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Do Americans Believe Climate Change is Real? Do They Think the United States Should Do Something About It?

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1:30 - 3:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building**

Dr. Whit Ayres is the President of Ayres, McHenry, & Associates, Inc., a national public opinion and public affairs research firm located in Alexandria, Virginia, that provides research and strategic advice for corporations, associations, and Republican candidates for public office. *Roll Call*, a widely read newspaper on Capitol Hill, called the firm "one of the best in the nation," and the company was selected by the Republican National Committee to conduct its post-election national survey in 2000. Before establishing the firm, Dr. Ayres served as Senior Executive Assistant for Budget and Policy to Governor Carroll Campbell in South Carolina. He has also served as a tenured member of the political science faculty at the University of South Carolina. Ayres graduated cum laude from Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, with a major in political science. He received an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Steven Kull is Director of the Program on International Policy Attitudes, a joint program of the Center on Policy Attitudes (COPA) and the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM) in the University of Maryland School of Public Affairs. Dr. Kull is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and Editor of *WorldPublicOpinion.org*. Dr. Kull is a political psychologist who studies world public opinion on international issues. His articles have appeared in *Political Science Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Harpers*, *The Washington Post* and other publications. He regularly appears in the US and international media and gives briefings for the US Congress, the State Department, NATO, the UN and the EC. Dr. Kull earned his A.B. in Psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, M.A. in Psychology at Goddard College, and Ph.D. in Psychology at the Saybrook Institute.

Due to illness, Dr. Ramsay presented for Dr. Kull

Dr. Clay Ramsay is Research Director at the Center on Policy Attitudes (COPA) and a fellow of the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM) in the University of Maryland School of Public Affairs. Dr. Ramsay focuses on the study of ideology and mass psychology. Prior to joining COPA in 1992, he taught at Oberlin College. He is the author of *The Ideology of the Great Fear* (Johns Hopkins). Dr. Ramsay received his Ph.D. in History from Stanford University.

Dr. Thomas Brewer is an Associate Professor in the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business in Washington, DC, and an Associate Fellow of the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels. He specializes in issues associated with climate change, especially the political economy of U.S. government policy and business strategy. He has made presentations at conferences throughout Europe and Asia and at the 2005 COP/MOP climate change conference in Montreal, for academic, business and government audiences. He has been a consultant to the World Bank, the United Nations, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. For five years, he was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of International Business Studies*, a leading academic journal for interdisciplinary social science studies. Dr. Brewer earned his B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Wabash College, his M.A. in International Relations from Yale University, and holds Ph.D.s in both Political Science from SUNY Buffalo and Business Administration from the University of Michigan. He was professor of Political Science at Eastern Michigan University for 16 years, and has been a member of the faculty of Georgetown University since 1985.

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