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## Jackson Lee: Moon Made of Gas; Hostin: “Climate Change” Caused Eclipse, Earthquakes, and Cicadas’ Emergence

April 9 was a tough day for leftists trying to explain science.

Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) said the moon is a “planet” made of “gases.”

Democratic New Jersey Senate candidate [Christina Amira Khalil](#) claimed that “climate change” caused the earthquake that hit the East Coast last week.

On *The View*, cohost Sunny Hostin said that “climate change” caused the eclipse on April 8, the earthquakes, and awakened two broods of periodic cicadas that will emerge in the next month or so.

Thus did the party of science speak.



AP Images  
Sheila Jackson Lee

### Jackson Lee

Jackson Lee was speaking to students at Booker T. Washington High School in Houston when she tried to offer an astronomy lesson.

“You have the energy of the Moon at night. And sometimes you’ve heard the word ‘full moon,’” she began. “Sometimes you need to take the opportunity just to come out and see a full moon is that complete rounded circle, which is made up mostly of gases.”

Having apprised students that the Moon isn’t solid but more like the gas giants — Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune — Lee speculated about living on the Moon.

Because the Moon is a gas ball, “that’s why the question is why or how could we as humans live on the moon?” she said:

Are the gases such that we could do that?

The sun is a mighty powerful heat, but it’s almost impossible to go near the sun. The moon is more manageable. And you will see in a moment ... in a couple of years ... that NASA is going back to the Moon.

At least Jackson Lee didn’t say we could approach the Sun at night, but anyway, richly deserved ridicule followed.

“The party of 63 genders and pregnant men is now setting its sights on astronomy and space construction,” the Heritage Foundation’s Delano Squire wrote. “What could go wrong?!”



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“These are the kinds of people who vote on laws that affect all of us,” X user Doug Powers wrote.

Wrote PJ Media’s Stephen Green:

It looks like she’s speaking to high school students who are either too mal-educated or too sleepy from boredom to break out into riotous laughter.

Pray it’s the latter.

“Dumb as dirt,” Jaunita Broaddrick wrote. “Always has been.”

Jackson claimed she “misspoke” and that “meant to say sun, but as usual Republicans are focused on stupid things instead of stuff that really matters.”

Right.

For the record, the Moon’s core is mostly iron, and its surface is “43% oxygen, 20% silicon, 19% magnesium, 10% iron, 3% calcium, 3% aluminum, 0.42% chromium, 0.18% titanium and 0.12% manganese,” [Space.com says](#).

Jackson Lee isn’t the first party of science member to get confused. During a committee hearing, Hank Johnson of Georgia asked a Navy admiral whether the deployment of Marines on Guam might cause the island to “tip over and capsize.”

In keeping the party’s effort to put high-IQ candidates up for public office, candidate Khalil posted a novel theory about the earthquake that shook New York and New Jersey, the [New York Post reported](#).

“I experienced my first earthquake in NJ,” she wrote on X. “We never get earthquakes. The climate crisis is real. The weirdest experience ever.”

## ***The View***

Daytime TV talker Hostin is worried not only about “climate change” causing eclipses and earthquakes, but also its effects on the [XIX and XIII broods of cicadas](#).

“We’ve got a solar eclipse, we’ve got the earthquake ... also, I learned the cicadas are coming.... All those things together, may lead one to believe that either climate change exists, or maybe something is really going on.”

It was clear that neither Hostin, nor the other women who tried to correct her, understand brood cicadas.

Brood XIX is 13-year cicadas, while XIII is 17-year cicadas. [They last emerged](#) together in 1803.

Continuing the leftist media’s mania for eating bugs to stop “climate change,” in its report on the emergencies, CBS News hastened to observe that people can safely eat the hideous bugs.

“Humans can also eat cicadas,” the [network reported](#), citing Ken Johnson of the University of Illinois:

They are best eaten as adults after they have molted but before their exoskeleton hardens. People who are allergic to shellfish should avoid eating cicadas.



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Some cicadas, however, could be infected with a sexually transmitted fungus called *Massospora cicadina*, Kasson told CBS News. It is unclear what the fungus does to organisms who eat infected cicadas.

In 2021, CBS offered emerging 17-year Brood X cicadas as a delicacy [under this headline](#): “The cicadas are coming — and foodies are getting ready to feast.”

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