

Draining the Government Climate Science Swamp

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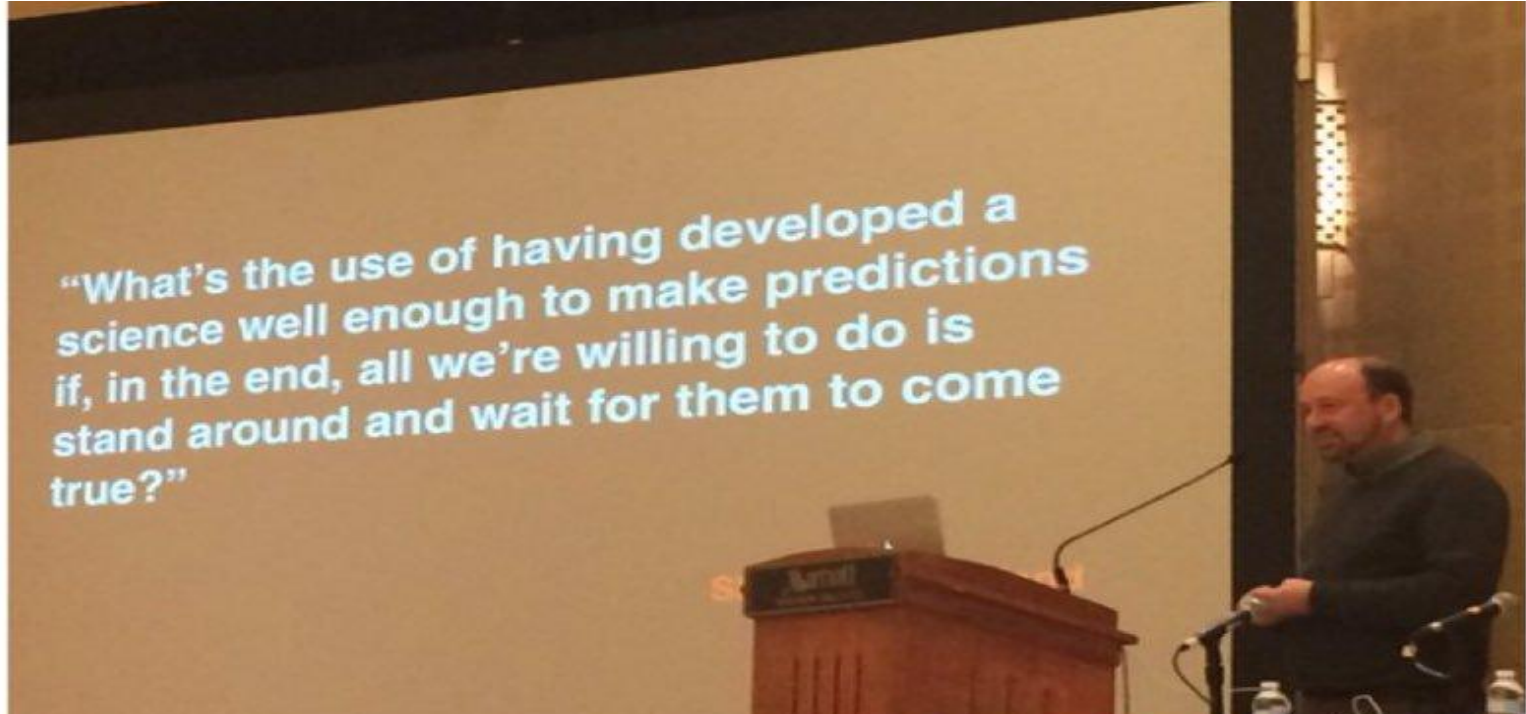
No Science to Drain

- Scientific method
 1. Formulate hypothesis
 2. Systematically collect real data
 3. Evaluate hypothesis vs. data
 4. Repeat
- Climate Science Method
 1. Formulate conclusion
 2. Manipulate 'data'/model to fit the conclusion
 3. Announce the world is ending
 4. Smear critics

NOAA's Gavin Schmidt

Predictions = Science?

“What’s the use of having developed a science well enough to make predictions if, in the end, all we’re willing to do is stand around and wait for them to come true?”



Swamp More Costly Than Alleged 'Crisis'

Obama's Climate Fear-Mongering

President cites \$200 billion loss to United States by 2100 from climate change, yet the U.S. economy contracted by a similar amount in the last year

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President Barack Obama said last month that some of the effects of climate change could cost the United States \$200 billion by the end of the century, but the U.S. economy shrank by a comparable amount in just the past year, a *Washington Free Beacon* analysis found.

Obama **told** graduates of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy that, "It's estimated that a

further increase in sea level of just one foot by the end of this century could cost our nation \$200 billion." While that amount pales in comparison to figures such as federal spending of \$3.5 trillion in 2014, it is also similar to the contractions in the U.S. economy during the last year.

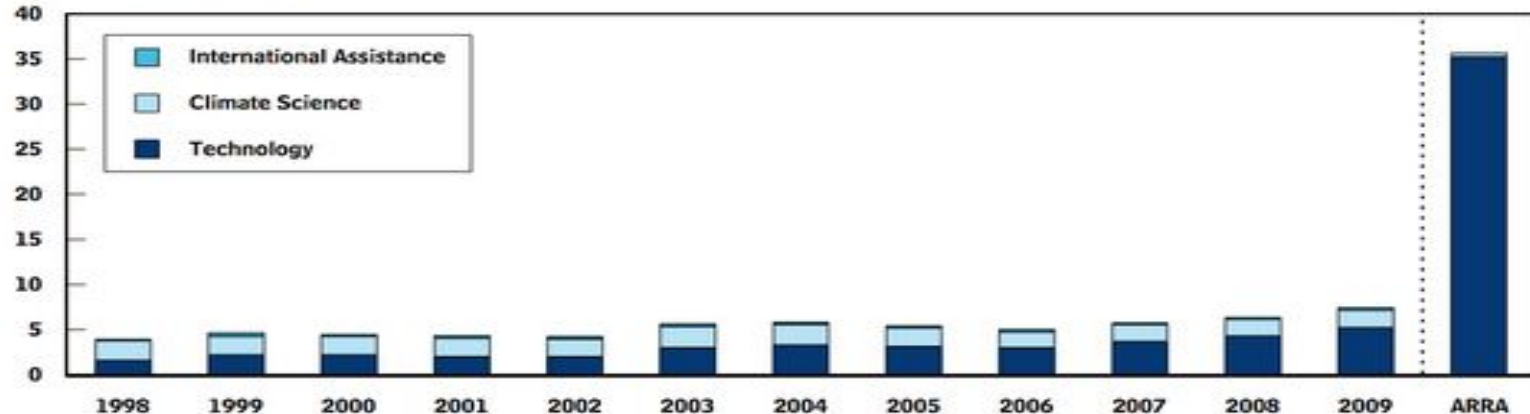
Climate Expenditures Thru 2009

\$5-7 Billion Per Year Until Stimulus

Figure 1.

Federal Climate Change Funding, by Category

(Budget authority in billions of 2009 dollars)



Sources: Congressional Budget Office based on Office of Management and Budget, *Federal Climate Change Expenditures: Report to Congress* (various years); and Government Accountability Office, *Climate Change: Federal Reports on Climate Change Funding Should Be Clearer and More Complete*, GAO-05-461 (August 2005), www.gao.gov/new.items/d05461.pdf.

Notes: Budget authority is the authority provided by law to incur financial obligations that will result in immediate or future outlays of federal

Climate Expenditures 2011-2014

\$20+ Billion Per year

Summary of Federal Climate Change Expenditures

(budget authority in millions of dollars)

Summary of Climate Expenditures¹	FY 2012 Enacted Budget Authority	FY 2013 Enacted Budget Authority	FY 2013 Current Budget Authority²	FY 2014 Proposed Budget Authority	Change in Budget Authority 2013-2014
US Global Change Research Program (USGCRP)	2,506	2,509	2,463	2,658	+149
Clean Energy Technologies	6,121	6,088	5,783	7,933	+1,845
International Assistance^{2,7}	958	851	797	893	+42
Natural Resources Adaptation	88	95	95	110	+15
Energy Tax Provisions That May Reduce Greenhouse Gases^{3,4}	5,052	4,999	4,999	5,129	+130
Energy Payments in Lieu of Tax Provisions^{5,6}	5,080	8,080	8,080	4,710	-3,370
<i>Adjustments for programs included in multiple categories</i>	-24	-24	-22	-23	---
Total^{1,7}	19,781	22,598	22,195	21,408	-1,189

Climate Science Swamp = Economic Disaster

- Robert Murray to Neil Cavuto, April 14, 2016
 - “The bankruptcy of Peabody Energy puts 70% of the United States coal industry into financial default. Five years ago our industry was worth \$69 billion. As of today it’s \$4.8 billion. We’ve lost 94% of our market capitalization in five years.”

No Upside to Government Climate Science Swamp

- Learned nothing
- Severely damaged the practice/reputation of science
- Environment is not cleaner
- People are not healthier
- Just job losses, destruction of wealth, wasted money

General Principle:

Separate Government from Science

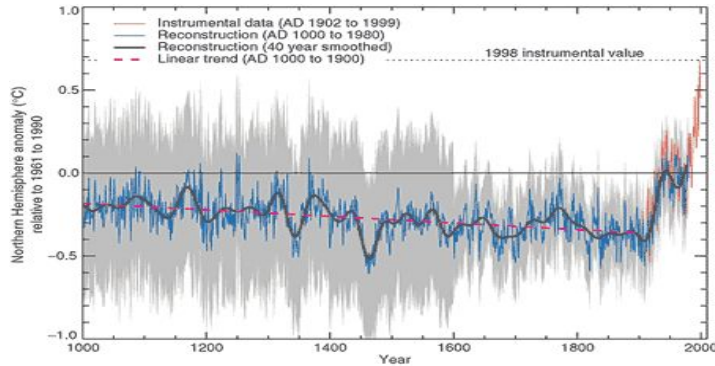
- History of junk science, failure
 - Distinguish Manhattan Project, Moonshot
- Politicization
- Expensive, little to no benefit



The image shows a screenshot of the USA Today website. At the top left is the USA Today logo, consisting of a blue circle and the text "USA TODAY". To the right of the logo is a search bar with the word "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the logo and search bar is a navigation menu with several categories: NEWS, SPORTS, LIFE, MONEY, TECH, TRAVEL, OPINION, a weather icon showing a sun and "33°", CROSSWORDS, WASHINGTON, VIDEO, STOCKS, and APPS. The "OPINION" category is highlighted. Below the navigation menu is a large headline: "We're scaring off future Einsteins: USD president". Underneath the headline, it says "James T. Harris" and "Published 7:04 a.m. ET March 17, 2017 | Updated 2 hours ago". There is also a small Facebook icon on the left side of the article preview.

No Non-Testable/Non-Confirmable Hypothesis => No Funding

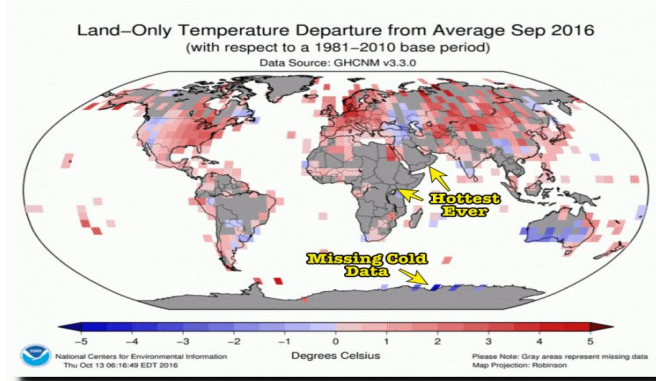
- No paleo studies



- No modeling that's not testable within a reasonable timeframe

General Principle: Fix the Data Problem

- ‘Secret’ data
 - Mostly an EPA problem with epidemiology
 - Arose in climate via ‘hokey stick’
- Manipulated data
 - Surface temperatures
- Manufactured data
- Incomplete data
- ‘Precision’ to 0.01C
 - Only 7.9% of U.S temp stations **accurate** to $<1^{\circ}\text{C}$.



General Principle: End Peer Review Charade

- Pal review
- Rubberstamping
- Ideological proofreading
- Replace with open review

General Principle

Revamp Cost-Benefit Analysis

- Mandatory
- Benefits
 - Real/Tangible
 - Certain
 - Beware ‘insurance policy’ fallacy
 - Significant
- Costs
 - Compliance & Opportunity
- There is no ‘social cost of carbon’

General Principle:

Strengthen Review & Challenge

- Congressional approval
 - Congressional Review Act = Insufficient
 - All regulations with significant economic or social impacts
- Judicial review of government science
 - Overturn *NRDC v. Chevron* (1984)
 - Daubert panels

Specific Drainage Project: Undo Regulatory State

- EPA
 - Repeal Clean Power Plan
 - Repeal Obama war-on-coal rules
 - **Eliminate the Endangerment Finding**
- Congress
 - No federal agency authorized to act on climate unless expressly authorized to do so.

Specific Drainage Project: Cut Climate Funding

- USDA
- Commerce (NOAA)
- Defense
- Energy
- HHS
- Interior
- NASA
- EPA
- NSF
- Smithsonian
- USAID
- State
- Transportation

Specific Drainage Project

- Eliminate US Global Change Research Project (USGCRP)
 - Started by President George H.W. Bush, 1989
 - Mandated by law, 1990
 - 13 federal agencies
 - Periodically issues dramatic climate reports
 - Fourth National Climate Assessment Update pending
 - Obama admin rushed special draft out the door after the election
 - Trump admin should withdraw it
 - \$2.8 billion budget request for 2017
 - More ‘book report’ than ‘research’

Specific Drainage Project: End UN Climate Activities

- Cut US funding
 - Green Climate Fund et al.
 - IPCC
- Disavow the UNFCCC

Specific Drainage Project: Climate Forensics

- Budget audit – where did the \$200 billion money go?
- E-mail/doc audit – expose the corruption
 - Climategate was tip of iceberg
- Temperature data audit

Climate Swamp Drainage Summary

- Establish/enforce sound science rules
- Take away the money
- Take away the authority
- Stop playing along
- Autopsy

Mulvaney on cuts to climate science: "We're not spending money on that anymore. We consider that to be a waste of your money." —via [@MSNBC](#)

