

ALEX MILLS: Let's get whole truth on global warming

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SAN ANGELO, Texas — Could it be true that some scientists, who support the theory that humans cause global warming, have tried to intimidate and even blacklist scientists with opposing views?

The Wall Street Journal and other news organizations reported recently that e-mails from prominent climate scientists were leaked and posted publicly on the Internet. The e-mails, which were obtained from the Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia, revealed what appears to be strong ethical questions about the conduct of some scientists who have been trying to “shout down” scientists with opposing views.

The e-mails provide questions about the conduct of pro-global-warming scientists, especially since the Earth’s climate has cooled 0.7 degrees Fahrenheit in the last 10 years, and that governments across the globe are debating implementation of expensive systems that will change the economies of the world.

One such system, a cap-and-trade scheme passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, will impose a new, \$2.6-trillion tax on consumers in the U.S.

The CRU admitted earlier this year that it had discarded surface temperature data that have been the basis for several international climate studies which claim that the Earth’s temperature is warming.

CRU Director Phil Jones and Pennsylvania State University Professor Michael Mann in one e-mail appear to conspire to prevent opposing research from being published by an academic journal. “Perhaps we should encourage our colleagues in the climate research community to no longer submit to, or cite papers in, this journal,” Mann wrote.

Jones replied: “I will be e-mailing the journal to tell them I’m having nothing more to do with it until they rid themselves of this troublesome editor.”

Jones also e-mailed Mann that skeptics’ research was not wanted and we “will keep them out somehow — even if we have to redefine what the peer-review literature is!”

The WSJ reported that scientists ridiculed John Christy, a scientist at the University of

Alabama at Huntsville, for asking that a report issued by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a group at the United Nations, have dissenting views published along with concurring views. Christy's concern centers on Congress's attempt to implement legislation that will have far-reaching impact yet the theory "has not been completely scientifically tested."

In one e-mail, Ben Santer, a researcher at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, Calif., wrote about Patrick Michaels, a climate scientist and Cato Institute senior fellow in Washington, D.C., "Next time I see Pat Michaels at a scientific meeting, I'll be tempted to beat the (expletive) out of him. Very tempted. I'll help you to deal with Michaels and the CEI (Competitive Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C.) in any way that I can."

Fred Smith, president of the CEI, said the e-mails show "the systemic stonewalling that skeptics of global warming alarmism have faced for years and confirms our suspicion that the case for alarmism is based on fraud. This is exactly the kind of scientific manipulation that CEI has been fighting for over a decade."

The WSJ stated in an editorial on Nov. 24: "However, we do now have hundreds of e-mails that give every appearance of testifying to concerted and coordinated efforts by leading climatologists to fit the data to their conclusions while attempting to silence and discredit their critics. In the department of inconvenient truths, this one surely deserves a closer look by the media, the U.S. Congress and other investigative bodies."

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