

Reality Check on Climate and Energy

It is perfectly reasonable to be green minded and work towards conservation of our resources and clean air and water. But CO₂ has been incorrectly blamed for the natural cycles of temperatures and weather extremes of drought, flood, hurricanes, tornadoes, heat and cold.

Instead of a health hazard, CO₂ is plant food and has helped greatly improve global crop yields and feed the increasing population. Thanks to improved hybrids and farming practices and increased CO₂, a 50-year trend of remarkable growth in world grain production has followed. Since 1960, global wheat and rice production has tripled, and corn production is almost five times higher.

CO₂'s claimed effect on climate has been falsified. Global warming has stopped for 17 years (0.9F cooling here in the northeast in winters during that period) even as CO₂ has risen 11%. In Europe, the green agenda has led to great increases in the cost of energy as the winters turned sharply colder. In the last decade 280,000 Brits have died from the cold and just 10,000 from summer heat.

In the United States, the number of heat records have been declining since the 1930s. 23 of the 50 state all time heat records occurred in the 1930s and 39 before 1960. More cold than heat records have been set since the 1940s. The claims about high ranking months and years is with 'adjusted' (manipulated) data. The heat and cold records are unadjusted. The tropical heat build-up in the atmosphere and oceans, one of the key outputs in ALL the climate models is not seen in the weather balloon or satellite data or the dense ocean buoys we use to track El Nino and La Ninas down to 300 meters depth the last 3 to 5 decades.

Sea level rise has slowed dramatically from the 20th century, and there is no upward trend in drought and flood. Hurricane activity globally is at a 34 year low. Sandy was a borderline Category 1 storm. Eight Category 3 or higher hit the Atlantic coast from 1938 to 1960. The total tornado count this year was over 140 fewer than any year since records started in the 1950s. The number of wildfires are the lowest since modern records began in 1985.

The arctic icecover bounced back over 50% with the one of the coldest arctic summers on record while new records for ice were set in Antarctica, even trapping a research ship this month, summer in Antarctica. Snow was supposed to become rare. 4 of the top 5 snowiest years for the northern hemisphere have been in the last 6 years and we have had more east coast snowstorms this decade than any in history just 4 years in.

The great physicist Richard Feynman said not matter how smart you are, who you are, how beautiful your theory, if data doesn't support your theory, it is wrong. Einstein noted a model or a hypothesis cannot "prove" anything. But data can invalidate a hypothesis or model. Einstein described the "Key" to science well when he said: "The case is never closed." "Many experiments may prove me right but it takes only one to prove me

wrong.”

In the case of global warming we have many examples proving it wrong, but with the political motivation of heavy funding exceeding \$79B the last decade, they are ignored with claims of a consensus. Dr. Michael Crichton wrote “Historically the claim of consensus has been the first refuge of scoundrels; it is a way to avoid debate by claiming the matter is settled.”

The public and scientists in Europe have become unsettled. In Europe had 5 straight brutally cold winters and scientists are said to be “baffled” that their models have failed them. The UK Prime Minister David Cameron has ordered ministers to ditch the ‘green crap’ blamed for driving up energy bills and making business uncompetitive. In Germany 600,000 homes had their electricity turned off during the last brutal winter as electricity prices skyrocketed, and the country is rushing to build 10 coal fired plants to lower costs. In the UK 12 million people are said to be in fuel poverty, having to choose between heating and eating. If we follow Kuster’s RES plan, we would lose would lose 1 million jobs by 2020 and average families will pay \$2,400 more per year for electricity (Kreutzer, 2010).

Why would the governments of the world go down this path? To save the planet?

UN climate official Ottmar Edenhofer in November 2010 admitted “*one has to free oneself from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy.*” Instead, climate change policy is about how “*we redistribute de facto the world’s wealth...*”

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