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Hi all,

Please see below. NN unfortunately ran an interview with Dr. Schabas this morning and a clip was included in our web story. We took the viz out and had Encoder unpublish it completely. As you'll see below, these sources are considered the "climate change denier" equivalent of coronavirus prevention. .

Paul Hambleton is behind this decision from a JSP standpoint.

Again, please read below - and please pass along to anyone doing coronavirus stories on the desk.

thank you!

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From: **Tracy Seeley** <tracy.seeley@cbc.ca>

Hi,

We really need to get the message out to avoid chasing interviews with Dr Richard Schabas and Dr Neil Rau, who have been described in the medical community as the equivalent of climate change deniers of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Of course we need to pursue a range of expert voices with this story, and there are different expert opinions about many aspects of it that our audience should hear.

But Schabas and Rau are truly outliers and should be treated as such. We should not be interviewing them in the context of coping with this outbreak. Please remove them from chase lists for this subject.

One other reminder: NN interviews are being pulled into digital stories more than ever before. If there is ever an editorial issue with an NN interview, please make sure the digital and social teams know, by contacting [Webflag](#) and [Webugc](#).

Thanks all.

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