

Terence Corcoran: Climate non-issue in a cold, spring election

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Science a shambles, politicians mostly dodge global warming scare

Health care, coalitions, corporate taxes. Where's the looming climate disaster, the threat of nuclear war, the end of life as we know it, the meltdown of all meltdowns? It is nowhere in the current Canadian election, a non-issue — and for good reason.

That good reason is not the fact that the election is taking place during a cold spring — although it were a hot spring it's almost certain somebody would be waving the climate flag and calling for action.

Climate issues and carbon controls are non-issues because the science is a shambles and voters see global warming as an imminent threat to their welfare or even the welfare of next generation. They want jobs, they want good government, they want health care policy that will make them healthier than schemes that get politicians re-elected.

As for climate change, it is hard to get worked up when faced with a steady drip, drip of scientific evidence that undermines the claims of the official UN climate machine. Rising sea levels? [Not happening](#). Millions of refugees fleeing afflicted areas? [Not happening](#). Rising temperatures? Hail down and incite alarm over when local conditions seem cooler rather than hotter.

The list of such reversals and backtracks is getting longer, as are the noses of assorted climate misbelievers spreading climate alarm for decades.

A new book from Washington's Cato Institute documents the rise of global warming alarmism that has spread throughout the world. *Climate Coup: Global Warming's Invasion of Our Government* changes the climate change movement as an adjunct of the great statist New Deal progressive era and the rise of the entrenchment of interventionist government as a higher purpose than individual rights forms the basis for massive government climate change initiatives.

Aimed at American readers, *Climate Coup* argues that the result is a government controlled by 'bureaucratic experts making decisions.' Similar powers are being extended to bureaucrats in Canada. Guelph University's Ross McKittrick describes his experience with the UN science establishment as a gospel.

As the *Wall Street Journal* [editorialized](#): "The more pertinent question is whether the climateeer is taking climate intelligence seriously." Maybe the lack of focus on climate during this election is political realization that to insult the intelligence of Canadians too much before they go to the polls.

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