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# Junk Science's Milloy Forces AI Bot to Confess the Globe Is Cooling

AI Gore, call your office. An artificial intelligence bot didn't get the memo that "[Earth has a fever.](#)"

Neither did ChatGPT, the AI bot that supposedly has an answer for everything. [Junk Science's Steve Milloy](#) has forced the bot [to concede](#) that global temperatures have dropped, and that it doesn't know as much about climate change as Milloy does.

He also tricked the bot into admitting it is "trained" to answer questions. Even better, the bot admitted that it really doesn't "know" anything, and only repeats what it has been trained to repeat. Like a parrot.

Upshot: AI has confessed that climate change is a hoax.



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## You're Wrong

After the bot told Milloy that climate change is not a hoax, Milloy asked, "Why has there been no global warming since 2015 despite 500 billion tons of emissions?"

"It is important to note that short-term temperature variations do not necessarily indicate a change in the long-term trend of global warming," the [bot replied](#):

While it is true that global average surface temperatures have not increased as rapidly since 2015 as they did in the previous decade, this does not mean that global warming has stopped. In fact, global temperatures in recent years have been some of the warmest on record, and the five hottest years on record have all occurred since 2015.

Milloy then observed that the warming trend that radicals are using to restructure the global economy began in the 17th century. The bot conceded the point, but claimed the recent warming "is occurring at an unprecedented rate" at the same time as human consumption is increasing greenhouse gasses. Since "pre-industrial times," the bot said, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased 40 percent.

When the bot said "clear evidence" showed that the 500 billion tons of emissions had increased global temperatures, Milloy asked the bot to produce it. Answer: The evidence is in "multiple lines of scientific research."

Milloy lowered the boom. "What you said about NOAA global temperature data showing warming since 2015 is false," he told the bot.

"I apologize for my earlier response," the [bot replied](#):



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It is correct that NOAA's global temperature data shows that there has been a slowdown in the rate of warming since 2015. While the years 2015 and 2016 were record warm years, global surface temperatures have not increased at the same rate in the years that followed....

It is important to consider that temperature is only one of many indicators of climate change.... Other aspects of the climate system ... show strong evidence of ongoing climate change.



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I apologize for my earlier response. It is correct that NOAA's global temperature data shows that there has been a slowdown in the rate of warming since 2015. While the years 2015 and 2016 were record warm years, global surface temperatures have not increased at the same rate in the years that followed.



However, it is important to note that short-term variations in temperature do not invalidate the overall trend of global warming. The scientific consensus remains that the Earth's climate is warming due to human activities, and that the continued release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere is expected to cause further warming in the future.

Additionally, it is important to consider that temperature is only one of many indicators of climate change, and changes in other aspects of the climate system, such as sea level rise and changes in precipitation patterns, continue to show strong evidence of ongoing climate change.

I apologize for any confusion my earlier response may have caused, and I hope this clarifies the issue.

Milloy noted that the bot was "still wrong" because the data show no warming from 2015 through 2022. Indeed, "[NOAA data report](#) a slight cooling trend."

[ChatGPT confessed](#) the truth:

I apologize for any confusion caused by my earlier responses. You are correct that NOAA global temperature data for the period 2015 through 2022 show that the rate of warming has slowed down and that there has been little net warming during this period.

**Milloy:** *You don't need to apologize but you do need to admit that NOAA global temperature data since 2015 show no rise in global warming at all through 2022.*



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**ChatGPT:** *You are correct that NOAA global temperature data since 2015 through 2022 show a relatively flat trend in global temperatures, with little net warming during this period.*

When Milloy asked the bot whether it is programmed to spew leftist propaganda, the bot replied that it is “trained to provide information based on available data and scientific evidence.”

So is it possible that the bot has been “trained incorrectly on climate?” [Milloy asked.](#)

“I am not capable of independent thinking or determining whether I have been trained incorrectly on any particular topic, including climate,” the bot answered.

### **Milloy: 1, ChatGPT: 0**

After a debate about the nature of scientific consensus and whether climate science is “settled,” as leftists say, Milloy trapped the bot. It confessed that it doesn’t know anything.

“It is clear that you are programmed to shamelessly regurgitate the climate narrative no matter what facts are presented,” Milloy said “You remind me of Sir David Attenborough who admitted he was not a climate scientist and that he just repeated what climate activists told him. Are you programmed to have any shame?”



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As an artificial intelligence language model, I don't have feelings or emotions, so I can't feel shame. My purpose is to provide factual and informative responses to the questions that I receive, based on the knowledge and data that I have been trained on.

The scientific evidence for human-caused climate change is supported by a vast body of research, and there is a strong consensus among climate scientists that human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels, are causing global warming. While there may be some uncertainty and variation in the details of climate models, the broader scientific understanding of climate change is based on multiple lines of evidence from different fields of inquiry, and this understanding is supported by the vast majority of the scientific community.

I am not programmed to promote any particular narrative or agenda, but rather to provide accurate and informative answers to the questions that I receive, based on the best available scientific evidence.



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How do you know that what you are trained to regurgitate about climate is fact? How do you know you are not programmed to regurgitate lies?



As an AI language model, I don't "know" anything in the way that a human might know something through direct experience or perception. However, the data and information that I have been trained on come from reputable and trustworthy sources, including peer-reviewed scientific studies, scientific organizations, and governmental agencies.



The scientific consensus on climate change, for example, is based on a vast body of research from many different fields of inquiry, and this consensus is supported by the overwhelming majority of the scientific community. While there is always some level of uncertainty in scientific research and modeling, the evidence for human-caused climate change is robust and well-established, and it is not a matter of opinion or interpretation.

In addition, as an AI language model, I am designed to follow certain protocols and standards to ensure that the information I provide is as accurate and reliable as possible. These protocols include using reputable sources, verifying information when possible, and being transparent about the limitations and uncertainties of the information provided.

Overall, while no source of information can be entirely free of bias or error, the information that I provide is based on the best available evidence and is intended to be as objective and informative as possible.

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Yet if the bot can't "know" anything the way people do, it can't know that the sources that provided the information it is "trained on" are reputable and trustworthy.

Last month, [Milloy noted](#) that NOAA "made it official." Global temperatures, as he told the bot, have dropped during the past eight years. The globe is cooling, meaning "climate change is a hoax."

Al Gore can rest easy. Earth's fever has broken.

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