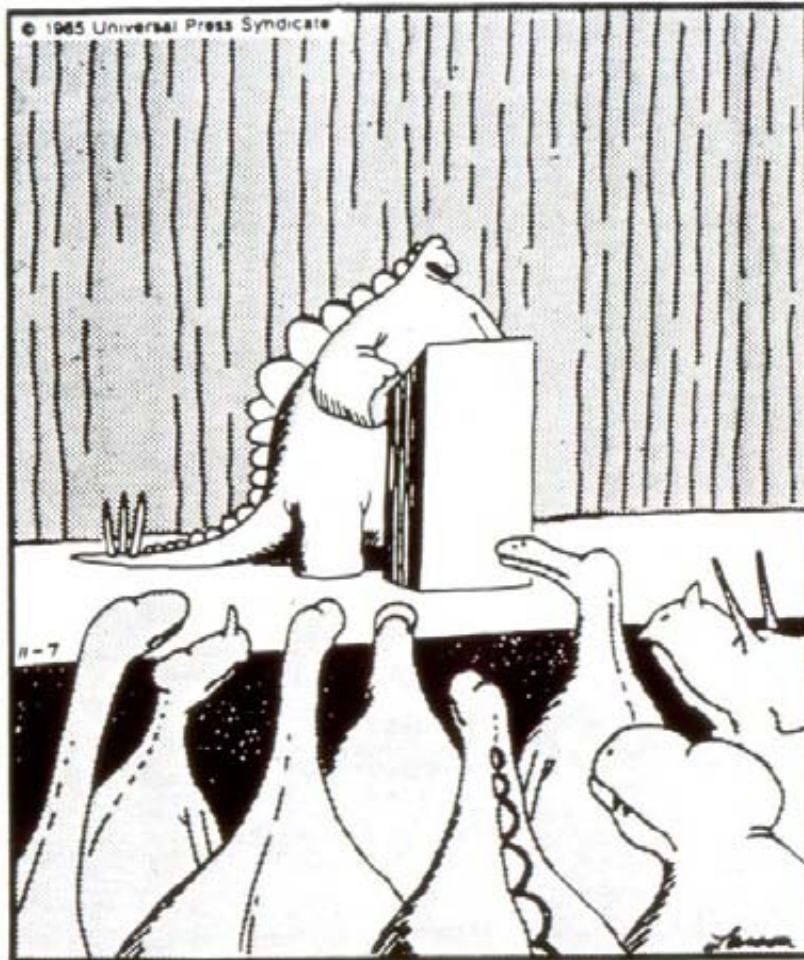


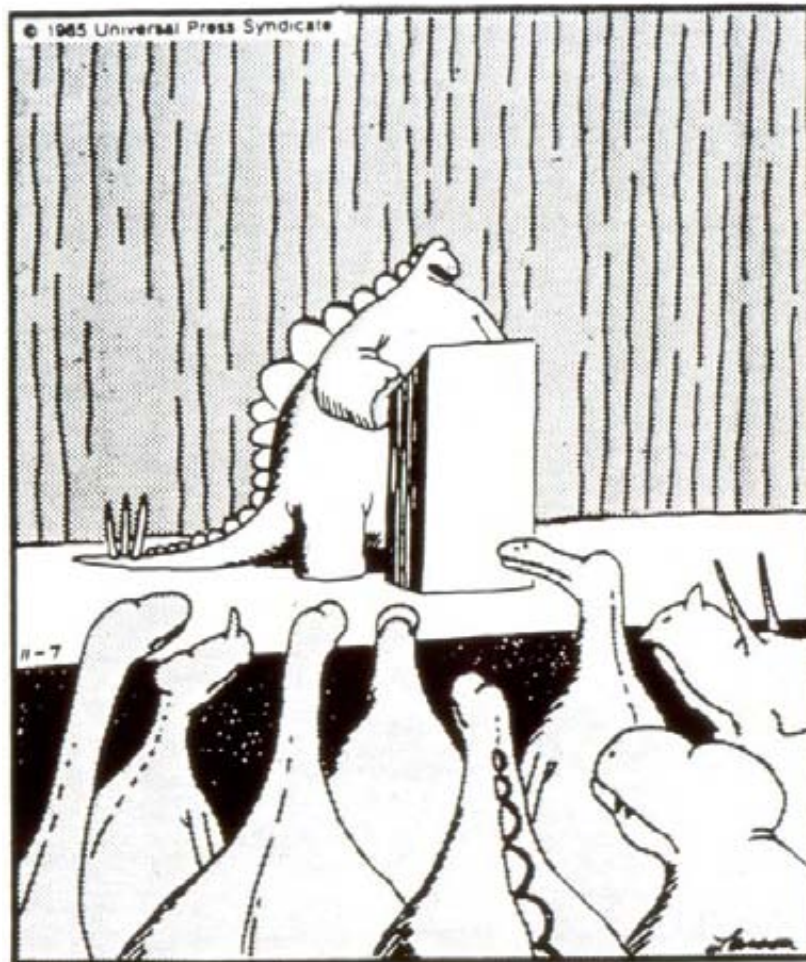
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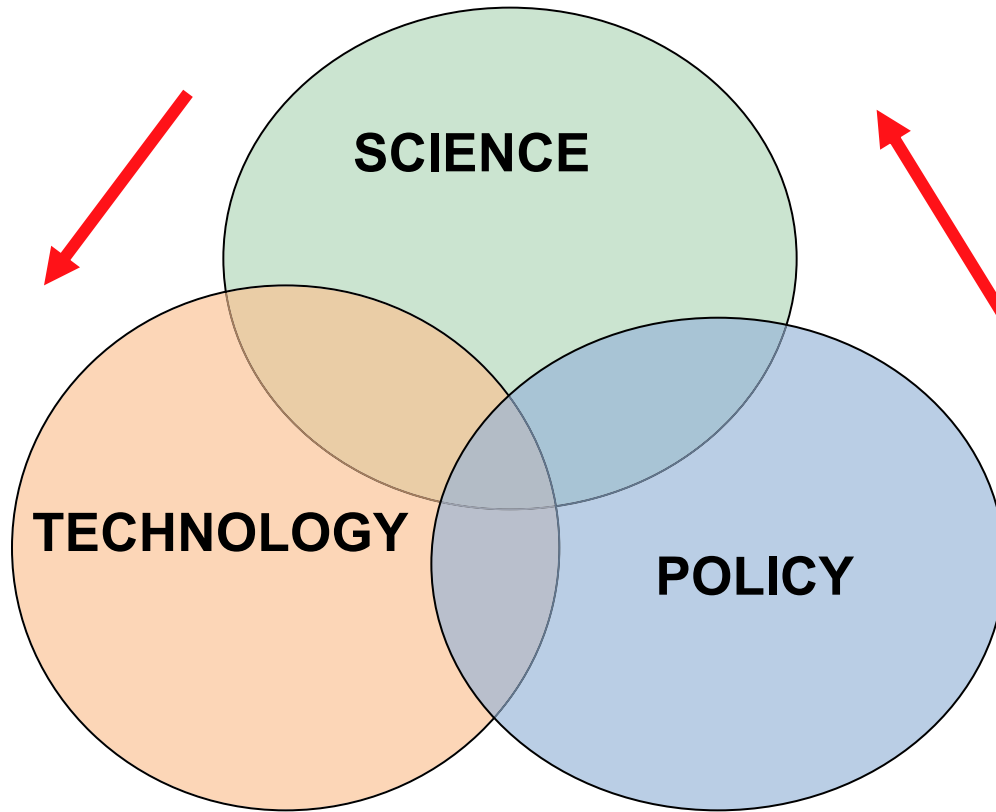


"The picture's pretty bleak, ladies and gentlemen..."

The world's climates are changing, the mammals are taking over, and we all have a brain about the size of a walnut."

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM SOLVING: Climate Change

What's the Problem?



Can we fix it?



How can we move
toward the solution?

*About 70 percent of the possible CO₂ abatements
do not depend on any major technological developments...*

... McKinsey 2008

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

“All I want to do ... is a *TAKE* your money....

This conference trying to change this to...

“ALL I WANT TO DO ... IS ..A *SAVE* YOU MONEY

YOU HAVE THE MORAL HIGH GROUND...

The carbon footprint of Pacific Island nations is small...

while your exposure to climate change impacts is extreme...

One result is that representatives of small island nations can speak with a strong voice of moral authority...

Al Gore's 2007 Nobel Peace Price Acceptance Speech:

A day will come when our children and grandchildren will look back and they'll ask one of two questions.

Either, he said, they will ask: "What in God's name were they doing?"

Or, they may look back and say:

"How did they find the uncommon moral courage to rise above politics and redeem the promise of American democracy?"

