapolitik ist wirkungslos: Experte des IfW bestätigt Position der AfD’, 20.07.2019)
R1.3. Policy would harm national economy overall	= general statements about harmful policies to the Germany economy, not linked to specific industries or specific groups of people	“Germany as a business location is being destroyed by the green climate alarmism.” (in: ‘‘Projekt Zukunft’ gestaltet sich als "Projekt Arbeitsplatzabbau’’, 05.06.2019)
R1.4. Policy would lead to socialism	= everything socialism and planned economy; such as: climate change mitigation / (specific) climate policies equal “E-car planned economy”, “climate protection socialism”, and “energy transition planned economy”	“Anyone who rejects openness to technology and only wants to further develop one type of engine is practicing socialism.” (in: ‘Altmaier fordert ‘industriepolitische Strategie’: VW erwartet Subventionen’, 19.03.2019) “The state wants to force citizens to buy certain products. This is a planned economy instead of a market economy.” (in: ‘Tempolimit 130 auf Autobahnen? Union und SPD nehmen individuelle Mobilität ins Visier’, 19.01.2019) “First it was millions, then billions, soon fantastic billions, that are being made available for the eco-

		socialist transformation of our continent. The citizens of the EU are paying ever larger sums of taxes for their own incapacitation, deprivation of rights, and expropriation." (in: 'Green Deal' für Europa: Weiter links ist nur noch der Abgrund!', 11.12.2019)
R1.5. Policy would harm the welfare state	= self-explaining; this can also be an indirect link such as: climate change mitigation policy → leads to the de-industrialisation of Germany/leads to poverty → a poor country is no longer able to afford its welfare state	"…without prosperity we will no longer be able to afford our welfare state." (in: 'Energiewende: Die Klimahysterie bedroht unseren Wohlstand', 11.03.2019)
R2 Policy would threaten national sovereignty	= statements claim that climate protection laws by the EU / international climate change agreements threaten Germany's sovereignty; statements assert that the EU uses climate change as a smokescreen to gain more power vis-a-vis its member states	"The EU uses climate alarmism, which lacks any rationality, in order to gain even more powers and thus be able to play the role of world climate police." (in: 'Green Deal' für Europa: Weiter links ist nur noch der Abgrund!', 11.12.2019) "With the climate law, the subsidiarity of sovereign member states will finally be history." ('EU-Klimagesetz führt Wirtschaft in den Abgrund', 07.10.2020)
R3 Policy would harm the environment and destroy the native landscape	= uses 'green' arguments to criticise climate policy, e.g., wind turbines kill birds, insects, etc.; over-land powerlines/wind turbines destroy the beauty of the landscape (e.g., called 'verspargeln' in German); portrays a conflict between protecting the climate and protecting the environment	"Not to forget: Climate protection is not the same as environmental protection. The maize monocultures for biogas production impoverish our flora and fauna as do the thousands of wind turbines that kill birds, bats and insects. The millions that flow into supposed climate protection lack for the spending for real environmental protection." (in: 'Niedersachsen rettet nicht die Welt, indem es sich selbst deindustrialisiert', 17.08.2019) "Not to mention the countless animals that are shredded in these facilities. 250,000 bats alone are tortured and killed every year because of ruptured

		lungs and internal organs. In addition, there are 1,200 tons of dead insects per year and around 600,000 dead birds such as storks, red kites and buzzards." (in: 'Umweltzerstörung mit Windkraftanlagen muss umgehend gestoppt werden', 11.09.2019) "Even more wind turbines are supposed to spoil the landscape" (in: 'Waldrodung? Nein danke: In Sachsen ist kein Platz für neue Windindustrieanlagen', 13.01.2019)
R4 Policy would harm countries in the developing world	= smashes developing countries' chances for growth, forces them to remain in a state of poverty	"It is also simply presumptuous when industrialised countries, whose economic success story can hardly be imagined without fossil fuels, now want to dictate the developing countries a fate in eco-misery." (in: 'Eine EU-Klimabank ist für Deutschland und andere Staaten nicht förderlich', 21.11.2019) "It is downright vicious to ask Africans to de facto renounce industrial development" (in: 'Afrika-Kommissar der CSU ist bornierte, europäische Besserwisserei', 01.08.2019) „The German climate spirit shall heal the world" (original: 'Am deutschen Klimawesen soll die Welt genesen.', an analogy to the (in)famous 'Am deutschen Wesen mag die Welt genesen') (in: 'Klimapolitik des Entwicklungsministers vom Größenwahn umzingelt?', 08.01.2020)
R5 Policy would harm energy security	= transition to renewable energies / phase out of coal and/or nuclear energy will lead to unreliable energy systems with energy shortages and blackouts	"There is concern that the security of supply in Germany will no longer be guaranteed after the nuclear and coal phase-out, with a blackout (becoming) far more likely than the climate catastrophe." (in: '550

		Hamburger ließen sich den 'Dialog mit Gauland' von Chaoten nicht vermiesen', 26.01.2020)
R6 Policy would harm health	= climate policy (mainly wind turbines) harm human health (e.g., due to flicker shadows and infrasound)	"…annoy residents with flicker shadows and infrasound." (in: 'Wer 'Grimms Märchenwald' der Windkraft opfert, hat kein Recht, beim Hambacher Forst zu blockieren', 19.09.2018)
R7 Policy would threaten individual freedom	= statement warns of totalitarianism, paternalism ('Bevormundung'), or re-education ('Umerziehung'); next to the already mentioned indicators, typically used words will be "bans" ("Verbote") or that sb. is forced to do XY ("Zwang"); statements portrays climate policies as a threat to freedom; statements that portray the transition to a low-carbon transport sector as a threat to individual mobility (→ and thus individual freedom) also fall under this code	"Those who choose Stone Age ideologues get what the packaging promises: the reversal of freedom into a green dictatorship and the reversal of our prosperity into poverty." (in: 'Im Lausitzer Braunkohlerevier sind 20.000 Arbeitsplätze in Gefahr', 25.10.2018) About the European Green Deal: "This is the largest and most serious attack on free society in Europe since the fall of the Berlin Wall, of course disguised as a war on climate change" (in: 'Der 'Green Deal' ist ein massiver Angriff auf die freie Gesellschaft!', 13.12.2019) "It [a 'totalitarian climate cult'] serves as ideological support in order to massively curtail a decisive aspect of civil liberties: individual mobility." (in: 'Altmaier fordert 'industriepolitische Strategie': VW erwartet Subventionen', 19.03.2019)
R8 Policy would be unrealistic, not possible	= portrays climate policies (e.g., transition to a fossil-fuel-free energy system or transition to a low-carbon transport sector) as technically not feasible; Often, the statements will criticise the lack of infrastructure (such as over-land powerlines, storage capacities, charging stations for E-cars, …)	"Neither are there any signs of where the additional electricity demand required for electric vehicles will come from. If the Merkel government wants to provide the gigantic plus of energy required for this through wind power and solar power alone, there will not only be a lack of appropriate systems, but also a lack of necessary storage capacities." (in: 'AfD fordert den

		sofortigen Ausstieg aus der Energiewende', 06.09.2017) "For a switch to 100 percent renewable energy for example, around 15,000 wind turbines would have to be set up. That is neither possible nor useful." (in: 'Diesel rehabilitieren, denn E-Autos sind Kohle-Autos', 12.10.2018)
R9 Policy would have no measurable effect	= statements, usually, use one of the following arguments: • (1) policy would have no measurable effect because Germany produces only a small share (x.x%) of global CO_2 emissions • (2) Germany's efforts would be futile because the big polluters (e.g., US, China) keep increasing their emissions / keep building new coal-fired power plants	"According to the renowned European Institute for Climate and Energy, the goals set by German climate policy have an impact of less than 0.0005 percent on global CO2 emissions. So there is a huge gap between costs and benefits." (in: 'Energiewende: Bürger müssen für utopische Klimaziele finanziell bluten!', 11.10.2016) "All parties from CDU to Greens suggest that Germany single-handedly could save the world's climate, regardless of whether the other countries join in. The German share of global man-made CO2 is only two percent. If you add natural CO2 emissions, Germany is only responsible for 0.07 percent." (in: 'Klimaziel-Wahn! Wer kann 30 Euro Kaltmiete pro qm bezahlen?', 08.08.2019) "While we are sacrificing the few industrial jobs in structurally weak Lusatia to phase out coal, 1400 new coal-fired power plants are being built or planned around the world" (in: 'Deutsche Klimapolitik ist wirkungslos: Experte des IfW bestätigt Position der AfD', 20.06.2019)

		“In the period from 2007 to 2011 alone, China increased its CO2 emissions by a total of 4,667 million tons. And we Germans have reduced our CO2 emissions in power generation by just 122 million tons. An expensive joke [‘Treppenwitz’]“ (in: ‘Teurer Strom: 6.000 Euro EEG-Kosten für jeden NRW-Bürger’, 09.02.2018)
R10 Policy would be unnecessary, because climate change is not a priority	= statement argues that addressing climate change is not important compared to other policies (such as immigration, crime, etc.)	“The challenge of the 21st century is not the alleged ‘climate change’ repeatedly pushed hysterically by ‘left-green’ and in the media, but consists in reconciling population growth and environmental protection.” (in: ‘Bundesregierung bei Regenwald-Problematik ohne klare Linie ‘, 14.08.2019) “We are not threatened by climate change, but by demographic change. The demographic development threatens our pension, health and social systems.” (in: ‘Kinderfreundliche Gesellschaft und Erhalt des Staatsvolks sollten als Staatsziele in Grundgesetz aufgenommen werden’, 07.12.2017) “The recent Corona crisis shows that it is not our main problem in the EU to create a so-called climate-neutral Europe by 2050 with the help of 1,000 billion euros” (in: ‘Stoppt den Green Deal: Infolge Corona gibt es Dringenderes für die EU zu tun’, 22.05.2020)