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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said his plans for a "red team" review of climate change science may be televised, according to an interview with [Reuters](#), in which he also accused climate scientists of not answering key questions.

"It is a question about how much we contribute to it. How do we measure that with precision? And by the way, are we on an unsustainable path? And is it causing an existential threat?" he told the wire service.

Pruitt did not elaborate on how scientists would be chosen, but said there should be "a robust discussion for all the world to see." That could include via television, he said, arguing that "the American people would be very interested in consuming that."

The red team review is "not necessarily" the first step toward undoing the 2009 endangerment finding that declared climate change a threat and led to a number of Obama-era climate regulations, Pruitt told Reuters. The service reported that Pruitt believes "there may be a legal basis to challenge the finding but would prefer Congress weigh in on the matter." There are currently at least three pending petitions with EPA seeking to overturn the finding.

Several noted climate scientists have scoffed at the idea of participating in a red team review, saying it would lend unearned legitimacy to the review. The peer-review scientific process and decades of research have provided the necessary review, scientists say.

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