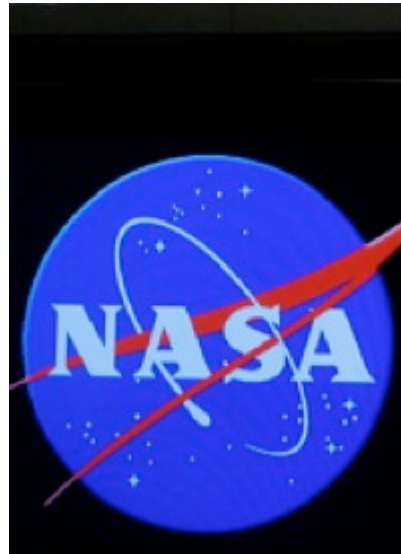




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## Senators Question Flawed NASA Climate Data

According to NASA, its own temperature data is more flawed than the temperature data from the University of East Anglia, the British institution at the center of the "Climategate" scandal entailing the manipulation of evidence in favor of global-warming alarmism. And now, in light of NASA's incredible admission, two U.S. Senators are demanding answers about the credibility of the American data.



"In light of recent revelations and scientific reports, we are contacting you regarding our continued concerns with the apparent declining credibility of United States climate data," wrote Senators John Barraso of Wyoming and Louisiana's David Vitter in a [letter](#) to NASA administrator Charles Bolden. "With almost ten percent unemployment, America cannot afford to base its energy policy on flawed data."

After a series of scandals and blatant errors largely discredited the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report that warned of disastrous global warming, the letter explains that policymakers turned to American data as a sort of back up. "Unfortunately, it appears that U.S. data is equally flawed and corrupted by questionable scientific practices," the Senators stated.

The letter refers to information obtained from NASA by the Competitive Enterprise Institute under a Freedom of Information Act request. In the documents, a senior scientist from the space agency advised a reporter that NASA's climate data is inferior to the Climategate-spoiled records from the UEA's disgraced Climatic Research Unit — and that NASA's information is partially derived from the CRU's flawed data.

Also casting doubt on U.S. climate data is an investigation by meteorologists Anthony Watts and Joseph D'Aleo. "The study highlighted that among many other data integrity issues, the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) and NOAA have not only reduced the total number of weather stations that they gather climate data from, but have 'cherry picked' the ones that remain by choosing sites in relatively warmer places," explained the Senators' letter.

The results of the investigation — which also concluded that some 90 percent of weather stations do not even meet the government's own standards on the appropriate distance of stations from biasing influences like roads or airports — are available at [surfacestations.org](http://surfacestations.org).

A former NASA physicist's study is also cited in the letter, fueling even more questions about the agency's "science." Dr. Edward Long, who released the results of an investigation in late February, concluded that "GISS, over a 10-year period has modified their data by progressively lowering temperature values for far-back dates and raising those in the more recent past." And after reviewing



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the study, the Senators concluded in their letter that the result of NASA's methodology had been to "dramatically change the true temperature record of the United States."

The lawmakers noted that they had "serious concerns" about the recent reports. They also invited NASA chief Bolden to testify before the Senate on the credibility of the agency's data. "The American people deserve to know the facts about the science behind our policies," they explained.

Another prominent U.S. Senator, Oklahoma Republican James Inhofe, [called](#) for investigations of some climate scientists after a [report](#) prepared for his Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee concluded that there were potentially criminal activities involved. Even the former head of the UN's climate-change panel has [called](#) for an inquiry into an apparent "warming bias" by government climate researchers.

In an [interview](#) with Fox News about the letter and NASA's climate data, Senator Barraso also criticized the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to regulate carbon dioxide — a gas exhaled by humans and essential to plant life. "When the administration is trying to make an endangerment finding on carbon dioxide, I think it's reckless to make such huge decisions affecting American jobs and the American economy based on data that may not be reliable, and seems to be contaminated," he said. "I don't think the facts bear out, at this point. You wonder if it's more about politics than it is about science."

But amidst all of the scandals, NASA's climate research programs are set to increase their funding by a whopping \$2.4 billion, or 62 percent through 2015, according to the [Washington Post](#). "The budget increase reflects both a campaign promise by President Obama to focus far more on the threat of climate change and what NASA officials called a 'philosophical shift' on the issue," the paper reported.

Without an even greater outcry from citizens, the governments of the world will continue pouring the people's resources into this scam. There is too much at stake for them to go down quietly. But as illustrated by the seemingly never-ending stream of scandals, errors, and lies, the climate crusade is imploding, and fast.

The IPCC report has already been all but debunked after a long series of scandals and obvious errors were uncovered. Many American politicians and officials distanced themselves from the flawed report after the revelations, claiming they were relying instead on U.S. government data. But now, it has become obvious that NASA and other American agencies in charge of U.S. "climate science" have been providing less-than-accurate information as well.

As reported recently by *The New American* magazine, [global-warming alarmism is dying a slow death](#). The recent NASA scandals are just a new chapter in the rapid unraveling of the campaign to convince people around the world to pay carbon taxes to global authorities. And as documented in an earlier [article](#) for *The New American* magazine from the UN Copenhagen global-warming summit, the anti-science climate alarmist agenda is clear: more taxes, more regulation, more government, and less freedom.

With a [poll](#) from October of last year showing that barely a third of Americans believed in human-caused global warming, the alarmists were clearly already losing the battle for public opinion. And that was before the recent exposure of all the mistakes and scandals, which also made it clear that alarmists are losing in the scientific arena as well. But governments have vast sums of money at their disposal, and Obama made it abundantly clear when he rammed through healthcare "reform" despite massive opposition that public opinion will not alter his agenda.



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Stopping governments from saddling the people of the world with economy-destroying taxes and regulations is a crucial fight. But it will be long and hard. To win, a groundswell of Americans even larger than the opposition to health “reform” must demand an end to unconstitutional EPA carbon regulations and put a stop to the billions in funding for bogus climate “science.” If legislators refuse to listen, they must be removed from office as soon as the next elections permit.

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