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Why our brains may not be equipped to handle climate change

People protest outside the Exxon Mobil annual shareholder meeting in Dallas on May 25. (Jae S. Lee / Associated Press)

To the editor: The question, "Why aren't we talking about climate change?" was addressed by environmental activist George Marshall in his book, "Don't Even Think About It." He says we not only don't talk about climate change, we don't even want to think about it. Whether we believe or not, we've erected a "meta silence" around the issue. ("Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time. So why isn't it getting more play in the election?" editorial, May 26)

"Climate change contains none of the clear signals that we require to mobilize our inbuilt sense of threat and it is remarkably and dangerously open to misinterpretation," he writes. Psychologically, we're not well equipped to think long-term.

The answer to our silence is not found in our differences, he says, "but in the things we share, our common psychology, our perception of risk, and our deepest instincts to defend our family and tribe."

More science is not needed; what we need is to think of how to fix the problem and the cost.

Farrah Hedayati, Fullerton

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