

## **Obama's Alarmist "Climate" Report Debunked by Scientists**

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Like virtually every alarmist global-warming warning produced by government or the United Nations in recent decades, it did not take long for the Obama administration's latest doom-and-gloom-packed "climate change" report to be debunked by independent scientists. Indeed, it took less than two weeks for experts to go through the 840-page White House document and tear its outlandish claims to shreds — often using United Nations reports and the federal government's own data to do so, issuing a blistering critique of the "nonsense" and "deception" put forward by the administration.

Now, with the predicted surge in Earth's temperatures still on "pause" after almost 18 years, the Obama administration and its coterie of global-warming theorists are being blasted and ridiculed for fear-mongering, deception, and more. In a powerful rebuttal to the White House "National Climate Assessment," a coalition of 15 respected scientists, climatologists, and other experts seized upon many of the more absurd claims to debunk the Obama report on May 15. The administration, they said, has built a "House of Cards" predicated on bogus evidence that "collapses" upon examination.

"We are asked to believe that humans are drastically changing the earth's climate by burning fossil fuels," explained the coalition of scientists, which includes multiple experts who have worked for organizations such as the EPA, Environment Canada, and the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (UN IPCC). "The problem with their theory is very simple: It is NOT true.... Our climate is constantly changing for perfectly natural reasons that have nothing to do with carbon dioxide." (Emphasis in original.)

In fact, the experts continued, the White House climate report is "so grossly flawed" that it should play "no role" in analyses of U.S. energy policy and CO<sub>2</sub> regulatory schemes. "As this rebuttal makes clear, the [National Climate Assessment] provides no scientific basis whatsoever for regulating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions," they added. That statement, of course, cuts to the heart of the issue: Global-warming theorists claim carbon dioxide, exhaled by humans, is "pollution" that must be taxed, regulated, and used as the basis for a draconian global climate regime led by the UN to ration energy.

Despite the fact that human emissions of the essential-to-life gas make up a fraction of one percent of all the "greenhouse gases" naturally in the atmosphere, climate alarmists insist it is causing "global warming." The fact that there has been no warming for almost 18 years and counting — <u>debunking 73 out of 73 UN climate models</u> — also does not seem to have chilled the alarmists' zeal for controlling all human activity either.

For independent scientists, though, the truth is becoming clear. "The National Climate Assessment — 2014 (NCA) is a masterpiece of marketing that shows for the first time the full capabilities of the Obama Administration to spin a scientific topic as they see fit, without regard to the underlying facts," the 15 scientists and experts explained in their letter. "With hundreds of pages written by hundreds of captive scientists and marketing specialists, the administration presents their case for extreme climate alarm."

"As independent scientists, we know that apparent evidence of 'Climate Change,' however scary, is not proof of anything," they continued. "Science derives its objectivity from robust logic and honest evidence repeatedly tested by all knowledgeable scientists, not just those paid to support the administration's version of 'Global Warming,' 'Climate Change,' 'Climate Disruption,' or whatever their marketing specialists call it today."

Among the experts who debunked the latest White House report: former chair of the EPA Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Dr. George Wolff, former director of the National Hurricane Center Dr. Neil Frank, Colorado State University Emeritus Professor of Atmospheric Science Dr. William M. Gray, IPCC expert reviewer and University of Missouri professor of Atmospheric Science Dr. Anthony R. Lupo, retired Environment Canada scientist and IPCC expert reviewer Dr. Madhav Khandekar, and more.

In their report trashing the latest federal alarmism, the experts noted that over the last 130 years, the 1930s still had the most high-temperature records — with a stunning 70 percent of current state record highs set prior to 1940. Meanwhile, the last 50 years have seen more record lows than record highs, they noted. The latest White House alarmism, the coalition added, even stands in contrast to Obama's "usual allies" in promoting extreme climate hysteria, with the UN and the National Academy of Sciences both "dialing back apocalyptic claims."

"They promote their 'Climate Models' as a reliable way to predict the future climate," the scientists said in their letter, referring to the federal officials who produced the latest report. "But these models dramatically fail basic verification tests. Nowhere do they admit to these well-known failures. Instead, we are led to believe that their climate models are close to perfection."

The blistering critique goes on to knock down the report's "three crucial scientific arguments," saying "each is easily shown to be false; and because each is crucial, their entire theory collapses." That means that "all of the overblown 'Climate Disruption' evidence that they mention, whether true or not, cannot be tied back to man's burning of fossil fuels. Hence, efforts to reduce or eliminate Extreme Weather by reducing the burning of fossil fuels are completely nonsensical."

Of course, those experts were hardly alone in making a mockery of the political establishment's latest "climate" hysteria, which countless analysts said was really a transparent bid by Obama to seize more power and justify unconstitutional executive decrees. "Let's get one thing clear: The National Climate Assessment is a political call to action document meant for the president's left-leaning constituency," explained climatologist Paul Knappenberger, assistant director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute. "What pretense of scientific support that decorates it quickly falls away under a close and critical inspection."

Asked about top administration officials' recent "strong statements against CO<sub>2</sub> emissions," Georgia Institute of Technology Professor Judith Curry, who chairs the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, also expressed bewilderment. "I am mystified as to why President Obama and John Kerry are making such strong (and indefensible) statements about climate change," she said. "Particularly with regards to extreme weather events, their case is very weak. Especially at this time, given that much of the rest of the world is pulling back against commitments to reduce emissions and combat climate change."

Other environmental analysts pointed out that the report "fails basic science." *Investor's Business Daily* even suggested referring to Obama as the "Fearmonger in Chief," saying he was using the tactic of tyrants and that his "doomsday claims served mostly to undermine the alarmists' case for radical action on climate change." Multiple members of Congress, meanwhile, lambasted the administration for hyping discredited climate hysteria and seeking to usurp more power based on fraudulent global warming theories.

Of course, the public was largely unmoved too, with <u>polls still consistently showing</u> that despite Obama's fear-mongering and climate deception, most Americans do not believe humans are responsible for "global warming." Supposed "climate change" also continues to rank dead last on the list of public priorities no matter how much the establishment media flogs the increasingly discredited near-religious cause.

The Obama administration has already openly said that Congress would not be able to stop it from imposing its lawless economy-crushing "climate" decrees on America. Some lawmakers, though, are working to do precisely that, threatening to defund the global-warming schemes entirely. For the sake of the Constitution, truth, science, the economy, liberty, prosperity, jobs, and sanity, Americans should work to ensure that Congress immediately stops funding the tyranny and hysteria underpinned by debunked pseudo-science.