

have a meat addiction, as there are plenty of slender meat eaters and obese vegetarians in the world, and there are other things that can lead to obesity (plus, BMI is a poor way to measure health).

Though I am far from a scientist, it seems that blaming fat people for climate change would be ignoring dozens of other factors that contribute to the problem. You say we are now "supposed" to be attracted to such people, but nowhere in the Feb. 11 article did it state, "You *must* be sexually attracted to fat people." It simply suggested that women shouldn't feel ashamed of their bodies while having sex.

Yes, some people need to lose weight

for health reasons, but calling them greedy and blaming them for global warming will not help anyone. I appreciate your obvious concern for the health of Americans, but I would suggest a kinder and more compassionate approach to your crusade.

*Kendra Lady
Eugene*

DISGUSTING LETTER

I never throw up. Well maybe when I've had way too much to drink which I definitely felt like doing when I read that disgusting letter Feb. 18 by the svelte model Amanda Franca who is apparently too thin to land a modeling job in France.

Perhaps her problem could be solved if she added some fat and carbs to her diet.

She makes several assumptions that are a bit of a stretch, like suggesting that all overweight people are addicted to red meat. A valid point can be made that over-consumption of meat in the American diet is responsible for a host of problems including poor health, environmental degradation, global warming, animal abuse and, yes, along with over-consumption of simple carbs, obesity.

According to my BMI I am classified as obese because my 5-foot, 11-inch frame is carrying 230 pounds. I am, however, in good health and eat a fairly healthy

diet consisting of organic vegetables and "good" meat. I am deeply offended by this attack on fat folks as if they are the cause of our environmental crisis.

Ms. Franca seems to have a problem with fat people and was apparently disgusted with the idea that they could have a positive image of themselves as fully functioning humans. What I find disturbing in our increasingly acrimonious society is that this kind of bigotry keeps cropping up like poisonous weeds.

*David Bersch
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