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PROFESSOR SAYS HURRICANE VICTIMS ARE 'REAPING' THEIR DECISION TO ELECT 'CLIMATE DENIERS'

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Does University of St. Thomas thermal sciences professor John Abraham actually believe Florida Panhandle residents deserved to get hit by a catastrophic hurricane for electing "climate deniers?"



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Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida Panhandle Wednesday at just below Category 5 strength. The storm rapidly intensified as it approached the Florida coast, sparking evacuations and emergency declarations. Michael is **one of the strongest hurricanes** to make U.S. landfall, according to experts.

Despite the **lack of science to support** for his case, Abraham blames Michael's intensity on man-made global warming, leading to his subsequent claim that southern voters brought this upon themselves by voting Republicans into office.

"It is a wonder that a state like Florida, which will get pummeled by Michael, could vote for someone that denies climate change," Abraham wrote, pointing to Florida GOP politicians like Gov. Rick Scott and Sen. Marco Rubio. **(RELATED: Hurricane Michael Will Bring Something Florida Has Never Seen)**

Abraham's argument is that unless Republican "climate deniers" are voted out of office, more hurricanes will bring more death and destruction to the southeastern U.S., which tends to vote GOP lawmakers into office.

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nd destruction. I pray that
people heed warnings and get out of
the way. I hope people stay safe,
regardless of their understanding of
climate change and its effect on
storms."

However, Abraham goes on to write
that "elections have consequences and
if we as a society want to create a
better world and reduce climate
change, we have to vote for people
who understand science, who believe
in facts."

"Climate deniers are making these
storms worse by stopping action on
climate change. What the hell do we
expect to happen when the deniers are
writing the laws?" Abraham wrote.

The main problem with Abraham's
argument, however, is there's little to
no evidence global warming is making
hurricanes more intense or frequent.

The United Nations' **latest climate
report**, released Sunday, found there's
little to no evidence global warming is
making hurricanes more extreme or
intense.

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beyond AR5 have reported a
decreasing trend in the global number
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