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## Biggest Fake News Story: Global Warming and Phony Consensus

The title of a December 27 article in *The Atlantic* asks: “Are Climate Scientists Ready for Trump?”

“How should climate scientists react to a president-elect who calls global warming a ‘hoax?,” the writer, Robinson Meyer, asks in the opening sentence. “How much should they prepare for his administration? And should they prepare for the worst?”



“These questions loomed over the fall conference of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) last month, the largest annual gathering of Earth scientists in the world,” Meyer continued. “How the scientific profession chooses to answer them may decide whether the United States can summon the political will necessary to finally vanquish climate-change denialism — or whether it will continue to muddle through on the issue, not really attending to it, as it has for the past three decades.”

Meyer uses the term “climate-change denial” (or denialism or denialist) five times in the article, a pretty strong clue that he resides in the [Al Gore/Leonardo DiCaprio camp of intolerance](#) when it comes to diversity of opinion on scientific matters. He notes that there is a divide among the AGU scientists between those who just want to “do science” and the activists who see this issue as a matter of life and death for the planet. He comes down on the side of the activists, of course, because “the Earth really is warming, and the consequences of it really will be bad.”

“Climate denialists,” *The Atlantic* writer insists, “are on the wrong side of scientific consensus, and they have been for 20 years. Scientists should feel happy to call them on their BS.”

Meyer notes that on the first day of the AGU conference in San Francisco, the thousands of assembled scientists heard from [Harvard historian Naomi Oreskes](#), the political ideologue who is most responsible for perpetrating the “scientific consensus” fraud regarding anthropogenic (human caused) global warming, or AGW. (Some idea of Prof. Oreskes’ psychological/political bent can be seen by her [tweet regarding the death of Justice Antonin Scalia](#): “Antonin Scalia found dead... Experts say his heart froze (just kidding).”)

We have all heard the smug Al Gore line, repeated innumerable times by condescending media scribblers and talking heads, that “the science is settled,” that 97 percent to 99 percent of climate scientists agree there is a global warming crisis and man’s carbon footprint is responsible for it. (Never mind that a few years ago, when it became evident the global temperature data weren’t showing



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significant warming, the mantra had to be changed from “global warming” to “climate change.”)

Professor Oreskes, together with Australian global warming activist John Cook, will play an important role in the upcoming battle with Trump over the UN’s climate pact, which is a radical, job-destroying, economy-destroying, [multi-trillion dollar tax-regulate-transfer scheme](#) that would do nothing to improve the environment or stop climate change.

President Barack Obama was citing John Cook when he tweeted on May 16, 2013: “Ninety-seven percent of scientists agree: #climate change is real, man-made and dangerous.”

*The New American* has repeatedly reported on the fraudulent methodology used by Oreskes and Cook to arrive at their ludicrous near-unanimous consensus claims. [Prof. Richard S. J. Tol](#) and [Dr. Benny Peiser](#) are but two of the experts who have called out Oreskes and Cook, showing that only one percent of climate research papers — not 97 percent — support the “consensus” view claimed by the AGW alarmists. (See [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).)

Cook’s most damning exposé, though, was self-inflicted. In a series of e-mails, he let the cat out of the bag that, far from being a dispassionate scientific undertaking, his tabulation effort, called The Consensus Project (TCP), was actually a marketing and propaganda scheme calculated to convince the public that a non-existent consensus among scientists did in fact exist.

However, no amount of debunking, and no amount of evidence, will change the “crisis” mindset that grips many of the media commentators. CNN’s Chris Cuomo is a prime example of the arrogance of ignorance among the committed AGW mediameisters. In a [combative “interview”](#) on December 12, CNN’s Chris Cuomo went after Trump adviser Anthony Scaramucci, repeatedly citing the false claim that the science is settled and that “science” has declared we must accept vast new global governance and controls to avert planetary catastrophe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsToZdvwy1s>

Unfortunately, the Trump spokesman did not challenge Cuomo’s bogus consensus assertions, but merely argued that scientific consensus has often been wrong in the past. This is true, but as an argument it fails terribly by allowing the AGW alarmists to coopt “science” and make it appear that only a few crackpot “deniers” and scientists in the pay of Big Oil disagree with the alarmist C<sub>02</sub> thesis. Since so many of the frightful scenarios in the global-warming scare campaign involve complex geophysical and chemical processes, as well as data gathering and measuring beyond the grasp of most of us mere mortals, there is a tendency of many laymen to lean in favor of “science” — if the claims of “overwhelming consensus” are true. In the case of anthropogenic global warming, the consensus claims — very definitely — are not true. But that won’t stop AGW alarmism banshees from shrieking their fake news consensus even louder, in the days and weeks ahead.

CNN’s Chris Cuomo and other AGW alarmists are expressing hope that Donald Trump’s daughter Ivanka may be able to “moderate” her father on this issue, especially if she were to be named his “Climate Czar,” as some hope (and others fear). Ivanka, reportedly, is more sympathetic to the UN/Al Gore alarmist position than is the president-elect.

After fighting for over two decades against overwhelming odds to fend off the would-be AGW planet controllers, it would be a terrible betrayal for a Trump administration to flip-flop or melt down on this crucial issue. The new administration must move quickly and decisively to dismantle and defund the huge federally-funded AGW lobby and withdraw all U.S. support for the UN’s destructive Paris



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Agreement, which [President Obama has illegally tried to bind](#) the United States to through executive agreement. Under the guise of “protecting the environment,” President Obama has over and over again usurped the legislative authority that the Constitution expressly and exclusively grants to Congress. President Trump can, and should, make canceling/rescinding these executive orders of President Obama — as well as hundreds of executive orders of Republican and Democratic presidents going back decades — a top priority. The incoming Trump administration must not allow the fake news of AGW “scientific consensus” to derail it from this crucially important commitment.

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