

THE MORAL VACUUM OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

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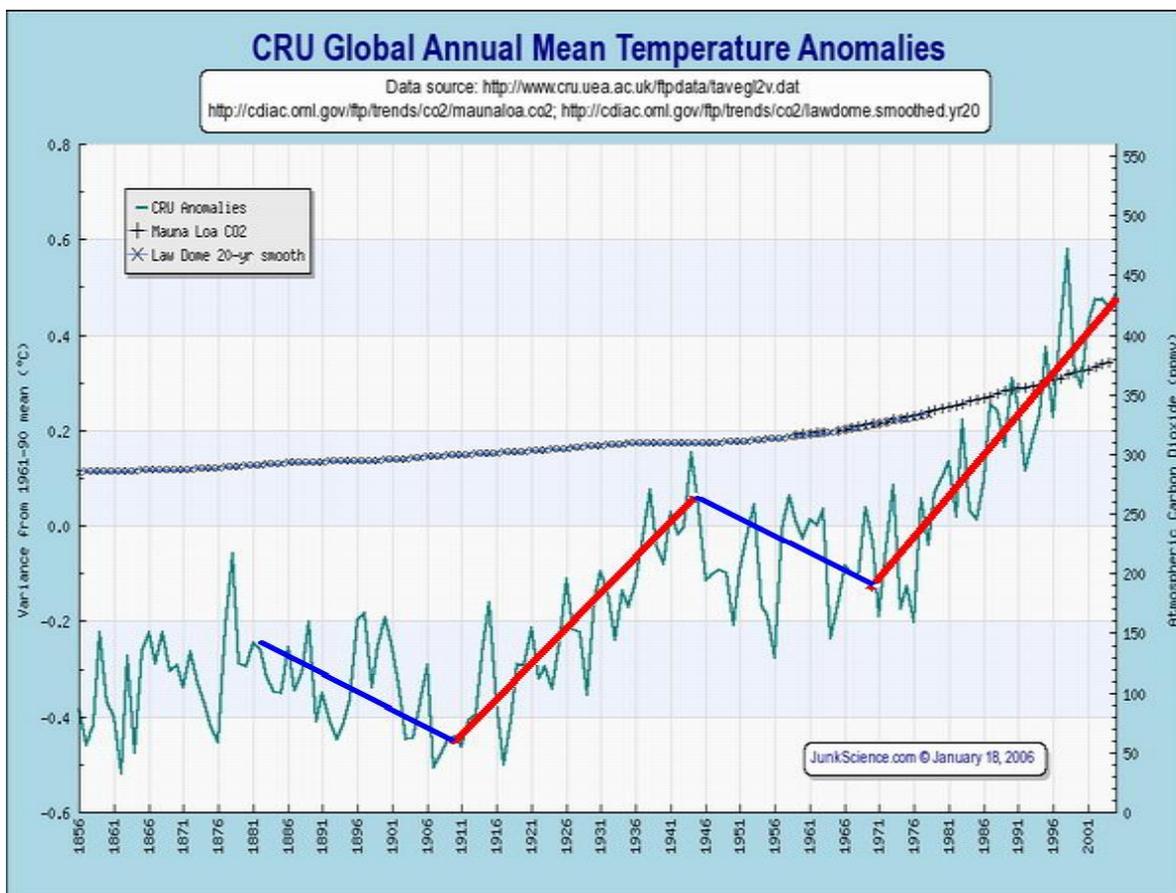
Climate change with respect to the Kyoto Protocol is not an issue of science but one of political intervention by environmentalists that has serious detrimental consequences for the world environment and the economies of the poorest nations.

Issues of science require strict adherence to basic science protocol and the scientific method. Observations are the cornerstone of scientific proof and any hypothesis that cannot explain an observation must be either modified to account for all observations or discarded.

The Kyoto Protocol is based on nothing more than the correlation of observed warming in the last 150 years with the concurrent rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels, and the assumption that this rise in CO₂ is primarily the result of human emissions of CO₂ from increased fossil fuel usage.

The recorded global temperatures started in 1856 with sufficient recording stations to derive some meaningful value for an average yearly temperature for the globe. These temperature values show an overall increase to present day but the temperature profile exhibits a clear cyclic pattern of warming and cooling trends.

The atmospheric CO₂ concentration over this same time frame does not show any of this cyclic trend, but rather a very smooth accelerating increase. It is not possible for something that has no periodicity to cause a cyclic change as is evidenced by the correlation coefficient of these two data sets which is only 0.2, indicating no causal relationship between these two curves..



This graph of global temperature and atmospheric CO₂ concentration clearly demonstrates that there is no possible correlation of these two curves.

This is the entire “scientific evidence” that Kyoto is based on.

In spite of this obvious break with the ethical practice of science, the scientists of the newly formed IPCC were given the mandate to demonstrate a human cause to the observed warming. After over 5 years of attempting to meet this political mandate the scientists found that they could not state what was required.

The scientists of the IPCC stated in the original Working Group 1 Report Chapter 8 Section 8.4.2.1:

“None of the studies cited above has shown clear evidence that we can attribute the observed changes to the specific cause of increases in greenhouse gases.”

This report was approved by the IPCC in December 1995, but this statement was deleted along with many other changes made to the report that were not authorized by the working group scientists.

This report, full of unauthorized changes by politicians, became the “scientific” background for the Kyoto Accord.

Global warming as defined in the Kyoto Protocol is the warming of the lower troposphere. The only consistent and evenly spaced temperature data that is not biased by proximity to expanding urban heat islands is from satellite data. If the IPCC scientists were operating under a proper scientific mandate instead of the obvious political one, every report would have the primary focus on the evolving temperature profile from the satellite data.

The trend of this satellite data shows warming from the inception of the satellite data in 1978 to about 2002, at which point the temperatures level off and in fact show a cooling trend developing in the last four years.

The mandate of an ethical scientific body would be to report that global warming appears to be over and at a time when emissions are increasing at the highest rate ever.

The mandate of a political body formed to convince the public that global warming is the most serious environmental threat ever so they can implement the transfer of wealth through carbon trading, is to hide this fact that global warming has likely ended.

The Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC released as a SPM in February 2007 and as the full science report in May 2007, does not even mention this observation but points to 1998 the year of the most exceptional El Niño, and 2005, the only year since 2002 that showed warming over the previous year, as the warmest years on record. This gives the false impression that global warming is getting worse supporting the political mandate.

Since CO₂ emissions are clearly not responsible for global warming there are very serious consequences to following the dictates of Kyoto. Coal is primarily carbon but it contains many impurities. When coal is burned the primary emission is CO₂ which is beneficial to the environment, but the impurities in coal produce nothing but pollution when burned. World politics dictated that developing economies should not be burdened with the dictates of Kyoto, and all of these countries are politically excluded from the commitments to reduce CO₂ emissions.

Countries such as China and India have very large populations and such rapid growth in their economies that they are becoming the greatest emitters of CO₂ in the world. These unchecked emissions of CO₂ are inconsequential because CO₂ is good for the environment, but the accompanying polluting emissions that are not even subject to the most basic pollution controls pose a very real threat to the environment as can be seen by the deteriorating air quality in these countries. Left unchecked as mandated by Kyoto, this may evolve into an irreversible problem that may have global effects.

The second serious consequence of Kyoto affects the lives of the poor in the poorest nations. While our society pays lip service to emissions by using a single sheet of designer toilet paper which is flushed away in a toilet that uses a restricted amount of clean water, two things that these people don't have, we are restricting these countries from having the benefits of fossil fuels that will bring them an improved standard of living. Our aid to these countries is Kyoto friendly and we are imposing the restrictions of alternate energy sources on these people essentially condemning them to very difficult and very short lives.

The vast sums of money generated by carbon trading credits do not go to the poor in these countries but to the rich and powerful who own the source of these credits. This is analogous to the oil for food program that saw all the money go to Saddam Hussein for his palaces instead of to the people for whom it was intended.

It is primarily for these two reasons that groups such as Friends of Science were formed. Unfortunately there is so much political power and money dependent on maintaining the "AGW agenda" that any groups who threaten to expose the fallacies behind Kyoto are targeted by any political means possible to discredit them. This campaign of discredit has resulted much of the media succumbing to political pressure and losing journalistic integrity.

The CBC, our national broadcasting company, is a prime example. On November 17, 2005, while the government was wasting billions of tax payers dollars promoting Kyoto, the CBC presented a documentary "Doomsday Called Off" exposing the fallacies of Kyoto with irrefutable scientific evidence.

Less than one year later the same CBC aired a Fifth Estate Program "The Denial Machine" instigated by a PR specialist with no science background who is on the board of an environmental foundation targeting one of the world's leading climate scientists and first director of the weather satellite program at NASA. The targeting was all on the basis of personal attacks with absolutely none of the science ever questioned and all of the attacks were worded in such a way as to minimize the likelihood of a slander suit but were false none the less.

These two CBC programs define the debate on climate change. One of the programs that shows the fallacies of Kyoto presents nothing but factual evidence that has never been disputed. The other program that supports Kyoto presents no scientific information but criticizes those who do only by personal attacks based on perceived association with industry.

The same difference between the sides can be seen by the lengthy description of the "skeptics" on an environmentalist foundation website and the "Denier Series" by Laurence Solomon in the Financial Post [1]. This series is now up to 24 with each article a well researched exposé of some of the world leaders in climate science and a presentation of their scientific facts which are counter to what is presented by the IPCC.

Typical environmental foundation websites demonstrate no climate expertise but merely reflect the SPM versions of the IPCC reports and call anyone who does not subscribe to the false information of these reports a “skeptic”.

This is the misinformation that is driving the whole climate change issue. Remarkably if one were to look at this whole issue from the perspective of basic physics all of the claims of impending climate disasters resulting from human CO₂ emissions can be shown to be physically impossible.

It takes vast amounts of energy to run the climate of the Earth, so changes to this climate would require very large changes in energy. The greenhouse effect from greenhouse gases is a passive insulating effect with no actual energy of its own. The energy trapped by the greenhouse gases comes from the Earth surface below and regardless of how much energy is actually trapped the temperature of this energy is limited to the temperature of the surface below.

The greenhouse gases over an ice sheet cannot warm the atmosphere to a temperature above freezing so this greenhouse gas warmed atmosphere cannot be responsible for melting any of the ice sheet below.

Similarly, the tropical oceans warmed by the sun in the daytime cannot warm the overlying atmosphere to a higher temperature than the sea surface temperature, so the atmosphere is not able to warm the sea surface temperature above the level that the sun does, so there can be no hurricane generation from sea surface temperature rises from the greenhouse effect. In fact the transmission of heat energy to the atmosphere actually cools the sea surface temperature and the amount of cooling is a function of humidity that controls evaporation that does most of the cooling.

Kilimanjaro, polar bears, Hurricane Katrina and every other icon of global warming have nothing to do with emissions, only changes to incoming solar radiation. The only effect from greenhouse gases is some possible warming of the atmosphere with absolutely no effect on the ground below.

Receding glaciers result from changes in precipitation and increased melting from increases in solar energy reaching the Earth. Sea level rises above the normal amount since the last ice age, are mostly relative resulting from subsidence of the adjacent land mass. **Increased hurricane activity has nothing to do with a warming atmosphere and in fact the warmer the atmosphere the smaller the temperature differential with the sea surface temperature and the less likely possibility of hurricane formation.**

From this perspective every statement in the Al Gore film “An Inconvenient Truth” is absolutely false and the sole reference for this film and the justification for every statement in (AIT) is the IPCC. Everything always comes back to the acceptance of the IPCC as the final authority on climate change but **the IPCC is a political body that was founded on an invalid scientific premise based on the correlation of two data sets that do not correlate.**

This misinformation will continue to spread as long as the general population remains scientifically illiterate and blindly follows celebrity instead of those cast as skeptics who are trying to bring scientific fact to the public’s attention. Cracks are starting to develop in this wall of censorship that is preventing the scientific facts from reaching the public.

The true scientists are becoming more vocal and media savvy and the facts are slowly reaching the public.

Reid Bryson [2], the 87-year-old Professor of Meteorology, considered to be the father of scientific climatology, has once again spoken out strongly against anthropogenic global warming theories being regularly disseminated by alarmists in the media and the scientific community.

In an interview published by Wisconsin's Capital Times Monday (June 18, 2007), Bryson spoke about the money involved in this "religion," and when asked about soon-to-be-Dr. Al Gore's schlockumentary "An Inconvenient Truth" marvelously responded :

"Don't make me throw up...It is not science. It is not true."

On June 13, 2007 Vaclav Klaus, the president of the Czech Republic published an article "Freedom, not climate, is at risk". This is the first time that the leader of a country has represented the true nature of this issue in scientific terms. This article was published in the National Post but not in the Globe and Mail once again showing that this issue is aligned on political sides not science which should be independent of political leanings.

Canada is facing a political crisis over this issue. All parties have now adopted the rhetoric of Kyoto in order to secure votes, but the pro Kyoto stance is having serious detrimental effects on our environment because air quality and water quality issues are not being properly addressed by the politicians who are so caught up securing votes with costly emissions reductions plans. When politicians are taken to task and forced to tell the public the real sacrifices that have to be made to meet the useless requirements of Kyoto, the public will be looking for some rationale not to comply with either these personal sacrifices or the alternative of sending large sums of money out of the country to purchase carbon credits.

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