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Ted Nordhaus is a leading global thinker on energy, environment, climate, human development, and politics. He is the co-founder and executive director of the Breakthrough Institute and a co-author of "An 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 limits 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 is executive editor of the [Breakthrough Journal](#), which [The New Republic](#) called "among the most complete efforts to provide a fresh answer" to the question of how to modernize liberal thought, and the [National Review](#) called "The most promising effort at self-criticism by our liberal cousins in a long time."