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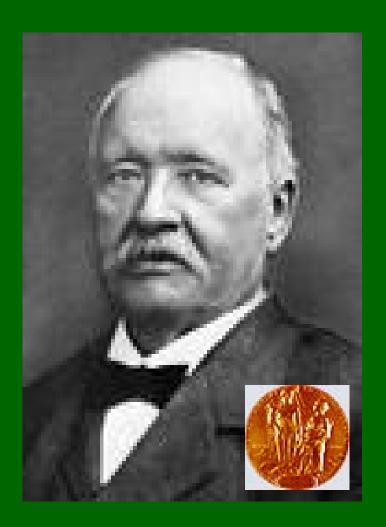
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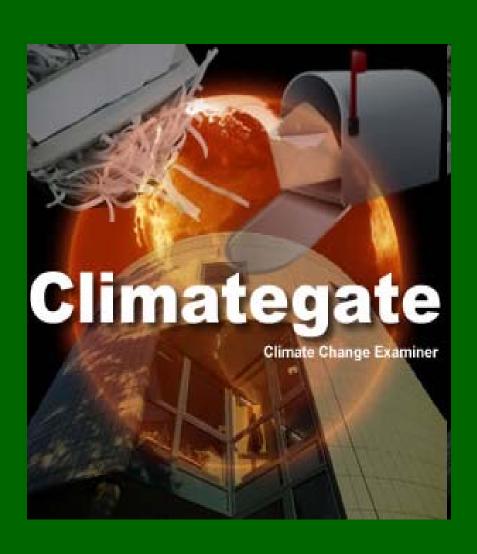
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- "On the Influence of Carbonic Acid in the Air Upon the Temperature of the Ground," *Philosophical Magazine* 1896 (41): 237-76)
- CO₂ doubling would increase temperature 5-6°C (7-11°F)
 - IPCC 2007: 2-4.5°C
- Predicted CO₂ doubling would take 3,000 years
 - Current prediction: 100 years
- 1903 Nobel Prize Chemistry



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Hacked (aka "STOLEN) emails

- Climatic Research Unit
 - UK University of East Anglia
 - Phil Jones steps down
- Michael Mann;s "hockey stick" questioned--AGAIN
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 - Eroded trust
 - Great Confusion
- Papers blocked from being published
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- East Coast Snow Storms

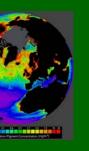
Decisions



Decision Making Process



Data



Perceived (subjective)

Cultural & Societal Filters & Conditions



Stakeholders

Real (objective)



Hackers break into servers of a major British climate change research facility and purportedly uncover e-mails urging scientists to 'hide the decline' of temperatures, manipulate data and silence skeptics.

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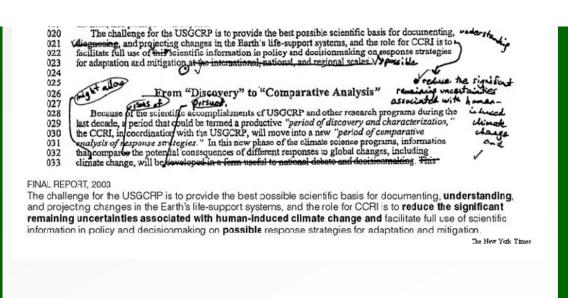
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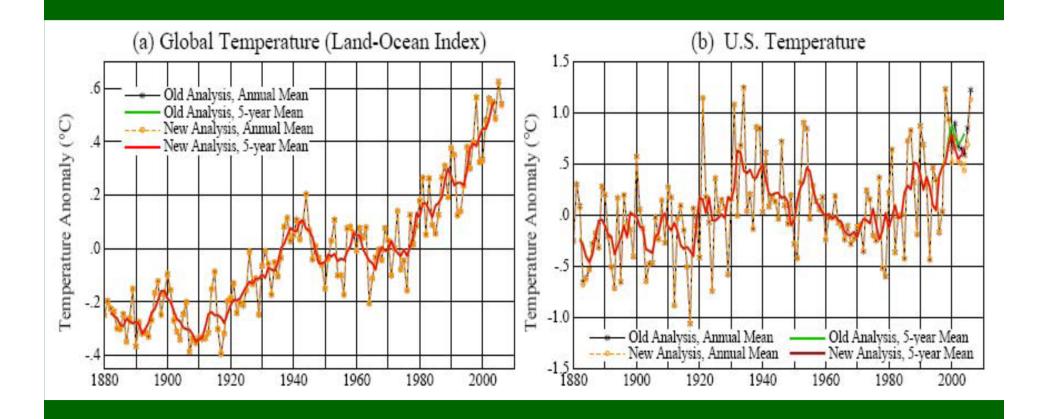
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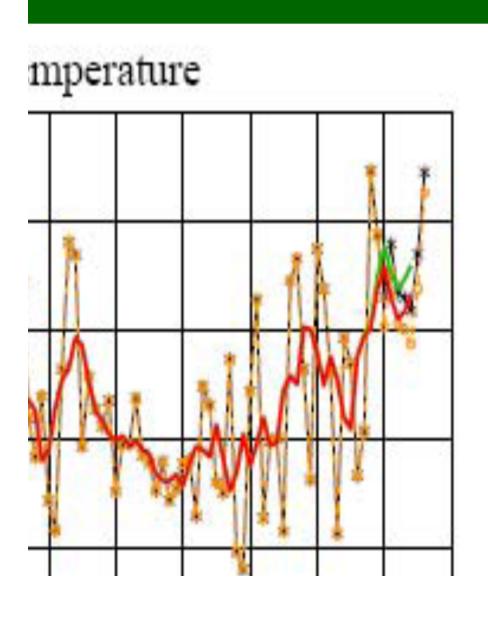
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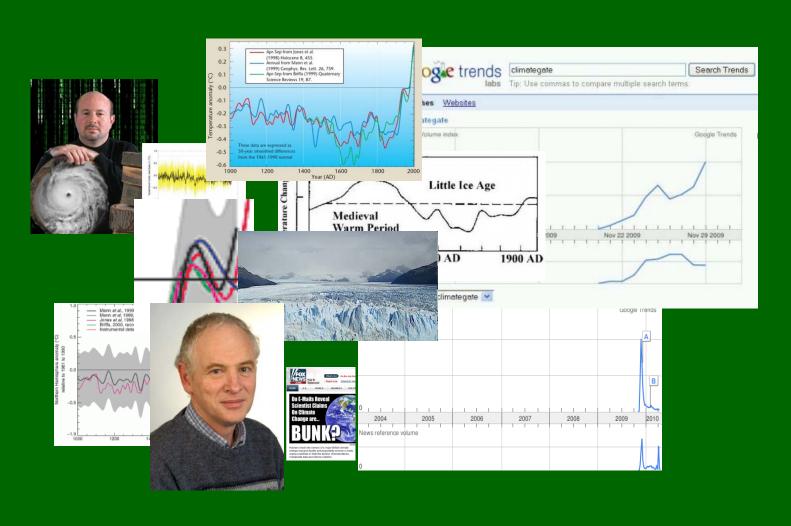


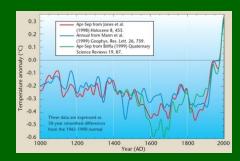
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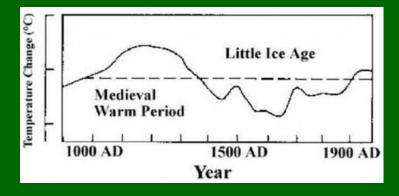


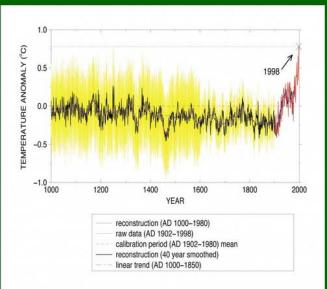
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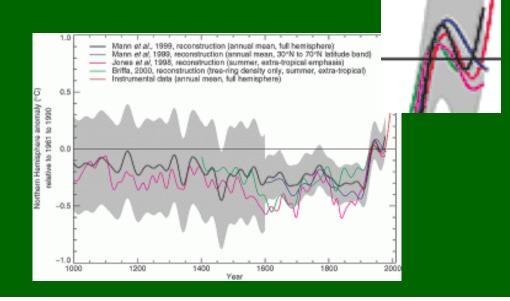
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Promoting integrity in the use of climate science in government

House of Commons panel: Reputations of Phil Jones, CRU, climate science and data remain intact

Posted on Friday, April 02, 2010

The U.K. House of Commons Science and Technology Committeee investigating allegations that scientists at the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit headed by Prof. Phil Jones misrepresented data related to global warming announced on March 31 that it had found no evidence to support that charge. The committeee's report emphasized that nothing in the more than 1,000 e-mail messages stolen from climate scientists or in the ensuing controversy challenge the scientific consensus that "global warming is happening and that it is induced by human activity." While exonerating Phil Jones and his colleagues of charges that have been levelled by a vitriolic climate change contrarian and denialist campaign, the committee criticized what it called a "culture of withholding information" about data and methodologies and called for greater transparency. It did not address the problem of what to do about those who have harassed and burdened climate scientists with dubious freedom of information requests, while themselves contributing precious little to the peer-reviewed scientific literature.

Full text of the report: House of Commons, Science and Technology Committee, The Disclosure of climate data from the Climatic Research Unity at the University of East Anglia

Associated Press: U.K. Panel Calls Climate Data Valid

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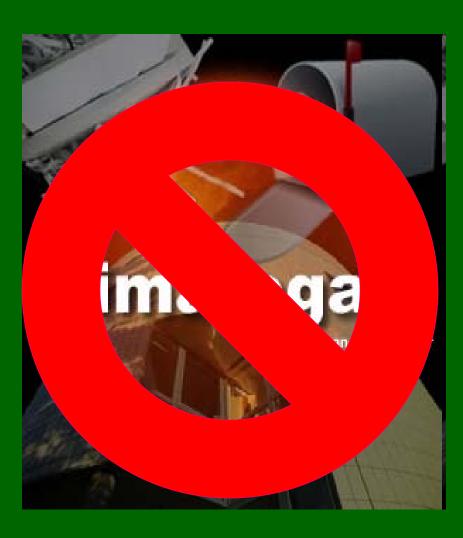
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■ March 31st

- Phil Jones Exonerated by UK House of Commons
- Needs further investigation on data sharing



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Science Community Stands Behind Evidence for Climate Change, Top Scientists Say at AAAS

SAN DIEGO--A panel of influential U.S. and European scientists vesterday affirmed the overwhelming scientific consensus that the Earth's climate is changing, but said they and their colleauges should have responded more quickly and effectively to news about errors in a major climate report and hacked researcher e-mails.

In a discussion at the AAAS Annual meeting, the prominent scientific leaders acknowledged errors in a 2007 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and possibly impolitic email exchanges by East Anglia University climate researchers. But they expressed shock at the political effects of the disclosures and characterized the impact as far out of proportion to the overwhelming evidence that human activity is changing the Earth's climate.

Read full coverage of the 2010 Annual Meeting from AAAS.org and Science.

"There has been no change in the scientific community, no change whatsoever," in the consensus that global average temperatures have been steadily climbing since the mid-20th century, "said Jerry North, a professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University

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What Makes a Consensus?

Climate Consensus?

How many US scientists* disagree with human-induced climate change?

total scientists in the US*

12,944,000



31,486 signed the Petition Project**

source: PetitionProject.org, US Census Bureau (census.gov)

*Those with a degree or higher in Agricultural, Computer, Engineering, Health, Mathematical and Natural sciences

**Declaring their opposition to human-induced climate change theory

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Treatment of Climate Scientists



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Discover Interview It's Gettin' Hot in Here: The Big **Battle Over Climate Science**

Two eminent climatologists share much different views: Michael Mann—whose private emails were hacked—points a finger at skeptics. Judith Curry believes humans are warming the planet but criticizes her colleagues for taking shortcuts

by Fred Guteri; photography by imke Lass

From the April 2010 issue; published online March 10, 2010













Where does climate science go from here? The Copenhagen talks were a dud. Stolen e-mail correspondence has embarrassed some leading climatologists. If the science is settled and the threat is urgent, why has global warming become a soap opera? To find out, DISCOVER sought two different, important views, from Penn State's Michael Mann and Georgia Tech's Judith Curry.

Judith Curry

What was your reaction to the scandal over stolen e-mail?

I sympathize a bit with the guys who got caught out in the e-mail hack. I know what it's like to be under that kind of attack, and it's not pleasant. We were attacked pretty soundly in the media [for a 2005 paper showing that the frequency of intense hurricanes has almost doubled in the past 30 years]. We had firsthand experience dealing with climate skeptics, amplified by advocacy groups like the Competitive Enterprise Institute and a lot of the think tanks that were allegedly funded by ExxonMobil and other firms. Six months later, though, we had sorted things out and were talking to scientists on the other side of the debate. We ended up making pretty good progress on the hurricane story as a result. Compare that with the "hockey stick" story, where there's been a war for six years.







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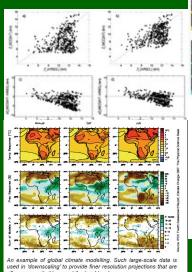


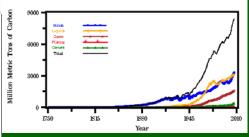


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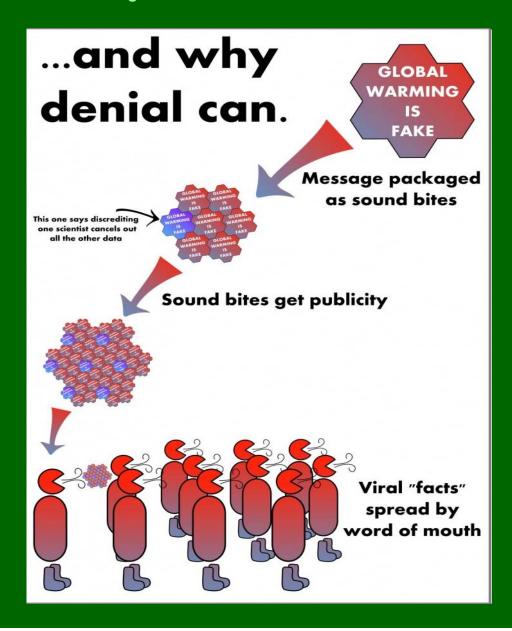








Deniability: Not Science-based



The misconception about the science is an illusion deliberately created by those who oppose government action.

Their cynical objective, as stated in a secret memo leaked to the press, is to:

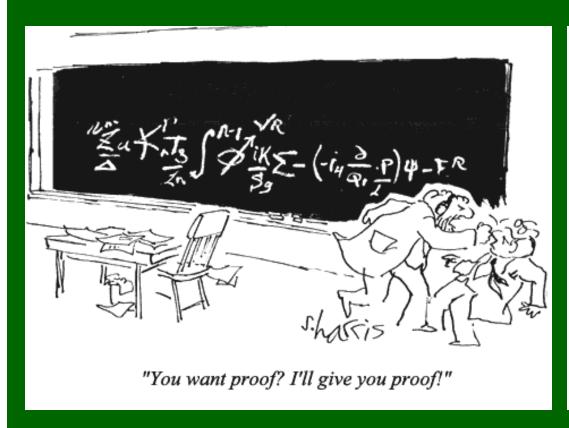
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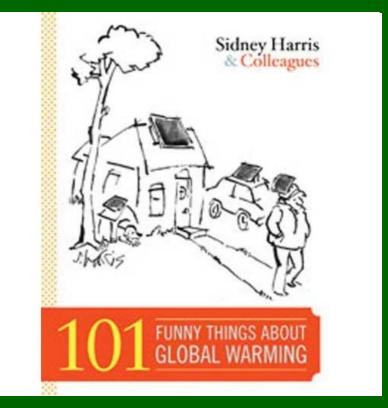
Challenge: Science Literacy

- Some scientists were also not prepared to discuss the data in ways that were useful to the press and public. While the diversity of data--from pollen samples to satellite data to computer modeling--is a key strength of climate change conclusions, the 'culture' of each discipline is equally varied. Some of these [groups] are not really well organized to handle relations with the press."
- A Failure to Communicate Effectively

So, HOW Do You I.C.E. This? Inform, Communicate, Educate

Dazzle Students with Science-based Data





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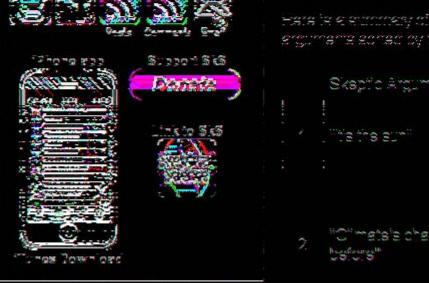
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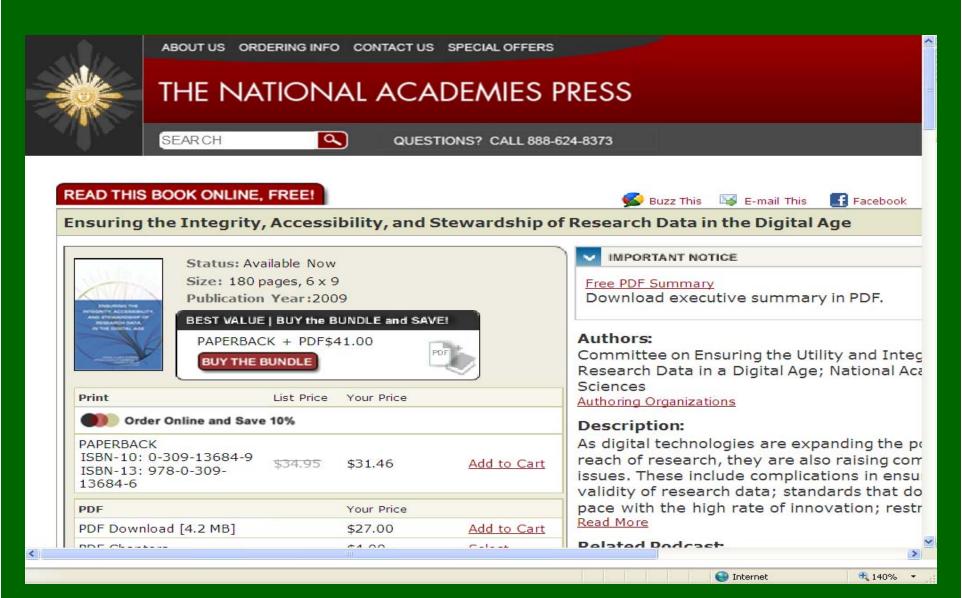
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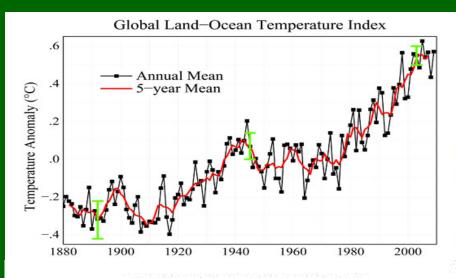
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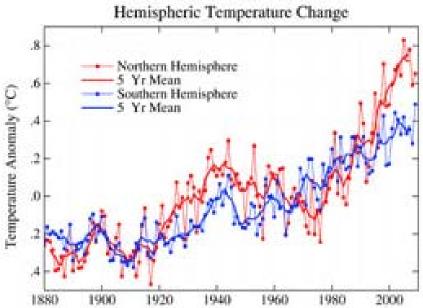


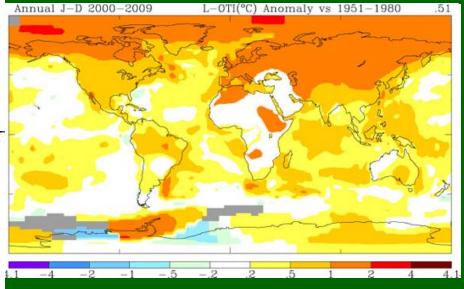
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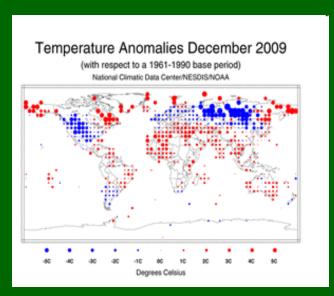


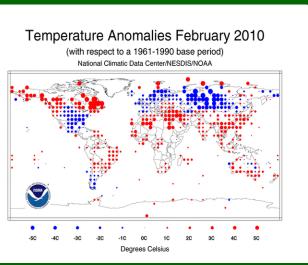
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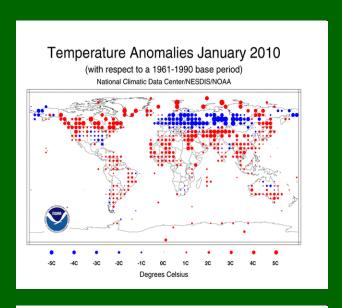


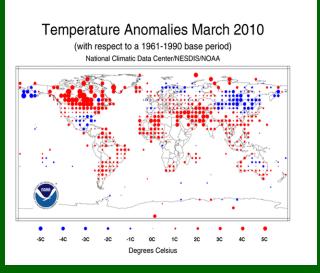
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Climate Change Indicators in the United States

Collecting and interpreting environmental indicators play a critical role in our understanding of climate change and its causes. An indicator represents the state of certain environmental conditions over a given area and a specified period of time. Examples of climate change indicators include temperature, precipitation, sea level, and greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere.

EPA's <u>Climate Change Indicators in the United States</u> (PDF) (80 pp, 13.2MB) report will help readers interpret a set of important indicators to better understand climate change. The report presents 24 indicators, each describing trends related to the causes and effects of climate change. It focuses primarily on the United States, but in some cases global trends are presented to provide context or a basis for comparison. EPA will use these indicators to collect data and generate analyses to:

- Monitor the effects/impacts of climate change in the United States
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- Assist EPA and its constituents in evaluating the success of their climate change efforts

Climate Change Indicators in the United States Report



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Guest Commentary by Georg Hoffmann

In mathematical proofs, it's a well-known fact that if at some point you divide by zero accidentally or on purpose, then you end up being able to prove absolutely anything you want - for instance, that 2+2=5 or that 1+1=0. The same phenomena appears to govern any number of publications that conclude that climate science is all a fraud - at some point, an impossible calculation is performed and from then on, anything (and everything) can be proven. Critical thinking appears to vanish.

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The latest example is that of Claude Allègre – whose recent book "The climate imposture" would have you believe at least six impossible things before breakfast and a great many more before

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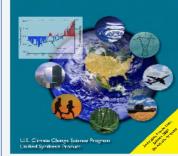
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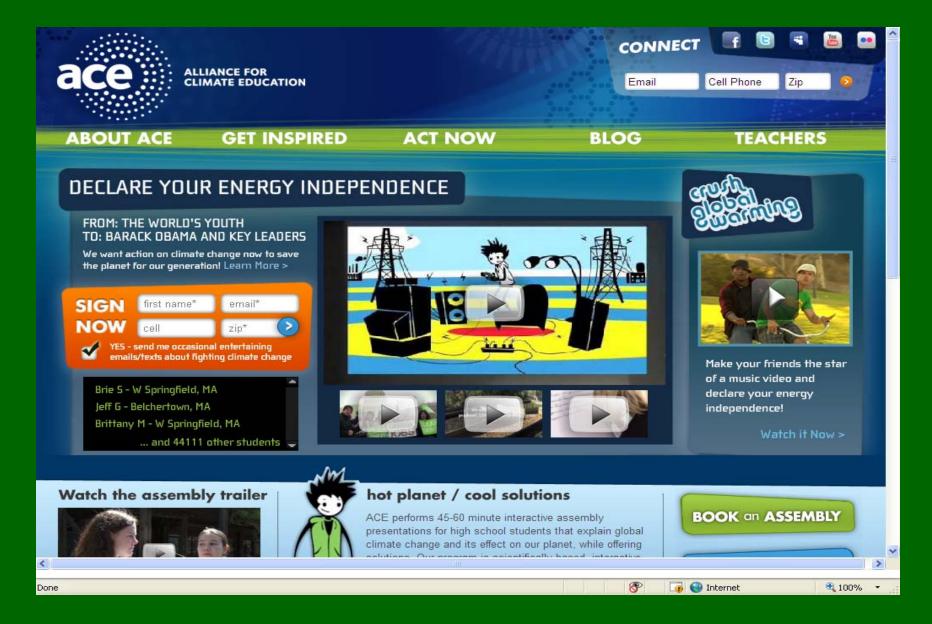
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