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## Viewfinder: Opinions from around the world

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"We have become inured to Moore's law. The astonishing advances that once would have brought us to our knees are now reduced to a thumbs-up on Gizmodo. They're removed from the realm of magic - they're just cool gear."

**Steven Levy** in *Wired* magazine regrets that technology is losing its sheen

"Every model has to be compared to the real world and, if you can't do that, then don't believe the model."

Physicist **Freeman Dyson** , in a talk to the pro-market **Cato Institute**, expresses his scepticism over climate science's excessive reliance on computer modelling

"Now that President Barack Obama has pledged American leadership in cutting greenhouse-gas emissions relief is giving way to worry... The result might not be cooperation but conflict, and possibly the world's first green trade war."

**Stefan Theil** in *Newsweek* fears a US emissions trading system could lead to import tariffs being slapped on goods from countries like China that don't control their emissions

### Good week for...

**American atheism** Unbelievers are coming out of the closet, according to a report in *The New York Times* , in a trend being likened to the emergence of the gay rights movement

### Bad week for...

**Slackers** Around half of companies surveyed by security company Sophos block employee access to Twitter, MySpace and Facebook, which they fear lead to time-wasting

### The word

### GLOBESITY

Unexpected links between the obesity epidemic and the global environment, as explored in a book of the same name