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Calling Emily Litella

HOW LONG BEFORE 'GLOBAL WARMING' ALARMISTS HAVE TO ADMIT THEY'RE WRONG? AND HOW MUCH MORE ECONOMIC DAMAGE WILL THEY CAUSE BEFORE EVERYTHING WE PURCHASE IS MADE OVERSEAS?

Remember Gilda Radner's *Saturday Night Live* character Emily Litella? A frequent guest commentator on "Weekend Update," she would passionately expound on some issue she completely misunderstood. Then, after finally being set straight, she would dismiss her smoldering diatribe with a crooked smile and a cheery "Never mind!"

How long before crazed "global warming" opportunist Al Gore and fellow "climate change" alarmists have to utter a Litella-like "Never mind" in the face of overwhelming evidence that they are very, very wrong? And how much economic damage will they cause before they do?

Many already admit that the planet hasn't actually warmed for a decade and, according to new studies, may not for nearly another. "Global warming will stop until at least 2015," the U.K.'s *Telegraph* recently reported. "Researchers ... said they now expect a 'lull'...."

Australian climate scientist Dr. Bob Carter said in 2007 that "the accepted global average temperature statistics used by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the UN's IPCC) show that no ground-based warming has occurred since 1998."

A March 2008 analysis by MIT climate scientist Dr. Richard Lindzen found that the earth has seen "no significant warming since 1995."

All this flies in the faces of agenda-driven alarmists and the reliably gullible mainstream media who tell us every day that man-made CO₂ is cooking the planet and that we must dramatically reduce our production of it at any cost. But all air-breathing creatures exhale it, and healthy economies produce increasing amounts of it in proportion to their growth. You want less CO₂? You need fewer humans and animals, and

dramatically shrinking economies.

Carbon dioxide (CO₂), unlike poisonous carbon monoxide (CO), is not a pollutant. It's the frost on our breath in cold air and the fizz in our soft drinks and beer. It is also just 4 percent of the "greenhouse" gases that "global warming" alarmists claim are causing our planet to warm. Ninety-five percent is water vapor.

Less than 4 percent of new CO₂ is generated by human activity, primarily by breathing and burning carbon fuels. The rest is naturally created by decaying plants and animals, and sunlight on sea water. So just 0.16 percent of greenhouse gases are generated by humans. These are undisputed scientific facts.

As growing numbers of brave and honest scientists say, there is no proof of the global-warming theory and, in fact, ample evidence refuting it. The debate is far from over, although agenda-driven alarmists are quick to cut it off. As most whose livelihoods don't depend on this theory agree, the cause of all warming and cooling cycles in the history of our planet is the sun.

In December 2007, 100 scientists signed an open letter to the U.N. Secretary General debunking the "often-repeated assertion that the science of climate change is 'settled.'" A week later came a U.S. Senate Report: Over 400 Prominent Scientists Disputed Man-Made Global Warming Claims in 2007.

It lists the dissenters by name, country, and affiliation, and features their words, biographies, and links to their peer-reviewed studies and sources.

Among its copious quotes is this from Dr. Richard Courtney, a U.K.-based climate and atmospheric scientist and an IPCC expert reviewer: "To date, no convincing evidence for AGW

(anthropogenic global warming) has been discovered. And recent global climate behavior is not consistent with AGW model predictions." And this from Dr. David Wojick, another IPCC expert reviewer, who co-founded Carnegie Mellon University's Department of Engineering and Public Policy: "The public is not well served by this constant drumbeat of false alarms fed by computer models manipulated by advocates."

These 400 highly credible dissenters overwhelm the 52 scientists who actually participated in the IPCC Summary that claimed a consensus of thousands.

How much damage can AGW hysteria cause? I offer the 35-mpg Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) requirement as Exhibit Number One. Achieving a 40-percent increase in fuel efficiency will drive vehicle size, weight, feature content, and pleasability down and push prices way up.

Automakers with no alternative but to pile on expensive technology and lightweight materials to improve economy will strive to keep costs down by sourcing most components from low-cost countries. The resulting loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs will put millions more out of work.

All this to eventually reduce the 20 percent of man-made CO₂ generated by automobiles of the 23 percent contributed by America of the 4 percent attributed to humankind? Even those who believe that CO₂ is a problem should understand that attacking that 0.184 percent will have no effect. None, zilch, zero, nada. **db**



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