

## WASHINGTON'S "GLOBAL WARMING" RESPONSE: IS THE SKY REALLY FALLING!

Consider what our panicked and unwise lawmakers have done. They have passed Draconian legislation rationing and taxing nearly all energy to stop climate change! The extremists that have previously suppressed nuclear and hydroelectric energy now have fossil fuels in worse bondage -- nearly 98% of our supply of energy has now been placed outside the bounds of normal market forces, development and use.

The Washington State legislation now imposes a requirement for CO2 emissions to be reduced to 50% of their 1990 levels by 2050!

The enviros are having a field day! Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is even plotting the solution to obesity through these policies! People are dedicating their lives to reducing CO2!! As the Evergreen Freedom Foundation has stated, we are facing a totalitarian "recipe for catastrophe".

Yet consider the most recent actual scientific findings and developments:

(1) "Global Warming" is now being called "Climate Change", probably because global temperatures have been dropping since 2006. It dropped by .7 degrees Centigrade (about 1.3 degrees F) in 2007 and appears to be doing the same in 2008. The apple season has been set back over a week! The reason for this is because of decreased sunspot cycle amplitude, cycle length, and other factors. (CO2 levels have not decreased!)

(2) It is true that Earth has been warming, but NOT due to carbon dioxide (CO2). Glacial melting (average of 169 glaciers) and has been in progress since 1810, about 100 years prior to the vast increase in 'Metric Tonnage of Carbon' usage (MTCU) now wrongfully asserted to be the culprit for climate change.

(3) We've been brainwashed that carbon dioxide drives "greenhouse effect", which drives "Climate Change". But this turns out not to be true. (Water vapor has drastically greater influence than CO2 as a greenhouse gas while CO2 impact is negligible.)

(4) The 6-fold increase in human carbon usage and resulting CO2 increase since 1940 has had no influence on global temperature rates. In the 1970's you may recall, there was concern over global cooling and coming of another ice age even while CO2 emissions were rapidly increasing! This cooling was the result of 10 years of reduced solar activity during that decade. (The younger generation knows none of this.) Since 1940, this CO2 increase has also had no effect in the melt rate of glaciers or sea level increase. Variations are slight and all are due to variations in solar activity.

(5) As water increases in temperature, so does "outgassing" of CO2 from ocean water. Ocean temperatures have increased about .5 degrees C over the past 100 years with the increasing solar activity, further contributing to atmospheric CO2 (not the other way round.)

(6) Continuing long term changes of global temperature since 1900 correlate almost precisely with the change in solar activity. (.21 % increase in temperature versus .19% increase in solar activity.)

(7) Further, the short term (year-to-year) variations in Arctic air temperature correlate almost precisely with short term solar activity. U.S. surface temperatures also correlate in the same manner!

We really have too little to do with our free time. While the rest of us have been playing or sleeping, we've given things over to the environmental "social engineers" stroking their latest ideology. Thus, in addition to foolish and fruitless legislation, efforts are now underway to list the polar bear as an endangered species. No one seems to wonder what happened to polar bears during the medieval period of global warming (950 - 1350 A.D.) when Greenland was colonized and pastures of livestock and surrounding open oceans abounded.

We've been "brainwashed". Even National Geographic is confused. Close inspection of their August 2007 treatment of the subject shows that CO2 concentration (from 200 ppm to over 380 ppm over the past 10,000-15,000 years) do not correlate at all with their data on global temperature during the same time.

Persons who doubt these assertions and are interested in what science is really saying, should look at the compiled supporting science in the paper, "*Environmental Effects of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide*" by Robinson, Robinson and Soon published in Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons (2007) **12**, 79-90. The authors have been at this business over a decade and their paper includes 132 published science references.

Now if everything's 'okay', can't we just go back to sleep and let legislators follow their own course? NO! I hope readers agree we need responsible public stewards rather than lemmings in the legislature; people who will do their homework rather than blindly follow environmental extremism.

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