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Regarding "Politics and science mix badly" (Views, Jan. 20) by Roger Pielke, Jr.:

Roger Pielke, Jr., a political scientist, presumes to conclude that environmental scientists' criticisms of Bjorn Lomborg's book reflect a politicization of science. As a professor of environmental and resource science for 30 years and one of the critics I have a different interpretation.

"The Skeptical Environmentalist" betrays Lomborg's complete incompetence in the environmental- and resource-science topics it is addressing, as well as pervasive bias deployed in support of an erroneous thesis. To expose this pastiche of errors and misrepresentations was not a political act but a scientific duty.

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