

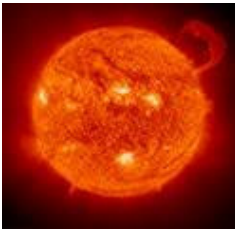
Cold Front vs. Hot Politics of April

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The following 4 short papers are posted in my blog, <http://funwithgovernment.blogspot.com>, on the subject of climate change alarmism. It ranges from discussion about the role of the Sun, to continuing cold front affecting many countries in SouthEast Asia (and probably in other regions) near the equator.

(1) It's the Sun, stupid!

Thursday, March 26, 2009



Below is an oped by a new friend whom I have met in NY 2 weeks ago during the 2nd IPCC sponsored by Heartland Institute. The author, Dr. Willie Soon, is a Malaysian-American solar and climate scientist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. This is his personal opinion based upon 18 years of scientific research.

This article further convinced me that the "anthropogenic climate change" theory is wrong. CO₂ is not a pollutant. It's a gas that comes out of our nose and mouth when we exhale, a gas that comes out from the mouth and nose of our dogs, cows, chickens, other animals. It's a gas that plants, flowers and trees "inhale".

The many scientific evidence that Astrophysicists, meteorologists, geologists, etc. have gathered showed that there is NO correlation between CO₂, much less man-

made CO2 emission, and global climate. Rather, it's the sun -- solar irradiance, sun spots cycles, other solar activities.

Here are the relevant materials:

(a) Dr. Soon's article, below.

(b) his youtube video,

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rEXe4y1d8Q>

(c) a news report, "Gore "not interested" in debate with Dr. Willie Soon and Lord Christopher Monckton",

<http://theclimatebet.com/2008/04/09/gore-not-interested-in-debate-with-dr-willie-soon-and-lord-christopher-monckton/>

It's the Sun, stupid!

New direct evidence demonstrate that changes in solar activity influence climate

by Willie Soon

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The theory that climate change is chiefly caused by solar influences "is no longer tenable," says US National Academy of Sciences president Ralph Cicerone. Carbon dioxide, he argues, is the key driver of recent climate change. I beg to differ.

The amount and distribution of solar energy that we receive varies as the Earth revolves around the Sun and also in response to changes in the Sun's activity. Scientists have now been studying solar influences on climate for 5000 years.

Chinese imperial astronomers kept detailed sunspot records. They noticed that more sunspots meant warmer weather on Earth. In 1801, the celebrated astronomer William Herschel noticed that when there were few spots, the price of wheat soared -- because, he surmised, less "light and heat" from the Sun resulted in reduced harvests.

Is it true then that solar radiation, which supplies Earth with the energy that drives our climate, and caused so many climate shifts over the ages, is no longer the principal influence on climate change?

The UN's climate panel claims there is scientific "consensus" that man-made CO₂ emissions are causing "dangerous" climate change. However, its 2007 Climate Assessment is fraught with serious scientific shortcomings in its discussion of the Sun's influence on Earth's climate.

The UN said direct measurements of solar radiation since 1979 show little increase. However, this conclusion depends upon disparate and adjusted measurements that were combined from several satellites and may be incorrect.

Between 1645 and 1715, sunspots were very rare and temperatures were low. Then sunspot frequency grew until, between 1930 and 2000, the Sun was more active than at almost any time in the last 10,000 years. The oceans can cause up to several decades of delay before air temperatures respond fully to this solar “Grand Maximum.” Now that the Sun is becoming less active again, global temperatures have fallen for seven years.

Next, the UN said estimates of the increase in solar radiation over the past 400 years should be reduced. The basis for this claim was a modeling study by the US Naval Research Laboratory. However, the Navy computer program was not designed to reach such conclusions, as it has no routine to calculate solar radiation.

We have known for nearly 80 years that small changes in solar activity can cause large climatic changes. Where sunlight falls, for how long, and with what effect, determine how climate will respond.

The most recent scientific evidence shows that even small changes in solar radiation have a strong effect on Earth’s temperature and climate.

In 2005, I demonstrated a surprisingly strong correlation between solar radiation and temperatures in the Arctic over the past 130 years. Since then, I have demonstrated similar correlations in all the regions surrounding the Arctic, including the US mainland and China.

The close relationships between the abrupt ups and downs of solar activity and of temperature that I have identified occur locally in coastal Greenland; regionally in the Arctic Pacific and north Atlantic; and hemispherically for the whole circum-Arctic, suggesting that changes in solar activity drive Arctic and perhaps even global climate.

There is no such match between the steady rise in atmospheric CO₂ concentration and the often dramatic ups and downs of surface temperatures in and around the Arctic.

I recently discovered direct evidence that changes in solar activity have influenced what has been called the “conveyor-belt” circulation of the great Atlantic Ocean currents over the past 240 years. For instance, solar-driven changes in temperature, and in the volume of freshwater output from the Arctic, cause variations in sea surface temperature in the tropical Atlantic 5-20 years later.

These previously undocumented results have been published in the journal *Physical Geography*. They make it difficult to maintain that changes in solar activity play an insignificant role in climate change, especially over the Arctic.

The hallmark of good science is the testing of a plausible hypothesis that is then either supported or rejected by the evidence. The evidence in my paper is consistent with the hypothesis that the Sun causes climatic change in the Arctic.

It invalidates the hypothesis that CO₂ is a major cause of observed climate change -- and raises serious questions about the wisdom of imposing cap-and-trade or other policies that would cripple energy production and economic activity, in the name of "preventing catastrophic climate change."

Bill Clinton used to sum up politics by saying, "It's the economy, stupid!" Now we can fairly sum up climate change by saying, "It's the Sun, stupid!"

(2) After Earth Hour, Stop Breathing for an hour

Sunday, April 05, 2009



A friend joked that since the "Earth Hour" was very successful, the next campaign will be "Stop Breathing for 1 hour". And he suggested that the first group of people to do it should be the President and her officials, and the legislators.

Yes, since some people think that CO₂ is "evil", they should minimize their breathing. Because for every breathing, for every exhale, xx mgs of CO₂ is added into the atmosphere. People should also stop having pets, because dogs and cats and birds also exhale. They should also stop or minimize eating meat, pork and chicken, because cows, sheep, pigs and chicken also exhale, they also fart, which adds to CO₂ in the atmosphere.

I suggested to those who participated in the "Earth Hour", why not make it monthly or weekly, why limit to only 1 hour/year? Reduced electricity, reduced demand for power (especially those dirty coal and bunker fuel power plants) is a noble thing, so more frequent lights off will be a good thing.

About Malacanang and Congress initiating the "stop breathing, stop more CO₂". This looks not feasible. Those people splurge on spending and electricity use, because the spending does not come from their own pockets. They even created new bureaucracies to "fight global warming". There's a Presidential Task Force on climate change (headed by DOE Sec.), there's a Presidential adviser on climate change (headed by ex-sen. heherson alvarez). Sen. Legarda is also proposing to create a Climate Change Commission in her bill. Some provincial governors also created their own provincial task force on climate change.

So they're creating new bureaucracies, but they won't personally pay for the salaries, travels and seminars of the staff. Some unemployable people perhaps suddenly became "climate change warriors". Arghh!!

(3) Philippines #1 in climate alarmism?

Wednesday, April 15, 2009



A friend who is free marketer on some aspects (he believes income taxes should be abolished, for instance) but is also among the top campaigners of climate alarmism in the country, sent me this update last week:

"We're #1 worldwide! 647 cities and municipalities and over 10 million Filipinos united with the rest of the world in supporting Earth Hour last Mar 28th. Thank you for joining the campaign against global warming!

See how the Philippines supported Earth Hour 2009. Just click on the link below:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-GZEhMNG3M> “

Oh my, the Philippines is #1 among the CC alarmist public in the world!

I do not know of other groups or institutes in the Philippines which do not buy the CC alarmism agenda, aside from MG Thinkers. I know of some individuals though who belong to the "climate skeptics" or "climate realists" group.

MG Thinkers is too small compared to the monster wave of Filipinos who believe in CC alarmism and all sorts of new government environmental regulations and interventions, new environmental bureaucracies, that are being created.

In a number of local discussion list where I belong, I push the "Sun vs CO2" debate, and the new climate development in the Philippines and perhaps neighboring countries in the Equator.

It's now mid-April, temperatures are supposed to be scorching at 36 to 38 celsius, but we are getting only max 34 to 35 celsius. The government's weather bureau, PAGASA, said the country is still in the tail-end of a cold front.

Cold front in April! That's another proof of a new climate pointing to declining global temperature, a period of "global cooling" after the peak temperature in 1998 in the recent global warming period.

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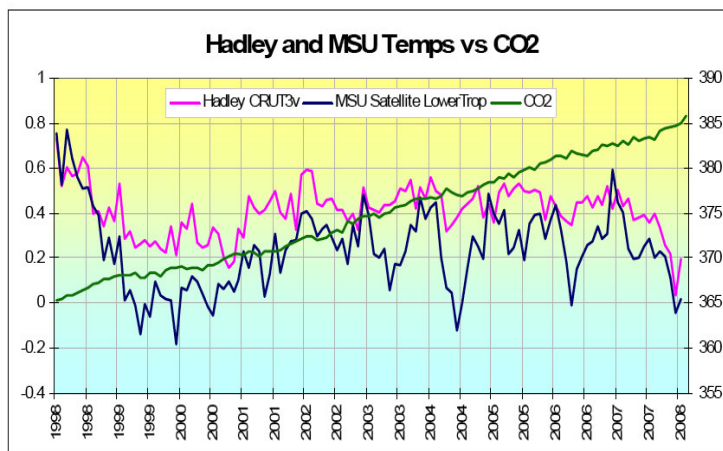
It's now the 3rd week of April and the Philippine's weather bureau, PAGASA (www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph), says the country is still at the "tail-end of a cold front affecting Northern Luzon". This advisory has been there for the past 4 weeks or more.

This month is also billed as "International Earth Month Celebration", where there will be an "Earth Day Celebration" on April 22, next week. This is almost one month after the international "Earth Hour" reminder and festivities to "send a symbolic message to leaders for immediate and united action on climate change." The Department of Energy (www.doe.gov.ph) still banners the festivities of the Earth Hour in its website until now.

Obviously, the politics to push for more environmental regulations remains high, especially in the summer months of March-April where hot and cloudless skies are supposed to be the norm. But the prolonged cold front brought lots of cold wind, lots of clouds and scattered rainshowers, and temperatures that are 2 to 3 degrees Celsius lower than normal.

Outside the Philippines, neighboring Asian cities near the equator – Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh, Pnom Penh, Yangon, Brunei – have maximum temperatures of only 31 to 33 Celsius today. Only Manila (35 Celsius) and Bangkok (36 Celsius) have high noontime temperatures (<http://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph/wb/wbfcst.html>). In previous years, Manila would have 36 to 37 Celsius at this time of the year. In the US, heavy rains if not snow storms still hit some states until now.

Carbon Dioxide Increasing BUT World Temperature Falling!



http://icecap.us/images/uploads/Correlation_Last_Decade.pdf

There is indeed big discrepancy and contradiction between cold front and global cooling reality and the politics and public perception of "continuing global warming". The numbers simply do not support the latter.