

# Planning in the Wild West: Why is it so hard?

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Who is in the Audience?

Government?

Consultant?

Elected official?

Lawyer?

Planner?

Engineer?

Rural?

Urban?

Suburban?

Other?

East Coast?

West Coast?

Rocky Mountain West?

Midwest?

Southeast?

Southwest?

South

Other?

Who has been in charge of  
or facilitated a public  
meeting that has not gone  
according to plan?



Has anyone had lawyers  
make threats at a meeting?



Who's had yelling?



Has anyone had people  
handing out pamphlets or  
propaganda in opposition to  
public legislation?

Anybody had things thrown?



Anybody had things thrown?

At you?

Anybody had things thrown?

At you?

Furniture?

Has anybody had a firearm  
make an appearance?



Who's had to call the police?



Assault and battery?



**VALUES**



*Ken Ham*

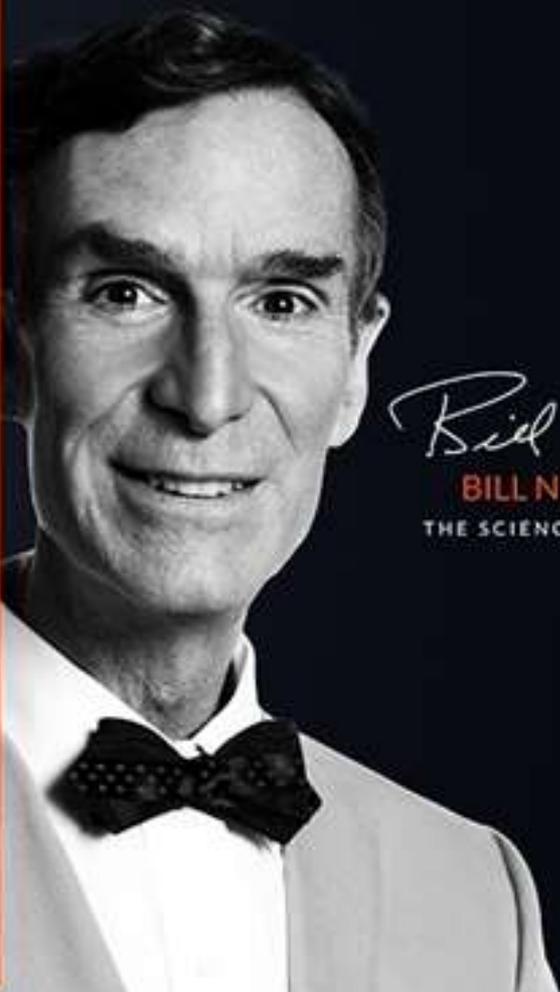
**KEN HAM**

ANSWERS IN GENESIS CEO

DEBATE

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AT THE  
CREATION  
MUSEUM.



*Bill Nye*

**BILL NYE**

THE SCIENCE GUY

# **Bill Nye vs. Ken Ham**

**The question is not what evidence exists for each theory (evolution vs. creationism)**

# Bill Nye vs. Ken Ham

The real question is how do you come to “know?”

# Factors Affecting Teton County—and Rural America's—Growth Options

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# Rural America and its economy

- Worldwide emptying out of rural places
- American emptying out of rural places
- Non-farm rural population steadies; ag population plummets
- Viability of agriculture: small farms can't make it with ag alone; larger farms okay

# Rural America and its economy

- Today's rural economies are very diverse
- Rural economic development and individual migration options
- Education is mobility and wealth: rural areas need to be attractive to educated workforce to be viable
- Rural economies are interdependent with local urban economies
- Rural economies have global opportunities and global pressures
- Some rural economies are booming: those responding to negative externalities of urbanization

# Propositions about planning in the Wild West:

Do you agree?

With some parts?

How do these propositions  
affect you?

## Proposition:

Change *happens* to rural communities.

Communities instead need to steer their own change.

**Proposition:**

Rural America is stuck  
in crisis mode.

## Proposition:

The family farm is going away. The tail is wagging the dog.

## Proposition:

Rural America is tradition-bound, but what it needs is an entrepreneurial spirit and creative thinking.

## Proposition:

The past was good. The present is bad. We're on a sinking ship and we've got one shot at the moon (to sell our land).

## Proposition:

Commodity prices are high and farm businesses are doing well, but jobs associated with farming culture are in decline.

## Proposition:

Farmers compete with each other and are inherently individualistic. They don't want to form coalitions or do what's best for the community.

## **Proposition:**

There is a world-wide decline of rural population. Institutional support is required for rural economic development.

Why should we work (and spend) to prop up rural economies?

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