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Disclosure Principles:

1. There was no funding source for this paper.
2. I have received **no** financial support from an “interested” party. Because climate change is such a sensitive political issue, I do flag one past grant for which someone may mistakenly think that I received funding from an interested party.

“The Mining Industry and Its Relationship to Community Poverty Across Appalachia.” ARIES Mining Project, Joint Principle Investigators: (Late) Lawrence Brown, Linda Lobao, and Mark D. Partridge, \$257,558, 2012-2016.

This project was about the past and contemporaneous effects of the coal mining industry on local poverty rates and other household outcomes, not anything to do with the predictions of climate change or any related future migration. ARIES no longer exists as of 2016. The ARIES funding required the following disclosure of related research:

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To ensure that there is no appearance of any conflict, beginning with the first words of the Abstract, we state: “Manmade climate change (CC) has catastrophic consequences.” Further in the Introduction and elsewhere, we clearly discuss the catastrophic effects of manmade climate change. Overall, this “disclosure” is made with an abundance of caution for all parties, even though it does not appear to meet the AER/AEA requirements for disclosure or a conflict of interest.

3. I have only been a board or director for professional organizations such as North American Regional Science Association or Regional Science Association International. These professional organizations have no stake in this research.
4. No close relative has any stake in this research.
5. No one has a right to review this research nor has it been reviewed by any potential “interested party.”

6. This research was not approved by The Ohio State University Institutional Review Board (IRB). No application to the IRB was made because the paper only uses secondary data from publically available sources and does not include human subjects.