



## Michael Shellenberger Bio

Michael Shellenberger is a Time Magazine "Hero of the Environment" and Green Book Award-winning author and policy expert.

As Founder and President of Environmental Progress, Michael led the grassroots environmental effort to save nuclear power plants in Illinois and New York, which prevented an increase in emissions equivalent to adding 5.7 million cars to the road.

Michael is a leading pro-nuclear environmentalist. He was featured in ["Pandora's Promise,"](#) an award-winning film about environmentalists who changed their minds about nuclear, appeared on ["The Colbert Report,"](#) and debated nuclear on [CNN "Crossfire"](#) with Ralph Nader, and at [UCLA](#) with Mark Jacobsen. Michael's 2016 TED talk on ["How Fear of Nuclear Hurts the Environment"](#) has been viewed by over one million people

Michael's writings have appeared in [The New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#) and [Wall Street Journal](#), [Scientific American](#), [Nature Energy](#), and [PLOS Biology](#).

Michael is coauthor of visionary books and essays including "An Ecomodernist Manifesto," "The Death of Environmentalism," and *Break Through*, which was called "prescient" by [Time](#) and "the best thing to happen to environmentalism since Rachel Carson's Silent Spring" by [Wired Magazine](#).

Michael is co-founder and Senior Fellow at Breakthrough Institute where he was president from 2003 - 2015 and advisor to MIT's "Future of Nuclear Energy" task force.

Michael has been profiled in the [New York Times](#), [San Francisco Chronicle](#), [National Review](#), [New Republic](#), and [NPR](#). His research and writing have appeared in [The Harvard Law and Policy Review](#), [Democracy Journal](#), the [PLOS Biology](#), [The New Republic](#) the [Wall Street Journal](#); and cited by the [New York Times](#), [Slate](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Post](#), [New York Daily News](#), [The New Republic](#).

Michael has been an environmental and social justice advocate for over 25 years. In the 1990s Michael helped save an old-growth redwood forest, and helped force Nike to improve factory conditions in Asia. In the 2000s, Michael advocated for and helped realize an expansion of federal investment in renewables and energy efficiency.

Michael lives in Berkeley, California and travels widely. You can email him by [clicking here](#). You can download a high resolution photo of him [by clicking here](#).