

There's a surprisingly strong link between climate change and violence

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Earlier this year, when a study came out suggesting global warming will increase the rates of violent crimes in the United States — producing “an additional 22,000 murders, 180,000 cases of rape,” and many other crime increases by the year 2099 — it drew widespread criticism. “This ... is what people who are losing the argument look like,” noted the conservative publication *National Review*.

One study may seem easy to dismiss. But the combined results of 56 of them? Not so much.

In a new working paper released by the National Bureau of Economic Research, Stanford researcher Marshall Burke and two colleagues present a meta-analysis — an evaluation and statistical synthesis of a large body of studies — of the existing research examining the relationship between climate change and violence and conflict. After throwing out a host of studies they consider flawed, Burke and his colleagues still had 56 left, many of them quite recent.

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