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Dear Professor Tucker and the Administration of Old Dominion University,

I would like to thank you for this opportunity of a forum to voice my opinions and research on a topic so immense within our lives and our school. When I came to ODU I was astounded by the efforts to become a fully green school in order to save the environment, and a highly touted approval by the state of Virginia that I can only assume brings funding and preference with it. While it is great to have such a unified effort for a goal, what I have observed around campus reinforce my prior beliefs of how silly and unreasonable a goal of no waste and no carbon usage is for one school, not to mention the entire world.

Some examples include the message that we are a green campus, blinking proudly on an LCD screen atop a large structure made of metal, which was probably not put there by animal helpers. This sign stands next to the Ted, which has more screens inside, TVs and lights that are constantly on, and support transportation by motor vehicles to the events by maintaining very large parking lots. Lights are also constantly on, day and night, throughout the halls of the academic buildings and dorm houses. Where Rogers Hall conserves by giving reusable plastic containers for meals, Einstein takes it back by giving large cardboard boxes and paper holders for foods regardless of eating to go or not. Rogers Hall also gives single use cups out to every single student, making it near equal in trash deposit as Café 1201, which gives cardboard to go boxes but reusable cups. Again, it's great to try to conserve and not just throw trash everywhere, but it is impossible to truly have a great effect on carbon output without doing anything dramatic.

The paper you are about to read dissects the global warming debate in a way that is commonly overlooked. Normally people try to prove why they're right, or why the other side is stupid by using derogatory terms with no real substance. I have decided not to talk about how the hysteria is ruining lives, because it isn't, as the whole green fad is helping companies make large profits to stay afloat in the recession. Instead I will simply state what the opposition says, thinks, and does, then dispel them with real facts and data, as well as display how even with good intentions, the attempt of reducing carbon is absurd, futile, and useless.

I would like to thank Christopher Horner for his book *Red Hot Lies* which over the summer inspired me to write a more comprehensive research paper regarding global warming that was easier for me and the general public to understand.

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Preface

Every day there is clear evidence of one of the greatest marketing ploys in history. Evidence found of a troubling inability of citizens to think for ourselves and challenge facts that could be false. Evidence seen that Americans, and too many others around the globe, love to think that they can make an impact on something larger than life itself.

This fad is global warming. While there are news stories daily of all the ice melting and polar bears struggling, alarmists claiming the world is in imminent danger, and "green" being the newest and most profitable business buzz word, any ideas to the contrary are lost. Ideas like that, if ever allowed to air, are quickly censored and hidden away. Anyone who opposes receives every pejorative term imaginable, most popularly *skeptics*, risks losing funding for their projects and worst their career (Taylor, 2007). To be exact, "Twenty-five billion dollars in government funding has been spent since 1990 to research global warming," according to Sallie Baliunas, a Harvard astrophysicist, and it is clear that they aren't interested in paying people to conclude there is no crisis (Stossel, 2006). It's not hard to see why those in the field of climatology would want their data to support what the consensus supports, as support in their work means more money. If a skeptic does receive mainstream attention, they are automatically labeled as sponsored by an evil oil company trying to spread heresies against this quasi-religion alarmists call global warming. This inability to argue is problematic not only in the sense that the public misses important data, but also because it challenges the fundamentals of science. Scientific proof must be openly available and testable, and to this day, anthropogenic global warming is neither.

On the cover page, the main purpose is displaying the absolute contrast from saying and doing. The cartoon of Al Gore's hypocrisies, much more than simply a plane and a limo; the photograph representing Live Earth, a massive carbon-draining event for the sake of carbon reduction; and the factory-styled, non-CFL lit building in which recycling begins all display how environmental alarmists make people support them to the death even when they don't really know what they're supporting. For a strong comparison, the background image is a landfill. Across the globe, landfills don't get left as trash-filled dumps like movies such as *WALL-E* and the environmentalists would like people to believe. Instead, much like the local Mt. Trashmore, landfills are turned in to beautiful parks, with no remains of even the slightest bit of trash.

It must be kept in mind that even if it was confirmed that global warming was caused by anthropogenic forces, no one in the world knows neither how much restriction is too much, nor what our efforts to cool would in turn do to the environment. Also keep in mind that this is *not* a unanimous topic no matter what alarmists claim. Before speaking in front of Congress against cap-and-trade legislation, Ron Paul gathered a group together to form a petition against the extreme beliefs being shown to children and adults alike. The results were 31,478 American signers; all with climate-inclusive degrees[1], something neither Al Gore (Government) nor the head of the IPCC Rajendra Pachauri (Industrial Engineering) have (Petition Project, 2008). While the opposition is clear, governments around the world are still trying to force laws to reduce carbon dioxide output that won't do any good. Take, for instance, the flawed Kyoto Protocol which, for a price tag of $200 million a year for the U.S. alone, would lower the global temperature by less than a tenth of a degree in a century's time (Bergin, 2007). America simply cannot afford to waste that much money on a weak answer to a problem that doesn't exist. The

[1] As reported on the petition's official website, "the current list of petition signers includes 9,029 PhD; 7,153 MS; 2,585 MD and DVM; and 12,711 BS." For a more comprehensive list of each individual discipline, view here (2008)

climate is something bigger, more powerful and more complex than anyone could ever find in a couple of studies or a few graphs. It began before graphs were created and before humans walked the earth, or anything near it.

History

The Earth, as commonly accepted in science today, is well over 4 billion years old. Though the exact explanations are far from being concluded, the Earth went through a long time of being absolutely inhabitable, until finally a combination of rust-like particles being present and the slow cooling down of the heated ball of matter that was the Earth created the unique phenomena of water. Between this ability of maintaining live organisms and anything similar to humans roaming the world, Earth went through everything imaginable; volcanic eruptions, meteor strikes, species constantly dying and evolving and plate shifting, only to name a few.

Finally, also as a relatively questionable but agreed on fact, the first bipeds were found 2-7 million years ago (Lloyd & Britt, 2006). That's over 4 billion years of the Earth surviving through the most extreme temperatures high and low, and everything else stated above. Expectations that the Industrial Revolution to the present, a span of 200 years, has actually affected the Earth in any major way are absolutely absurd.

Making It

The current rise in CO_2 is neither unprecedented nor unmatched, as displayed in a recent blog by Doug Hoffman, a doctor in computer science and author of many books regarding global warming statistical analysis (2009). With the CO_2 levels clearly being astronomically larger for millions of years before, and actually having some of the lowest levels currently, a rise, no matter what the cause, will not spell the end of the world or life as we know it (2009).

Any cooling during the industrial period ruins the theory of man-made CO_2 taking over the climate. If anthropogenic CO_2 was the main force behind temperature, the period between 1940 and 1979 should have been one of the greatest rises in temperature on record. World War II

led to a massive increase in production across the globe (Philo, 2009), and the technology, compared to today, was very inefficient. Much more pollution from automobiles and factories creating everything from gun powder to bombs was not understood to be as detrimental as it is assumed to be today. However, even the most biased graphs display a 30-year dip in the otherwise upward trend in global warming since the last ice age (Gwynne, 1975), as displayed in Figure 1.

Many newsmagazines in the 1940–79 period supported a powerful belief exactly opposite of today's—that drastic climate change showed an imminent ice age approaching. The most notable of these is *Time* magazine, which in 1974 described a scene of "the worst flooding in centuries" and "unusually cold winters" during the past decades and described the seemingly agreed on scientific consensus that a long period of cooling was upon us (TIME, 1974). If the familiarity isn't striking enough already, the same article warns of the exact same perils that global warming alarmists today declare will harm the human existence, such as constant extreme weather and a global shortage of food.

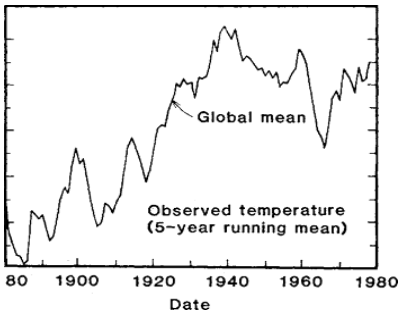


Figure 1. Recorded Temperature 1880-1980. Graph displaying an average fall in temperature in the 1940's-1980. (Herring, 2007)

The world is currently in cooling trend. As if one inconsistent pattern isn't enough to throw off the speculation of human-made CO_2 causing global chaos (under the presumption that if the globe was thrown totally off natural cycles, it should never display a natural variation in temperature) we are currently in yet another cooling trend (Rucker, 2008). Mojib Latif is an acclaimed climatologist, professor, and writer[2] who has been very influential in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) documents regarding climate change,

[2] Latif has published over 130 journals, books, and even textbooks regarding climate change.

focusing on and believing in human interference (Craven, 2009). During one of the largest gatherings regarding climate change, the United Nations World Climate Convention, Latif declared the temperature is in a downward trend and it was the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO), not anthropogenic forces, controlling temperature (Pearce, 2009a). The NAO has long been suspected as a large, *natural* contributor to the world's climate (2009b). The most recent graphs, many combined in Figure 2, clearly show that while CO_2 usage continues to rise, our temperature is sinking slowly, remaining consistent with the theory of 30-year cycles within much larger ones (Watson, 2008).

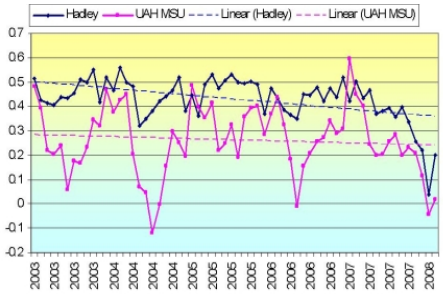


Figure 2. Temperature data by various sources. Displays slow yet consistent drop of temperature since 2001. (Watson, 2008)

A second, just as important natural contributor is the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO). Professor Don Easterbrook revealed in a recent study that during the time of warming, between the late 1970s and 2000, the Pacific Ocean heated up; however, it is now cooling and has been for a few years (Hudson, 2009). In the same article by BBC News, climate correspondent Paul Hudson reported that alarmists are supposedly still insisting the public should ignore this cooling and understand that the *next* five years are going to be hotter than 1998, just like the *last* five were supposed to, but never were.

The South Pole has been cooling for decades. To display yet another giant hole in the logic of anthropogenic global warming, one must go no further than the one place warming would conceivably wreak havoc the most—the South Pole. Antarctica is not mentioned in the news when global warming is being discussed, and this is because it is breaking climate logic and actually cooling, a trend it's been following since the 1980s, according to many sources (Williams, 2008). At best for alarmists, the Antarctic temperature and lack of clear detriment

during the global warming paranoia shows how unpredictable and difficult it is to explain the world's climate (Davidson, 2002).

Faking It

As stated in Robert M. Carter's testimony as a witness for a New Party member fighting for the removal of *An Inconvenient Truth* in public schools, Gore and all other alarmists are guilty of selective data, exaggeration of the repercussions of warming if it were happening, and a use of rhetoric claiming that they are right unless it can be proved wrong, which is not the structure of a scientific theory that should be testable and debatable (Carter, 2007). If the alarmists really had the proof to back up their outrageous claims, debates should be welcome. Instead, a mixture of censoring the truth and purporting their own nonsense has led to a confusion of what real science really is.

Alarmists constantly not only censor information contradictory to their own, but forge data to fit their beliefs. This practice leads to those desiring success in the industry (or simply keeping their job) to edit their own commutated data in support of anthropogenic global warming (Horner, 2008, p.154).

One of the lead alarmists, James Hansen, is well known for using computer algorithms to skew data for his agenda and lie about his troubles getting this false information across. His former supervisor at NASA, retiree Dr. John Theron, claimed Hansen went against NASA code by making outrageous and unsupported claims, and states he himself does not support the idea of anthropogenic global warming (Morano, 2009). One of Hansen's most published predictions from 1988 was correct in a rise in temperature until the end of the decade; however it was not as extreme and the recent downturn in temperature proves it will obviously never match the outrageous predictions made my Hansen (Meyer, 2009).

In a professional paper from the Science and Public Policy Institute authored by Christopher Monckton (2009), it is clear that inconsistencies can be found through almost every claim made by the alarmists. While the amount of CO_2 is clearly rising as the IPCC predicted, the rate is much lower (p. 4). The IPCC also officially predicted the global temperature to rise at least 0.2 degrees Celsius; however, not only was there no rise but the trend was actually opposite of the same predictions that terrified the world (p. 6). Combining these facts, as illustrated in Figure 3, shows the most surprising results of all, especially to one who has only seen predictions, and never what's really been happening: There is absolutely no correlation between a rise in carbon and a rise in global temperature (p. 6). All of this real-life data contrary to the exaggerated computer-created predictions of the Nobel Peace Prize winning IPCC confirm the absolute fallacy of man-made global warming, from the top down.

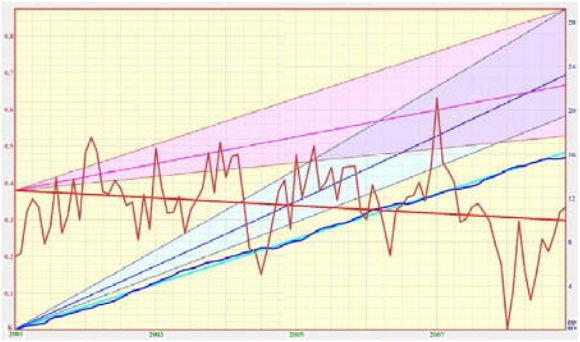


Figure 3. No Correlation, No Causation. Red is temperature, Blue is Carbon in Atmosphere, with brighter lines displaying IPCC predictions and darker showing official NOAA (carbon) and SPPI (temperature) graphs. Rise in Carbon combined with Drop in Temperature Illustrates Negative Correlation between Carbon and Temperature (Monckton, 2009, p. 6)

The polar bear has become an icon for global warming activism. One of the most common photos used as proof of global warming is the picture of a polar bear seemingly struggling to survive on the little ice left due to our destruction of the globe. However, what was said to be an environmentalist's picture turned out to be by a college student who, in an e-mail response regarding the picture, said the polar bears were not struggling, and the ice seemed dramatically small because it was August at the peak of the Arctic summer. Not only were the photographed polar bears not struggling, but the polar bears have not been and are not dying out. Their numbers are instead growing, with one specific population rising from 850 to 2,100 in a

little over 20 years (Langan, 2007, p.1). After admitting growth in the general population of polar bears, the experts at Polar Bear International immediately began to inform its readers that even though in the past 60 years of anthropogenic global warming the polar bears thrived, it would surely have a negative effect soon (Polar Bears International, 2009). However, there is no evidence to back up this claim, as officials from Northern Canada are saying there is little to worry about (Thompson, 2007).

Even with all of the data to the contrary, politicians wanting political action regarding climate change pushed the polar bears onto the endangered species list, not because their population is decreasing currently, but because it *might* decrease *eventually*, and of course it helps make the poor polar bear argument more valid (ScienceDaily, 2008).

Inconvenient Truths for Alarmists

While anthropogenic global warming has been an unproven proposition for years, *An Inconvenient Truth*, which came to theatres in 2006, brought the topic to the mainstream, and for all the wrong reasons. Al Gore makes it clear throughout his Oscar winning movie that his way to convince the masses is not hard facts but scare tactics. These tactics in the movie included conveniently timed pictures displaying a vast destruction of what used to be ice packs and snowcaps, a fun cartoon of the rising sea level filling up the hole where the World Trade Center once stood, as well as many other warnings of “what’s ahead.”

One of the worst and most incorrect claims in *An Inconvenient Truth* was that the terror of global warming caused Hurricane Katrina to be so destructive, and that the amount of hurricanes would grow exponentially for the next few years, which is absolutely false. While scares in the media have been enormous over the years since Katrina, the amount of hurricanes

have since been low, with nine of an over-predicted 17 in 2006 (Gainor, 2006) and an extremely low total in 2007 and 2008 (Dorell, 2008). When one tries to ignore the efforts to scare people into believing, all that's left is a cluster of falsified and downright embarrassing graphs and tables. As alarmists are aware that without this holy movie of global warming, the cause loses much of its basis, they know it therefore must be protected. Because of this, most communications media have erased of any trace of proof that any of the information is false. Al Gore has held close to zero press conferences that included taking questions from the audience, with the first one in four years happening the first week of October at a meeting of the Society of Environmental Journalists. During the rare Q&A session, a journalist was shut out of the conversation because of his overwhelming proof contrary to Gore's words (NotEvilJustWrong, October 9, 2009). This censorship reinforces the destruction of the scientific process and equal reporting of the media, causing all kinds of negative effects such as further polarizing of political parties, an overload of misinformation to the public, and serious distrust by the people of government when contrary information manages to leak out.

In a court case regarding *An Inconvenient Truth* being shown in schools, Stewart Dimmock of England's New Party exposed 11 specific lies regarding Gore's movie, nine of which were upheld as incorrect and required to be brought up when movie was played in classrooms. According to the official court transcripts, the inaccuracies found by the court are:

- The film claims that melting snows on Mount Kilimanjaro evidence global warming. The Government's expert was forced to concede that this is not correct.
- The film suggests that evidence from ice cores proves that rising CO2 causes temperature increases over 650,000 years. The Court found that the film was

misleading: over that period the rises in CO2 lagged behind the temperature rises by 800-2000 years.

- The film uses emotive images of Hurricane Katrina and suggests that this has been caused by global warming. The Government's expert had to accept that it was "not possible" to attribute one-off events to global warming.
- The film shows the drying up of Lake Chad and claims that this was caused by global warming. The Government's expert had to accept that this was not the case.
- The film claims that a study showed that polar bears had drowned due to disappearing arctic ice. It turned out that Mr Gore had misread the study: in fact four polar bears drowned and this was because of a particularly violent storm.
- The film threatens that global warming could stop the Gulf Stream throwing Europe into an ice age: the Claimant's evidence was that this was a scientific impossibility.
- The film blames global warming for species losses including coral reef bleaching. The Government could not find any evidence to support this claim.
- The film suggests that sea levels could rise by 7m causing the displacement of millions of people. In fact the evidence is that sea levels are expected to rise by about 40cm over the next hundred years and that there is no such threat of massive migration.
- The film claims that rising sea levels has caused the evacuation of certain Pacific islands to New Zealand. The Government are [sic] unable to substantiate this and

the Court observed that this appears to be a false claim. (Dimmock v Secretary of State for Education and Skills, 2007)

The inaccuracies don't end there, however. Probably the most famous of all *Truth* blunders is the use of the apocalyptic "hockey-stick" graph. In this graph, displayed on the right, Michael Mann fabricated a graph using data that best fit the desired results, erasing the Medieval Warming Period and the Little Ice Age, both of which were to that point accepted as having temperatures much higher and lower than today (Daly, 2000). With those periods removed and tainted data of the past century added to the graph, an unreasonably large jump in temperature occurred, as seen in Figure 4 (2009). Even though the data was sketchy at least, it was quickly accepted by the IPCC, and used in their third report as well as Gore's movie even after this dramatic increase in temperature was proved completely false (McIntyre, 2007). In almost every one of Al Gore's graphs, there is a random extreme jump in temperature basically straight up, a rise due to hit the world in the next five years or so, even though the amount of carbon isn't supposed to increase at such a magnitude nor has there ever been a prediction of this degree or any historical data to prove it's even possible.

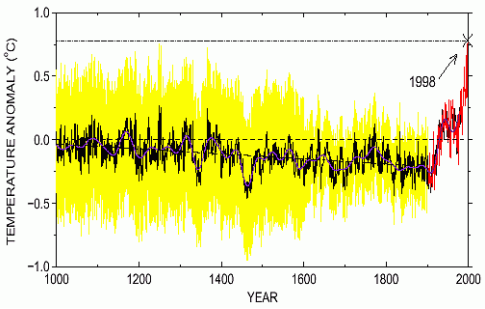


Figure 4. The Hockey-Stick Graph. While using data to fit his needs, Mann created a completely false representation of the past millennium (Daly, 2000).

Hypo*crises*

It would be expected that the leaders of what has turned in to a quasi-religion would practice what they preach. It should also be expected that when something in the realm of that particular topic was endorsed, in this case deemed as "green," it really is what it's claimed to be. Neither of theseare the case, however, and due to the alarmists' push for a *stop using carbon*

now, ask questions later approach, it is easy to skip over or ignore such seemingly ridiculous claims of contradictions.

Take, for example, the Toyota Prius. It is the ultimate "green" car. It runs on electricity, but it is rarely stressed that hybrids only use the electricity during slower driving, and the gas-powered engine while driving faster (Eng, 2009). Also left unmentioned is the need for not one but two engines because of the two kinds of fueling, as well as a much less eco-friendly battery that is needed to actually power one of the two engines (Maddox, 2007, p. 2). It is a lot easier to simply hear what's green and good and get it and just feel good about oneself than looking beyond what they're listening to.

Al Gore's House

If Al Gore doesn't get enough scrutiny for flying planes or riding in limos instead of being green and walking cross-country, during his blockbuster movie *An Inconvenient Truth*, the stories on Al Gore's house are proof that his own beliefs, as well as the belief in general, are unnecessary and simply meaningless propaganda.

A house that reasonably uses electricity annually uses 10,656 kilowatts per hour. Al Gore, the head preacher of diminishing carbon emissions, uses 221,000 kilowatts per hour, "more than 20 times the national average," according to the Tennessee Center for Policy Research (Tapper, 2007). While begging for conservation, through CFL lights and unplugging TVs, Gore maintains a 20-room mansion that costs him more than 1,300 dollars a month (Nussbaum 2007). According to the Nashville Electrical Service, Gore's monthly average is higher than the average household per year by over 5,000 kilowatts per hour (2007).

Thankfully for the Earth, as well as Al Gore's conscience, he evens out his excessive carbon use by purchasing carbon offsets.[3] While this seems like a selfless act to maintain his desire to reduce carbon in the atmosphere (even though planting trees equalizes, not erases, the CO_2 wasted by his mansion), it is really another selfish act by the former vice president. He purchases these offsets from a company called Generation Investment Management (GIM) out of London (Hobbs, 2007). Research into that same group shows an interesting participant—Al Gore himself. Being the co-founder and chairman of GIM (2004), Gore obviously makes a profit from the same place he buys the offsets from, proving he really loses no money, but possibly even gains some in the process. It is no shock after knowing his inconsistencies between what he says and does in his personal life that actions affecting others can lead to many questions as well.

Green Events

Large gatherings occur for big occasions, larger-than-life causes, and historic events. Some of the most momentous of these events include presidential inaugurations and benefit concerts such as Live Aid and Live 8. When an event is needed to fight for a cause, but its creation is contradictory to the cause itself, the Catch-22 is impossible to overcome, especially when the cause is imaginary to begin with. As one Englishman told BBC, "Would you hold a hog roast to promote vegetarianism?" (Smith, 2007).

Obama's Inauguration

With green energy being one of the biggest mantras of Obama's campaign, it should be assumed that his events should follow that belief. During the campaign, future President Obama strongly supported cap and trade and reduction of oil dependence while supporting alternative energy to reduce our nation's carbon footprint (MacGills, 2007). There were many news stories

[3] Carbon offsets is the idea that one can purchase tokens towards planting trees or supporting green constructions in order to equalize your damage to the environment, created to in theory reduce hypocrisy as well as carbon output.

about the administration's attempt to make the celebration as green as possible, getting the Environmental Protection Agency and other environmentally conscious people to help out (Simon and Zuckman, 2009).

According to the Institute for Liberty, the results were tremendous: 57,598 times the average household's annual carbon footprint to be exact (2009). Due to the record crowds attending the event, the amount of carbon was above 575,000,000 pounds, or almost 288,000 tons, of CO_2 (2009). Obviously the amount of CO_2 was inevitable, showing how in a larger sense CO_2 usage is impossible to avoid in today's world, and it is a complete hypocrisy and waste of money to try to criminalize the usage of it.

> *"Live Earth will produce about 74,500 tons of the gas… We would have to plant 100,000 trees to offset the effect of Live Earth"—John Buckley of Carbon Footprint*

Live Earth

For those who didn't watch or hear about this event, Live Earth was a 24-hour-long concert covering all parts of the world, from Australia to London, dedicated to saving the world by going green.

If the contradiction isn't plain enough to see, consider this. A 24-hour-long concert meant lights on large stadiums around the world were being constantly lit. Thousands if not more attended the event at each location, probably half at least driving part way or all the way to the stadiums. All the speakers and artists, over 150 in total not including 10,413 "friend events," rode airplanes or limos, or most likely both, to the events (Smith, 2007). If the transportation to the event was already expanding Live Earth's carbon footprint, consider the lights used to light the stadium and all of the shows who use lights as part of their performance, and the electricity

needed for the sound equipment: equivalent to 7,400 standard people's annual footprint (Cooper, 2007). Though the official calculation stops there, the carbon use doesn't (Live Earth Green Team, 2007, p. 11). It was fed live through the Internet the entire 24 hours, as well as the majority of it on TV. Al Gore, who should prefer people to go outside and have a green walk or drive a green car over carelessly draining electricity, created this event partly for the purpose of reaching people through the same channels of communication that "ravage" our earth, a clear conflict of interest that cannot be ignored when considering the seriousness of the debate and its repercussions.

Was everyone participating in Live Earth convinced a dramatic usage of CO_2 for the sake of reducing CO_2 was a positive step forward? Comedian Chris Rock told the public after his appearance in London during the Live Earth concert, "I think this will do for global warming what Live 8 did for ending world hunger" (NME News, 2007). The assertion of his comment, as well as the truth of it, is blaringly obvious. Live Earth couldn't have an effect on anything besides making a few more people change their light bulbs to CFLs. The only ones who really paid attention to the message were those already inside the craze, and the rest who watched it watched it for the music.

Anti-Industrialism—Anti-Humanism

It is very easy for the most advanced countries in the world, such as the United States, Australia, and England, to spread fear of the evils caused by industrialization and horrors in the creation of new houses, factories, or in the opinion of one extremist news site, *new life* (Live Science Staff, 2009). The citizens of these countries are able to watch the coal plants polluting

the air with one of most natural chemicals on earth and their electricity pumping TVs and PCs in their well-lit homes, and many have plants around or in their residences.

What about those who don't? What about the countries whose citizens live in huts or clay houses with no luxuries such as television or Internet that aren't being considered in the whole debate of carbon reduction? Those who would kill for the amenities we take for granted daily and have in the past few years began not only taking them for granted but calling them burdens to society as they are believed to destroy the environment. Those in developing countries have no option but to disregard their effect on the environment. India has the fourth highest amount of carbon emissions (UCS, 2006) due to the fact it is currently trying to reach the level of technological advancement as the more developed nations while having an immense population. It is extremely hypocritical to have allowed one's own nation to advance, then attempt to restrict another countries' freedom to do the exact same thing. China, also a large producer of carbon, has a weak economy and relies on the dreaded chemical more than any other nation (2006). Neither country, nor any in Asia or elsewhere, has the ability to spend billions on "green" buildings and technology.

Africa is nowhere near even India's level of industry. Recently Hillary Clinton visited many African countries and attempted to endorse reduction of carbon. Millions die in Africa every year because of diseases and sicknesses that developed countries don't even need to worry about, yet those same developed countries somehow find the right to delay their ability to discover medicine and create hospitals for themselves in the name of the environment.

The fundamental idea of human rights being stripped away from Third World countries clearly displays how the whole idea of carbon restrictions was not well thought out, or there is simply a lack of care from the powers that be.

Conclusion

The madness of global warming is detrimental to journalism and science. Both involve members being shut out for not believing in the cause when there is no reason to do so. Science is based upon the notion of an open forum, when anything can and should be testable and challengeable, but with man-made global warming, it isn't so. If there is an overwhelming consensus, there shouldn't be any need to quiet opposition, the only reason being the fear that they might be proven wrong, both because it is not a consensus and they don't have the facts to back it up. Scare tactics and quasi-religious treatment of the subject has disabled many common people from accepting or even viewing anything of the contrary. It is therefore my recommendation that all schools should require both sides to be studied, and maybe students will learn the truth instead of hearing only biased opinions.

If CO_2 was really undoubtedly affecting the world, legislation would have been passed already. If it was really anything our government or our people could change, cap-and-trade and alternative fuels would not simply sit quietly on the back-burner and brought out whenever a Democrat or other person left of center needs to denounce one on the right for being wrong in some way. Even many of those who believe in anthropogenic global warming couldn't bear to launch a full revolution away from fossil fuels, which would inevitably lead for taxes through the roof for any and all Americans, for extra cars, extra children, or anything else. The governmental control of what we use to that extent destroys freedoms we take for granted, hinders creative

input in technology fields where combustibles are necessary, and will undoubtedly destroy trade world-wide for years until everyone rebukes CO_2.

I'm not denouncing Obama for having a massive inauguration or Al Gore for having an amazing mansion, it simply displays the fact that use of carbon in our society is not only impossible to avoid but necessary. CO_2 is not toxic like it is attempted to be named by alarmists. The black smoke from the combustion of the CO_2 dissipates seconds after it is created, yet alarmists still try to make that black smoke a synonym to one of the most natural substances on Earth.

I'm also not saying this whole hysteria is a bad thing in every faction of our world. The race to having the best "green" technology can possibly lead to great new discoveries in all kinds of fields. The negative thing of that aspect is that while "green" is getting all of the funding, valuable discoveries that require other kinds of fuels can be lost, which is neither just nor fair for those in industries that are based on carbon dioxide/fuel combustion. Coal mining is a large share of jobs in some states such as West Virginia, and removing their jobs would involve the federal government undermining the state of West Virginia, clearly breaking constitutional rights of the state.

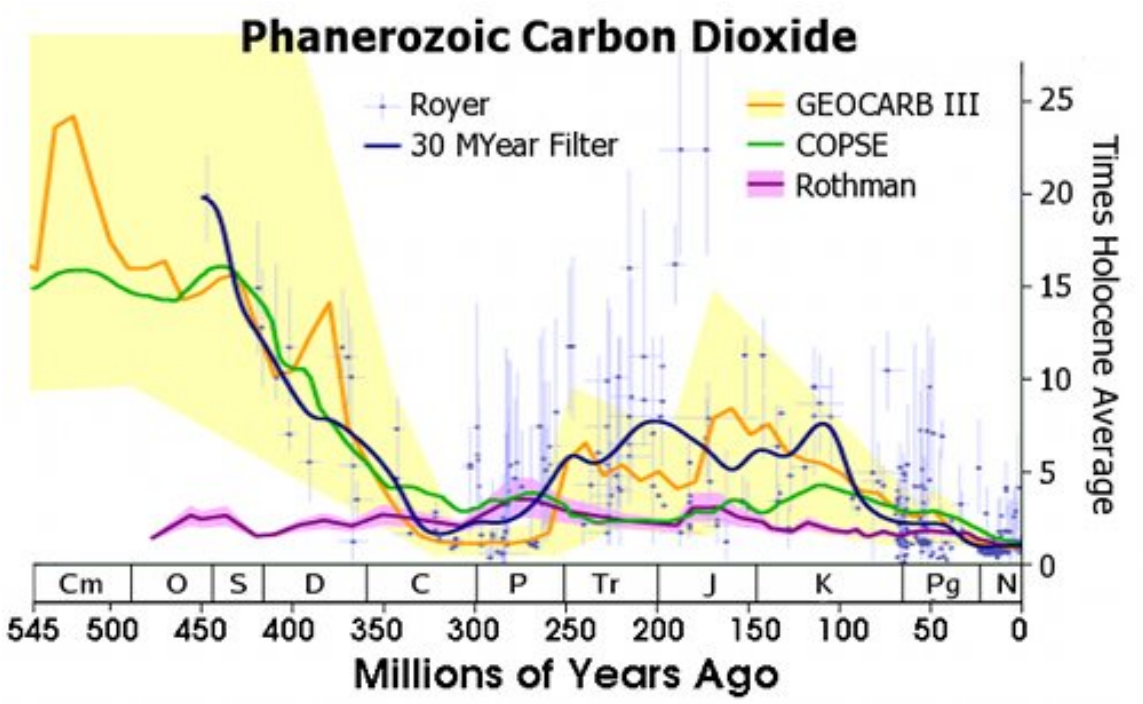
Because the attempted removal of CO_2, the chemical plants use for life, that we breathe out constantly, one of the most natural substances in the world, from our planet is impossible and doesn't even matter, it won't be an issue for long. Soon there will be another scare everyone will have their attention on, possibly even another ice age craze. Keep on conserving and buying those tote bags instead of using plastic and eating organic, but remember, the world doesn't need

our help in being saved. It has lasted billions of years before mankind, and almost surely will for years and years after.

Appendices

Appendix A. Historical Graph of Carbon Dioxide in Atmosphere

Graph of compiled data from five data sources, all displaying how little carbon dioxide is in the world today compared to any time in our history, while the Earth being here today is proof that it can survive such a high amount.



(Hoffman 2009)

Appendix B. *Red Hot Lies* Display of Media Insanity

An excerpt from the opening pages of Christopher Horner's Red Hot Lies: How Global Warming Alarmists Use Threats, Fraud, and Deception to Keep You Misinformed, sans endnotes. Any viewer of national news programs on TV or anyone who reads the paper on occasion or even internet news sites have seen some outrageous claims made by environmentalists of what man is doing to the planet. Where facts are missing, scare tactics are

ever present, a very awful yet convincing way of maintain overall public support for such a wrong idea.

"Global warming causes everything. A brief perusal of stories from the last several years reveals that warming has been blamed for a huge array of problems, including increased teenage drinking, stray cats, poison ivy, and sharks. More seriously, global warming has also been blamed for widespread malnutrition and outbreaks of disease, Hurricane Katrina, and the crisis in Darfur. Don't forget impoverished fashion houses, hard times for Bulgarian brothels, and attacks by big cats. It causes summer frost in Africa and freezing penguin chicks, poorly rising bread dough, 'makes island kids bony, stunted,' contaminated transfusion blood, and cause more landslides, and stronger earthquakes. It caused the 2008 salmonella outbreak, and an increase in kidney stones. Blogger William Briggs compiled media assertions of other global warming horrors: 'Lizards will undergo sex changes, there will be waves of rape, a rash of camel deaths will occur, the Earth will spin faster (hold on!), and, worst and most frightening of all, there will be an increase in lawyers…' Oh yeah, it will also cause giant Burmese pythons to colonize one-third of the United States.

Why, they have even blamed the sacking of English football coaches on global warming, though sometimes the mainstream media leave it to the popular scientific outlets to warn us of outcomes like 'Global warming poses deaf threat to tropical fish.' After all, they don't' want to look foolish."

(Horner, 2008 pg.1-2)

Appendix C. Professional Paper Regarding IPCC's Facts

The following link displays one of the most professional available papers online regarding global warming as presented by the Science and Public Policy Institute to counter many inaccuracies and fraudulent data the IPCC and NASA use to declare the recent global trends as warming and man-made. It has one of the most comprehensive combinations of graphs and text as well as mathematical equations. The final results pulled from the paper is that not only did the IPCC greatly exaggerate in their predictions, but the warming between the 70's and 2000 were not at all unusual and NASA scientists edited their own data years later to make their results follow the belief of man-made global warming.

http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/images/stories/papers/monckton/temperature_co2_change_scientific_briefing.pdf

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