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Dear Colleagues,

Global warming is one of the greatest challenges of our times. Scientists regard anthropogenic greenhouse gases—those resulting from human-induced sources—as the main contributor. So, we humans must change our behavior in the short term to mitigate the effects of global warming in the long term. However, despite the efforts of politicians, policymakers, and activists, climate action lies behind.

Traditionally, technological, financial, and institutional barriers have been identified as important hindrances to climate action. However, over the years, research has indicated that psychological barriers are also playing a defining role, and different schools of thought from psychology, behavioral economics, and new institutional economics try to explain these barriers in terms of biases, heuristics, hassles, and transaction costs (e.g., de Vries, 2020; de Vries et al., 2019; Ebrahimigharehbaghi & Qian et al., 2019, 2020; Gifford, 2011; Hoppe & de Vries, 2019; Huijts et al., 2019)...

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