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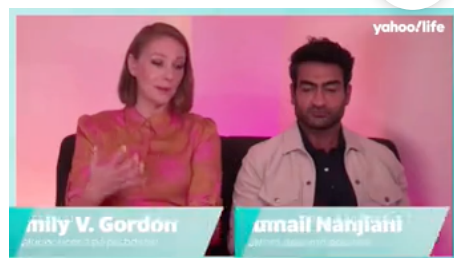
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After Hurricane Ian ravaged the US state of Florida, media pundits claimed online that there is no link between such storms and climate change. This is misleading; while hurricanes have always existed, scientists say their intensity and potential for destruction are increasing as the planet warms.

"No trend in landfalling Florida hurricanes since 1903," says a September 29, 2022 [tweet](#) from Fox News commentator Steve Milloy. "Not in



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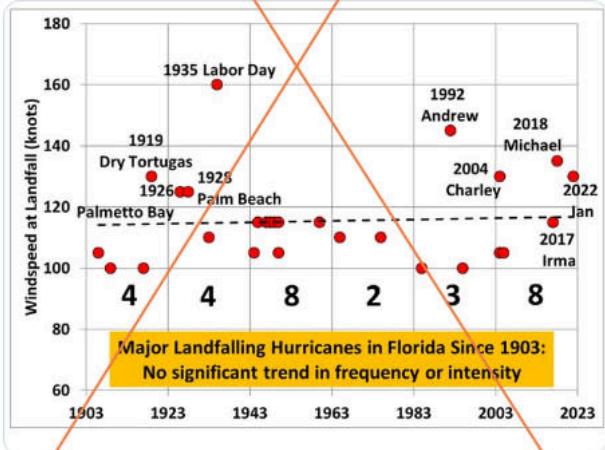
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The post shares a link to an article from "Watts Up with That?" -- a website that has previously promoted misinformation about climate change.

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Ian, a powerful Category 4 storm, [slammed](#) into southwest Florida. It is part of a trend in which social media posts doubt the science of climate change [following](#) major hurricanes in the US.

Similar claims circulated online [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). Liz Wheeler, a conservative commentator with more than 1.4 million followers on Facebook, said on her [show](#) that hurricanes are at an all-time low and dismissed scientific projections that such storms will continue to intensify in the future due to rising [global carbon emissions](#).

Wheeler has [repeatedly](#) called climate change a "hoax."



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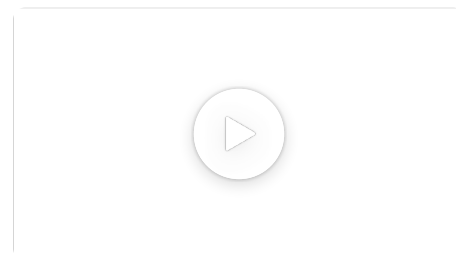
Authorities say at least 93 people died because of [Hurricane Ian](#), which [flattened neighborhoods](#) on Florida's southwest coast and knocked out power for millions of people before heading toward the Carolinas.

AFP consulted several scientists and experts to investigate the link between hurricanes and climate change. While causality is hard to prove, all of them agreed global warming is making



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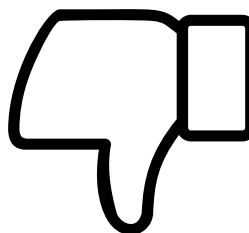
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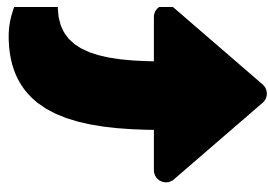


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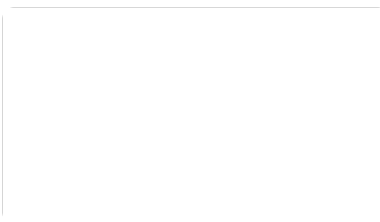


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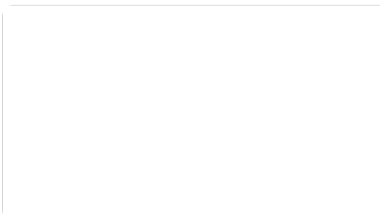


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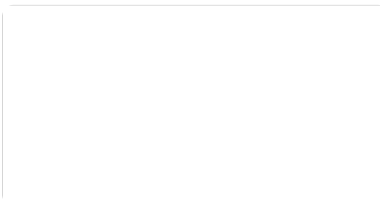


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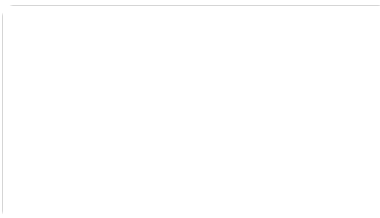
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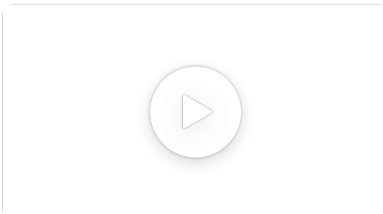
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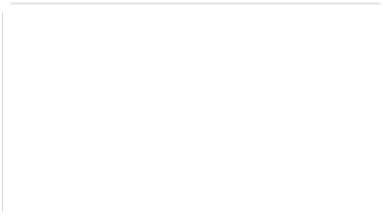
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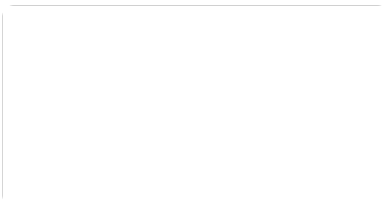
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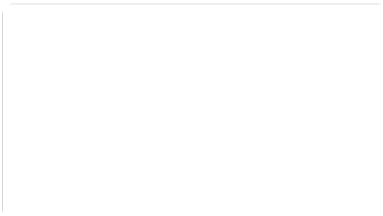


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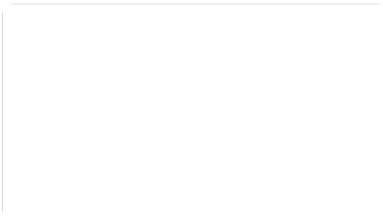


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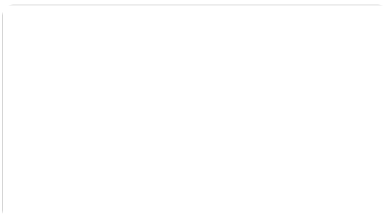
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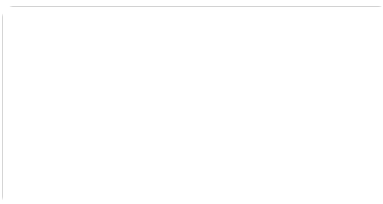


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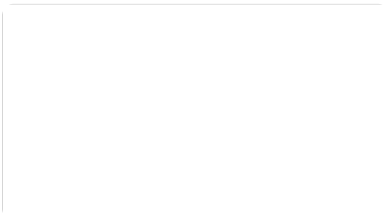
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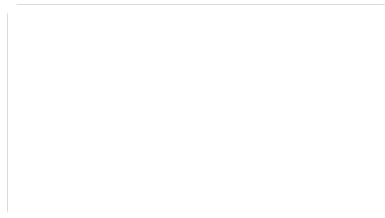
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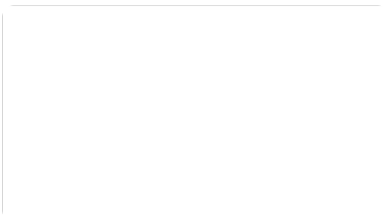


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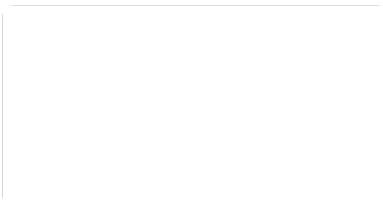
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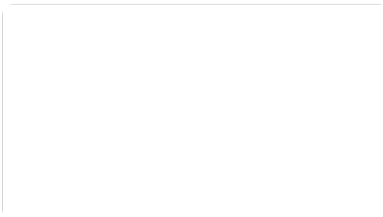
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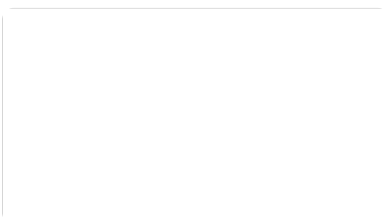
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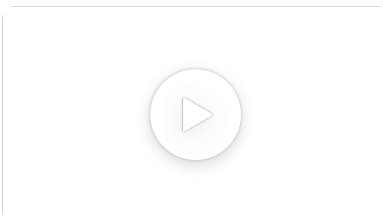
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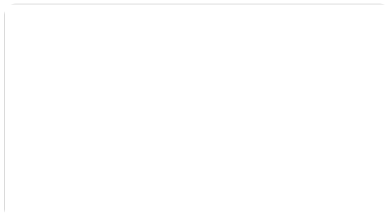
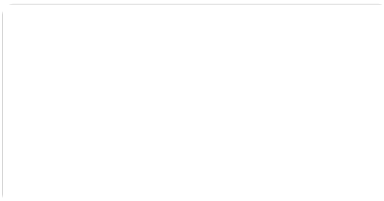


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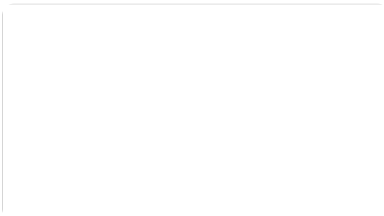


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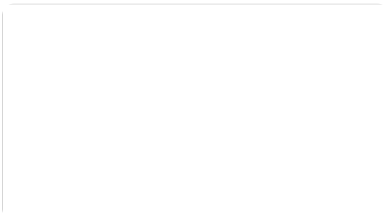
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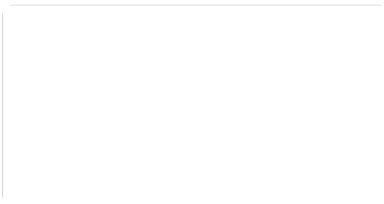
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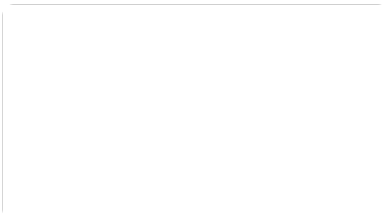
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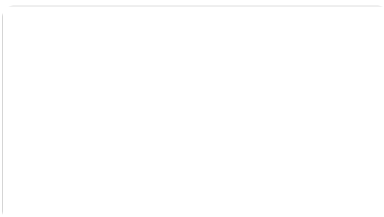
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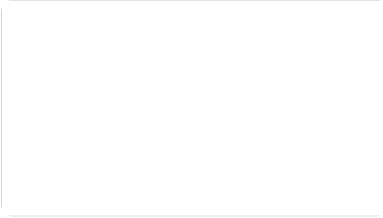


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