

Let's not fall for the bad science around global warming

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Our recent record setting snowstorm is the latest excuse for Al Gore to claim that global warming was a real man-made problem. But hold on, Al, it just ain't so.

When I was in college, one of the books we were required to read was "How to Lie with Statistics". The essence of the book was that you could take truthful statistics and twist them to prove anything you want, even if it was false. I believe that is exactly what has happened with the movement to prevent man-made global warming.

The first premise of global warming is this: mankind sends huge quantities of carbon dioxide and other pollutants into the air. Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere tends to allow more solar radiation in than it allows to radiate back out.

The next premise of global warming is that "greenhouse" gases such as carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide that are produced from burning fossil fuels such as coal and oil will cause a significant temperature rise that will detrimentally affect our climate. That is a logical conclusion taken at face value, but the scientific data just does not back it up.

For example, all of the cars, homes and factories in the United States produce about 15 million tons of sulfur dioxide in one year. When Mt. Pinatubo in the Phillipines erupted a few years ago, it spewed about 30 million tons into the atmosphere with no long-term affects. And we've had numerous volcano eruptions since then.

Our oceans place about 90 billion tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year, and decaying organic matter places another 90 billion tons each year. Not only has this been going on since creation, scientists also believe that the earth produced far more carbon dioxide in the distant past than we do now.

The earth goes through natural periods of warming and cooling. The most recent ice age was only 400 years ago, but one of the most recent warm periods was in the 1940's. The most recent cooling period was in the 1960's and 70's, when scientists were concerned that we might be entering another small ice age, but in the 80's things began warming up.

Since around 1750, records of the earth's temperature and solar temperature have been kept. When the temperatures of each are plotted on a graph, they indicate that the earth's temperatures rise and fall at similar rates and patterns as the sun's temperatures.

The real clue to the fallacy of global warming can be found in the Kyoto protocol, because it involves both politics and economics.

The Kyoto protocol assumed that global warming was a threat to the world, and that the industrialized nations of the world (i.e., the United States) were responsible for creating the crisis.

The protocol would have given pollution “credits” to each country. Industrialized nations would get a few credits, but each of the developing nations would get far more credits. Since the developing nations did not have the polluting infrastructure, they would not need their credits like the industrialized countries would, so they would be free to sell their credits.

This meant that if the United States wanted to continue their industrial productivity and to keep their “polluting” lifestyle, they would have to purchase credits from developing nations. This, it was touted, would reduce the amount of carbon dioxide and allow developing countries a chance to catch up with the industrialized countries.

The real intent of the Kyoto protocol was to redistribute wealth from America to the rest of the world, but even if the protocol had been enforced, the money that developing nations received would have never made it to the average person because of government corruption and lack of democracy.

The Kyoto protocol never gained acceptance in the United States at the time of its proposal, but it has simply taken on a new name - Cap and Trade.

Ironically, high levels of carbon dioxide seems to be having a positive effect on the earth. For example, the number of trees has increased by 30 percent since 1950, and there is evidence that the higher concentrations of carbon dioxide are helping the rain forests to recover from bad logging practices. God made this earth for the enjoyment of mankind, and He designed it to keep itself in balance with man’s activities. It would be very difficult, if not impossible, for us to permanently harm the earth.

Of course, this is not an excuse to unnecessarily pollute. We all want and need clean air and clean water, so we should manage our activities in accordance with our available technology and means.

But let’s not fall for bad science created solely to keep America “in check” and to keep developing nations from enjoying the same standard of living that we do.

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