

Extent of denial

This group denied the imperative to protect the climate only to an extent. The group members reported that in some areas, they were not acting according to what was best for the climate, for example with respect to flying. Overall, they had however extensively reflected on the issue, including its complexity and multi-dimensionality. There was very strong emphasis of one's own responsibility, both as an individual and as a teacher.

Denial strategies

At times, this group kept information, for example about the extent of the climate impact of flying, at arm's length for not having to feel so guilty about still practicing it. Here, awareness existed, however, of the possibility to offset emissions, which some group members already practiced. One second denial strategy consisted in questioning the authenticity of the *Fridays for Future* student protestors, yet this was certainly also related to other reasons within the occupational field of school education. Overall, the group was quite aware of the need to protect the climate, its members did however not substantially integrate climate action into their own everyday lives.

6.9 Conclusion

The groups analysed each displayed specific denial patterns that were sometimes dependent on whether or not climate action played a role in the participants' everyday work sphere. Here, it is thus particularly relevant how members of a professional field define themselves collectively. Consequently, the necessity and urgency of acting on climate change and integrating this into one's everyday life is interpreted differently, depending on societal location. Climate-cultural leanings identified in these group discussions also displayed varying patterns of climate-relevant material and discursive practices and differing interpretations of media reporting on climate change. Further, the analysis shows that not only the constellations of this study's three key concepts, responsibility, efficacy and knowing differ along climate-cultural location but also the specific climate-cultural interpretations what each of these notions mean. Thus, each group displays its own particular logic of climate action, i.e., a specific climate habitus, which makes visible diverse inter- and intra-group power constellations. Emerging alliances between groups hitherto perceived as substantially different that however (and somewhat surprisingly) did show similar climate-cultural propensities to deny proved to be particularly telling.