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Saving Human Lives Would Help With Warming — Studies

It's bunk to say greenhouse gases and climate change endanger the planet. They endanger many living organisms, most important among them being my daughters Lucy and Celia.



Black carbon soot warms the atmosphere and lodges in the lungs.

You can't win a debate if your premise is wrong. So, I was happy to see another international group of scientists are looking into the impact that ballooning greenhouse gases could have on human health.

Six reports have been issued by the researchers, and all indicate that reducing greenhouse gases would be a health boon to the world, especially for the poor. And benefits would be relatively rapid as poisons were reduced.

One study looked at 18 years of data on black carbon, a significant greenhouse pollutant and one culprit in global warming. It followed 352,000 people in 66 U.S. cities, and found a direct connection between black carbon and 2.5 million premature deaths annually.

Another group focused on replacing 150 million conventional wood- and coal-fuel cook stoves in India with low-emission stoves. A 10-year program to switch technologies would save 2 million lives a year, according to the researchers and prevent "hundreds of millions of tons" of greenhouse pollutants from entering the atmosphere annually.

Global-warming doubters, on the other hand continue to play down the role greenhouse gases play not only in the environment but also in human health.

A [Cato Institute report](#) brushes aside cardio-respiratory ailments as something more related to lifestyle than air quality.

Jumps in heat-related deaths are questioned as perhaps due to coroner workers taking long weekends. Diseases that are greatly aided by warm temperatures can be eliminated, once warming is finally and universally accepted, by sanitation upgrades around the world.

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