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It said the Hadley data overestimated warming in Russia by up to 0.64C between the 1870s and 1990s.

"Analysing the temperature trends received from Met stations, it is hard to get rid of the impression that they do not show any noticeable trend to warming in second half of the 20th and beginning of 21st centuries," the IEA said.

It also said that since Russia was the world's biggest country, any global theories drawn from its incomplete weather statistics would be invalid.

Russia's semi-official RIA Novosti news agency said the Hadley Centre "probably tampered with Russian- climate data" by using statistics from only a quarter of available weather stations.

But last night a spokesman for the Hadley Centre said its scientists did not choose which weather stations to collect its data from.

He said: "The World Meteorological Organisation chooses a set of stations evenly distributed across the globe and provides a fair representation of changes in mean temperature on a global scale over land. We don't pick them so we can't be accused of fixing the data. We are confident in the accuracy of our report."

Critics of the Russian report also point out the huge vested interests of the Russian state, which is rich in oil, coal and gas, to avoid action needed to fight man-made climate change.

The IEA was founded by Andrey Illarionov, a former aide to premier Vladimir Putin who has a track record of opposing the climate change lobby.

The Met Office data follows the row over hacked emails from the Climate Research Unit in East Anglia, seized upon by global warming sceptics as evidence that academics were massaging the figures.

On Monday the Daily Express revealed a dossier by the respected European Foundation thinktank detailing 100 reasons why global warming is a natural cyclical event.

And in a recent poll of readers 98 per cent said they believed they were being conned over global warming.





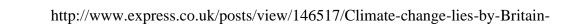


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