

# THE CRUMBLING CLIMATE FRAUD

*The man-caused global-warming theory is collapsing under the weight of its own lies. By Michael S. Coffman, Ph.D.*

**T**he man-caused global warming theory is crumbling so fast that Al Gore won't take any phone calls. To add to his embarrassment, he was bashed at Apple's February 25 annual stockholders meeting while sitting in the front row of the auditorium. One speaker actually quipped that Gore and his high-profile view of climate change had become a "laughing stock. The glaciers have not melted." Gore's effort to save face in a February 27 *New York Times* Op-Ed repeating his worn-out mantra seems to have fallen on deaf ears in all but the most liberal press.

The comment about unmelted glaciers was in reference to the totally discredited claim by the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that the Himalayan glaciers would all be melted by 2035. The claim was based on nothing more than an off-the-cuff jest made by an Indian glaciologist to a World Wildlife Fund reporter, who then used it in an article which was picked up by the IPCC. It turns out that the IPCC scientist who included it in his 2007 report knew the genesis of the "alarming prediction," but

included it anyway to spur policymakers and politicians to take action.

When hard science proved the Himalayan glaciers were not rapidly melting, Rajendra Pachauri, the head of the IPCC, announced to the world that the evidence against the IPCC was based on "voodoo science." Once the dust settled in February 2010, it turned out that the only voodoo science involved was done by that U.N. panel.

The IPCC's claim that global warming would increase extreme weather was the next proclamation shown to be false. Like unstoppable falling dominos, that revelation was followed by the exposure of the false claim that large tracts of the Amazon forest would disappear. The IPCC's Amazon claim was based on another article in an environmental magazine and the subject was not even related to global warming. Then came the revelation that the IPCC's claim that the Alps' melting glaciers was based on anecdotal evidence by hikers, published in a hiking magazine. None of this so-called evidence was based on any peer-reviewed science; yet it was proclaimed

as fact in the IPCC's 2007 report and parroted at the December 2009 U.N. Copenhagen climate conference.

The IPCC's use of non-peer-reviewed claims by advocacy groups pales in comparison to the skullduggery going on within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). After stonewalling a Freedom of Information Act request for two years, best-selling author Chris Horner ("Red Hot Lies: How Global Warming Alarmists Use Threats, Fraud and Deception to Keep You Misinformed") finally received NASA's emails from its Goddard Institute of Space Studies (GISS). The GISS is headed by longtime Gore advisor and global-warming alarmist Dr. James Hansen. Many scientists consider Hansen to be a global-warming fanatic because of his shrill rhetoric on the issue. For example, Hansen wrote in England's *Guardian* newspaper on Feb. 15, 2009, that "trains carrying coal to power plants are death trains. Coal-fired power plants are factories of death."

With this kind of fanaticism, many scientists have been suspicious of the persistent upward creep in the GISS's temperature data since 1980. Hansen's well-publicized claim that 1998 is the warmest year in recorded U.S. history was challenged in 2007 when Steve McIntyre (see "Damned Lies," *RANGE*, Spring 2010) found an error of omission by NASA's GISS. It turned out that after the error was corrected, 1934—not 1998—was the warmest year. Unlike the heralding of the 1998 claim of the warmest year by Hansen, this correction was not publicized.

NASA's released emails revealed the deception behind the warming creep. Hansen had apparently forgotten that he admitted in a 2001 paper he published with others, including GISS scientist Dr. Reto Ruedy, that 1934 was warmer than 1998 by several hundredths of a degree Celsius. So what did Hansen do to later make 1998 the warmest year? Instead of using his own GISS data, he used "adjusted" U.S. Historical Climate Network (USHCN) data which showed 1998 was a tad warmer than 1934 (see graphs). Never mind that the 1998 temperature before Hansen's adjustment was much lower than the 1934 data. Apparently frustrated with the deception, Ruedy reminded Hansen in an email on Aug. 3, 2007, that, "USHCN data are



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*The claim by the IPCC that 30 percent of the Amazon rainforest would be destroyed by global warming was based on a report by a green advocacy writer who wasn't even discussing global warming.*



not routinely kept up-to-date (at this point the [sic] seem to end in 2002)... [Hansen's] assumption that the adjustments made the older data consistent with future data... may not have been correct... Indeed, in 490 of the 1,057 stations the USHCN data were up to 1 degree Celsius colder than the corresponding GHCN [Global Historical Climate Network from NOAA and 'adjusted' by GISS] data; in 77 stations the data were the same; and in the remaining 490 stations the USHCN data were warmer than the GHCN data."

Hansen's adjustment lowered the temperatures in the 1930s-1950s and increased them for the 1990s and 2000s. This is glaringly obvious in the graphs comparing the USHCN raw data, adjusted USHCN data and GISS-adjusted data from NOAA. It also introduced an overall estimated warming error into the record of 0.1 degree Celsius. A tenth of a degree warming error is enormous when the GISS claims record warmth in the late 1990s and 2000s in the hundredths of a degree. Worse, no one could check the adjustments because Hansen refused to release adjustment algorithms.

Newspapers like *The New York Times* trumpeted the record warming claims of the GISS, but said nothing about the highly questionable data manipulation used to calculate the high 1998 temperature. This duplicity is made even worse when Andy Revkin, the *Times'* environmental writer, emailed Hansen on Aug. 23, 2007, that "I never, till today, visited surfacestations.org and found it quite amazing. If our stations are that shoddy, what's it like in Mongolia?"

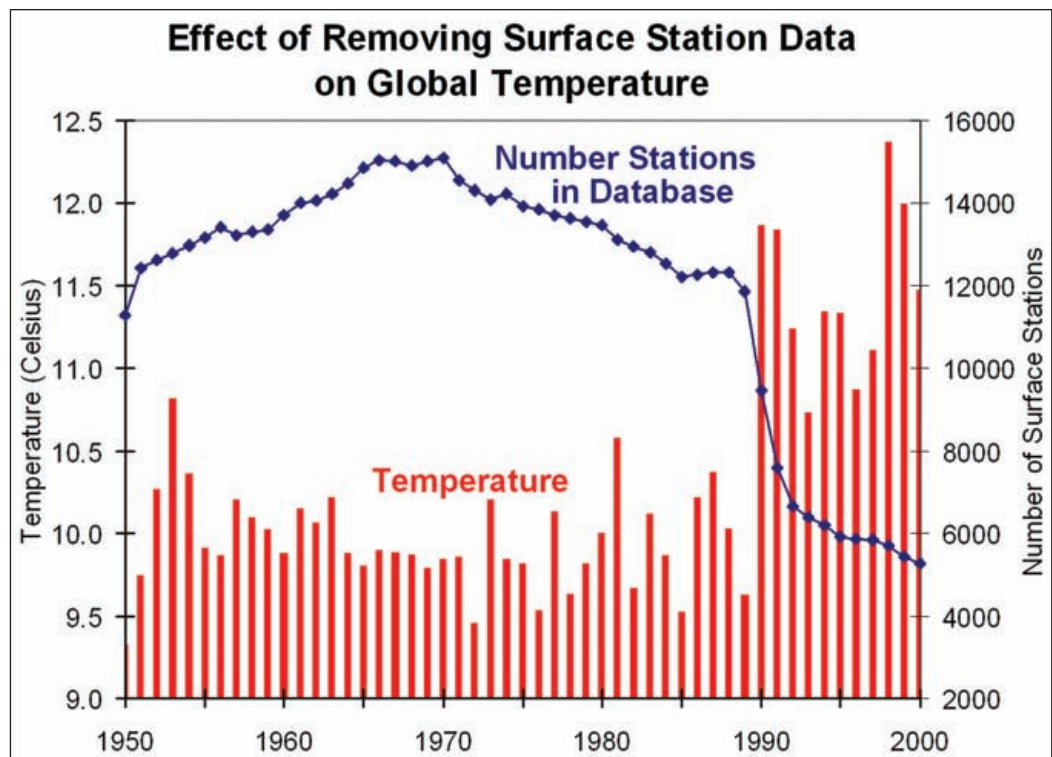
Revkin is correct. The temperature record in the United States is so shoddy it should never be used for this kind of analysis. It has a significant warming bias built into it. As Revkin implies, the ground-based temperature data from the rest of the world is even worse. Yet, in spite of Revkin's concerns over the shoddy nature of U.S. temperature data, he never writes about his concerns in any of his articles, but does continue to claim that there is no doubt that man is causing global warming.

It gets even worse. Joseph D'Aleo, the first director of meteorology for the Weather Channel, accuses NOAA of flagrant data manipulation in order to show



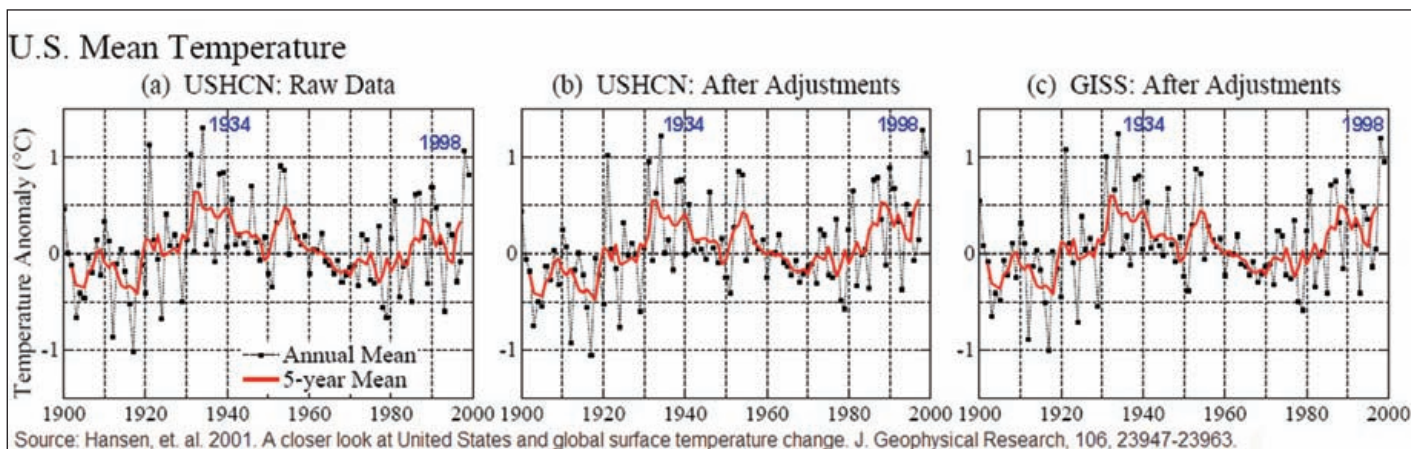
excessive global warming. D'Aleo alleges that NOAA began a systematic elimination of weather-station data taken in northern latitudes and high elevations in the 1980s and 1990s (see graph below). In Canada, for instance, the number of stations dropped from 600 to 35. The percentage of stations at lower elevations tripled while those above

*The 2007 IPCC report that the Himalayan glaciers would disappear by 2035 and glaciers in the Alps and elsewhere would seriously melt was shown to be based on non-peer-reviewed articles written by environmental advocacy writers. There is no scientific evidence for these and many other doomsday predictions made in that report.*



When NOAA's global temperature database suddenly dropped from around 11,500 surface stations to under 10,000 in the early 1990s (mostly from colder latitudes and elevations) the unmodified global temperature suddenly shot up from about 10°C to 11.5°C. SOURCE: Joe D'Aleo as reported by Dr. Ross McKittrick. <http://www.uoguelph.ca/~rmckitri/research/nvst.html>.





James Hansen, head of NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies (GISS), proclaimed that 1998 was the warmest year in recorded history, which was widely publicized. What was not publicized was that to make the proclamation, Hansen had to apply "correction" factors using unpublished algorithms that lowered temperatures in the 1930-1950s and raised them in the 1990s and 2000s. Additionally, he did not even use GISS's own data, because it did not show 1998 to be warmer than 1934 even after adjustment. Instead, he used the poorly maintained USHCN data that did show a warmer 1998, but only after he applied his "adjustment." Even so, it is clear in the graphs that the 1930-1950 period was substantially warmer than the 1990s and early 2000s.

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James Hansen is an admitted fanatic who is suspected of cooking the books to prove global warming.

3,000 feet were reduced by half.

NOAA claims there are valid reasons for eliminating this data. This may be true. However, NOAA's scientists used sleight of hand. They should have removed all the temperature data collected from the eliminated stations from their entire database, but they did not. This devious elimination of data from colder temperature stations in more recent years provided an automatic sharp upward bias in the global temperature, which NOAA then claimed to be due to global warming. That is not science. That is propaganda.

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Climate Research Unit (see "Lies and Damned Lies," Spring 2010), Dr. Phil Jones seems to be repenting. During a late February interview with the BBC, Jones admitted there had been no statistical warming since 1995, and the Medieval Optimum around the 11th century may have been significantly warmer than it is today. This profound admission guts his previous assertion that today's warming is the warmest in recent history (geologically speaking). Perhaps there is cosmic justice after all. ■

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## Good News: EPA Delays Regulation of Greenhouse Gases

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decided to delay its implementation of greenhouse-gas regulations until 2011. It had planned to start the draconian regulations in March 2010. For more information, read "Twilight Zone to Lunacy" [Spring 2009, rangemagazine.com].

The EPA decision was made after numerous organizations—including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 12 Republican congressmen, and three states—either filed lawsuits or threatened to file lawsuits against it. The Obama administration's own Small Business Administration accused the EPA of not complying with federal law that requires any government agency to examine the effects the

proposed pollution rules would have on small business, small communities and small non-profit associations.

The lawsuits also challenge the science justifying the EPA's finding that greenhouse gases are pollutants that threaten the health of humans and the environment. The EPA depended entirely on the 2007 U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report for its science. The revelations this year that much of the fundamental science reported by the IPCC is fraudulent gives these lawsuits some teeth.

The impact of the EPA regulations would be huge. Most analysts believe it would send the U.S. economy off the cliff. President

Obama has used the threat of implementing the EPA regulations over the heads of lawmakers so they would pass the less draconian, but still dangerous, cap-and-trade legislation presently stalled in Congress.

Obama's threat has not worked. Forty senators have signed on to a bipartisan effort by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) to nullify the EPA endangerment finding. All Congress has to do is pass a one-sentence law stating the Clean Air Act does not include greenhouse gases and the EPA has no authority to implement these regulations. It clearly does not want that to happen.

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