



Global Warming Debate: 12 Quotes From Those Who Don't Believe

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The global warming debate has prompted governments to spend billions of dollars studying climate change, and there are plenty of arguments about the science behind it. Here are 12 quotes from those who don't believe humans are responsible for a warming world.

1. "Carbon dioxide is natural. It occurs in Earth. It is a part of the regular lifecycle of Earth. In fact, life on planet Earth can't even exist without carbon dioxide. So necessary is it to human life, to animal life, to plant life, to the oceans, to the vegetation that's on the Earth, to the, to the fowl that — that flies in the air, we need to have carbon dioxide as part of the fundamental lifecycle of Earth." — U.S. Rep. Michelle Bachman, R-Minn., [on CSPAN.](#)

2. "I don't think that we have conclusive proof of global warming. And I don't think we have conclusive proof that humans are at the center of it." — Former U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich, [on Newt.org.](#)

3. "I do not believe that human activity is causing these dramatic changes to our climate the way these scientists are portraying it... I do not believe that the laws that they propose we pass will do anything about it, except it will destroy our economy... Our climate is always changing. And what they have chosen to do is take a handful of decades of research and say that this is now evidence of a longer-term trend that's directly and almost solely attributable to man-made activities." — Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fl., [to LATimes.com.](#)

4. "We knew the bottom line ... was ultimately to shut down a lot of our development... And it didn't make any sense because it was based on these global warming studies that now we're seeing (is) a bunch of snake oil science." — Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, [to CBS News.](#)

5. "There is so much we don't know about this complex field, which is made even more difficult by our inability to make predictions and test climate hypotheses, except with computer simulations that have questionable assumptions built in... Given this uncertainty, I think most Americans find the experts' cocksureness unsettling. Despite the bravado and billions of dollars in media hype supporting the climate alarmists, only 37 percent of respondents agreed that man is causing global warming in a recent Rasmussen poll." — Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum [to Philly.com.](#)

6. "Sound science continues to deliver blow after blow to claims of a global warming crisis. On September 17, the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change released Climate Change Reconsidered II: Physical Science (CCR-2), containing more than 1,000 pages of scientific research indicating global warming is not an impending crisis. Forty-seven scientists contributed to CCR-2, presenting nearly 5,000 citations of peer-reviewed studies exposing flaws in global warming alarmism." — James M. Taylor, managing editor of Environment & Climate News, [to Heartland.org](http://Heartland.org).

7. "The greatest threat to the alleviation of the structural poverty of the Third World is the continuing campaign by western governments, egged on by some climate scientists and green activists, to curb greenhouse emissions, primarily the CO₂ from burning fossil fuels." — Deepak Lal, Cato Institute senior fellow and author of "Poverty and Progress: Realities and Myths about Global Poverty," [to Cato.org](http://Cato.org).

8. "Virtually all of this is based upon unfounded representations that we are experiencing a known human-caused climate crisis, a claim based upon speculative theories, contrived data and totally unproven modeling predictions. And what redemptive solutions are urgently implored? We must give lots of money to the U.N. to redistribute; abandon fossil fuel use in favor of heavily subsidized but assuredly abundant, "free", and "renewable" alternatives; and expand federal government growth, regulatory powers, and crony capitalist-enriched political campaign coffers.... It is way past time to realize that none of this is really about protecting the planet from man-made climate change. It never was." — Prof. Larry Bell, author, "Climate of Corruption: Politics and Power Behind the Global Warming Hoax," [to Forbes.com](http://Forbes.com).

9. "The climate science community has been hijacked by vested interest groups, from politicians to environmentalist extremists, who are more concerned with advocacy for their causes than true unbiased scientific endeavor. We can only hope to have begun here to redress the balance, and to ask the questions which vested interests do not want asked." — Joe Fone, author of "Climate Change: Natural or Manmade?" [to Stuff Nation](http://Stuff Nation).

10. "Our ignorance is simply enormous when it comes to the climate system, and our understanding is certainly not strong and solid enough to make policy about climate because we don't even know what it's going to do, so how can we make a policy that says 'I want to make the climate do something' when we don't know what makes the climate do what it does?... None of the climate models are able to tell us what the future is going to be. They've certainly failed in the past. And so the policy is really a fool's errand at this point." — Prof. John Christy, director of the Earth System Science Center at the University of Alabama/Huntsville, [to CNSNews.com](http://CNSNews.com).

11. "We often hear that there is a 'scientific consensus' about climate change. But as far as the computer models go, there isn't a useful consensus at the level of detail relevant to assessing human influences. Since 1990, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, or IPCC, has periodically surveyed the state of climate science. Each successive report from that endeavor, with contributions from thousands of scientists around the world, has come to be seen as the definitive assessment of climate science at the time of its issue." — Steven Koonin, director of the Center for Urban Science and Progress at New York University, [to WSJ.com](http://WSJ.com).

12- “In spite of claims to the contrary, there is no reliable scientific evidence that polar bear numbers have declined in any subpopulation so far... Climate models have actually done a poor job of predicting climate warming and sea ice decline.” — Mitchell Taylor, a polar bear scientist, [to MailOnline.](#)