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Pin Drop

A U.S. Navy admiral was attending a naval conference that included admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French navies. At a reception he found himself standing with a large group of officers from those countries.

Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks when a French admiral asked, "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences?"

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied, "Maybe it's because the British, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

You could have heard a pin drop.

Winston's Wisdom



A politician needs the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month, and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen.

Winston Churchill

Global cooling evidence?

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As cap-and-trade advocates tie their knickers in knots over so-called "global warming," Mother Nature refuses to cooperate. Earth's temperatures continue a chill that began 11 years ago. As global cooling accelerates, global-warmists kick, scream and push their pet theory — just like little kids who cover their ears and stomp their feet when older children tell them not to bother waiting up for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

Consider how the globe cooled last month:

June in Manhattan averaged 67.5 degrees Fahrenheit, 3.7 degrees below normal — the coldest average since 1958. The National Weather Service stated July 1: "The last time that Central Park hit 85 in May ... but not in June was back in 1903."

In Phoenix, June's high temperatures were below 100 degrees for 15 days straight, the first such June since 1913. In California's desert, Yucca Valley's June average was 83.5, 8.5 degrees below normal. Downtown Los Angeles averaged 74.5 degrees, five below normal.

Boston saw temperatures 4.7 degrees below normal. "This is the second coldest average high temp since 1872," veteran meteorologist and Weather Channel alumnus Joseph D'Aleo reports at Icecap.com. "It has been so cool and so cloudy that trees in northern New England are starting to show colors that normally first appear in September." Looking abroad, D'Aleo noted: "Southern Brazil had one of the coldest Junes in decades, and New Zealand has had unusual cold and snow again this year."

New Zealand's National Climate Centre issued a June 2 press release headlined, "Temperature: Lowest Ever for May for Many Areas, Colder than Normal for All."

South African officials say cold weather killed two vagrants in the Eastern Cape. Both slept outdoors June 26 and froze to death.

Simmer down, global-warmists retort. These are mere anecdotes, hand-picked to make them look silly.

Well, one would be foolish to challenge space-born satellites that gauge Earth's mean temperatures — cold, hot and average. Here again, evidence of global cooling accumulates like snow drifts.

"There has been no significant global warming since 1995, no warming since 1998, and global cooling for the past few years," former U.S. Senate Environment Committee spokesman Marc Morano writes at ClimateDepot.com. Citing metrics gathered by Dr. Roy Spencer of the University of Alabama, Huntsville, Morano adds: "The latest global averaged satellite temperature data for June 2009 reveal yet another drop in Earth's temperature ... Despite his dire warnings, the Earth has cooled 0.74 degrees F since former Vice President Al Gore released 'An Inconvenient Truth' in 2006."

Earth's temperatures fall even as the planet spins within what global-warmists consider a thickening cloud of toxic carbon dioxide.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Earth System Research Laboratory at Mauna Loa, Hawaii, consistently and reliably has measured CO₂ for the last 50 years. CO₂ concentrations have risen steadily for a half-century.

For December 1958, the Laboratory reported an atmospheric CO₂ concentration of 314.67 parts per million. Flash forward to December 1998, about when global cooling reappeared. CO₂ already had increased to 366.87 ppm. By December 2008, CO₂ had advanced to 385.54 ppm, a significant 5.088 percent growth in one decade.

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This capsizes the carbon-phobic global-warmist argument. For Earth's temperatures to sink while CO2 rises contradicts global warming as thoroughly as learning that firefighters can battle blazes by spraying them with gasoline.

So, to defeat so-called "global warming," there is no need for the \$864 billion Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade bill, the Kyoto Protocols, elaborate new regulations or United Nations guidelines. Instead, let the cold times roll.

It is one thing to have a national debate about a serious problem, with adults differing over which solution might work best. Reasonable people, for instance, can dispute whether growing federal involvement would heal or inflame our health-care system's serious maladies.

But as so-called global warming proves fictional, those who would shackle the economy with taxes and regulations to fight mythology increasingly resemble deinstitutionalized derelicts on an urban street corner, wildly swatting at their own imaginary monsters.

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How to End the Recession in Six Months

The administrations current program for ending the recession has not worked yet. What it has done is bankrupted the United States, impoverished generations yet unborn, and rewarded the very people who put us in this mess.

Here is how to really end the recession and solve many of our nation's problems:

1. Let the banks fail but bail out the FDIC. The bank accounts would be preserved and the people who caused this mess would not be shielded from the consequences of their own actions. New stronger businesses always emerge and replace failed businesses.
 2. Let the auto companies fail. New stronger companies would spring up and replace them. Labor Unions that make excessive demands and bad management have led GM and Chrysler to this point. They should not be shielded from the consequences of their own behavior. (Too late for the above items.)
 3. Start drilling for oil in the USA. We have plenty in the outer continental shelf (China is already drilling there) and even more in ANWR. We must start pumping oil in ANWR before the Alaska pipe line falls into disuse or we will have to rebuild it and that is only a few years off.
- **Creates two million jobs.**

4. Start building nuclear power plants. President Obama recently stated that even Iran has a right to a peaceful nuclear industry. If Iran has such a right, why can't we?

- **Creates two million more jobs.**
5. There are nearly twenty million illegal aliens in the US. They hold between five and ten million jobs. If we encouraged them to go home:
 - a. Offering a large cash reward to anyone, regardless of legal status, who turns in an employer who hires illegal aliens, (The employer gets fined enough to pay the reward and pay associated costs). No employer would risk hiring anyone without verifying their status.
 - b. Making it illegal to rent housing to illegal aliens and requiring landlords to refund 100% of the rent paid by illegal aliens thus removing all incentive to rent to them.
 - c. Require proof of legal status to receive any government service (schools, welfare, etc.) except emergency medical treatment.
 6. Repeal the income tax and replace it with a consumption tax. Any income tax, including a flat tax becomes a component of the wholesale cost of any item. If we repealed the income tax the cost of goods and services would drop by between 20 and 25%. A revenue neutral national sales tax would be approx. 23%. Most people think that if you reduce the price of something by 20% and then add 20% back in we just get back to where we started. This is not the case. If you gave a 20% discount on an item that costs one dollar, the price would be \$0.80. Now the 20% sales tax is on \$0.80 making the final price \$0.96. A 23% reduction with a 23% tax would render a final price of \$0.95.

Eliminating the income tax would be a raise for most of us. The bottom line cost of goods and services would drop by 5%, and that is another raise.

Moving to a national sales tax would make us the low price producer. Many companies that moved offshore would be come back. We would have so many jobs could couldn't fill them all and we would be forced to have a guest worker program.

This stimulus plan would not cost the government anything (except to bail out the FDIC) it would create between nine and fourteen million jobs, without the consumption tax, and go a long way toward solving our energy problems. There would not be enough Americans to fill all the jobs