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## Climate Realism: Not to Be Denied Any Longer

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James Delingpole

Last week's meeting of 700+ scientists, policymakers, and concerned citizens in Chicago to discuss the science and economics of global warming at the Fourth International Conference on Climate Change was a huge success as measured by the intent of its sponsors: to establish once and for all that the climate realist position is increasingly the accepted conclusion among thinking people in the three categories noted above. That position is this: manmade global warming is not a crisis.

Yes, all parties at the conference pretty much agreed that there was a good deal of warming in the 1980s and 1990s, and that the trend stopped and reversed in the current decade. Global temperatures have been falling in recent years, even though the weather stations and other data chosen to represent the official temperature records are in fact skewed to show higher and more-rising temperatures than are actually occurring.

The predictions of a steady, horrifying increase in temperatures have proven false, which should have been a great embarrassment to the climate alarmists who made the claims and set them as the basis for their extravagant power grabs such as emissions limits and cap and trade.

Yet the embarrassment has not been forthcoming from those proven to be wrong, because they are shameless.

One speaker at the conference, whom I was privileged to see, was James Delingpole, a non-scientist and a writer (a novelist, even!), who wowed the crowd with great common sense and a powerful insight into what's really been behind the global warming scare all along. As Delingpole wrote in the [Spectator](#) after conference:

[T]he Anthropogenic Global Warming scare is not about science and never was. As Climategate proved (but as some of us suspected long before), AGW is the invention of a cabal of activists, all working towards more or less the same ecofascist agenda: Mother Gaia is suffering; it's mostly our fault; the only way to atone for our sins is to destroy Western industrial civilisation and shackle ourselves with a form of One World government run by 'experts' and bureaucrats over whom we have no democratic control. It is a battle against a tyranny every bit as great as we faced in the second world war or the Cold War. All what's different about this enemy is that instead of jackboots it wears long hair, a warm, caring smile and drives a VW Combi with an 'Atomkraft Nein Danke' sticker.

That's something we climate realists have known all along and had been trying in vain to convince people of for some years: that global warming never was about saving the planet but always just a pretext for progressive elitists to take ever-greater control over your life and mine.

In fact, Delingpole notes, even if global warming were to occur, it would be a good thing. Warm periods have tended to coincide with human thriving, and cold periods are associated with war, famine, and economic

stagnation. And the sad fact is that we are far more likely to be heading toward uncomfortable cold than comfortable warmth, Delingpole notes:

[W]hile there has been no global warming since 1998, the general view among those who really know is that we could now be entering a lengthy period — 20 or 30 years (most of the rest of your and my life buggered) — of global cooling.

All the auguries are there. The Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO), which works in roughly 30-year cycles, has now begun its cooling phase (such as we last had in the chilly years between the mid-1940s and the mid-1970s). We're about to enter a La Niña phase in the El Niño/Southern Oscillation, which means at the very least we're due for a winter every bit as harsh as the most recent one. Worse still, low sunspot activity suggests we might be entering a solar minimum period, such as the Maunder Minimum (1645 to 1715) when those ice fairs were held on the Thames, or the Dalton Minimum (1790 to 1830) which gave us both Napoleon's frozen retreat from Moscow and the terrible 'Year Without a Summer' (1816). Periods of cooling such as this are much more greatly to be feared, of course, than periods of warming — which historically have coincided with abundance, relative peacefulness, economic growth and cultural flourishing.

Or, if you want to be really depressed, there's always the possibility that we're on the brink of another ice age. Warm 'interglacial' periods such as the one we're in now last about 10,000 years. And we're already past the 10,000th year.

And it isn't hysterical alarmists saying this stuff. Climate realists don't really do hysterical alarmism.

Delingpole is right: the attendees at the conference were remarkably good-natured and cheerful, and the discussion was strong on real science and economics and without any interesting infighting.

As was noted more than once at the conference, organizer James Taylor of The Heartland Institute invited countless well-known global warming alarmists to attend, and only two chose to do so. And none of the prominent ones deigned to step forward for a real discussion of the science and economic facts behind the matter.

That's been the attitude of the alarmists from the start: to claim "the science is settled" and insist that we all pay no attention to the repulsively obese ex-vice president behind the curtain and move on to changing our lifestyles to suit their vile fancies regarding the limits that should be placed on the energy and other resource consumption of ordinary people—while alarmists such as Al Gore notoriously live in a manner King Midas would have been ashamed to contemplate.

The fact is, the big money—including the corporate money, despite hysterical claims to the contrary—is all on the alarmist side. Climate change realists are continually being pushed out of jobs and their scientific papers rejected simply because they dare to question the phony consensus of big-government elitists. As Delingpole notes:

It's no wonder that the bit of my speech that got the biggest laugh was when I asked: 'How many of you here are in the pay of Big Oil?' No hands were raised. 'And how many of you would like to be in the pay of Big Oil?' Up shot 150 arms. 'Guess we picked the wrong side of the debate to be on,' I said, hardly needing to explain that companies like Shell and BP pump far, far more money into eco-nonsense like carbon trading and green posturing than they do into sceptical science.

That's the problem with being an Evil Climate Change Denier. The tide is turning in our favour. History will vindicate us. But until then the only perks of the job are the joy of one another's company and the smug satisfaction of knowing that one day we'll be able to look at the wreckage of disasters like cap and trade, David Cameron's wind farms and the IPCC's junk science predictions and say: 'I told you so.'

There is one thing and one thing only behind the global warming scare, and it is not science. It is greed for power. The truth is slowly coming out, however, and as Delingpole says, the alarmists will ultimately be pushed back.

In the meantime, however, we are in great danger of instituting a catastrophically enormous waste of money and human toil by enacting cap and trade and other such outrages. Being right would be meager solace under those circumstances.

*Note: the author is employed by the main sponsor of the conference, The Heartland Institute. That, however, does not influence his opinion in the slightest, because the science does that for him.*

*Also note: Tomorrow in this space I will publish my report on the conference presentations.*



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1.  *James Taylor* says:  
[August 19, 2010 at 2:12 pm](#)

Context is very important regarding global temperatures. For most of the past 10,000 years temperatures have been significantly warmer than today. It is only by conveniently defining “the record” as the past 100 years since the Little Ice Age ended that alarmists can claim “the last decade was the warmest on record.”


Warmer temperatures have always benefited life on earth, and they will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

2.  [hANOVER fIST](#) says:  
[August 19, 2010 at 1:16 pm](#)

If there's anyone who continues to insist upon "Global Warming/Climate Change/that brown stuff in my shorts is chocolate"...they should be directed to John P. Costella's excellent 152-page dissertation of the ClimateGate emails themselves.

To date, NO ONE has refuted a single analysis offered by this gentleman.


Also, thanks to Steve McIntyre and Steve McKittrick for their tireless efforts to expose the scumbaggery by Phil Jones, Michael mann et. al. – you have our thanks.

3.  [Easterling](#) says:  
[July 26, 2010 at 8:21 pm](#)

The global warming scam is about taxing the air we breath. Inhale in O2 and exhale CO2. A tax for breathing air. With convience store chumps paying \$2.00 for a 16 oz bottle of tap water why not a breathing tax?

In the mid 70s Global Cooling ie the New Ice Age was the alarmist screed. Back when Gerald Fudd was President.

NEWFLASH: THE SUN CONTROLS EARTH'S TEMPERATURES

4.  [miT namsO](#) says:  
[July 25, 2010 at 3:17 pm](#)

Here in Canada, I was brainwashed growing up by the CBC, discovery channel, and the like, into believing AGW, because I thought it was anti-establishment, and I like plants and animals.

But in the last 3 years I have learned generally what forces are behind this elitist movement and why.

It really is the elitist eugenics depopulation ideology, naturally combined with the big banksters, derivatives scamsters, big oil, global government types, and plenty of useful fools...


To steal/tax/enslave Trillions of \$\$\$ from the working poor...

De-industrialize and regulate the competition of the chosen elite...

Further control access to resources and your standard of living...

And so on, to get us all closer to modern serfdom and slavery...

WITHOUT us reaching for guns or knives or clubs... to attack these parasites, because its to save all life on the planet.

5.  [M Btok](#) says:  
[June 19, 2010 at 2:50 pm](#)

Stop World War 3

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=19670>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE65063L20100601?type=politicsNews>

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[http://axisoflogic.com/artman/publish/Article\\_60317.shtml](http://axisoflogic.com/artman/publish/Article_60317.shtml)

Now that shipments have been blocked to Iran, An act of war – it is a reality to say that Barack Obama, Hilary Clinton, The United Nations and The Bilderberg Group are pushing for a war with Iran, while having created the diversion of the Gulf Oil Spill to divert Americans and the world’s attention as to what is going on right now!

This is the only way they are going to be able to establish their “One World Government”, that these people so earnestly covet, as well as save Barak Obama’s presidency! He is at -21 in the Rasmussen Polls today!

This war wil extremely hurt the whole world, do your best to put your two cents worth in to help stop the world’s demise! [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veHhcxQjZ2w&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veHhcxQjZ2w&feature=player_embedded)

Most Americans and Europeans Support Impending Attack on Iran


The death merchants have burrowed deep inside the corporate media — the Carlyle Group at the New York Times (the “liberal” newspaper instrumental in propagating neocon murder disinfo prior the invasion of Iraq), Bechtel at NBC (owned by mega-death merchant General Electric), Boeing and Halliburton at ABC, and Lockheed-Martin at Gannett.

Both Fox News and CNN enthusiastically cheered the invasion of Iraq. CNN not only sought advice from the Pentagon on new hires during the invasion, but during a previous invasion the Pentagon ran the show at the news network.

<http://www.prisonplanet.com/most-americans-and-europeans-support-impending-attack-on-iran.html>

<http://www.prisonplanet.com/ten-stories-in-the-news-that-the-bp-oil-spill-is-overshadowing.html>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veHhcxQjZ2w&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veHhcxQjZ2w&feature=player_embedded)

6.  [S. T. Karnick](#) says:  
[June 18, 2010 at 11:23 am](#)

Matthew, the research is precisely what fully refutes AGW alarmism.

Although most of the warming of the 20th century occurred before 1945, global carbon dioxide emissions barely rose at all during that time. Between 1945 and 1977, by contrast, carbon dioxide emissions rose dramatically, yet the planet cooled. In 1977-1998, CO2 emissions and global temperatures both rose in a measurable manner. And contrary to your asertion about this being the hottest decade on record (see below), global temperatures have not risen at all this century despite an ongoing increase in CO2 emissions.

The claim that the 2000s have been the hottest decade on record is a blatant perversion of the data. Whereas AGW alarmists claim recent warmth is unprecedented, ice core data from Greenland and Antarctica and proxy temperature data from around the world show that *most of the past 10,000 years were significantly warmer than today.*


In making their claim that current temperatures are the hottest ever, AGW alarmists simply declare “recorded history” began around the year 1900, at the end of the Little Ice Age, and that nothing before that matters. This is an astonishingly bold evasion, ignoring temperature data for more than 90 percent of human history.

In addition, there are differences between satellite data, which shows low temperatures for the 2000s, and ground stations, which are excessively based near urban heat islands and other sources of artificial heat—even air conditioning vents that blow out hot air!—which bias the data upward. The 2000s have not been anywhere near the hottest ever.

The essential question here is whether there is a direct and demonstrable causal relationship between human emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and global temperature increases. There is none. None.

Over the past 100-plus years, there has only been a single, brief, 20-year period in which carbon dioxide emissions and global temperatures coincide at all. The temperature record—the facts—fully refutes the alarmist position.

That's good news for us all—excepting only those who would use a blatantly false alarm in order to impose an anti-human, no-economic-growth agenda on all of mankind.


7.  *Matthew* says:  
[June 18, 2010 at 10:54 am](#)

Um, people, do the research. Please.

No, it's not “the sun, stupid.” We are in an exceptional solar minimum — the lowest in a century. If the sun were the culprit, it should be relatively cool. Instead we've just had the warmest April and May on record.

And, no, the global warming trend has not stopped and reversed in the last decade. The decade ending in 2009 was in fact the warmest on record.

We're dealing with fact here, not opinions. Global temperatures are measurable. Look them up!

8.  *Btok* says:  
[June 12, 2010 at 8:58 pm](#)

Nature looks after climate change as Dr. Tim Ball has shown! For the most part, it's the sun stupid!

What is hurting my climate and environment is those same dam Global Leech Elitists who tried to weasel a carbon tax and my Sovereignty out of me have been caught spiking our water with stinking Flouride!

Re:How many Canadian cities have this Flouride in our water, dumbing us down and killing us?

Re:Steve Watson  
Prisonplanet.com  
Friday, Jun 11th, 2010

What a crazy kook, to think that sodium fluoride, the stuff that comes in bags with a skull and cross bones on, labeled “TOXIC”, is a poison!

Note, we are not talking about calcium fluoride – which is naturally occurring and not added to water because it is INSOLUABLE.

How “extremist” it is to believe that a waste by-product of the fertilizer and aluminum industry, a Part II Poison under the UK Poisons Act 1972, is a poison – stupid Sharron Angle. Stupid crazy Sharron Angle – she must be racist for thinking that.

Well, there's no doubt that Angle will be roundly defeated by Reid in November... Oh no wait, she already has an 11-point lead over the Senate Majority Leader.Perhaps the American people are actually aware that poison is not good to drink after all Mr Olbermann.


Get the whole story at:<http://www.infowars.com/olbermann-slams-tea-party-senate-candidate-for-voting-against-water-fluoridation/>

9. [The Daily Bayonet « Global Warming Hoax Weekly Round-Up, Jun. 3rd 2010](#) says:  
[June 3, 2010 at 10:39 am](#)

[...] the new deniers – hippies. Climate realism is the new buzz word, and its not something that ecotards will [...]

10. [Solar Minimum 2009, Global Cooling and the Record Breaking Winter - Page 104](#) says:  
[May 29, 2010 at 6:52 am](#)

[...] a warm, caring smile and drives a VW Combi with an ‘Atomkraft Nein Danke’ sticker. Climate Realism: Not to Be Denied Any Longer|The American Culture \_\_\_\_\_ "There is no means of avoiding the final collapse of a boom brought about [...]

11.  *Mike Gray* says:  
[May 28, 2010 at 11:41 am](#)

Good article. “Climate change” alarmists are on notice: Your days are numbered.

Looking forward to your report. I read your preliminary summary on the Heartland Institute website.

Loved how the woman [name?] from Heartland excoriated the Chicago media for studiously avoiding reporting on the conference.

12. [Tweets that mention Climate Realism: Not to Be Denied Any Longer | The American Culture -- Topsy.com](#) says:  
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