

# The Week That Was: 2019-04-06 (April 6, 2019)

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**Quote of the Week:** *"It has been a source of great pain to me to have met with so many among [my] opponents who had not the liberality to distinguish between political and social opposition; who transferred at once to the person, the hatred they bore to his political opinions."* —Thomas Jefferson (1808)

**Number of the Week:** Risen by 44.6429% or by 0.0125%?

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#### **THIS WEEK:**

*By Ken Haapala, President, Science and Environmental Policy Project (SEPP)*

**Surface v. Atmosphere: Why the Difference?** On his blog, Roy Spencer performs a statistical analysis to answer questions regarding the poor relationship (correlation) between atmospheric temperature trends and surface temperature trends in Australia. The Australian Government's Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) posts a trend from 1910 to 2018, showing a significant temperature rise. The trend has been strongly questioned by Australian scientists, especially Jennifer Marohasy. Many of Marohasy's comments have been carried by Jo Nova, on her blog.

It appears that BOM surface temperatures suffer from the same disease that US surface temperatures suffer in the hands of NASA-GISS and NOAA. Hot periods of the past have suddenly chilled, making the warming trends appear strong than before. As Marohasy states:

*"Also, for some years I have been pointing-out that there is no consistency in the methods used by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology to measure surface temperatures, and that the routine remodeling of temperature series by the ACORN-SAT unit within the Bureau is not scientific."* [ACORN-SAT is the name for the database.]

As brought up in the March 2 TWTW, The Australian newspaper had an article by Graham Lloyd stating:

*"The Darwin record has been the subject of international concern by sceptics because it plays a significant role in the global climate picture.*

*"The Weekend Australian revealed last Saturday that the bureau had rewritten Australia's temperature records for the second time in six years, increasing the rate of warming since 1910 from 1C to 1.23C. The bureau has defended its homogenisation processes, which it said were needed to account for non-climate influences and changes in equipment.*

*"Scientist Jennifer Marohasy said Darwin's temperature record was important because the city was the only location in central northern Australia where temperatures had been measured since 1895 from within an instrument shelter. The Darwin record includes temperatures taken at Darwin post office from 1882 until 1941 and from Darwin airport from 1942 to the present.*

*“Adjustments were made by the bureau to account for the site move and other factors, including shading from trees, that occurred after 1937. The bureau record was shortened to 1910.”*

Spencer avoided the questionable “game playing” by BOM by examining only the record from the beginning of the satellite era: 1979 to present. Spencer uses the lower tropospheric temperatures, which cover the region of the atmosphere from the surface to where friction with the Earth's surface influences air flow and is also called the planetary boundary layer. Definitions vary by scientific organization, but this layer is up to 2 km (1.2 mi; 6,600 ft) deep depending on the landform and time of day.

(Recall that water vapor freezes out in the tropopause, altitude changing from 18 to 8 km (11 to 5 mi) from the equator to the polar regions. The altitude at the polar regions is an average, depending on season.)

What makes the article particularly interesting to TWTW are the adjustments Spencer makes to bring the BOM surface temperatures more in-line with UAH atmospheric temperatures – especially seasonal precipitation adjustments. Actually, he does the reverse. The base correlation is about 0.70 (resulting in a standard deviation calculated to be 0.57 deg. C) which is not particularly surprisingly low because the tropospheric temperatures over Australia can be affected by distant weather events, such as precipitation systems hundreds to thousands of miles away.

To achieve a higher correlation of 0.80 (with a standard deviation calculated to be 0.48 deg. C), Spencer adjusted the atmospheric data for rainfall by season. In warm months, atmospheric temperatures plus rainfall better explain surface temperatures, in cool months atmospheric temperatures minus rainfall better explained surface temperatures for reasons unclear. Even after these adjustments surface temperature trends showed slightly greater warming than satellite trends for reasons unclear. Spencer concludes that:

*“Users of the UAH data should expect monthly differences between the UAH and BOM data of 0.6 deg. C or so on a rather routine basis (after correcting for their different 30-year baselines used for anomalies: BOM uses 1961-1990 and UAH uses 1981-2010).”*

The increasing difference between surface temperatures trends and atmospheric temperature trends, before statistical adjustments, is one reason why TWTW prefers using atmospheric trends. They give a better understanding of what is occurring in the atmosphere, where the greenhouse effect occurs. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy and Measurement Issues – Surface.

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**UK Warming:** The Royal Meteorological Society has published a paper estimating the extent to which the surface warming is from urbanization – land use change, better known as the urban heat island effect (or intensity, UHI). The paper states:

*“For an urban fraction of 1.0, the daily minimum 2-m (2 meter) temperature was estimated to increase by  $1.90 \pm 0.88$  K while the daily maximum temperature was not significantly affected by urbanization.”*

What is also interesting is that the strongest relationship between UHI and daily minimum temperatures occurs in the winter months. The relationship is insignificant for February through October. The paper discusses that previous studies using global scale temperature series show that

UHI has negligible effect. Yet, other specific studies show a major effect. The inconsistency between local effects and global modeling is disturbing.

The findings are similar to what Anthony Watts found when comparing surface temperature trends using high quality continental US data taken by compliant stations with non-compliant stations and NOAA data after adjustments. He found that NOAA adjustments increase the small warming trend found at high quality stations. Even on the surface, maximum temperatures are not rising as claimed by alarmists. See links under Measurement Issues – Surface.

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**Climate Predictions Difficult?** On her web site, Judith Curry bring up a translated interview with Bjorn Stevens of the Hamburg Max Planck Institute for Meteorology. He brings up many of the problems with the Climate Establishment, such as:

- *“Global warming forecasts are still surprisingly inaccurate,*
- *“Climate sensitivity” [is largely unknown]*
- *“Back in the 1970s, it was determined using primitive computer models. The researchers came to the conclusion that their value is likely somewhere between 1.5 and 4.5 degrees.*
- *“This result has not changed until today, about 40 years later. And that’s exactly the problem.*

The failure to advance knowledge over 40 years is despite enormous increases in computational power of computers and tens of billions spent on “climate science.”

*“The difficulties he and his fellow researchers face can be summed up in one word: clouds. The mountains of water vapor slowly moving across the sky are the bane of all climate researchers.*

*“First of all, it is the enormous diversity of its manifestations that makes clouds so unpredictable. Each of these types of clouds has a different effect on the climate. And above all: they have a strong effect.*

*“Simulating natural processes in the computer is always particularly sensitive when small causes produce great effects. For no other factor in the climatic events, this is as true as for the clouds. If the fractional coverage of low-level clouds fell by only four percentage points, it would suddenly be two degrees warmer worldwide. The overall temperature effect, which was considered just acceptable in the Paris Agreement, is thus caused by four percentage points of clouds – no wonder that binding predictions are not easy to make.*

*“In addition, the formation of clouds depends heavily on the local conditions. But even the most modern climate models, which indeed map the entire planet, are still blind to such small-scale processes.”*

To overcome such difficulties:

*“You have to make do with more or less plausible rules of thumb.*

*“‘Parametrization’ is the name of the procedure, but the researchers know that, in reality, this is the name of a chronic disease that has affected all of their climate models. Often, different parameterizations deliver drastically divergent results. Arctic temperatures, for example, are*

*sometimes more than ten degrees apart in the various models. This makes any forecast of ice cover seem like mere reading of tea leaves.”*

Stevens hopes that detailed studies with fine-mesh computer models of a certain type of cloud, the cumulonimbus, often found in thunderheads, may lead to better understanding of clouds. But,

*“It is possible that the calculations of the fine-mesh computer models allowed [us] to predict such climate surprises early. ‘But it is also conceivable that there are basically unpredictable climatic phenomena,’ says Stevens. ‘Then we can still simulate so exactly and still not come to any reliable predictions.’*

*“That’s the worst of all possibilities. Because then mankind continues to steer into the unknown.”*

To this, TWTW adds:

- A climate sensitivity of somewhere between 1.5 and 4.5 degrees was assumed, not supported by hard evidence, and it cannot be assumed to be correct.
- The latest technologies for observing what is occurring in the atmosphere must be used, including atmosphere temperature trends. They are ignored by the Climate Establishment.
- Understanding the greenhouse effect requires understanding Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics (AMO) – a field ignored by the Climate Establishment as demonstrated by Science Mag. criticizing the criticism of Will Happer, an expert in AMO, because he is not a “climate scientist.”

See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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**The Greenhouse Effect – Absorption Capability:** Over the past few weeks TWTW has discussed that, by volume, the concentration of water vapor in the atmosphere near the surface in the tropics is about 100 times greater than the concentration of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the US Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) ignore this basic fact when making dire predictions of future global warming from greenhouse gases. When discussing the greenhouse effects of CO<sub>2</sub>, they use the concept of idealized dry air, which is found only in the laboratory. Yet, water vapor reduces the influence of other greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide and methane, which will be demonstrated in the near future.

The absorption capability of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is very different from the absorption capability claimed by the IPCC – Figure TS.7 of the Technical Summary of the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5, 2013) gives the “Components of Radiative Forcing.” This was demonstrated in a paper by Allison and Sheahan discussed in the October 20 & 27 TWTWs. The authors presented a table (Table 2) based on unpublished data using calculations from the hi-resolution transmission molecular absorption database (HITRAN), at Harvard.

*“HITRAN is a compilation of spectroscopic parameters that a variety of computer codes use to predict and simulate the transmission and emission of light in the atmosphere.”*

The table produced by Allison and Sheahen showed the heat (photon) absorptive capability of individual greenhouse gas molecules relative to CO<sub>2</sub> with a concentration change from zero to one part per billion, at the tropopause (11 km over the tropics). The value for CO<sub>2</sub> is assigned to be 1; the value for CH<sub>4</sub> (methane) is 0.22; the value for N<sub>2</sub>O (nitrous oxide) is 0.66; and for H<sub>2</sub>O is 0.14. At the tropopause, the absorption capability of methane is slightly greater than 4 times the absorption capability of CO<sub>2</sub> – not the 200 plus times claimed by the IPCC.

The concentration of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) is about 1800 parts per billion or 1.8 parts per million (ppm), the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> is about 400 ppm. Yet according to the IPCC graph, the total forcing factor (RF) for CH<sub>4</sub> is about .97 while the forcing factor for CO<sub>2</sub> is 1.68, less than twice the total factor for methane.

Further, the influence of water vapor is not considering a radiative forcing factor. Yet, the above calculations indicate that the first molecule has an influence of 0.14 of that of CO<sub>2</sub>, or CO<sub>2</sub> has an influence 7 times greater than H<sub>2</sub>O. But in the lower troposphere, where most of the greenhouse effect occurs, water vapor is 100 times more concentrated than CO<sub>2</sub>. These calculations indicate the influence is 14 times greater than CO<sub>2</sub>. [Note that the calculations are not precise, but they give an idea of the scope of the IPCC problem.]

Obviously, the IPCC and the USGCRP do not bother to calculate what is actually occurring in the atmosphere. There is no logical reason to assume their models will produce realistic results. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy, Defending the Orthodoxy and <https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/hitrans/>.

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**On to Columbia:** The Obama Administration formed a federal advisory committee, “to explore how to make the National Climate Assessment (NCA) more usable for communities who want to take action.” President Trump dismissed the committee, but “with support from the Earth Institute at Columbia University, New York State and the American Meteorological Society, the committee reconvened as the Independent Advisory Committee on Applied Climate Assessment.”

The National Climate Assessment, under the USGCRP, ignores the natural variation in climate change and claimed that major export crops of the Midwest had to be shifted farther north, to Canada. Apparently, the authors did not realize that the major competitor for the two biggest crops, maize and soybeans, is central Brazil, in the tropics.

NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies (NASA-GISS), which ignores atmospheric data from space and specializes on sparse surface data influenced by many other factors, is closely tied with Columbia's Earth Institute as is the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law. See links under Defending the Orthodoxy and Article # 2.

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**Cold Comfort:** The recent cold waves, called polar vortexes, brought unusually cold spells in the upper plain states of the US and Canada. In February, below-zero readings were common in Billings, Montana, some as low as minus 25 °F.

According to the Department of Natural Resources Canada, wind power can produce down to minus 30 °C (minus 22 °F), if the wind is blowing.

*“With the installation of ‘cold weather packages’ which provide heating to turbine components such as the gearbox, yaw and pitch motors and battery, some turbines can operate in temperatures down to -30C.”*

That would be little comfort for those depending on wind power, if the low temperatures were accompanied by still air, which is often the case. See links under Alternative, Green (“Clean”) Solar and Wind.

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**Paris Agreement – Executive Agreement?** The Obama Administration made the Paris Agreement an executive agreement, not a treaty. A treaty would require concurrence of two-thirds of the Senate. A federal judge just ruled that an executive order cannot be changed by the new executive. See Article # 1.

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### SEPP’S APRIL FOOLS AWARD THE JACKSON

SEPP is conducting its annual vote for the recipient of the coveted trophy, The Jackson, a lump of coal. Readers are asked to nominate and vote for who they think is most deserving, following these criteria:

- The nominee has advanced, or proposes to advance, significant expansion of governmental power, regulation, or control over the public or significant sections of the general economy.
- The nominee does so by declaring such measures are necessary to protect public health, welfare, or the environment.
- The nominee declares that physical science supports such measures.
- The physical science supporting the measures is flimsy at best, and possibly non-existent.

The seven past recipients, Lisa Jackson, Barrack Obama, John Kerry, Ernest Moniz, John Holdren, Gena McCarthy and Jerry Brown are not eligible. Generally, the committee that makes the selection prefers a candidate with a national or international presence. The voting will close on June 30. Please send your nominee and a brief reason why the person is qualified for the honor to Ken@SEPP.org. Thank you.

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**Number of the Week: Risen by 44.6429% or by 0.0125%?** At the end of an April Fools post on what the UK government should do in response to school children going on strike, Euan Mearns calculates the increase in carbon dioxide since the beginning of the industrial revolution two ways: 1) as a percentage of carbon dioxide; and 2) as a percentage of atmospheric gases. See link under Communicating Better to the Public – Use Propaganda on Children

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#### NEWS YOU CAN USE:

***Commentary: Is the Sun Rising?***

**Researchers find that The Sun’s magnetic field is ten times stronger than previously believed**

By Professor Michail Mathioudakis, Queen’s University, Belfast, Mar 29, 2019 [H/t GWPF]

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/News/Allnews/ResearchersfindthatTheSunsmagneticfieldistentimesstrongerthanpreviouslybelieved-1.html>

## ***Censorship***

### **The Looming Danger for Dissident Professors**

By Samuel Abrams, Minding the Campus, Apr 3, 2019

<https://www.mindingthecampus.org/2019/04/03/the-looming-danger-for-dissident-professors/>

## ***Challenging the Orthodoxy -- NIPCC***

### **Climate Change Reconsidered II: Physical Science**

Idso, Carter, and Singer, Lead Authors/Editors, 2013

<https://www.heartland.org/media-library/pdfs/CCR-II/CCR-II-Full.pdf>

Summary: <http://www.nipccreport.org/reports/ccr2a/pdf/Summary-for-Policymakers.pdf>

### **Climate Change Reconsidered II: Biological Impacts**

Idso, Idso, Carter, and Singer, Lead Authors/Editors, 2014

<http://climatechangereconsidered.org/climate-change-reconsidered-ii-biological-impacts/>

Summary: <https://www.heartland.org/media-library/pdfs/CCR-IIb/Summary-for-Policymakers.pdf>

### **Climate Change Reconsidered II: Fossil Fuels**

By Multiple Authors, Bezdek, Idso, Legates, and Singer eds., Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change, Draft Summary for Policymakers, NIPCC, 2019

<http://climatechangereconsidered.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Climate-Change-Reconsidered-II-Fossil-Fuels-FULL-Volume-with-covers.pdf>

### **Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming**

The NIPCC Report on the Scientific Consensus

By Craig D. Idso, Robert M. Carter, and S. Fred Singer, NIPCC, Nov 23, 2015

<http://climatechangereconsidered.org/>

Download with no charge

<https://www.heartland.org/policy-documents/why-scientists-disagree-about-global-warming>

### **Nature, Not Human Activity, Rules the Climate**

S. Fred Singer, Editor, NIPCC, 2008

[http://www.sepp.org/publications/nipcc\\_final.pdf](http://www.sepp.org/publications/nipcc_final.pdf)

## ***Challenging the Orthodoxy***

### **New Report: Global Warming Is Not Accelerating**

By Staff Writers, ICECAP, Apr 3, 2019

[http://icecap.us/index.php/go/icing-the-hype/new\\_report\\_global\\_warming\\_is\\_not\\_accelerating1/](http://icecap.us/index.php/go/icing-the-hype/new_report_global_warming_is_not_accelerating1/)

The State of the Climate, 2018

By Ole Humlum, GWPF, 2019

[https://www.thegwpf.org/content/uploads/2019/04/StateofClimate2018.pdf?utm\\_source=CCNet+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=459a96d613-EMAIL](https://www.thegwpf.org/content/uploads/2019/04/StateofClimate2018.pdf?utm_source=CCNet+Newsletter&utm_campaign=459a96d613-EMAIL)

### **Why climate predictions are so difficult**

By Judith Curry, Climate Etc. Mar 30, 2019

<https://judithcurry.com/2019/03/30/why-climate-predictions-are-so-difficult/>

### **Greenhouse Gases – A More Realistic View**

By Jock Allison and Thomas Sheahen, The Journal, The Official Publication of The New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management Incorporated, September 2018, pp 3 – 10.

[https://www.nzipim.co.nz/Folder?Action=View%20File&Folder\\_id=120&File=The%20Journal%20September%202018.pdf](https://www.nzipim.co.nz/Folder?Action=View%20File&Folder_id=120&File=The%20Journal%20September%202018.pdf)

### **Climate's Uncertainty Principle**

By Garth Paltridge, Quadrant Online, Apr 5, 2019

<https://quadrant.org.au/magazine/2019/04/climates-uncertainty-principle/>

### **More Evidence for Rapid Coral Adaptation**

By Jim Steele, WUWT, Apr 2, 2019

<https://wattsupwiththat.com/2019/04/02/more-evidence-for-rapid-coral-adaptation/>

Link to paper: A global analysis of coral bleaching over the past two decades

By S. Sully, et al, Nature, Communications, March 20, 2019

[https://www.openchannels.org/sites/default/files/literature/a\\_global\\_analysis\\_of\\_coral\\_bleaching\\_over\\_the\\_past\\_two\\_decades.pdf](https://www.openchannels.org/sites/default/files/literature/a_global_analysis_of_coral_bleaching_over_the_past_two_decades.pdf)

### **Time to Straighten out Damage from the Big Lie of Global Warming Starting With Voltaire's Admonition**

“If you wish to converse with me, define your terms.” – Voltaire

By Tim Ball, WUWT, Mar 30, 2019

<https://wattsupwiththat.com/2019/03/30/time-to-straighten-out-damage-from-the-big-lie-of-global-warming-starting-with-voltaires-admonition/>

### ***Defending the Orthodoxy***

#### **IPCC – AR5, The Physical Science Basis, Technical Summary**

By Ulrich Cubasch, et al, IPCC, 2013, Figure TS.7

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg1/technical-summary/>

### **Climate panel disbanded by Trump, now regrouped, releases its report**

Framework for translating science into local action

By Staff Writers, Earth Institute at Columbia Univ. EurekAlert Apr 4, 2019 [WUWT]

[https://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2019-04/eiac-cpd040119.php](https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2019-04/eiac-cpd040119.php)

Link to Journal: Weather, Climate, and Society

By various writers, AMS, April 2019

<https://journals.ametsoc.org/toc/wcas/current>

### **Commissar Figueres Orders Us To Save The Climate**

By Paul Homewood, Not a Lot of People Know That, Apr 5, 2019

<https://notalotofpeopleknowthat.wordpress.com/2019/04/05/commissar-figueres-orders-us-to-save-the-climate/>

### **For First Time, IEA Quantifies Coal's Dominant Role in Global Temperature Increase**

By Sonal Patel, Power Mag, Apr 4, 2019

<https://www.powermag.com/for-first-time-iea-quantifies-coals-dominant-role-in-global-temperature-increase/>

[https://www.powermag.com/for-first-time-iea-quantifies-coals-dominant-role-in-global-temperature-increase/?mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiTkRBek5EZzJNek15TXpCbSIsInQiOiIrNmtndXBXdXpNYXBBcUhKb0FKc3loR1h4N1ZuaUpXemNIMG9DZUZHN3JDaUttbVdiRUtKeVNQRUhWYVQ0TUyYTFXfjUjVaZzRrWmlDT2k0Mm1tMitBOEhqb1dKSzWJ3M2hPNnJXZ3A2NmdXOVZSVmxPNUtyaXc4ZEN0V2E4RHNYbyJ9](https://www.powermag.com/for-first-time-iea-quantifies-coals-dominant-role-in-global-temperature-increase/?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTkRBek5EZzJNek15TXpCbSIsInQiOiIrNmtndXBXdXpNYXBBcUhKb0FKc3loR1h4N1ZuaUpXemNIMG9DZUZHN3JDaUttbVdiRUtKeVNQRUhWYVQ0TUyYTFXfjUjVaZzRrWmlDT2k0Mm1tMitBOEhqb1dKSzWJ3M2hPNnJXZ3A2NmdXOVZSVmxPNUtyaXc4ZEN0V2E4RHNYbyJ9)

Link to Global Energy & CO2 Status Report 2018

By Staff Writers, IEA, Mar 26, 2019

<https://webstore.iea.org/global-energy-co2-status-report-2018>

Coal combustion was responsible for more than 0.3 degrees C of the 1-degree C surge in global average annual surface temperatures above pre-industrial levels—and that makes coal the single largest source of the global temperature increase, the International Energy Agency (IEA) says in a new report.

*[SEPP Comment: Precisely quantifying the unknown?]*

### **Study: Most carbon dioxide in atmosphere in 3 million years**

By Morgan Gstalter, The Hill, Apr 5, 2019

<https://thehill.com/regulation/energy-environment/437528-study-more-carbon-dioxide-in-atmosphere-than-ever-before-in-3>

Link to report: More CO2 than ever before in 3 million years, shows unprecedented computer simulation

By Staff Writers, PIK, EurekAlert, Apr 3, 2019

[https://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2019-04/pifc-mct040319.php](https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2019-04/pifc-mct040319.php)

Link to paper: Mid-Pleistocene transition in glacial cycles explained by declining CO2 and regolith removal

By Wileit, Ganopolski, Calov, and Brovkin, Science Advances, Apr 3, 2019

<http://advances.sciencemag.org/content/5/4/eaav7337>

*[SEPP Comment: Does not explain why at the end of ice ages temperatures rise when CO2 levels remain low. Strongly question the statement: that global temperature never exceeded the preindustrial value by more than 2°C during the Quaternary.]*

### ***Questioning the Orthodoxy***

#### **The Biggest Lie Ever Told – Man-made Global Warming**

By Dr. Timothy Ball & Tom Harris, America Out Loud, Mar 29, 2019

<https://americaoutloud.com/the-biggest-lie-ever-told-man-made-global-warming/>

*[SEPP Comment: Contrary to the assertions of the authors, TWTW considers that the physical evidence indicates CO2 has a warming influence. However, at present concentrations in the atmosphere, the warming influence is quite modest, and any increase will have a diminishing incremental impact.]*

### **Climate News - April 2019**

By Alan Moran, The Australian Climate Sceptics Blog, Apr 2, 2019

<http://theclimatescepticsparty.blogspot.com/2019/04/climate-news-april-2019.html>

“Whimsy: Last year, scientists blamed global warming for decreasing snowfall in the Himalayas. This year, record-breaking snowfall has been blamed on, wait for it, global warming.”

### **Another New Study Supports Early 21st Century Warming Hiatus Was Real**

By P Gosselin, No Tricks Zone, Apr 2, 2019

<https://notrickszone.com/2019/04/02/another-new-study-supports-early-21st-century-warming-hiatus-was-real/>

### ***After Paris!***

#### **Australia will no longer contribute to major UN climate change fund**

By Rebecca Beitsch, The Hill, Apr 2, 2019

<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/436986-australia-will-no-longer-contribute-to-major-un-climate-change-fund>

### ***Change in US Administrations***

#### **House Has No Jurisdiction over Paris Agreement**

By Marlo Lewis, Jr. CEI, Apr 5, 2019 [H/t Cooler Heads]

<https://cei.org/blog/house-has-no-jurisdiction-over-paris-agreement>

“Finally, if, as the Obama administration claimed, the Paris Agreement is a sole executive agreement, such as the U.S. bilateral pact with Sweden to develop pollution control methods for military installations, then, by definition, the president need not obtain either chamber’s consent to enter into or withdraw from it.”

### ***Social Benefits of Carbon Dioxide***

#### **When Government Lies to You**

Carbon dioxide is not pollution. Our planet would be a wasteland without it.

By Donna Laframboise, Big Picture News, Apr 3, 2019

<https://nofrackingconsensus.com/2019/04/03/when-government-lies-to-you/>

### ***Review of Recent Scientific Articles by CO2 Science***

#### **Climate Change Impacts on the Growth and Yield of Coffee**

DaMatta, F.M., Rahn, E., Läderach, P., Ghini, R. and Ramalho, J.C. 2019. Why could the coffee crop endure climate change and global warming to a greater extent than previously estimated?

*Climatic Change* 152: 167-178. Apr 5, 2019

<http://www.co2science.org/articles/V22/apr/a4.php>

#### **The Impact of Warming, CO2 and Iron Availability on a Southern Ocean Phytoplankton Assemblage**

Spackeen, J.L., Sipler, R.E., Bertrand, E.M., Xu, K., McQuaid, J.B., Walworth, N.G., Hutchins, D.A., Allen, A.E. and Bronk, D.A. 2018. Impact of temperature, CO2, and iron on nutrient uptake by a late-season microbial community from the Ross Sea, Antarctica. *Aquatic Microbial Ecology* 82: 145-159. Apr 4, 2019

<http://www.co2science.org/articles/V22/apr/a3.php>

“In discussing their findings, Spackeen *et al.* report that elevated CO2 ‘did not have a significant impact on the [phytoplankton] community, either individually or in combination with other factors,’ which lack of response they attributed to adaptation by the microorganisms to the naturally-fluctuating high and low CO2 environment that is characteristic of the Ross Sea.”

#### **Four Decades of Glacial Stability in the Shaksgam Valley of the Chinese Karakoram Mountains**

Alifu, H., Hirabayashi, Y., Johnson, B.A., Vuillaume, J.-F., Kondoh, A. and Urai, M. 2018. Inventory of glaciers in the Shaksgam Valley of the Chinese Karakoram Mountains, 1970-2014. *Remote Sensing* 10: 1166; doi:10.3390/rs10081166. Apr 3, 2019

<http://www.co2science.org/articles/V22/apr/a2.php>

“As shown in Figure 1, across the entire period (1970-2014), the total glacier area remained unchanged, although there were individual differences (increases or decreases) in some (mostly smaller) glaciers. Trends in glacier terminus position, in contrast, revealed an advance in 32% of all glaciers, a retreat in 46% and a relatively stable terminus position across the period of study in 22% of the glaciers. However, the authors note that ‘compared to the advancing glaciers, retreating glaciers tended to be smaller glaciers,’ which helps to explain why the total glacier area remained unchanged across the four-plus decades.”

## **The Effect of Mild Warming on Winter Wheat**

Hou, R., Xu, X. and Ouyang, Z. 2018. Effect of experimental warming on nitrogen uptake by winter wheat under conventional tillage versus no-till systems. *Soil & Tillage Research* 180: 116-125. Apr 1, 2019

<http://www.co2science.org/articles/V22/apr/a1.php>

“Collectively, the above findings indicate significant benefits of future warming on winter wheat, including increased N uptake, content and concentration, which increases helped to improve both the quantity and quality of the wheat crop. And that is a future worth experiencing!”

## ***Models v. Observations***

### **Natural climate processes overshadow recent human-induced Walker circulation trends**

By Staff Writers, EurekAlert, Apr 1, 2019 [H/t WUWT]

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### **'Cow toilets' in Netherlands aim to cut e-moo-ssions**

By Staff Writers, The Straits Times, Mar 31, 2019

<https://www.straitstimes.com/world/europe/cow-toilets-in-netherlands-aim-to-cut-e-moo-ssions>

### **Hot under the collar**

By Staff Writers, Climate Change Predictions.org, Apr 5, 2019

<http://climatechangepredictions.org/uncategorized/5717>

“A new research has shown that as the earth’s average temperature rises, so does human ‘heat’ in the form of violent tendencies, which links global warming with increased violence in human beings.

“While the global warming science has recently come under fire, the main premise behind the Iowa State researchers’ research paper is irrefutable. ‘It is very well researched and what I call the ‘heat hypothesis’,’ a spokesman said.

“dna India, 20/3/10”

### **A hell of a climate**

By Staff Writers, Climate Change Predictions.org, Apr 4, 2019

<http://climatechangepredictions.org/uncategorized/5745>

“Billions will die, says Lovelock, who tells us that he is not normally a gloomy type. Human civilisation will be reduced to a ‘broken rabble ruled by brutal warlords’, and the plague-ridden remainder of the species will flee the cracked and broken earth to the Arctic, the last temperate spot, where a few breeding couples will survive.

“It is going to be a ‘hell of a climate’, he says, with Europe 8C warmer than it is today; and the real killer, says Lovelock, is that there is not a damn thing we can do about it. We are already pumping out so much carbon dioxide, with no prospect of abatement from the growing economies of China and India, that our fate is sealed.

“The Telegraph (UK), 2 Feb 2006”

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## **ARTICLES:**

### **1. Entrenching the Obama Presidency**

A federal judge rules that Trump can’t revoke Obama’s oil drilling ban.

Editorial, WSJ, Apr 5, 2019

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/entrenching-the-obama-presidency-11554506803>

SUMMARY: The editorial states:

*“No branch of government can bind its successors. Yet a federal judge last week divined an exception to this constitutional axiom by enshrining a Barack Obama order walling off 128 million acres of the Arctic and eastern seaboard from oil and gas production. Behold how liberals are attempting to entrench the Obama Presidency.*

*“In December 2016 Mr. Obama invoked the 1953 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to ‘indefinitely’ ban drilling in federal waters off the Alaska and Atlantic coasts. The law’s purpose was to encourage more resource production by delegating to the President power to lease coastal*

*land and 'from time to time, withdraw from disposition any of the unleased lands of the outer Continental Shelf.'*

*"Until now it's been understood that Presidents cannot permanently withdraw land from production. George H.W. Bush barred drilling off the Pacific Coast, North Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico through 1998. Bill Clinton extended the moratorium through 2008, but this was partly rescinded by George W. Bush.*

*"Enter Mr. Obama, who declared that the Arctic and Atlantic offshore areas, while too expensive to develop when oil was fetching \$40 a barrel, needed to be permanently off limits 'to move decisively away from fossil fuels.' Shortly before leaving office, his Interior Department also tried to tie these lands in a double knot by excluding them from its five-year leasing plan.*

*"President Trump rescinded the Obama oil blockade in April 2017, but 10 environmental groups sued. They argue that the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act does not expressly allow a President to revoke a prior land withdrawal without Congressional approval. Taken to its logical extent this would mean a President can't undo his own actions.*

*"Federal Judge Sharon Gleason last week agreed with the plaintiffs in an outlandish opinion that ignores the law and constitutional principles. Judge Gleason first ignored that the green groups lack legal standing to sue since they haven't suffered a concrete injury. Only after a five-year leasing plan is developed would the controversy be ripe for judicial review, and then the 1953 law cedes jurisdiction to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.*

*"But liberal groups wagered they'd get a more favorable reception in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge Gleason obliged. Seismic tests may occur before a five-year leasing plan is set, she held in an earlier ruling granting the plaintiffs standing, and 'if animals are exposed to high enough levels of sound, such as exist close to some seismic airguns, they can suffer shifts in hearing thresholds and hearing loss that may result in mortality,' which could impair the groups' enjoyment of the environment (our emphasis). These harms are all speculative.*

*"In her decision last week, she ruled that if Congress had intended to let a President revoke a prior executive order, it would have said so as some other laws do. She concludes that Mr. Obama 'intended [land withdrawals] to extend indefinitely, and therefore be revocable only by an act of Congress.' Ergo, President Obama's intent is supreme.*

*"This contradicts the general constitutional principle that each branch of government can reconsider its prior actions. Congress may repeal or amend laws even though the Constitution only grants it explicit authority to enact them, just as executive agencies may revise regulations without Congressional instruction. The Supreme Court may reverse its precedents.*

*"The left is nonetheless advancing a doctrine of executive entrenchment that would allow Presidents to bind their successors. Environmental groups are using similar logic to challenge Mr. Trump's modifications of Mr. Obama's sweeping national monument designations under the 1906 Antiquities Act."*

The decision probably will not be reviewed until after the 2020 election

*“This is another example of how liberals are using the courts to lock in Barack Obama’s legacy even as they howl about a supposedly imperial Trump Presidency.”*

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## **2. The Climate Needs Nuclear Power**

If governors are serious about global warming, they’ll preserve this vital source of clean energy.

By James Hansen and Michael Shellenberger, WSJ, Apr 4, 2019

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-climate-needs-nuclear-power-11554420097>

Mr. Hansen is a climate scientist and head of Climate Science, Awareness and Solutions Program at Earth Institute Columbia University. Mr. Shellenberger is president of Environmental Progress.

SUMMARY: They write:

*“Many environmentalists have changed their minds about nuclear energy over the past decade. While the share of energy produced by solar and wind has grown rapidly, nuclear remains America’s largest source of clean, zero-emissions electricity. Anyone seriously interested in preventing dangerous levels of global warming should be advocating nuclear power.*

*“But two-thirds of U.S. nuclear plants in the U.S. are at risk of being closed prematurely and replaced by natural-gas generation, which is currently cheaper in many states. If that happens, carbon emissions could increase by an amount equivalent to adding 47 million new cars to the road.*

*“Ideally, the federal government would solve this problem, but between Republican skepticism of climate change and Democratic opposition to nuclear energy, that’s unlikely to happen before many nuclear-plant operators must decide whether to shut down. Thus the job of keeping these beleaguered nuclear plants open falls to state governments.*

*“Lawmakers in Ohio and Pennsylvania are considering proposals to keep their nuclear plants operating. Ohio is at risk of losing two plants that produce 90% of its clean energy. Pennsylvania’s five nuclear plants produce nearly as much electricity as do all of America’s solar panels and farms. Nuclear accounts for 93% of the Keystone State’s clean, zero-emissions electricity. If Pennsylvania and Ohio’s nuclear plants close and are replaced by facilities that burn natural gas, it would be like adding 13.5 million new cars to the roads.*

***“Nuclear plants can be saved through modest subsidies similar to the ones extended by lawmakers in Connecticut, Illinois, New Jersey and New York between 2016 and 2018. Those subsidies have been smaller than the federal subsidy that wind-energy generators have received for 27 years. In 2017 New York energy regulators gave nuclear power generators a subsidy of \$17.34 per megawatt-hour. They also subsidized wind generators at \$23 per megawatt-hour on top of the federal subsidy of \$22 per megawatt-hour. [Boldface added.]***

*“The fossil-fuel lobby’s objections to nuclear power are understandable. The American Petroleum Institute wants to replace Ohio’s and Pennsylvania’s nuclear plants with natural-gas plants because its members stand to benefit. But why do groups that claim to be concerned about the climate oppose nuclear power?*

*“Some Democratic lawmakers in Pennsylvania and environmental groups such as the Natural Resources Defense Council are urging state legislators not to subsidize nuclear without*

*increasing subsidies for solar and wind. While combining subsidies for nuclear with subsidies for wind and solar worked to get legislation passed in New York and Illinois in 2016, such an approach risks backfiring in Ohio and Pennsylvania, where state lawmakers are more fiscally conservative and tend to be skeptical of renewables.*

*“Saving nuclear plants won’t be free, but keeping them open will keep electricity prices lower than if natural gas is allowed to dominate. Both Ohio and Pennsylvania still produce large amounts of electricity from coal, which is being replaced by natural gas. If both coal and nuclear plants are replaced by gas, ratepayers will be vulnerable to future price increases at the hands of monopolistic gas generators.*

*“New York and California, meanwhile, are moving ahead with plans to close two nuclear plants. In the Empire State, Westchester County’s Indian Point will close in 2021 and, on the West Coast, San Luis Obispo’s Diablo Canyon will go offline in 2025. California is already set to miss its 2030 target of a 40% reduction in emissions below 1990 levels. If Diablo Canyon closes and half of its output is replaced by natural gas, there’s no way they’ll get there.*

*“It is notable that while three natural-gas plants are being built to succeed Indian Point, local opposition to the construction of solar and wind farms has kept them from being built at anywhere near the rate necessary to replace the nuclear facility’s output.*

*“We’ve been here before. Environmentalists promised that solar and wind would replace output from California’s San Onofre Generating Station, which closed in 2013, and the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant, which shut down the following year. Instead, they were replaced mostly by natural gas, and emissions rose in both states. At the rate Vermont is building new wind farms, **it would take 474 years to match the electricity generation it lost from closing Vermont Yankee.***  
[Boldface added]

*“The problem isn’t only that nuclear plants generate far more electricity. It’s that solar and wind generate it only sporadically, which means they must be backed up by other sources of power 100% of the time. There is great hype about batteries, and using dams as pumped storage. But those solutions remain extremely expensive, which is why whenever nuclear plants close anywhere in the world, they are usually replaced by coal or natural-gas plants—not solar; not wind and not batteries.”*

The authors close by arguing that the governors should take action in their home states.