Conspiracy theories about climate change are widespread. They cover a wide range, but the theme is generally that the world is run by some elite that is secretly using climate change as an excuse to take over the world.

My favorite conspiracy theory is that the world is run by the Lizard People, evil reptiles disguised as humans. (About 4% of the U.S. public apparently believe this.) I couldn't find anything connecting the reptilian cabal to climate change, but I did come up with a lot of other conspiracy theories. Here's a sample:

Climate Lockdowns. "A plan by Oxford's government to use cameras and fines to limit through-traffic in the congested city center and reduce automobile pollution is actually part of a scheme by global elite new-world-order types to enforce so-called "climate lockdowns." [Time magazine].

The Fifteen-Minute *Prison*?? Cities where people can live a short walk from work, school and other daily essentials rather than braving traffic-clogged highways or long commutes: utopian ideal or dystopian nightmare?" This is an idea that apparently leaves some conspiracy theorists trembling with fear. [Associated Press]

Chemtrails: "Efforts by oligarchs to change the weather by deliberately spraying chemicals from thousands of commercial jets." [Time magazine]

The Great Reset: a theory of a post-COVID effort to create a climate dictatorship. For instance. Catholic Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò wrote to Trump: "a 'global elite' was plotting to take over the world through the Great Reset and pleaded with him to stop 'the final assault of the children of darkness.'" [E&E News] RFK Jr. has endorsed a variety of this theory, linking COVID lockdowns to a climate dictatorship,

Nefarious Tampering. " Climate change is caused by a state-funded program called the High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP)." [For those who, like me, had never heard of this program, it's a research project by the University if Alaska to study the ionosphere." [CBS News]

It's the Chinese! "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive." [Donald Trump]

Weather modification. "Cloud-seeding airplanes or a nearby dam, rather than torrential rains, had caused the unusually intense flooding in northern Italy (and in places like Vermont and Rwanda) [NY Times.]

Space lasers! Oprah! “Social media that racked up millions of views blamed the [Maui] blaze on a ‘directed energy weapon’”.The *Times* also cites similar claims that the Governor of Hawaii started the fire in order to build a smart city on Maui, or that Oprah Winfield started the blaze for unspecified reasons. NY Times

Davos! The World Economic Forum wants to replace meat with bugs (and is generally trying to use climate change as an excuse to take over the world. (Pretty thoughtful of the conspirators to hold their meetings in full public view, I guess.) [Associated Press]

Given that there are conspiracy theories linking the climate issue to everyone from the Davos crowd and Xi Jinping to Oprah Winfrey and the University of Alaska, it’s actually a bit odd that the Lizard People haven’t been blamed.

You might almost regard the resounding silence on that subject as a bit suspicious. . ..