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politics. He is the founder and executive director of the Breakthrough Institute and a co-author of [A Ecomodernist Manifesto](#).

Over the last decade, he has helped lead a paradigm shift in climate, energy, and environmental policy. He was among the first to emphasize the imperative to "make clean energy cheap" in [The Harvard Law and Policy Review](#), explained why efforts to establish legally binding international limit on greenhouse gas emissions would fail in [The Washington Post](#) and [Democracy Journal](#), made the case for nuclear energy as a critical global warming solution in [The Wall Street Journal](#), has written on the limits to [energy efficiency](#) and the need to [prepare for climate change](#) in The New York Times, and has argued for the importance of intensifying agricultural production in order to spare land for forests and biodiversity in [Scientific American](#) and [The Guardian](#).

His 2007 book [Break Through](#), co-authored with Michael Shellenberger, was called "prescient" by [Time](#) and "the best thing to happen to environmentalism since Rachel Carson's Silent Spring" by [Wired](#). (An excerpt in [The New Republic](#) can be read here.) Their 2004 essay, "The Death of Environmentalism" was featured on the front page of the Sunday [New York Times](#), sparked a national debate, and inspired a generation of young environmentalists.

Over the years, Nordhaus been profiled in [The New York Times](#), [Wired](#), the [San Francisco Chronicle](#), the [National Review](#), [The New Republic](#), and on [NPR](#). In 2007, he received the [Green Book Award](#) and Time magazine's 2008 "[Heroes of the Environment](#)" award.

Nordhaus was formerly executive editor of the [Breakthrough Journal](#), the Breakthrough Institute's policy magazine that delivers pragmatic opinion and analysis, grounded in the belief that even our most wicked environmental problems have technological solutions. Under his leadership, [The New Republic](#) lauded the [Breakthrough Journal](#) as "among the most complete efforts to provide a fresh answer" to the question of how to modernize liberal thought, and the [National Review](#) called it "The most promising effort at self-criticism by our liberal cousins in a long time."

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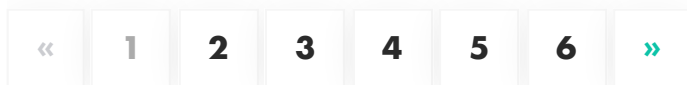
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