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Roger Pilon, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Cato Institute:

Nay on cap and trade, and on the whole gamut of proposals that have been offered to address “global warming” – an issue that in recent years has more clearly divided reason and passion than virtually any other before the public. This is not the place for details. Suffice it to say that study after study of late has shown the “science” of global warming to be all but rubbish – in the tradition of phlogiston theory, phrenology, eugenics, and so much else that enjoyed a wave of popularity, only to be shown later to be nonsense. Yet the “economics” of the zealots, if anything, is even shoddier, illustrating anew the power of the will to believe, and the truth of Dr. Johnson’s observation that the love of reason is among the faintest of men’s passions.

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