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Hi, and welcome to Newsreel Easy. I'm Carrie Morrison. Coming up:

• Misleading online videos about climate change

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But first...

Energy Drink News

A new report shows that drinking even small amounts of energy drinks can affect how much sleep you get.

The drinks are very popular among students, who take them as a way of increasing their energy levels. They contain a lot of caffeine and sugars.

But a survey by scientists in Norway has revealed that people who drink them regularly sleep less than those who don't. Even people who only drink between 1 and 3 cans a month can have problems with their sleep.

Social Media News

Now, do you see a lot of videos online talking about global warming? And do they sometimes say that the climate change problem isn't as bad as people think?

According to the charity, the Center for Countering Digital Hate, a third of teenagers in the UK believe the effects of climate change have been exaggerated.

Researchers say that a growing number of online videos are pushing the idea that although climate change is happening it's not really harming the planet.

You'Tube video from Jubilee: Many of the people who own homes, they're not allowed to water their lawns. Why? Because of environmental regulation laws, which are suppressing - again, suppressing - the natural right to use water.

I've been speaking to teenagers in London to find out what they think about this. I first spoke with Lolo.

Carrie: Does this statistic surprise you?

Lolo: The figure of 30% of people who don't believe in climate change doesn't surprise me, as I think people are ill-informed and also in denial.

Lolo thinks people don't believe in climate change because they don't know about the

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scientific evidence, so they can pretend it's not real. I also spoke with Peter.

Peter: My mother works at Nature, she works for a climate change journal. And, I've been around this for a lot of my life. Which makes it all the more surprising that 30% of people deny climate change or think that it's exaggerated.

Peter says because his mum reports on climate change, he's even more surprised people think global warming is exaggerated.

Carrie: So, why do you think so many people believe this?

Peter: I think there's a lot of misinformation being spread around, especially in the social media age, with platforms like Twitter or Facebook. There's not enough fact-checking that is occurring online.

Peter thinks that social media spreads misinformation very quickly, without being fact-checked by professionals.

Carrie: And why do you think it's happening, Lolo?

Lolo: The figure is so high because people are misinformed on social media. Also, I think the older population, are maybe in denial about the situation?

Lolo suggests that these people who don't believe in global warming, just don't want to change how they live their lives.

Thank you to Lolo and Peter.

Gaming News

[League of Legends theme]

That was the theme song for 'League of Legends', which was the most-watched game on the Twitch streaming platform in 2023.

The company has announced that it's changing the way it pays people who stream their games on the platform.

The change means that streamers who have more than 300 monthly subscribers will now get a bigger share of the money.

That's all for this week.

I'll be back on the 24th of February.

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