

New Report Shows 20th Century Global Warming Caused By Data Manipulation

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February 2, 2010—Instrumental temperature data from 1850-1980 have been so systematically tampered with as to bring into doubt whether there was any significant global warming in the 20th Century. This is the conclusion of a new 110-page report by meteorologists Joseph D'Aleo and Anthony Watts, published by Science & Public Policy Institute.

The claimed warming was the result of intentional statistical manipulation by the climate data centers at NOAA, NASA, and the Hadley Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia. Among the ruses employed:

* From 1989 to 1994, the number of temperature stations used in compiling the data was reduced from 12,000 to less than 6,000. Stations showing a temperature increase were favored, while stations reporting temperature decline were dropped from the record. According to D'Aleo and Watts: "It can be shown that they systematically and purposefully, country by country, removed higher latitude, higher-altitude and rural locations, all of which had a tendency to be cooler."

* The data centers employ corrected, not raw, temperature values in their calculations. But corrections were done in such a way as to systematically reduce the recorded temperatures from earlier periods so as to create an appearance of upward temperature in the recent two decades. Statistical filters were employed which masked the urban heat island effect, while claiming to account for it.

* Sea surface temperature data was also manipulated. Satellite input was removed by NOAA in 2009 after complaints of a cold bias in the Southern Hemisphere. The immediate result was an increase in reported global ocean surface temperatures of 0.24 degrees C, leading to the nonsensical claim that the 2000s was the warmest decade in a millennium.

While the new report provides an admirable debunking of the global warming fraud, an even more important question remains unanswered. Global average temperature is a mostly meaningless figure. Earth's biosphere over the past 2 million or more years has been characterized by the successive advance and retreat of the Northern Hemisphere ice sheets. The orbital parameters position us for another ice sheet advance at the present time, or at any time within the next several thousand years. A decrease in summer average temperature at high northern latitudes would be one of the warnings for an advance phase of the ice sheets. This would be especially important to know for northern Canada where the Laurentide ice sheet originates. However, as climatologist Timothy Ball notes in a case study appended to the D'Aleo and Watts report, there is only one thermometer north of latitude 65N in Canada. This is the Eureka station located at a particularly warm, protected spot on Ellesmere Island. Baffin Island, thought by some glaciologists to be the key originating point for ice sheet development, is devoid of weather stations, as are the Northwest and Yukon Territories.

There was no global warming. Will there be global cooling of a catastrophic sort some time soon? Leaving the genocidalists who organized and ran the global warm hoax in control will assure that we shall not find out. So let's get them out of there.