

[We Get Letters](#)

May 4, 2010

The Right Notes

Letters to the Editor: From Beethoven to Zappa, new technology hasn't been out of tune with beautiful music.

[By Miller-McCune Readers](#)

Groupthink isn't science

Mr. Mecklin, you are confusing groupthink with scientific facts. There are no "consensuses" in pure science, only in the social "psuedosciences." Can you actually produce a list of the "overwhelming consensus of thousands of scientists around the world" that supposedly supports this erroneous hypothesis? However, if you visit the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine Web site, you will find 31,500-plus scientists' and other intellectuals' signatures on a petition rejecting the anthropogenic climate change. More than 820 prominent professionals also signed the Manhattan Declaration on Climate Change, stating "human caused climate change is not a global crisis." And the Cato Institute publishes the signatures of more than 100 physical scientists, including institute and university department heads stating the hypothesis "is not true."

These combined lists include at least as many legitimate physical scientist "peer reviewers" and a dozen times more highly credentialed intellectuals who deny the hypothesis' legitimacy. If collective conjecture is determinative, I'm sorry, but the "deniers" obviously win.

Doug Baker
Fenton, Mo.