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# Mark Caserta: Champions for climate change should walk the walk

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Whether or not you believe the climate change charges leveled by the tree hugging liberals of the world, the fact that the rhetoric is heavily laden with hypocrisy is overwhelming.

Monday began a 12-day conference in Copenhagen for the U.N.'s annual climate change summit. An estimated 16,500 delegates, activists and reporters will attend the event designed to "save the world" from the perils of carbon emissions.

Approximately 140 aircraft will deliver world leaders, heads of state and VIPs to the Danish capital.

Have these people never heard of video conferencing?

The U.N. estimates the conference will create 40,584 tons of carbon dioxide equivalents, roughly the same amount as the carbon emissions of Morocco in the entire year of 2006!

Patrick Michaels, a senior fellow for environmental studies at the Cato Institute, says the conference will leave an enormous carbon footprint and is representative of traditional political hypocrisy regarding climate change.

"There's always been a lot of hypocrisy amongst the climate change political community," Michaels stated. "Prince Charles goes around the world in a private jet, telling everyone else they need to ration their carbon dioxide. Please."

Others have received notoriety for promoting carbon offsets and reducing emissions.

One even received a Nobel peace prize.

Al Gore, famous for inventing the Internet and global warming, produced a documentary entitled "An Inconvenient Truth" for which he won an Oscar for calling upon Americans to conserve energy by reducing energy consumption at home.

The Tennessee Center for Policy Research, an independent, nonprofit and nonpartisan research organization committed to achieving a freer, more prosperous Tennessee, released information revealing Gore's 20-room, eight-bathroom mansion in Nashville consumes more electricity every month than the average American household uses in an entire year, according to the Nashville Electric Service.

Gore's exorbitant energy use goes beyond his electric needs.

Natural gas bills for the Gore mansion and guest house averaged \$1,080 per month in 2006, while his combined electricity and gas bills totaled \$30,000.

Then there's "Vinnie 'the pilot' Barbarino," John Travolta, who travels the globe admonishing Americans for not conserving energy and contributing to global warming.

Travolta sports five private jets which he taxis to the bottom of his garden next to his private runway. Travolta logged at least 30,000 flying miles from mid-2006 to the same period in 2007, producing an estimated 800 tons of carbon emissions. That's more than 100 times more than the average person accumulates through flying.

He claims his extreme flying mileage is simply the nature of the movie business.

Let's not forget singer Sheryl Crow, who warmed our hearts and boggled our minds in 2007 with the suggestion we should limit our toilet paper usage to "one sheet," except for those pesky occasions when "two or three" are required.

Obviously this was Sheryl's way of "wiping" out global warming.

Oh, when Sheryl performs, her entourage consists of four buses and three tractors.

The "chicken little" global warming enthusiasts would earn considerably more credibility by walking the walk.

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<b>Jack C.</b> Registered User <a href="#">report as abuse</a>	Hey Mark,  I heard Chicken Little crossed the road.
<b>Oskar</b> Registered User <a href="#">report as abuse</a>	God what a moron. When is the paper going to find someone else? So if you "believe" what is now established science, you're a "tree hugging liberal?" Do you "believe" in the theory of gravity, Mark? You know it's just a "theory." And what is a "chicken little global warming enthusiast?" This makes no effing sense whatsoever. ... <a href="#">[more]</a>
<b>philneel</b> Registered User <a href="#">report as abuse</a>	Do all you libs get your "science" arguments from the same left wing web site?  AGW is NOT established science. It is merely left wing conventional wisdom, the same as the once "established science" that the universe revolves around the earth. The fact that gravity and relativity are theories does not prove that climate change is caused by CO2. ... <a href="#">[more]</a>
<b>Joe Kerr</b> Registered User <a href="#">report as abuse</a>	We have no more control over the global climate than we do stopping tornadoes, hurricanes and other weather phenomenon. We have only been keeping consistent weather data for a little over 100 years. Climate changes occur over thousands of years and happen in natural cycles that we don't control and never will. ... <a href="#">[more]</a>

**Brent**  
Registered User  
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Oskar - I'm reading your post again to see where you refute Mark's points as spelled out in the article. Oh that's right, you never refute any of the points, just whine and insult.

**Nailed It**  
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If not for the tree-hugging liberal, stupid Christians like Caserta would be breathing and drinking sludge. Pray harder Caserta, and maybe the tree-huggers will go away because after all, God gave the capitalists the planet so they could rape it, pillage it, burn it, and make as much money as they possibly can from it. ... [\[more\]](#)

**Nailed It**  
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Joe--by "thousands of years" you mean six thousand, right, because we know the planet is only just that old. You can't talk sciene with someone who believes the planet is only 6,000 years old and women came from the rib of a man and yadda yadda yadda. These cute little stories pass for reality in the minds of the "junk science" crowd. ... [\[more\]](#)

**Sparrow**  
Registered User  
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As usual, Caserta is right-on. C02 levels have been 1,000 (one thousand) times higher in the past!

To stop global warming "Governments" must find ways to prevent changes to the earth's orbit and ocean currents, stop cosmic radiation, prevent volcanoes from erupting, stop solar flares and spots, and avoid explosions of supernovae in space. ... [\[more\]](#)

**LiberalLegend**  
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Caserta is going green... with envy. This piece is a prime example of one-sided reporting. Hmm I want to write a convincing article about how green celebrities aren't so green. So I better not include the good things they've done for us and the planet.

**nlasd**  
Registered User  
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Those hacked emails show that "Climate Change" data has been manipulated to show what they want it to show. That, my friends - is not "science".

This whole scam is coming down, as more and more people that are capable of thinking for themselves figure it out - somebody is making an awful lot of money off of this manipulated data. ... [\[more\]](#)

**Oskar**  
Registered User  
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Hey Brent,

It'd be redundant to refute Caserta. I'm not refuting him, I'm ridiculing him. He's not making a valid argument anyway, he's just making fun of people. That's called ad homimen argument. Whether John Travolta has a pilot's license doesn't have anything to do with anything. His plane is a drop in the bucket. ... [\[more\]](#)

**philo-publius**  
Registered User  
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Great post Oskar...These people cherry pick the "science" they want to believe.....Glaciers are melting , just look mat the kali glacier in Peru.....This is fact, and as Oskar has pointed out it is Science.....(Philo Publius 8)