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DP 1

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What Counts as Good Evidence for a Claim?

Whenever you see something that you think is fascist, you should know that the makers coincide with your opinion that it is not good, that is not a good statement, that is not good politics and if you see a black uniform you should know bad, bad, bad... You should not read it differently than that. We all agree with that. It is bad.

-Paul Verhoeven, Director of Starship Troopers

**There is
conclusive
evidence that
the movie is
Anti- Fascist,
but people
disagree
anyway**

What Paul Verhoeven Thinks is Conclusive

Verhoeven was the **director and creative voice behind the movie**- his opinion on the theme of the movie is, is what the theme of the movie is.

Almost all of Verhoeven's work is about how Fascism is bad, and he has a **personal hatred of fascist ideas** (he was born in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands)

There are still people don't think the movie is Anti-Fascist

There is still discourse about **whether the movie is a satire or an endorsement** of fascist ideas, despite the fact that Verhoeven said it is the former.

Alt- Right Youtuber Sargon of Akkad made an entire video **trying to "debunk" the idea** that the movie is anti-fascist.

IDEAS

More Proof That This Really Is the End of History

Over the past year, it has become evident that there are key weaknesses at the core of seemingly strong authoritarian states.

By Francis Fukuyama

This is part of an academic debate with no Concrete evidence

Fukuyama is responding to criticism of his book using **recent events as evidence.**

His book was written with the **fall of the soviet union** as evidence, and his critics used the **rise of illiberal states** like Russia and China as their evidence


All both sides are doing is using their **analysis of historical trends** as evidence, which is incredibly arbitrary and open to interpretation.

In most other contexts, this would **not be considered concrete evidence**, but the debate continues

S.785 - Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act of 2023

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Sponsor: [Sen. Fischer, Deb \[R-NE\]](#) (Introduced 03/14/2023)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 03/14/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. ([All Actions](#))

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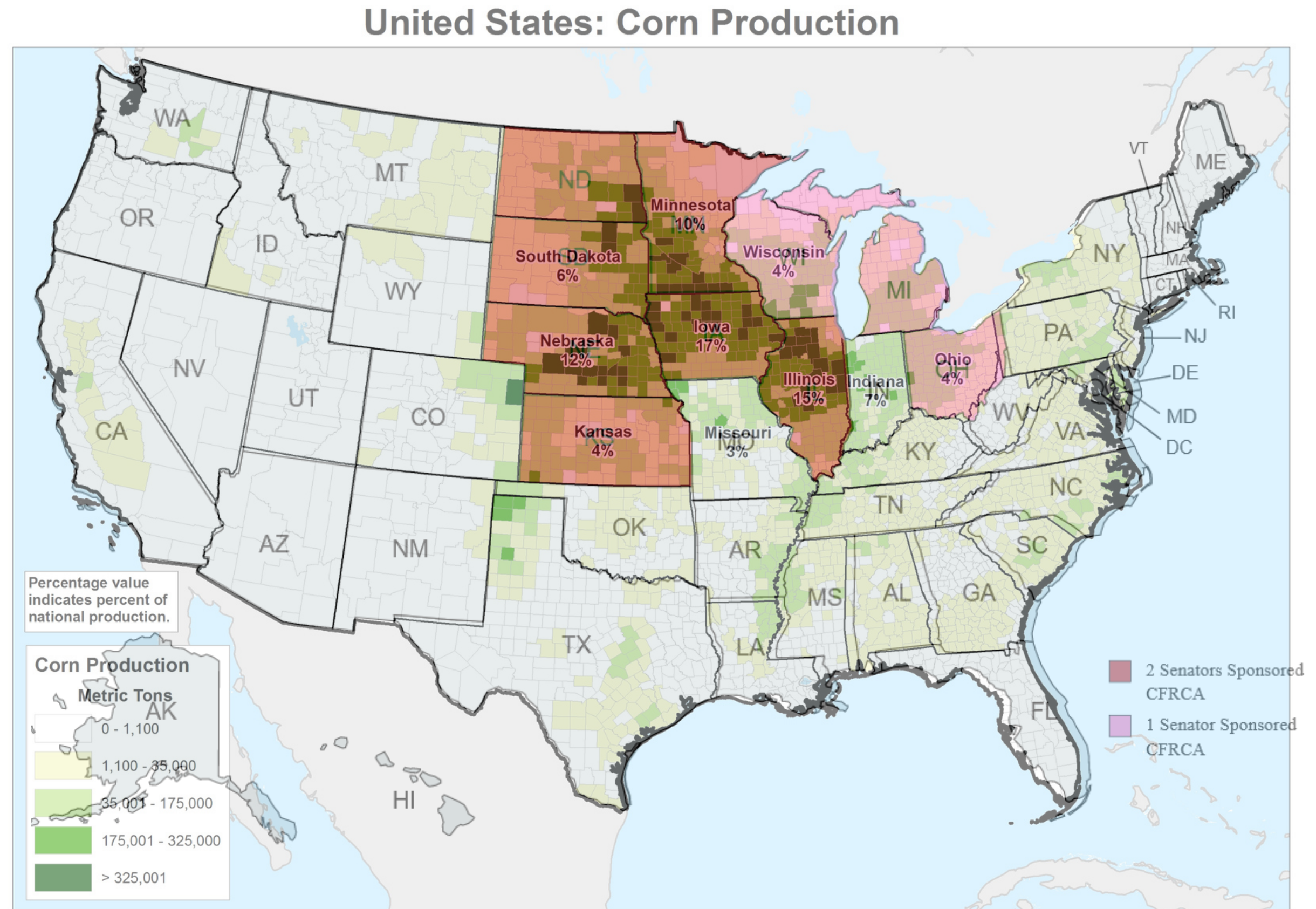
There is evidence both for and against ethanol, but that isn't what the debate is about

Theoretically the pitch for increasing the consumption of fuel mixed with Ethanol is that it is better for the environment- and there is evidence that that is true. However there is also evidence that the emissions from producing ethanol offset that benefit. **Both sides have a point here.**

In 2023 a group of US senators proposed a bill, the **Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act**. This bill would make ethanol mixed fuel much, much more accessible.

In theory one would expect the sponsors of the bill to be all of the senators who care about the environment and think ethanol will help- but that isn't what happened. Even Republican **senators who do not care about the environment supported the bill.**

The People who support ethanol support it because it's good for their state's economy, not because of climate benefits



a Juxtaposition of CFRCA sponsors and states that produce corn (which ethanol is made from)

Corn data is from the US Department of Agriculture

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**Evidence is as good as it is
useful and relevant to the
discussion**

My answer to the prompt