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Two stories dispel climate change hogwash

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Examination of two January 2018 stories in USA Today, Sun-News' parent organization, dispels much of the hogwash concerning human-caused CO₂-fueled climate change that's frequently seen and heard in climate stories.

Doyle Rice's 18 January story mentioned reports in Oymyakon, Siberia that temperatures fell to minus 88.6F, close to coldest ever reported in a permanently settled northern hemisphere location. When temperatures get that cold it's impossible, on the face of it, to say that carbon dioxide from fossil fuels use is "trapping heat," because, based on the observation itself, it's obvious the heat has been lost to space.

Doyle Rice's 17 January story described a USA record, 246 days without a tornado death, longest since modern records began in 1950. This record speaks to two thoughts, one, deployment of Doppler Weather Radar has enabled National Weather Service forecasters to issue accurate and timely warnings, second, more importantly, there's been a paucity of severe tornadoes recently.

Climate alarmists speak erroneously of warmer weather making stronger storms, but this just isn't true. Stronger storms arise because of a strong difference in temperature between equator and pole, and as temperatures have slowly risen, the equator to pole temperature difference has become smaller, and the number of strong to severe thunderstorms, and tornadoes, has decreased.

So, thanks, Sun-News and USA Today, for publishing these recent stories by Doyle Rice; they provide clear evidence that the ability of CO₂ to trap heat is vanishingly small, and evidence that storminess, thunderstorm severity, and tornado intensity is less as temperatures have moderated from the Little Ice Age.

However, with extremely cold USA temperatures this winter, I expect a quick end to this hiatus with explosively violent tornadoes developing this spring and sadly, more human deaths in Tornado Alley, similar to 2011's Joplin and Tuscaloosa outbreaks.

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