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At Climate Summit, Scientist Touts CO₂, Slams Media “Lies” (Video)

PARIS — Carbon dioxide is a wonderful and essential gas, it is not driving dangerous climate change, and life on planet Earth is currently starving for more, explained scientist Robert Carter, former chief of the School of Earth Sciences at Australia’s internationally renowned James Cook University. In the past, CO₂ concentrations have been many times higher than they are today, he added, blasting the establishment press for its “lies” on climate.



All of the facts on CO₂ and climate run contrary to the global-warming alarmism narrative promoted by the United Nations, the Obama administration, the media, and the \$360-billion-per-year “climate” industry. But they are facts nonetheless, and it is time for the press to start reporting on them honestly, the climate realist explained.

Speaking at a [climate realist summit in Paris](#) as the [UN’s massive COP21 conference](#) was taking place nearby, Dr. Carter emphasized that there is no climate crisis and that many experts have even been predicting global cooling over the long term.

In an interview with *The New American* after his presentation, Carter explained that the CO₂ added to the atmosphere in recent decades has been responsible for a tremendous greening of the planet. “That’s a huge environmental benefit,” he said, adding that much of the greening had occurred along arid areas such as the Sahara Desert.

For agriculture and those who depend on it — essentially everybody who eats food — the increase in CO₂ is good news, too. It has also provided huge benefits for oceans, Dr. Carter and other scientists at the Heartland Institute’s “Day of Examining the Data” explained.

And contrary to the bizarre demonization of the gas of life as “carbon pollution” by the UN, Obama, and others, it is nothing of the sort.

“If you talk to most scientists, they will acknowledge that carbon dioxide is not a pollutant,” explained Dr. Carter. “Indeed, it’s grotesque to call it a pollutant. It’s an abuse of logic, it’s an abuse of language, and it’s an abuse of science.... Carbon dioxide is literally the stuff of life.”

The optimal CO₂ level for most plants, he said, is somewhere between 1,000 and 2,000 parts per million. Current levels are around 400 ppm, Carter added. That is why CO₂ is often pumped into greenhouses.

Numerous other experts at the summit echoed those sentiments.

Despite that, the UN adopted the agreement based on the false assumption that man’s miniscule CO₂ emissions — emitted by literally every human activity — threaten the planet with dangerous warming. That was facilitated by propaganda from what Carter blasted as the “mainstream media.”

“The mainstream media, over the two weeks before the conference and during the conference, have



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been running day in and day out, untruthful scare stories” on climate, he said. “Those are just lies.”

Dr. Carter also suggested massive government funding to research alleged man-made global-warming was driving at least some scientists into playing along with the climate alarmism or remaining silent about the scandalous deception.

Noting that there are no government agencies to prevent earthquakes or volcanic eruptions, Dr. Carter also said that it would be “every bit as stupid” for politicians to believe they can stop climate changes.

Dr. Carter was speaking at the “Day of Examining the Data,” a summit by the Heartland Institute that was co-sponsored by the Competitive Enterprise Institute and the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT). The conference featured numerous presentations by scientists and experts from around the world, each one debunking elements of the increasingly discredited anthropogenic (man-made) global-warming (AGW) theory.

From explaining the myriad benefits of carbon dioxide to highlighting the ongoing 19-year pause in warming, no intellectually honest attendee could have left the summit still believing the “climate” hysteria pushed by various governments and international outfits. Indeed, practically every fear-mongering narrative pushed at the nearby UN climate summit was mercilessly debunked with facts, data, logic, and common sense.

To see more interviews from Paris, click [here](#). To read more about the UN summit, the two realist summits, and other related subjects, check the articles listed below.

Image: screenshot from TNA interview with Dr. Robert Carter

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