

Claims of climate change consensus unfounded

The March 7 letter written by Steve Watson was filled with sneers at meteorologist Bob Endlich, but completely devoid of facts. Mr. Watson seems to take words from President Obama as the ultimate source. Yes, President Obama tweeted “Ninety-seven percent of scientists agree: climate change is real, man-made and dangerous.” This statement is not the first time the president has knowingly misled the public.

The president appears to rely on a two question online survey by University of Illinois student Maggie Kendall Zimmerman asking if temperatures have increased and if human activities have contributed to the warming. Of the 79 who responded, 77 said “Yes.” In contrast to this perfunctory study, David R. Legates, former director of the University of Delaware Center for Climatic Research, and three colleagues examined published research and found “only 41 papers — 0.3 percent of all 11,944 abstracts or 1.0 percent of the 4,014 expressing an opinion, and not 97 percent — had been found to endorse” the claim that human activity is causing most of the current warming.

German scientists Dennis Bray and Hans von Storch found that most climate scientists do not believe that climate processes such as cloud formation and precipitation are sufficiently understood to predict future climate change. A 2012 survey of 1,854 members of the American Meteorological Society found that only 39.5 percent said man-made global warming is dangerous.

A few years ago, I also accepted the assertions of human-caused, potentially catastrophic global warming. Then I read the East Anglia “Climategate” emails and learned that the “climate establishment” refused to publish papers that disagree. I also read comments by MIT meteorologist Richard Lindzen and former NASA meteorologist, now with the University of Alabama- Huntsville, Roy Spencer. I urge Mr. Watson to do likewise.

Eldon Steelman,



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Eldon Steelman shows the new way to lie is by claiming that Obama "appears" to be relying on one study in claiming that 97% of climate scientists agree on global warming. He then cites studies by those in the remaining 3%. So much for Steelman's second point.

His first point--"This statement is not the first time the president has knowingly misled the public"--is to rely on race-based Obama hatred by implying that the president is lying. The reality, not the appearance, is a white man attacking a black man; after all, Obama is simply repeating what almost all climate scientists here and around the world have been saying for many years.

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Charlotte Lipson

Mr. Steelman is drinking the Koch brothers' Kool-aid. Read this from the current issue of New York Review of Books by Michael Tomasky: "When one family [Koch brothers] and its allies control that much money, and those running want it spent supporting them...what candidate is going to take a position counter to that family and [its] network...? The Kochs are known, for example, to be implacably opposed to any recognition that man-made climate change is...real... So no Republican candidate will buck that... Democratic Senator Al Franken...explained how the Republicans' fear of facing a Koch-financed primary from the right, should they cast a suspicious vote on climate change, prevented them from acknowledging the scientific facts. And what percentage of them, I asked, do you think really accept those facts deep down? "Oh," Franken said, "Ninety." ...

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Robert Endlich ·

Advanced Weather Officer at USAF Retired

This started with Steve Watson strongly and falsely implying that I receive some sort of "welfare" checks for writing that there is no evidence that humans are causing climate catastrophe. For Steve, Michael Hays, PhD, Charlotte Lipson, and others, please note: I am not receiving nor have I ever received ANY remuneration for my writings.

In fact, the situation is quite the opposite.

I willingly send money to those individuals and organizations who bring facts, measurements, observations and data into the discussion. There are a number of individuals, small organizations who do what I do, for...[See More](#)

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I have never implied that you or anyone else whom I address receives money for expressing their views. I might take comfort that your intransigence reflect a financial interest rather than native fanaticism.

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Steve Watson ·

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Mr. Steelman, I did not use Obama as my source for the 97% figure you are disputing, although I have heard him say it. I used a peer-reviewed article entitled "Quantifying the consensus on anthropogenic global warming in the scientific literature." If you would like to review it here is the link: <http://iopscience.iop.org/.../1748-9326/8/2/024024/pdf>

The authors found that there is a 97.1% consensus in the scientific literature that the earth is warming due to human-related activities.

Moreover, in an official statement, The American Meteorological Society said: "There is unequivocal eviden...[See More](#)

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Steve Watson, others,

The warming has happened about 12 times in the past 10,000 years: Greenland Ice cores show this:
Here are the last 4000 years:

http://www.greenworldtrust.org.uk/.../Main/Warm_periods.jpg

Here are the last 10,000 years:

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