

Florida is the only place in the world where alligators and crocodiles co-mingle. Yes, [there is an American crocodile](#) and its numbers have rebounded from a low in the mid-70s. With more and more development encroaching on its habitat, sightings have become more commonplace.

LINK: <https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/state/2022/12/12/florida-crocodile-range-safety-tips-who-to-call-what-they-eat-dangerous/69720077007/>

[An experimental dam project](#) is being undertaken on Flagler Beach in an attempt to combat dune and coastal erosion threatening homes there. When a society fails to heed warning signs for decades and uses denial as a strategy, it's left with "solutions" like this.

What this will do to property values there and public access you can guess for yourself.

LINK: <https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2022/12/09/experimental-dune-system-to-be-installed-in-flagler-beach/>

In the early 90s, 80% of Americans accepted climate change and thought more needed to be done to address it. [By 2010 only 48% 'believed' in it.](#)

The fossil fuel industry spent a lot of money to make that happen.

LINK: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/01/10/how-fossil-fuel-industry-got-media-think-climate-change-was-debatable/>

Sophisticated propaganda campaigns muddying climate science and tying climate change to the culture wars have proven massively successful in brainwashing millions of Americans into thinking climate change is debatable, simply cyclical, or an offshoot of liberalism, now, the "woke agenda."

The multi-pronged strategy continues unabated in new and devious ways.

Another effort by the Gas and Oil Party – GOP – to support fossil fuel companies, discredit climate science and [undercut funding for clean energy](#) comes from state leadership nationwide – including Florida, of course – withdrawing public funds from money managers of pensions and the like who acknowledge climate change and factor it into their investment strategy.

LINK: https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2022-12-09/column-with-no-cogent-policies-to-offer-gop-steps-up-its-attack-on-environmentally-wise-investing?utm_id=79833&sfmc_id=1642332

The U.S. Secretary of the Interior has voiced [her opposition to a proposed mining project](#) on the doorstep of Okefenokee Swamp.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/12/09/interior-secretary-urges-georgia-governor-to-block-mining-plans-near-okefenokee/>

Trees and forests receive 99% of conservation attention and inclusion in solutions to climate change and biodiversity collapse, but don't forget about [the benefits of grasslands](#), long underappreciated.

LINK: <https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2022/07/climate-change-tree-planting-preserve-grass-grasslands/670583/>

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