

Opening Discussion - a fascinating and informative exposition of our *Internet Carbon Footprint*. “Data is driving a new industrial revolution globally, and it is growing exponentially. But what damage is it doing to the climate?” BBC World Service, "The Climate Question: Can the internet ever be green" (4:06-4:30 UTC, 8/2/2021): bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct0xbc (27 minutes). “The big tech firms of the world have reported record profits during lockdown. These firms are some of the industrial titans of the digital age. Their ability to manipulate vast quantities of data is revolutionising, well, everything. From streaming games and movies, to automating mining operations, controlling medical devices and even simple emails, the internet has brought incredible advances right across the globe. But we now know that previous industrial revolutions placed a huge burden on the planet. Our climate question this week is: Will this one be any different?” Guests: Dr Rabih Bashroush, IT infrastructure expert, The Uptime Institute; Dr Stephanie Hare, Author and tech researcher; Mats Lewan, Tech reporter, Stockholm. Presented by Graihagh Jackson and Neal Razzell; Produced by Jordan Dunbar; Researched by Soila Apparicio; Edited by Emma Rippon.



Zoom-chat Discussion Notes

- ✓ **Steve Kersten:** rings bell. If you would like to give your voluntary \$5 annual gift to the BBC, send check payable to Steve Kersten: 145 Ferncliff Ave NE, Unit D339, B.I., (put "BBC" in the memo line).
- ✓ **Dave Kragen:** lynda.com is now *LinkedIn Learning* [linkedin.com/learning/me?trk=sme-linkedin_showcase_learning](https://www.linkedin.com/learning/me?trk=sme-linkedin_showcase_learning).
- ✓ **Chris Pelton:** longtime BBC Regular, zoomed in from new home in Wasilla, Alaska. Pure Water Northwest. Purewaternorthwest.com, Betterwateralaska.com, washingtonplumbingprofessionals.com, Crystalcleannorthwest.com.
- ✓ **Betty Herman:** Hi from Suquamish. (We now have electric charging stations at my condominium.)
- ✓ **Cilla Utne:** Latest CCJ News: crossculturaljourneys.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/j/E431183CDD94C39D2540EF23F30FEDED
- ✓ **Steve Rabago:** Arts & Humanities Bainbridge - ahbainbridge.org/public-art-2/; bainbridgecurrents.com/public-art/.
- ✓ **Robert Weschler:** updates on events & projects, bainbridgewa.gov/1155/Sustainable-Transportation-Planning-Stud.
- ✓ **Kevin Dwyer:** Business webinars from AccelerateKitsap acceleratekitsap.org. See also TheIslandWanderer.com.

COVID-19 pandemic status report (Worldwide & US) worldometers.info/coronavirus/ ... *mourn for the dead!*
Previous 5 February 2021 Deaths Worldwide: 2,300,112 / Deaths United States: 467,518 (20.3% of world deaths)
12 February 2021 Deaths Worldwide: 2,384,729 / Deaths United States: 487,978 (20.5% of world deaths)

Today's rogues gallery of BBC regulars:

