

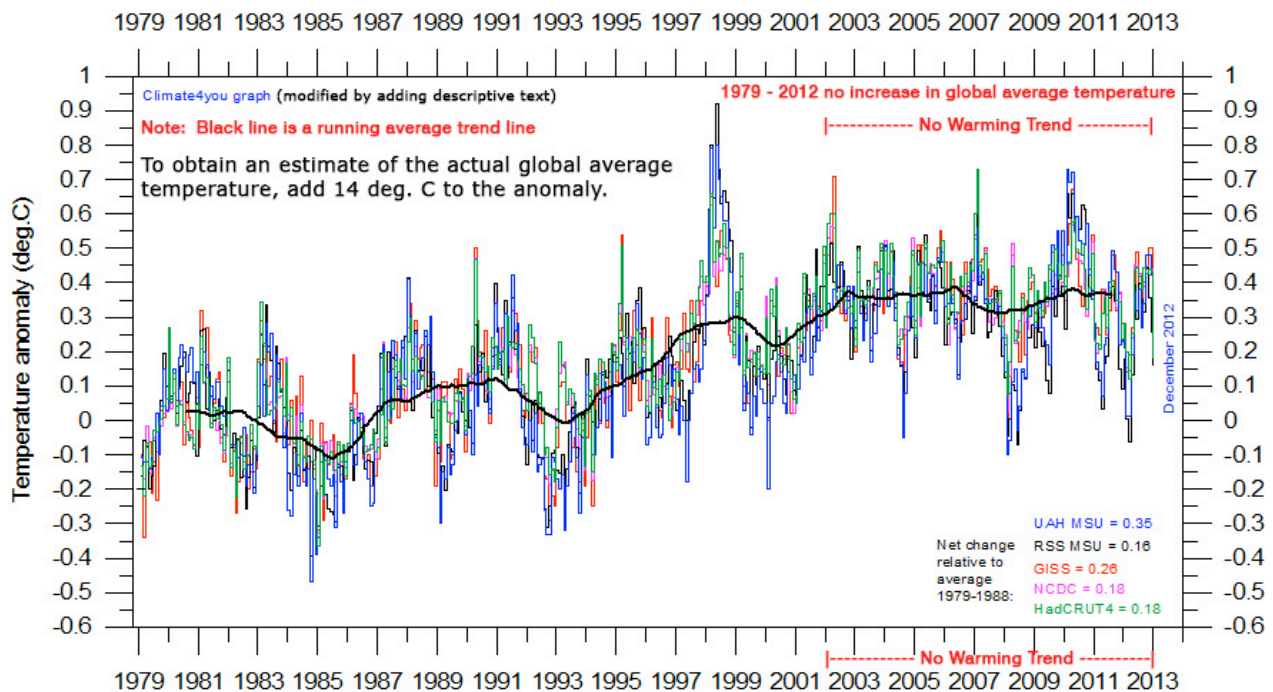
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Obama Off Base with Carbon Tax & Global Warming

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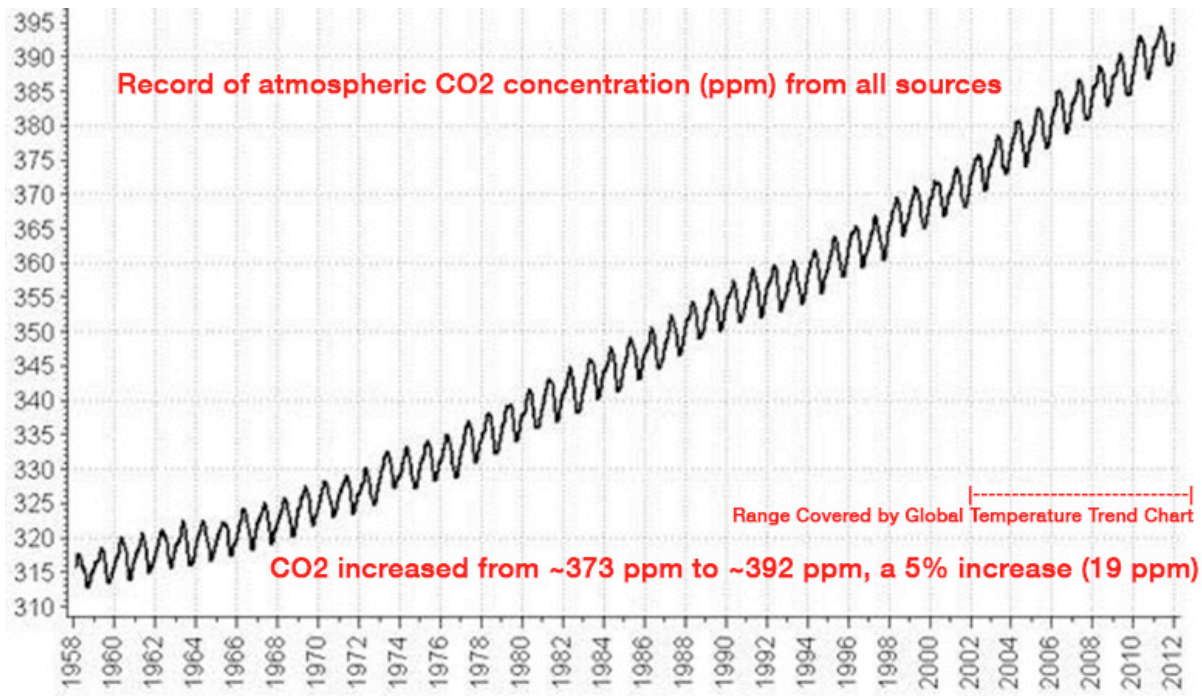
President Obama needs to brush up on his facts and the science, and then take another look at how little power he really has under our Constitution.

In his recent State-of-the-Union address the President made "Global warming" a major thrust of his new term. This despite there being *NO* evidence of any warming trend over the past decade and major scientific challenges to the entire notion of human-caused-global-warming are at a peak! It seems as if the President and others seeking to extend the reach of Big Government are the only ones taking this hoax seriously. The President went so far as to warn that he'd ignore our Constitution and create a carbon tax anyway should Congress fail to do his bidding. Bulletin to the President: You do not have the authority to govern by fiat!



A glimpse at reality is all we need to see this hoax for what it is:

Examine the above and then consider whether or not maybe, just maybe, the notion that "greenhouse gases" are altering global climate might be just a tad overblown: Note that over the past 11 years (2002-2013) there has been no change in trend of estimated average global temperature (from five different sources: UAH MSU, RSS MSU, GISS, NCDC, HadCRUT4).



Remember the peak temperature reached in 1998 and the clamor about "global warming" (code-word for "human-caused-global-warming-from-burning-fossil-fuel"). The UN's IPCC was just getting warmed up (excuse the pun) about global warming and the apparent dramatic temperature rise over the five-year period from 1993 to 1998 (~ 1°C was being used to beat the drums for radical control of fossil fuel use. Of course when the temperature anomaly dropped just as rapidly between 1998 and 2000, well, that was conveniently not newsworthy. Given the nature of natural climate change over the past 200-300 years, the observations and trend since 1979 is perfectly normal. Yet it is this record that is being used to claim justification for a carbon tax!

It seems far more likely that global governance is a cause of all the hyperbole about "global warming" and actual global temperatures have little to do with it.

The trend in atmospheric CO₂ is remarkably stable since 1958, as shown by the following chart above. The annual cyclic variation tracks seasonal changes with much of Earth's land mass and plant growth occurring in the northern hemisphere.

Over that very same time period that global temperature change was flat, atmospheric CO₂ concentration was steadily rising from 373 ppm to 392 ppm, a 5% rise (19 ppm).

Worthy of note is that, between 1980 and 2011, global average temperature estimates increased by 0.33°C (from 14°C to 14.33°C, a 2.4% increase), which is close to the long term 1°C/100 year average increase since the "Little Ice Age" ended. Over the same time period, atmospheric CO₂ rose from ~338 ppm to ~393 ppm, a 16%+ increase.

There isn't a single scientific study that has ever been able to decipher a causal linkage between CO₂ added by humans burning fossil fuels and climate change. There is a lot of hot air and postulating, but nothing that stands the test of observation, experimentation, and sound scientific foundation.

In fact, changes in global average temperature during the 31 years between 1980 and 2011 are indistinguishable from the long term average increase in global temperature since the end of the Little Ice Age when humans burning fossil fuel was incapable of making an impression on global atmospheric CO₂.

If physics actually supported the theory that "more CO₂ in the atmosphere = higher global average temperatures" then what is going on to defy that physics over the past 11 years during which there has been *zero* increase in global average temperature despite a 5% increase in atmospheric CO₂?

So, despite this growing weight of observational evidence that human-caused-global-warming is a fraud, Obama makes dealing with this phantom problem a major priority over which he is prepared to, once again, violate the constitutional limitations on the power of his office.

If anything, the addition of CO₂ to the atmosphere by humans burning fossil fuels has been responsible for more plant fertilizer in the atmosphere, which leads to greater crop yields and a better opportunity to feed the hungry.

So instead of supporting a hoax cause, AGW (anthropogenic global warming), if you want a good cause to support, perhaps you should get behind the AGG (anthropogenic global greening) movement! Create more CO₂ plant food by burning more fossil fuel!

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