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Glo-bull warming's truthful inconveniences

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Global warming has been the first chapter of the secular liberal gospel for more than a decade. For them, the recent news hasn't been so good. In fact, it's been downright chilling.

Last month, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in Stockholm, Sweden issued its fifth assessment report. The grandest fact of them all — one you will never hear from those who worship at the altar of global warming, err, climate change — are global temperatures have not increased in 15 years. Hard fact number two: The U.S. has actually reduced carbon emissions. Hard fact number three: You can attribute that reduction to the natural gas being produced through another liberal perceived "energy evil" like coal, and oil — fracking.

But I digress. This isn't about fracking, but the duplicity that continues to be sold to every American as climate change. No argument here that carbon levels worldwide are elevated, but whether that causes climate change remains deeply suspect. The Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change argues, "The human effect is likely to be small relative to natural variability, and whatever small warming is likely to occur will produce benefits as well as costs." Moreover, Climatologist Patrick Michaels, director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute, says humans don't have as much impact on global temperature as the doomsayers feared. "Forecasts of global warming in the last two years have begun to come down," he says. "We're seeing the so-called 'sensitivity' of temperature being reduced by 40 percent in the new climate models."

The Wall Street Journal calls it, "the faddish politics of climate change." Those less restrained say it's a plain old hoax — one that rivals the Cardiff Giant in 1869 or more recently the Loch Ness monster and Bigfoot. Hoaxes are an amusing segment of our culture. People enjoy them and that's why they refuse to go away as each generation conjures up their own. There are plenty of academics, journalists and scientists who should know better, but get bamboozled including a former U.S. vice president. Al Gore sure lined his pockets nicely, so in fairness to Gore, he is more a provocateur, if anything. The real scam emerges when liberals like Gore sell this ersatz science one step removed from astrology as fact allowing them to traffic wealth to their cohorts under the guise of environmental altruism.

Emission caps are even a bigger stunt. Congress has always been more focused on the potential tax revenue than on any emissions reduction. Besides, there is no way such a rogue hypothesis works in any eco-system most particularly when one country is restricted while another is not. China and any other emerging economy are not going to repress economic growth by limiting their carbon emissions.

The climatic change cultists continue to hope that somehow humankind can power the world on windmills, pond scum and switch grass. We can't. We've been hitchhiking down this road for years throwing around billions of dollars' worth of subsidies with little success.

Solyndra anyone?

None are dependable sources of energy that can drive a modern economy. That's not to say that one day, they and other forms of energy will prevail. That day, however, has not arrived and likely won't be here in the near future.

Human arrogance has some of us believing we can control the earth's climate solely through our own efforts. Take hurricanes. We cope by taking cover or leaving the area until the storm moves out. History tells us hurricanes have existed for centuries, if not since the beginning of creation. The liberal media tells us because of climate change hurricanes will be more frequent and stronger. The National Hurricane Center says this is not true. History also tells us 26 major hurricanes hit the U.S. between 1885 and 1889. Since Obama moved to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, three major hurricanes have made landfall.

We were supposed to have witnessed a massive melting of polar ice, but even the ice won't co-operate. The U.S. Navy forecasts twice as much mid-September ice this year as it measured in 2012 with the Arctic Ocean ice cap having grown by 60 percent covering nearly one million more square miles. So much for being ice free by the end of 2013 as originally reported.

Like Casey Stengel said, "You could look it up."

Climates do change and are in constant flux. Greenland was named not for its ice and snow cover. These facts don't grant any rogue political hack(s) or government consent to solve what they deem a so-called "problem."

Perhaps that's the biggest canard of all.