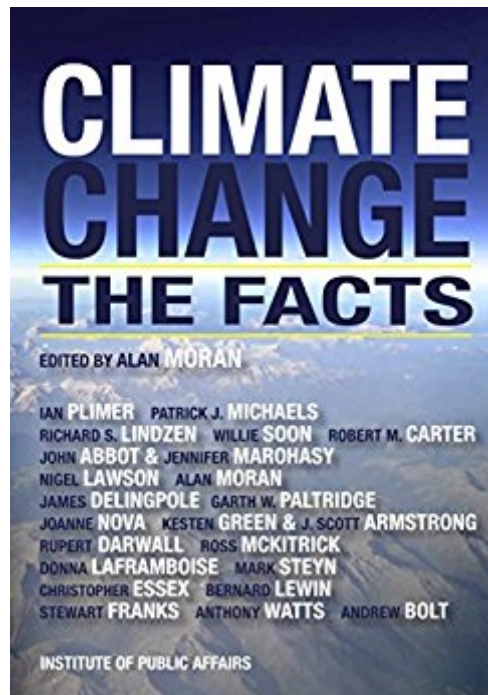


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Climate Change: The Facts



Synopsis

Stockade Books and The Institute of Public Affairs are proud to publish *Climate Change: The Facts*, featuring 22 essays on the science, politics and economics of the climate change debate. *Climate Change: The Facts* features the world's leading experts and commentators on climate change. Highlights of *Climate Change: The Facts* include: Ian Plimer draws on the geological record to dismiss the possibility that human emissions of carbon dioxide will lead to catastrophic consequences for the planet. Patrick Michaels demonstrates the growing chasm between the predictions of the IPCC and the real world temperature results. Richard Lindzen shows the climate is less sensitive to increases in greenhouse gases than previously thought and argues that a warmer world would have a similar weather variability to today. Willie Soon discusses the often unremarked role of the sun in climate variability. Robert Carter explains why the natural variability of the climate is far greater than any human component. John Abbot and Jennifer Marohasy demonstrate how little success climate models have in predicting important information such as rainfall. Nigel Lawson warns of the dire economic consequences of abandoning the use of fossil fuels. Alan Moran compares the considerable costs of taking action compared to the relatively minor potential benefits of doing so. James Delingpole looks at the academic qualifications of the leading proponents of catastrophic climate change and finds many lack the credentials of so-called 'sceptics'. Garth Paltridge says science itself will be damaged by the failure of climate forecasts to eventuate. Jo Nova chronicles the extraordinary sums of public money awarded to climate change activists, in contrast to those who question their alarmist warnings. Kesten Green and Scott Armstrong compare climate change alarmism to previous scares raised over the past 200 years. Rupert Darwall explains why an international, legally binding climate agreement has extremely minimal chances of success. Ross McKittrick reviews the 'hockey stick' controversy and what it reveals about the state of climate science. Donna Laframboise explains how activists have taken charge of the IPCC. Mark Steyn recounts the embarrassing 'Ship of Fools' expedition to Antarctica. Christopher Essex argues the climate system is far more complex than it has been presented and there is much that we still don't know. Bernie Lewin examines how climate change science came to be politicised. Stewart Franks lists all the unexpected developments in climate science that were not foreseen. Anthony Watts highlights the failure of the world to warm over the past 18 years, contrary to the predictions of the IPCC. Andrew Bolt reviews the litany of failed forecasts by climate change activists.

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As I read this book I highlighted points I wanted to specifically check, researched them and did not find any significant errors. I am a stickler for accuracy and know the subject area quite well. I would like to congratulate Alan Moran on putting together a wonderful book. All our politicians should read this. I have had a deep interest in the area ever since I saw Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth'. Before then I was a believer, concerned about Global Warming and went along to the Perth premiere of Al Gore's movie. But that is when I really started to question the whole thing. As an economist specialising in econometrics, I saw that Gore committed every statistical sin in the book including the way he used graphs and the scales and periods chosen. What threw me most was the absence of the MWP on the Hockey Stick - which was his big sales pitch. So I went away and did some reading and had even more questions. Since then I have kept closely informed on the subject. It is with this hyper-critical background I thought I would mention a couple of points in the book which I think are in error. 1. This first is minor, but has a big impact from a visual perspective. In Anthony Watts' section, Chapter 20 page 265 Figure 1. The first two dates on the bottom axis read 1987 and 1996 instead of I assume 1887 and 1896. If someone is just skimming the book they will

see that graph and think it is over such a relatively short period from 1986 it is not that relevant. But it has a huge impact when they can see it is 130 years! It would be nice to fix that.² Re Ian Plimer - I am troubled by a couple of sections in his Chapter 1 which may need correction. Under point ii) page 12 Plimer writes: Only 1 molecule of every 85,000 in the atmosphere is CO₂ of human origin,..... He goes on, We are asked to believe that the 32 molecules of CO₂ of natural origin in every 85,000 molecules play no part in driving climate change. Now this is a pretty convincing statement only if people believe it and I don't believe the average person would be able to work out where it came from and he provides no citation for it. Even with my above average knowledge I can't work it out entirely. E.G. He is saying that 33 out of every 85,000 atmospheric molecules are CO₂. That represents 0.0388% or 388 parts per million of CO₂. So I can understand that bit, though it isn't quite up to date with 399.83 ppm from last week here:

<http://co2now.org/Current-CO2/CO2-Now/weekly-data-atmospheric-co2.html> But where does he get that only 1 out of 33 molecules of CO₂ are of human origin? I have indeed read that only 3% of all annual CO₂ emissions into the atmosphere are of human origin. And 3% of 33 molecules is 1 molecule. But the argument is that it is the 3% of annual emissions which the natural carbon cycle can't deal with and therefore accumulates in the atmosphere. So that total atmospheric CO₂ has gone from 280ppm at pre-industrial levels to 400ppm now. with the additional 120ppm being attributable to humans. I know it doesn't work like that. For starters the greater the CO₂ the greater the fertilisation and greening of the planet. The warmer the atmosphere (naturally or otherwise) should lead to a de-gassing of the oceans. So there are lots of natural feedbacks which would change the amount of CO₂ emitted and sunk. I just think that Plimer has left it too simplistic and therefore too open to criticism. It looks like he has made the same mistake that Anthony Watts, Hocket Schtick and others made, misinterpreting a paper indicating approx 3% of annual flux is human caused, to mean total background CO₂. See:

<http://hockeyschtick.blogspot.com.au/2014/07/new-paper-finds-only-375-of-atmospheric.html> If Plimer has something to clarify this, it should be included.² On that same page 12 (he repeats this again on page 13 talking about tipping points) Plimer claims: "...CO₂ was far higher than at present and, with the first two great ice ages, up to a thousand times higher than the current atmospheric CO₂ content." Again there is no citation. To be honest I assumed this was a typo when I first read it and thought perhaps he meant to write that it had been over 1,000 ppm in the past, A thousand times more is about 400,000 ppm, or 40% of the atmosphere. Sure we can argue that at a time in the earth's past about 4.3bn years ago the atmospheric CO₂ content might have been as high as 85%, http://www.amnh.org/learn/pd/earth/pdf/evolution_earth_atmosphere.pdf, I can even find

references that during the Phanerozoic period where CO₂ averaged 100,000ppm - 150,000ppm and reached maxima even greater than that, it was close to it's optimum to start photosynthesis. <http://www.eolss.net/Sample-Chapters/C01/E4-03-08-02.pdf> But it is hard for Plimer to argue that at any time when the Earth was habitable, was the atmospheric content a thousand times higher than it is today. So I really think this would benefit from clarification/correction. The whole thing would make a lot more sense if Plimer had meant to write 1,000 ppm, not a thousand times more! <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2010/08/10/study-climate-460-mya-was-like-today-but-thought-to-have-co2-levels-20-times-as-high/> I just think it is a pity that these queries occur in the first chapter of a very good book which I have read in detail and apart from the other typo mentioned have difficulty faulting. Of course these issues pale into insignificance compared to the wild claims and disproven projections of the climate alarmist camp. Overall the book is an excellent, educational and worthwhile read of the highest order. It benefits greatly from having a combination of highly qualified scientists to knowledgeable popular writers on the subject. It is an easy scientific text to read, but with hundreds of references and citations it provides the proofs and detail which us geeks demand from such a book.

A must read for those who want to know the facts and for engaging or entering into a discussion with eco freaks. Provides the info for also engaging and querying our politicians. Every Canadian and others in our western society should be aware of the motives and how misleading the environmental movement has been - especially in respect to global warming and the treatment of CO₂ which is essential for our very existence.

This book covers most of the pertinent aspects of the AGW issues from a skeptics viewpoint. It's well written for the average person to grasp. I would have liked the book to be 40% larger or in PDF format. I would have also liked to see more graphs and charts in color. Everything is well researched and the reader can do their own vetting if they disagree.

More than 20 writers explain the facts on Climate Change. Well worth the read if you are interested in a non-biased explanation of the subject. It exposes the lies that our children are being presented as facts in school, and that most of the public are being told by politicians who can only be saying this to justify scamming money from us all.

I found the book to be well written, insightful and well documented. I also recommend carefully

reading the one-star reviews. They also provide insight into the book and into how so many people can see the same thing (or who have not read the book at all) and come to diametrically opposed viewpoints. I cannot understand why Mark Steyn is listed as "the author" when I count 23 authors.

Worth the price for the science chapters alone. Clarifies the skeptic's argument and brushes away obfuscation. Makes solid arguments that are easy to understand. Advocates practical and affordable approaches to potential warming. The history of the early IPCC is astonishing, something I'm sure many people are not aware of. Quoting the early IPCC reports will get you labeled a denier, and the most recent reports are not far from that! But you might never know that if you don't read this book.

Reads like a textbook, so I need a highlighter, but it's certainly informative!

Well put together and sourced. The Hockey Stick took a thrashing. However, the last few chapters (each by different authors) best served those with math & engineering acumen. Still, it was, overall, very well done and convincing.

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