

6 The seven focus group discussions

6.1 Introduction

As the last section has demonstrated, the increasingly pressing imperative for climate action resonates in different ways with differing segments of society. These variations reflect and at times shape various climate cultures. Here, the occupational context is one of the factors that play a decisive role in people's engagement with climate change. Thus, this chapter turns to the professional context, where profound climate-cultural diversity was again observed. Practitioners from various professional fields were group-interviewed regarding their opinions on climate action between July 2019 and March 2020. The content analytical exploration of the interview material yielded both similarities and differences between the groups regarding climate-related discourses and practices and connected climate-cultural orientations. Once more, particular focus was placed on the attribution of responsibility to different societal actors, related efficacy expectations as well as the role of different forms of (not) knowing/refusing to know.

6.2 I really don't care what comes out of the plane in terms of CO₂ - Craftsmen

The men in this group were of different ages. The group agreed in saying that climate action did hardly play a role in their lives (even though they thought that the environment should be protected). The reasons for this were quite varied, however: one person (that was comparatively dominant) had extensively prepared for the discussion in order to convincingly present his conviction that climate change was not caused by human influence. Another person did not perceive climate change as an issue, whilst the rest of the group was generally aware of the issue, but had not internalised it to the point where it would have been deemed necessary to adapt one's everyday practices because of it. There was no objection towards the lengthy statements of the climate sceptic. The group concurred that wasting of resources definitely needed to be avoided. The participants were generally very connected to nature and the coun-