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Global Warming... Fact or Myth

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A note to Mr. Freeman who has come out of retirement to argue a point... please address the problem which David did in his column. He was saying there is no conservative or Christian bias on college campuses, which I refuted and stated there is, not only against students but, also, against the hiring of like minded professors. Mr. Cottrill said professors "*just try to get students to think for themselves,*" to which I clarified that in a truth seeking environment all opinions are allowed and considered, so a factual, well informed decision can be made by the student. That is *not* happening on today's college campuses.

As much as I try to not make this column a forum for "He Said, He Said," I, like Mr. Freeman, must yield to the call again. With his comments on the "Global Warming Myth," Mr. Cottrill is once again trying to make the problem a Republican/Democrat issue, with the Republicans doing everything they can to destroy the world just to make their "*big corporate, oil rich friends*" even richer. Try to get beyond this hype and do what you encourage your readers to do... "*Think rationally.*" Who can honestly believe any man strives for the office of President of the United States and then spends every waking moment of his tenure thinking of ways to make the big oil companies richer than they are? Ridiculous!

In a great effort not to appear "snotty" in my response let me say... Dave, everything bad in this world is NOT a right wing conspiracy. Many scientists believe there is such a thing as global warming that represents a serious problem for the earth. However, there are just as many scientists who believe the data with which this theory is espoused is flawed. Remember, the theory of evolution is being flaunted by many people as fact, but there has been no absolute findings which change that THEORY into proven truth. It remains a theory. So does the global warming theory.

Let me print here some current reports from scientists that should make most people stop betting their lives on the GW theory being truth.

World Climate Report, May 10 2005

Three papers recently published in *Science* suggest that the amount of solar radiation reaching Earth has increased considerably in recent years. The levels of energy reported dwarf the estimated contribution of the greenhouse effect. What does this mean? The authors suggest that the numbers are overestimates, but if the numbers are right then there is something badly wrong with greenhouse theory.

Sunday Telegraph (UK), May 1 2005

A detailed reanalysis of the claim (published in *Science Magazine*) that no scientific articles questioned the "consensus" view that global warming is being driven by mankind refutes that conclusion. *Science*, however, refused to publish the finding. It also refused to publish the results of a survey of 1000 scientists that found "that fewer than one in 10 climate scientists believed that climate change is principally caused by human activity."

World Climate Report, April 29 2005

The journal *Nature* rushes to blame increasing allergy suffering in Japan on global warming. However, it appears the problem is directly due to cedar forests planted many years ago as part of a government-mandated solution to a problem that has now ceased to exist.

World Climate Report, Apr 28 2005

The release of a new study on global warming by NASA scientists shows that the scientists have further revised downwards their estimate of the Earth's climate sensitivity (how much temperature will rise in response to more energy trapped in the atmosphere). The scientists believe we are already committed to a temperature rise of +0.6C "in the pipeline," which represents a decrease from +1.1C if the initial estimate of climate sensitivity had been used.

Alaskan Daily News, May 8 2005

Scientists have suggested that the presence of Blue Mussels in northern waters is a sign of dangerous climate change. New research from Alaska suggests that the mussels may actually have lived in the cold waters for 3 million years.

As you can see this thing called Global Warming "*ain't what it's purported to be.*" We who inhabit this earth should take care of our surroundings because that's the right thing to do, and Dave, I agree with you to some degree that most of those who swear by the Global Warming scare are not involved in a "hoax." They are, unfortunately, individuals who look at the glass and always see it as "half-empty."

However, there are plenty of individuals out there who are quick to play upon these fears to further their political agenda. They are the ones who perpetuate the fear and magnify it when expedient for their purposes.

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