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Pin Drop

A group of Americans, retired teachers, recently went to France on a tour. Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. 'You have been to France before, monsieur?' the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously. 'Then you should know enough to have your passport ready.' The American said, 'The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it.' 'Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France!' The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained. 'Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in '44 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find any Frenchmen to show it to.'

You could have heard a pin drop.

Winston's Wisdom

Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy.

Winston Churchill

Hot Air about Hot Air Might Leave You Out In The Cold

Peter Mallory a reporter from New Smyrna Beach Florida wrote the following: (In Part)

It looks like the global warming enthusiasts have been caught with their hands in the cookie jar. People hacking into the computer system at England's University of East Anglia have found a treasure trove of e-mails outlining extensive efforts to bias the scientific argument over global warming.

The e-mails revealed a considerable effort to suppress any scientific opinions that go against the global warming orthodoxy. Global warming orthodoxy is the idea that the earth is getting warm due to man made effects and that the rate of warming is such that something must be done about it. The orthodoxy also assumes that something can actually be done about it.

The e-mails contain information on how to fudge the data so that it shows the earth is warming rather than cooling. There is data from NOAA and UHA which indicates the earth has actually been getting slightly cooler by about .6 degrees Celsius in the last eight to 10 years. This is the type of information the global warming crowd doesn't want to get out.

The e-mails also suggest that people whose scientific work does not support the "religion" of global warming should not have their work published and any scientific journal that publishes their work be blackballed.

At the present state of human knowledge, it appears that there is a legitimate doubt as to whether the earth is getting hotter or colder. The rate at which this temperature change is taking place is quite small. In 2001, NASA climate scientist, James Hanson wrote in "The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences" that future global warming could be predicted relatively accurately to be ¾ plus or minus ¼ of a degree Celsius over the next 50years.

This is hardly a cause for panic.

The causes behind these small temperature changes are not well understood. Whether they are man made or caused by things quite outside our ability to control such as the variability of the sun's energy output is not at all settled.

Finally, history indicates that the global warming we have experienced during recorded history has been beneficial rather than harmful. Historical evidence shows that the warming periods in history have produced more food and better living conditions.

The global warming backers insist that the scientific argument is completely settled in favor of man made global warming. Furthermore anyone who puts forth theories, evidence and data that does not agree with this point of view should be ignored or punished in various ways.

Anybody with technical training knows that arguments in science are settled by collecting more and more data until the truth becomes clear to everyone. You don't settle scientific arguments with threats of force or boycotts of people with differing views, or is this a case of suppression and fudging of data?

Now For The Cold Air

Many disciples of global warming believe that CO_2 is the culprit. They want a system called "Cap and Trade" put in place to reduce carbon emissions. Cap and Trade would limit or cap the carbon emissions that could be emitted by a business. Some businesses would come no where near the cap and could sell "carbon credits" to those who exceeded their allotment. This would create a great incentive to reduce carbon emissions. The caps would also force many companies out of business. During the campaign, President Obama said that he would advise against building a coal fired power plant because he planned to pass laws limiting carbon emissions that would bankrupt any company that built such a plant.

The price of heating your home, driving your car, etc. would increase sharply. The House of Representatives passed a Cap and Trade bill that would increase costs by $8,000 a year on the average family of four. The Senate did not pass the bill so the EPA has begun to implement it with a series of regulations that will have the same effect.

What a shame it would be if American sacrificed her prosperity and freedom all because of a huge lie?

Representative Adam Smith voted for the Cap and Trade legislation.

Climate Change is Natural: 20 Top Reasons

The European Foundation released a dossier with 100 reasons why climate change is natural. Here are the top 20

1) There is "no real scientific proof" that the current warming is caused by the rise of greenhouse gases from man's activity.

2) Man-made carbon dioxide emissions throughout human history constitute less than 0.00022 percent of the total naturally emitted from the mantle of the earth during geological history.

3) Warmer periods of the Earth's history came around 800 years before rises in CO2 levels.

4) After World War II, there was a huge surge in recorded CO2 emissions but global temperatures fell for four decades after 1940.

5) Throughout the Earth's history, temperatures have often been warmer than now and CO2 levels have often been higher – more than ten times as high.

6) Significant changes in climate have continually occurred throughout geologic time.

7) The 0.7C increase in the average global temperature over the last hundred years is entirely consistent with well-established, long-term, natural climate trends.

8) The IPCC theory is driven by just 60 scientists and favorable reviewers not the 4,000 usually cited.

9) Leaked e-mails from British climate scientists – in a scandal known as "Climate-gate" - suggest that that has been manipulated to exaggerate global warming

10) A large body of scientific research suggests that the sun is responsible for the greater share of climate change during the past hundred years.

11) Politicians and activists claim rising sea levels are a direct cause of global warming but sea levels rates have been increasing steadily since the last ice age 10,000 ago

12) Philip Stott, Emeritus Professor of Biogeography at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London says climate change is too complicated to be caused by just one factor, whether CO2 or clouds

13) Peter Lilley MP said last month that "fewer people in Britain than in any other country believe in the importance of global warming. That is despite the fact that our Government and our political class—predominantly—are more committed to it than their counterparts in any other country in the world".

14) In pursuit of the global warming rhetoric, wind farms will do very little to nothing to reduce CO2 emissions

15) Professor Plimer, Professor of Geology and Earth Sciences at the University of Adelaide, stated that the idea of taking a single trace gas in the atmosphere, accusing it and finding it guilty of total responsibility for climate change, is an "absurdity"

16) A Harvard University astrophysicist and geophysicist, Willie Soon, said he is "embarrassed and puzzled" by the shallow science in papers that support the proposition that the earth faces a climate crisis caused by global warming.

17) The science of what determines the earth's temperature is in fact far from settled or understood.

18) Despite activist concerns over CO2 levels, CO2 is a minor greenhouse gas, unlike water vapor which is tied to climate concerns, and which we can't even pretend to control

19) A petition by scientists trying to tell the world that the political and media portrayal of global warming is false was put forward in the Heidelberg Appeal in 1992. Today, more than 4,000 signatories, including 72 Nobel Prize winners, from 106 countries have signed it.

20) It is claimed the average global temperature increased at a dangerously fast rate in the 20th century but the recent rate of average global temperature rise has been between 1 and 2 degrees C per century - within natural rates

How To Lose Your Freedom

1. Be conquered by a foreign power.
2. Allow your own government to grow in size and power until you end up living under tyranny.
3. Allow law and order to decay until you end up living in anarchy.
4. Incur excessive debt until you are in financial bondage.
5. Value safety above liberty.
6. Allow moral decay until we end up enslaved to vice.
7. Become dependent upon others to the point that they can manipulate and control you.

The solutions are obvious:

1. Maintain a strong military.
2. Maintain strict limits on the size and power of government.
3. Make law enforcement a high priority.
4. Exercise proper financial management.
5. Have the moral courage to take risks when necessary to preserve liberty
6. Build strong morals in your people.
7. Remain fiercely independent.

It is self evident that those who will not govern themselves cannot be trusted with self-government.