

'Get the net?' NASA's James Hansen exhibiting 'megalomania' - 'scientific authoritarianism' - 'off the deep end' - 'lost his mind' – Round up – February 17, 2009

James Hansen: 'Coal-fired power plants are factories of death' – UK Guardian – Feb. 15, 2009. Excerpt: The trains carrying coal to power plants are death trains. Coal-fired power plants are factories of death.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/feb/15/james-hansen-power-plants-coal>

Roger Pielke Jr.: Hansen exhibiting 'megalomania' and 'scientific authoritarianism' – February 15, 2009 – (By Dr. Roger Pielke, Jr. is the former director of the University of Colorado's Center for Science and Technology Policy Research and an associate professor of environmental studies.)

Excerpt: Here Hansen swerves from scientific authoritarianism to megalomania: The trains carrying coal to power plants are death trains. Coal-fired power plants are factories of death [...] James Hansen of NASA has written an op-ed for the Guardian that, more than any other piece of his that I've seen, expresses his political philosophy. In a phrase, that philosophy can be characterized as “scientific authoritarianism.” Scientific authoritarianism, as I am using it here, holds that political decisions should be compelled by the political preferences of scientists. [...] Scientific authoritarianism, weak or strong, has no role in climate politics.

<http://sciencepolicy.colorado.edu/prometheus/the-political-philosophy-of-james-hansen-4961>

Pielke Jr.: 'Gore's in-your-face untruths' prompt 'Not A Peep from Scientists' at AAAS meeting - 'the misrepresentation of climate science for political gain has many willing silent collaborators' – February 15, 2009 - By Dr. Roger Pielke, Jr. is the former director of the University of Colorado's Center for Science and Technology Policy Research and an associate professor of environmental studies.

Excerpt: How did AAAS and the many scientists in attendance respond to being blatantly misled with scientific untruths in a speech calling for political action? Why, by issuing a press release repeating the misrepresentation: With charts and images, Gore described the immediate nature of the threat . . . A 500-year flood that has wrecked Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Wildfires in Greece that nearly toppled a government, and wildfires this month in Australia that have left scores of people dead and sparked a new national debate about climate change. And of all of those scientists in attendance, here is a list of those who sought to set the record straight on blogs and in the media: OK, I couldn't find any, but if you know of any such reactions, please share in the comments. Pope's leadership on this

topic is as admirable as it is unique. But as the non-response to Al Gore's in-your-face untruths shows, the misrepresentation of climate science for political gain has many willing silent collaborators.

<http://sciencepolicy.colorado.edu/prometheus/not-a-peep-from-scientists-4962>

Hansen 'has finally gone off the deep end' - Called an 'apocalyptic prophet' – June 2008 – By Dr. Nicholas Drapela of the faculty of Oregon State University Chemistry Department expressed his outrage at Hansen and referred to him as “an apocalyptic prophet.”

“My dear colleague Professor Hansen, I believe, has finally gone off the deep end. When you have dedicated the bulk of your career to a cause, and it turns out the cause has been proven false, most people cannot bring themselves to admit the truth,” Drapela [wrote in June 2008](#). Drapela wrote that Hansen's recent claims “contain neither reason nor truth when compared to the volumes of daily literature being published in scientific journals today on climate change. It is not difficult to refute the words of Professor Hansen. On the contrary, one feels it is almost unfair.” “The global warming ‘time bomb’, the ‘present, dangerous situation’, ‘the perfect storm’, ‘global cataclysm’, ‘disastrous climate changes that spiral dynamically out of humanity's control.’ These are the words of an apocalyptic prophet, not a rational scientist,” Drapela added.

<http://www.worldwatch.org/node/5798#comment-872>

[Those coal “death trains” have in fact saved millions of lives this winter, Mr Hansen « An Honest Climate Debate](#)

This from the same man who flies half way across the globe in a carbon emitting aircraft to defend those who vandalise coal power plants. The hypocrisy is astounding. Dr Hansen, if you believe what you preach I challenge you to stop using electricity, stop driving your car, stop flying etc. And most importantly thank goodness for coal, for the northern hemisphere is experiencing one of its coldest winters in memory. How many millions of lives would have been lost in this exceptionally cold winter without the heating from coal-generated electricity?

<http://anhonestclimatedebate.wordpress.com/2009/02/16/those-coal-death-trains-have-in-fact-saved-millions-of-lives-this-winter-mr-hansen/>

[William M. Briggs, Statistician » For I, James Hansen, Scientist, have spoken](#)

Who else but a man who is a True Believer would start by telling us that he gave marching orders to the world's leaders, but they would not listen to him! And it's a conspiracy! Since they will not heed him, he alleges dirty tricks "governments play on their citizens." This kind of thing is only found in somebody who believes he is in possession of the truth.

<http://wmbriggs.com/blog/2009/02/16/for-i-james-hansen-scientist-have-spoken/>

Has NASA's Hansen Finally Lost His Mind? – American Thinker – Marc Sheppard – February 17, 2009

Excerpt: Even the realization of Al Gore's dream of "capping" carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants wouldn't satisfy NASA's James Hansen. He wants to shut them all down, despite the untold human misery such hysterical action would inevitably bring. And toward that preposterously unattainable end he is now pushing panic buttons with the alacrity of a man truly possessed. In a wild rant in Sunday's Guardian responding to British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's green-lighting of the controversial Kingsnorth power plant, the head of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies managed to outdo even his own sophomoric guilt trips and fear-mongering. [...] So James, might you kindly explain -- without mention of extinction or sea-level rise or ice sheet disintegration -- just how you propose we close these "factories of death" without synchronously opening a global arena of human want, suffering and ultimate demise? It pains me to type this, but this guy's whacky ideas make even Al Gore's lunacy ring marginally sane. Even after last week's annual American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) meeting, at which the Oracle likened his battle to stop global warming to that of 19th century abolitionists fighting to end slavery. Indeed -- in gauging the measure of a movement, one need not delve far beyond its leadership.

http://www.americanthinker.com/2009/02/has_nasas_hansen_finally_lost.html

Columnist: 'Get the net and throw it over Hansen' - 'Government by Crazy People' – By Alan Caruba – February 16, 2009

Excerpt: It is one thing to be mistaken when developing and administering government programs. It is another to be nuts. "The trains carrying coal to power plants are death trains. Coal-fired plants are factories of death." Would someone please get the net and throw it over Dr. James Hansen, the Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies? [...] Anyone who can write that "Coal is the single greatest threat to civilization and all life on our planet" is surely irrational and in need of the same sequestration that Hansen wants for carbon dioxide. The problem for the rest of us is that people like Dr. Hansen, Secretary Chu, and all of President Obama's science and environmental advisers

hold genuinely crazy ideas about coal, oil, solar and wind energy, biofuels, and global warming that will be implemented as government policy and law.

<http://www.expertclick.com/NewsReleaseWire/default.cfm?Action=ReleaseDetail&ID=25378>

Hansen rebuked by New York Times environmental reporter Andrew Revkin – January 5, 2009

Excerpt: Revkin publicly chastised NASA warming scientist James Hansen for promoting sea level claims that are at the upper boundary of what is “even physically possible.” “[Hansen’s] views are clearly at the upper boundary of what many glaciologists and oceanographers together see as realistic, or even physically possible, in a warming world,” Revkin [wrote on January 5, 2009](#). Revkin also noted that Hansen was a “passionate climate campaigner.”

Retired senior NASA atmospheric scientist Dr. John S. Theon, one of the former supervisors of Hansen, has [now publicly declared himself a skeptic and declared that Hansen “embarrassed NASA”](#) with his alarming climate claims and said Hansen was “was never muzzled.” Theon joined the rapidly growing ranks of international scientists abandoning the promotion of anthropogenic global warming fears. [See: [U.S. Senate Minority Report Update: More Than 650 International Scientists Dissent Over Man-Made Global Warming Claims](#) & See [Prominent Scientist Fired By Gore Says Warming Alarm ‘Mistaken’](#) & [Gore laments global warming efforts: 'I've failed badly' - Washington Post – November 11, 2008](#)]

Another blow to Hansen was a report by the [Washington Post Weather Gang boldly stating on January 29, 2009](#) that the American Meteorological Society “(AMS) Science Group Erred Giving Hansen Top Honor.” “A key issue is whether it is appropriate for prominent scientists to serve dual roles as researchers and advocates for political change, or if must there be a clear separation between the two,” wrote environmental journalist Andrew Freeman. “Such advocacy, which is Hansen's right as a citizen, threatens to paint the AMS as having a political agenda too,” Weaver added.

Another harsh rebuke came from renowned Hurricane expert and atmospheric scientist Dr. William Gray who cancelled his AMS membership because the group gave its top award to Hansen. Gray is an emeritus Professor from Colorado State University. In a February 7, 2009 [essay titled “On The Hijacking of the American Meteorological](#)

[Society](#)”, Gray wrote: “I am appalled at the selection of James Hansen as this year’s recipient of the AMS’s highest award - the Rossby Research Medal. James Hansen has not been trained as a meteorologist. His formal education has been in astronomy. His long records of faulty global climate predictions and alarmist public pronouncements have become increasingly hollow and at odds with reality. Hansen has exploited the general public’s lack of knowledge of how the globe’s climate system functions for his own benefit. His global warming predictions, going back to 1988 are not being verified. Why have we allowed him go on for all these years with his faulty and alarmist prognostications? And why would the AMS give him its highest award?” [Also See: [MIT Climate Scientist Exposes ‘Corrupted Science’ in Devastating Critique – November 29, 2008](#)]

Retired meteorologist Craig James, an AMS member, wrote a scathing commentary about Hansen. "I believe Dr. Hansen's political ideology has taken over his science and renders him no longer qualified to be the keeper of the global temperature data," [James wrote on January 15, 2009](#).

[UK Guardian: NASA scientist calls for putting oil firm chiefs on trial for 'high crimes against humanity' for spreading doubt about man-made global warming – June 23, 2008](#)

Note: Also See U. S Senate Minority Report on Hansen: [Don’t Panic Over Predictions of Climate Doom - Get the Facts on James Hansen](#)