

Global warming claims are bogus

We are not in climate crisis

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Implementation of the cap-and-trade carbon dioxide policies presently before Congress on greenhouse gas reductions would lead to a substantial slowdown in the world's economic development and, at the same time, have no significant impact on the globe's future temperature.

The renewable energy sources of wind, solar, hydro, etc. are too expensive and will never be able to adequately replace fossil fuels in the coming decades. The global climate is not in crisis as Al Gore and so many others of his like-minded associates have repeatedly stressed. The evidence presented by the global warming advocates has many flaws. There has not yet been an open and fair scientific dialogue on this topic.

The much-trumped "scientific consensus" on global warming is bogus. There are thousands of scientists who disagree with the greenhouse gas warming scenario being a serious threat to humankind. But their voices have been largely ignored and/or their motives often denigrated. Many younger warming skeptics concerned about their future careers refuse to confront the issue.

It's always hard to fight an entrenched lobby with its wealthy and powerful governmental and international global warming proponents. A form of McCarthyism has developed toward those scientists who do not agree that human-induced global warming is a great threat to humankind. The normal scientific process of objectively studying both sides of a question has not occurred.

If our government were really interested in getting an accurate evaluation of the warming threat, it would have called for and made research funds available to skeptics and would have encouraged open dialogue between the warming skeptics and the warming believers. Such dialogue has been purposely suppressed.

The human-induced global warming scenarios that have been so much in the headlines since the hot summer of 1988 have repeatedly been exaggerated by a broad spectrum of scientists and environmentalists who have a vested interest in having and maintaining such a global warming scare. Most of these global warming advocates do not have sufficient backgrounds in meteorology and climatology to be able to realistically evaluate CO₂'s potential influences on global temperature.

The many Global Circulation Model simulations of 2 to 5 degrees Celsius rise in global temperature by the end of the 21st century, for which the warming scenarios are based, have basic flaws. These global models do not correctly model the globe's small-scale precipitation processes. They have incorrectly programmed the rain processes so as to cause large artificial and unrealistic global warming in their models. These GCMs also do not yet accurately model the globe's deep ocean circulations that appear to be the primary driving mechanism for most global temperature change.

The summary conclusions of the five-yearly Intra-governmental Panel on Climate Change reports that have been issued in the last 15 years grossly exaggerate the warming threat. Many experienced atmospheric scientists with contrary views have been purposely ignored, or if consulted, their contrary views put aside.

The globe has many serious environmental problems. Most of these problems are regional or local in nature, not global. These environmental problems will require a wide variety of regional and local actions to be taken for their amelioration. Universal reduction of human global greenhouse gases will not offer much benefit to these really pressing and serious regional and local environmental problems.

In the next few years the globe is going to enter a modest cooling period similar to what was experienced in the 30 years between the mid-1940s and the mid-1970s.

I am convinced that in 15 to 20 years we will look back on this period of global warming hysteria as we now look back on other popular and trendy scientific ideas that have not stood the test of time. We will later regret having so severely brainwashed our school children to this false warming threat, as is currently occurring.

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