

# Media Blames 'Climate Change' for Canadian Wildfires Despite Arrest of Multiple Arsonists

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*Despite the arrest of multiple arsonists, the mainstream media in Canada seems intent on attributing the nation's recent wildfires to "climate change."*

As wildfires continue to spread across western, and now central and eastern Canada, burning forestland and homes, the mainstream media [continues](#) to [imply](#) that climate change is the main culprit, despite a growing number of [reports showing that arsonists](#) have been [arrested](#) for allegedly setting dozens of fires.

"Several arsonists have been arrested in the past weeks in different provinces for lighting forest fires," People's Party of Canada leader Maxime Bernier [tweeted](#). "But the lying woke media and politicians keep repeating that global warming is the cause."

The severe nature of the wildfires has caused Canadians to wonder why they have spread so rapidly, especially as many of the affected areas are not typically impacted by wildfires of this degree or at this time of the year.

In the past months, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have arrested several arsonists who have been charged with lighting fires across several provinces including [Nova Scotia](#), [Yukon](#), [British Columbia](#), and [Alberta](#). The motive behind lighting the fires is unclear.

One Albertan, John Cook, has been [arrested and charged](#) with 10 counts of arson after setting a string of wildfires in and around Cold Lake, a hamlet near Edmonton.

In addition to damaging vehicles and structures, Cook was charged with setting aflame the [Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints](#) in Cherry Grove, Alberta.

A Vancouver man charged with arson has been [released](#) until his trial on October 9, with

Cpl. Michael Gauthier asserting that he is not a risk to light further fires.

“This incident was not random in nature and we do not believe there is risk to other members of the public or businesses from the individual who was arrested,” Gauthier stated.

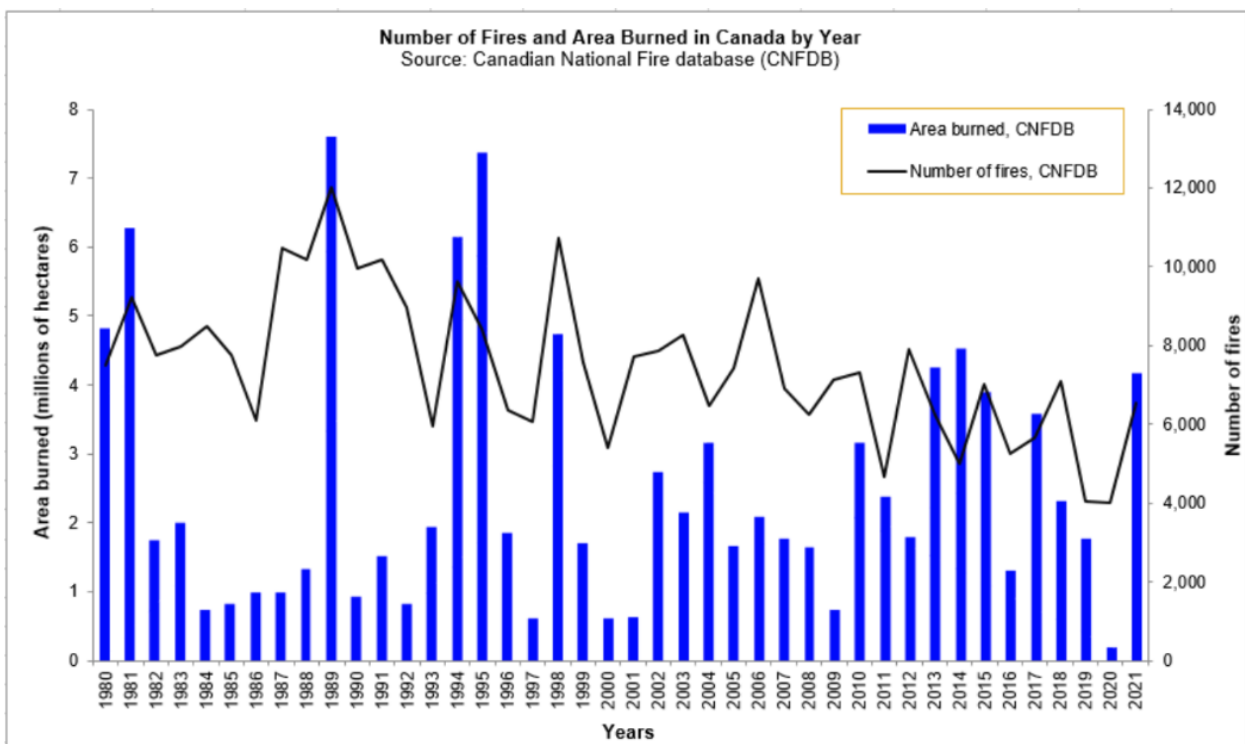
Despite the numerous arrests, mainstream media outlets continue to publish articles attributing the wildfires to climate change.

“Rise in extreme wildfires linked directly to emissions from oil companies in new study,” the *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation* (CBC) [reported](#).

“Canadian forest fires are the latest costly climate disaster that public accounts fail to capture,” another CBC headline [read](#).

“Climate change is increasing the risks of wildfires in the country, experts say,” Global News [attested](#).

Despite these claims, [statistics](#) from Canadian National Fire Database reveal that wildfires across Canada have decreased in recent years, having peaked in 1989.



Graph from the Canadian National Fire Database showing wildfire prevalence in Canada from 1980 to 2021

Notably, the mainstream media outlets attributing the increase of wildfires to climate change have [received funding](#) from the Liberal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, which is [actively pushing](#) for increased bans on using natural resources in Canada to combat “climate change.”

About this potential conflict of interest, retired Canadian colonel David Redman [recently testified](#) that legacy media outlets are “ministries of propaganda,” with multiple [former mainstream media employees](#) also making similar comments about their past employers.

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