Google's extravagant climate change Camp mocked as party for rich douche bag assholes and entitled fools

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Katy Perry, Orlando Bloom and Harry Styles Getty Images

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<u>Google's carbon-spewing climate change conference</u> at an Italian resort has been widely slammed as a tone-deaf party for the elite A-listers who jetted there.

"Is there anything more hypocritical than a bunch of rich people flying their private jets across the world to sit on yachts and discuss the future of our planet?" said Twitter user @asilia1981, reflecting the general reaction online to this week's Google Camp event in Sicily.

As the party drew to a close on Thursday, newspaper columns and social media were awash with criticism for the three-day, billionaire-packed event — which saw more than 200 of the world's richest and most famous names take private jets to the Italian island and stay on mega yachts while also talking about stopping climate change.

BBC presenter Andrew Neil repeatedly <u>lampooned the event</u> on Twitter.

"Scores of celebrities and the rich have arrived in Sicily for a Google conference. They came in 114 private jets and a flotilla of super yachts," Neil wrote to his nearly 1 million Twitter followers. "The conference is on global warming.

"Well, what is conference going to achieve, other than a glamorous [party] for the rich?"

In an opinion piece in <u>The Times</u>, Stuart Heritage sneered: "If the best name that Google could think of to save the world is <u>Harry</u> <u>Styles</u>, we're all screwed."

The billionaire creators of Google each year invite a who's who of A-listers to the event, which is meant to be a conference where influential people discuss how to make the world a better place.

But photos of celebrities tooling around the island on Maseratis and arriving on diesel-spewing mega yachts worth up to \$400 million infuriated everyone watching from home.

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Harry Styles arriving at the event.

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Celebrities such as Styles, <u>Katy Perry</u>, <u>Leonardo DiCaprio</u>, <u>Orlando Bloom</u> and <u>Diane von Furstenberg</u> were invited to attend this year — while <u>Prince Harry</u> on Monday gave <u>an impassioned barefoot speech</u> about the need to save the planet.

Local Italian media reported celebrities chartered a whopping 114 private jets to the island, spewing hundreds of tonnes of CO2 into the air.

"We're all lugging around KeepCups and recycling properly while these entitled fools are taking 114 private jets to a CLIMATE CHANGE conference," Irish journalist Eleanore Hutch <u>fumed</u>. Former Republican House candidate Elizabeth Heng also <u>lobbed</u> <u>criticism</u> at the secretive event for the world's elite, saying "How ironic."

"For all this talk about saving the earth, 114 private jets chartered to attend this conference. Eliminating carbon footprint, eh?" she wrote Thursday.

Celebrities have followed a no social media rule but on Wednesday night were photographed taking their Maseratis to the closing night \$100,000 banquet dinner held in the grounds of the 2,500 year old Valley of the Temples.