

U.S. Senate Committee on
ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS
From the office of Chairman Jim Inhofe

REFUTING 12 CLAIMS MADE BY CLIMATE ALARMISTS

ALARMIST CLAIM #1: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA IS SHRINKING

- ✓ **FACT:** 2008 peer-reviewed paper in American Geophysical Union found “a doubling in snow accumulation in the western Antarctic Peninsula since 1850.”

ALARMIST CLAIM #2: GLACIERS ARE MELTING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

- ✓ **FACT:** A UN Report in 2010 reported that “glaciers increasing despite climate change... glaciers in many areas of the world are increasing.”

ALARMIST CLAIM #3: THE IPCC STATED THE HIMALAYAN GLACIERS WOULD MELT BY 2035.

- ✓ **FACT:** The IPCC got that unsubstantiated and false statistic from a World Wildlife Federation brochure. In January 2010, Time magazine article, Himalayan Melting, How a Climate Panel Got it Wrong: “Glaciergate” is a “black eye for the IPCC and the climate-science community as a whole.”

ALARMIST CLAIM #4: POLAR BEARS ARE DISAPPEARING.

- ✓ **FACT:** Director of Wildlife Research with the Arctic Government of Nunavut: “Of 13 populations of polar bears in Canada, 11 are stable or increasing in number. They are not going extinct, or even appear to be affected at present.”
- ✓ **FACT:** In the 50’s and 60’s there were between 5,000 and 10,000 polar bears. Today there are between 15,000 and 25,000.

ALARMIST CLAIM #5: MAY 2013, PRESIDENT OBAMA CLAIMED THE CLIMATE IS WARMING FASTER THAN ANYBODY ANTICIPATED FIVE OR 10 YEARS AGO.”

- ✓ **FACT:** Nature reported “For the period [1998-2012] the observed trend of temperatures is ... not significantly different from zero and suggests a temporary hiatus in global warming.”
- ✓ **FACT:** The Economist reported “over the past 15 years, air temperatures at the Earth’s surface have been flat ...”

ALARMIST CLAIM #6: 2014 WAS THE WARMEST YEAR IN MODERN RECORD BY 0.02 DEGREE.

- ✓ **FACT:** Only a “38% chance 2014 was the warmest year on record.” Margin of error, which on average is 0.1 degree Celsius, made “impossible to conclude 2014 was the warmest year” according to the Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature (BEST) project stated,

ALARMIST CLAIM #7: IN 2000, DEMOCRATS STARTED SAYING THAT THE SCIENCE IS SETTLED.

- ✓ **FACT:** I started getting phone calls from scientists disagreeing so I made a speech on the floor showing how many scientists disagreed.

ALARMIST CLAIM #8: GLOBAL WARMING IS CAUSING MORE TORNADOES.

- ✓ **FACT:** A NOAA scientist rejected global warming link to tornados stating “no specific consensus or connection between global warming and tornadic activity.”

ALARMIST CLAIM #9: GLOBAL WARMING IS CAUSING HURRICANES TO INCREASE IN INTENSITY AND FREQUENCY.

- ✓ **FACT:** Geophysical Research Letters found “since 2006 tropical cyclone energy has decreased dramatically” to the lowest levels since the 1970s. Global frequency of tropical cyclones has reached a historic low.

ALARMIST CLAIM #10: GLOBAL WARMING IS LEADING TO AN INCREASED NUMBER OF DROUGHTS.

- ✓ **FACT:** IPCC Fifth Assessment report, previous “conclusions regarding global increasing trend in drought since the 1970s were probably overstated.”

ALARMIST CLAIM #11: GLOBAL WARMING IS CAUSING SEA LEVELS TO RISE AT A RAPID PACE.

- ✓ **FACT:** Journal of Geophysical Research found “there has been no statistically significant acceleration in sea level rise over the past 100 plus years.”

ALARMIST CLAIM #12: 97% OF SCIENTISTS AGREE GLOBAL WARMING IS MANMADE.

- ✓ **FACT:** WSJ found the 97% consensus to be predicated on “a handful of surveys and abstract-counting exercises that have been contradicted by more reliable research.”

WHAT ARE AMERICANS SAYING?

Americans' Levels of Concern About National Problems -- 2015 Rank Order

Next, I'm going to read a list of problems facing the country. For each one, please tell me if you personally worry about this problem a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all. First, how much do you personally worry about ... [RANDOM ORDER]?

	A great deal
	%
The availability and affordability of healthcare	54
The economy	53
The possibility of future terrorist attacks in the U.S.	51
The Social Security system	46
The size and power of the federal government	46
The way income and wealth are distributed in the U.S.	46
Hunger and homelessness	43
Crime and violence	43
Illegal immigration	39
Drug use	38
Unemployment	37
The quality of the environment	34
The availability and affordability of energy	28
Race relations	28
Climate change	25

Americans' Worry About Environmental Problems

I'm going to read you a list of environmental problems. As I read each one, please tell me if you personally worry about this problem a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all. First, how much do you personally worry about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

	% Great deal, 2014	% Great deal, 2015
Pollution of drinking water	60	55
Pollution of rivers, lakes and reservoirs	53	47
Air pollution	46	38
Extinction of plant and animal species	41	36
The loss of tropical rain forests	41	33
Global warming or climate change	34	32

CLIMATEGATE: IPCC SCIENTISTS CHANGING NUMBERS TO GET THE RESULTS THEY WANTED

Phil Jones from the Climate Research Unit in 1999: "I've just completed Mike's Nature trick of adding in the real temps to each series for the last 20 years, i.e., from 1981 onwards, and from 1961 for Keith's to hide the decline."

Kevin Trenberth, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, in 2009: "The fact is that we can't account for the lack of warming at the moment, and it is a travesty that we can't."

HOT OFF THE PRESS:

Christopher Booker, UK Telegraph - "*Worst scientific scandal* of our generation"

Clive Crook, Financial Times - "The closed mindedness of these supposed men of science...is surprising, even to me. The *stink of intellectual corruption* is overpowering."

A prominent IPCC Physicist - "Climategate *was a fraud* on a scale I've never seen."

UN Scientist Dr. Phillip Lloyd says - "The result is *NOT scientific*."

Newsweek - "Once celebrated climate researchers feeling like the used car salesman" - "Some of the IPCC's most quoted data and recommendations were taken *straight out of unchecked activist brochures*...."

George Monbiot, The Guardian - "It is no use pretending that this isn't *a major blow*. The emails extracted by a hacker from the climatic unit at the University of East Anglia could scarcely be more damaging...I'm dismayed and deeply shaken by them...I was too trusting of some of those who provided the evidence I championed. I would have been a better journalist if I had investigated their claims more closely."

WHAT IS THIS REALLY ABOUT?

Kyoto represents "the first component of authentic global governance."

- French President Jacques Chirac: During a speech at The Hague in November of 2000

"Kyoto is about the economy, about leveling the playing field for big business worldwide."

- Former EU Minister Margo Wallstrom

Once dismissed the UN's Kyoto Protocol as a "socialist scheme." - Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper