

**W**Yoming is big, spacious, sparsely populated, generally business friendly and politically conservative. I live in a tiny Wyoming town; came here on purpose almost 20 years ago. To my few left-leaning, big-city-dwelling or coastal friends and relatives, and to the subscription-canceling whiners who write bitchy, anonymous letters to the editor of *RANGE* magazine, it seems that my place of residence would explain how I think, why I hold the views I do. Draw your own conclusions. Why is that relevant here?

My views are influenced by the character of my chosen home indeed, but my character, education, intellect, experience, values and views strongly influenced my choice of home and community, as they do my opinions. Opinions such as mine, and many of yours, are often condescendingly dismissed by snippy elites, but independent-thinking people of good sense, sound values, a knowledge and appreciation of history, and an interest in their world, never need to apologize for their views, stay silent, or rely on experts to tell us what's true or right.

For all who would complain (without foundation) that *RANGE* publishes opinion pieces masquerading as fact, I preface the following discourse with this disclaimer: *This is an opinion piece.* I'm an entrepreneur and businessman, a student of world affairs, history, economics, political systems and forms of governance. I am not a scientist. However, I am scientifically trained (B.S. in environmental sciences with biology and geology stripes and experience as a wildlife biologist), and, like some others in America and most who support *RANGE*, I read widely, observe carefully and think critically.

The following summarizes my views regarding the greatest hoax in modern history—the ~~global warming~~ climate-change “crisis.” (In writing about this issue, as I often have, I always sarcastically use this configuration—~~global warming~~ climate change—to highlight the irony and hypocrisy of proponents of this spurious theory, who, themselves, changed the name of their contrived crisis when it became widely accepted some years ago that the earth was not warming. It is also somewhat less obviously absurd and embarrassing for them to claim, as they do, that cooling events or trends are caused, not by “global warming,” but by “climate change.”)

My summary is opinion to the extent that I have not cited sources as would a profes-

# The Great Grift

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By John Hoak

sional researcher or scientific writer, but many of my postulates and conclusions are easily enough fact-checked by an honest, objective critic or are observably or intuitively true. We need not be experts to recognize brazen grift and fraud.

In October 2023 I read an article in *American Thinker* titled “Carbon Dioxide Does Not Cause Warming” by James T. Moody (*easily*



*found online*). While I applaud Mr. Moody's thoughtful, critical analysis—too rare in this time of ubiquitous, mindless acceptance of climate change as a genuine crisis, complete with Leftist “solutions” which will cause and are causing profound harm to humanity—I thought the article could have been more focused on the fatal flaws of the climate-change hypothesis. Nevertheless, the author made two important points:

(1) Academic science and commercial science are quite different. The former is theoretical (and, I will add, as all can now observe, academia is largely corrupt, almost purely ideological and Marxist/Leftist), whereas the latter is practical and subject to the rigors and discipline of the marketplace; and

(2) “All agree that from 1950 to 1985, our atmosphere cooled very slightly. It did the same from 1997 to 2015. During both periods, carbon dioxide levels rose dramatically. That is empirical proof that carbon dioxide does not cause warming. It is 55 years of proof.”

The first point is interesting because it highlights the unaccountability and unreliability of academic science. Moody's second

point is critical. If the earth is *not* warming, how can CO<sub>2</sub> or any other human-related agent or activity be causing warming? Ultimately, the central question is: If the earth is not warming, thus human activity cannot be causing the not-

warming, why would society embark upon enormous, hyper-costly, wasteful, utterly destructive, government-mandated initiatives? (Examples: “green” energy transition, fossil fuels' bans, internal combustion engine bans, electric vehicle mandates, carbon sequestration, meat banning and shaming, home appliance banning and mandates, business-strangling emissions standards, etc., ad nauseam.)

Yes, there is dispute about whether the planet is warming. There are several reasons for this. First, Leftists (among whom I count corporate environmental organizations and climate-change proponents) cause dispute whenever it serves their purposes—among these, to sow chaos, foment division and “reimagine” society with themselves in sole control. They dispute that there are but two human genders, dispute that civil society requires rigorous control of crime and criminals, dispute that the U.S. southern border is wide open, dispute that America is a great and exceptional nation, dispute that Hamas is a murderous terrorist cult.

Second, climate-change-apostle environmentalists, pseudo-scientists, news/sports/entertainment/Big Tech media and many politicians are dishonest, agenda-driven ideologues who purposely, maliciously fabricate, corrupt and misrepresent data. Among endless examples of this dishonesty: All the above groups stridently chant the claim that extreme weather events are becoming more violent and more frequent, though this is patently, demonstrably false.

Third, such meteorological data as are available are of woefully insufficient quality and quantity. To illustrate this last point, I note that a large percentage of the world's meteorological monitoring equipment and systems are concentrated in the United States, yet 96 percent of the land-based monitoring stations in America do not meet NOAA's own criteria for correctly siting such data-gathering equipment. (NOAA is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—the federal weather and climate experts, climate crisis pedagogues themselves.) Consequently, these stations report skewed

weather data, erring to false-high temperature recordings.

The science and jargon of the debate about global warming climate change are arcane and complex, yet the topic can be appropriately assessed first from a broader perspective that does not require specialized knowledge or expertise. Consider:

- Dramatic, prolonged heating/cooling cycles long precede human presence on the earth, and the temperature extremes and variability of prehuman cycles dwarf the micro-changes now observed and debated.

- There is no scientific consensus as to whether the earth is presently warming. In fact, there is ample, credible evidence that it is not warming. Rather than warming, some analysts of climatic megatrends plausibly posit that the planet may be entering another global cooling cycle, a new ice age. If it cannot be established that the earth is warming, how can there be a credible theory as to how mankind is causing warming?

- Data of insufficient quantity and quality cannot be expected to reliably power highly complex and hypersensitive models to correctly predict future trends in climate. Hell, NOAA (parent bureaucracy of the National Weather Service) struggles to accurately forecast day-to-day weather.

- Even if it is rhetorically stipulated that the earth may be warming again—as it has many times throughout its 4.5 billion years and will again, irrespective of human influence—there is no generally accepted cause-and-effect mechanism, let alone any consensus that human activity or CO<sub>2</sub> are causing warming.

- Disciples of global-warming climate change (entrenched by now throughout science, academia, media, government and “woke” industry) are neither scientific nor honest in their analysis or representation of their hypothesis. More sinister, they demand that the hypothesis be accepted as fact (“settled science!”), attack all who challenge their position (“climate deniers”), and demand radical, destructive, social, economic, cultural and political upheaval to resolve a crisis of their own invention. It is most telling that all

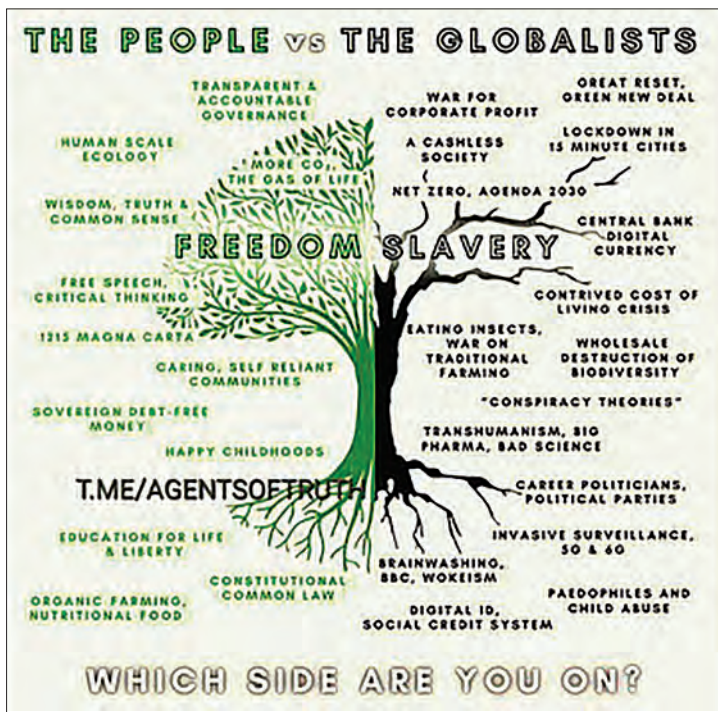
“solutions” to the crisis require unquestioning, un-American obedience to every dictate of an unopposed central authority.

America’s free enterprise and economic foundations—the agriculture, transportation, retail/consumer, construction/housing, manufacturing, mining, energy (oil and gas and coal) and finance sectors—underpin national and global political/social/cultural structure and offer the greatest stability, opportunity and quality of life to the maximum number of people. Based upon an unfounded, erroneous claim that mankind is cooking the

tutes the greatest, most intrusive, most dangerous grift and fraud of our lifetimes and is tantamount to civilizational suicide.

Though I salute his article and voice, I wish the *American Thinker* author had done a more aggressive critique of the inane and dangerous hypothesis of global warming climate change. Society needs to hear—loudly, clearly and repeatedly—the unambiguous voices of real science and the commonsense views of informed citizens. *RANGE* magazine has often featured these voices in the past.

*There is no climate crisis.* Data and science



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planet, climate crisis zealots demand the precipitous destruction and abandonment of these successful institutions in favor of government imposition of pernicious alternatives. Even among those who believe that the planet is warming and that humans are causing it, there are rational analysts who argue compellingly that Left/Green climate policy will solve nothing, rather will squander resources and cause profound worldwide harm, suffering and excess mortality. (See: “False Alarm” by Bjorn Lomborg.) One can thus reasonably conclude that the global warming climate-change movement consti-

do not support the contention that the earth is unnaturally or catastrophically warming, and no connection can be reliably, responsibly drawn between climate trends and human activity. There is no practical, achievable, affordable alternative to relatively cheap hydrocarbon fuels, of which America has enormous reserves. There is no rational basis for an impossible transition to green energy or for carbon sequestration. There is no rational basis for bans on hydrocarbon fuels, electric vehicle mandates, attacks on agriculture, meat banning and shaming, home appliance bans and mandates, cow-fart monitoring and other more and tighter emissions standards, nor any justification for the many trillions of dollars in lost economic opportunity and trillions of dollars stolen from taxpayers and wasted on green programs. Worse, lower economic classes and those in poor countries suffer most from bad policy and misappropriated funds.

We must all stop quietly accepting and affirming the greatest fraud of our lifetimes, and stop accepting and supporting the many destructive initiatives forced upon society in the name of saving the world from global-warming climate change.

Repeat after me, and repeat often, loudly and publicly: THERE IS NO CLIMATE CRISIS. ■

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