

# Climate makes money move in mysterious ways

The British Government has been pouring millions of pounds into 'climate-related' projects all over the world, says Christopher Booker

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Dr Rajendra Pachauri embraces Jairam Ramesh, India's environment minister, at a meeting in New Delhi Photo: MANISH SWARUP/AP

In all the coverage lately given to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and its embattled chairman, Dr Rajendra Pachauri, one rather important part of the story has largely been missed. This is the way in which, in its obsession with climate change, different branches of the UK Government have in recent years been pouring hundreds of millions of pounds of taxpayers' money into a bewildering array of "climate-related" projects, often throwing a veil of mystery over how much is being paid, to whom and why.

To begin with a small example. Everyone has now heard of "Glaciergate", the inclusion in the IPCC's 2007 report of a wild claim it was recently forced to disown, that by 2035 all Himalayan glaciers will have melted. In 2001 the Department for International Development (DfID) spent £315,277 commissioning a team of British scientists to investigate this prediction. After co-opting its Indian originator, Dr Syed Hasnain, they reported in 2004 that his claim was just a scare story. Some glaciers were retreating, others were not. There was no way they could disappear in a time-span shorter than many centuries.

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Three years later, however, when the IPCC produced its 2007 report, it endorsed Dr Hasnain's claim without any mention of the careful UK-funded study which had shown it to be false. What made this particularly shocking was that in 2008 another British ministry, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) announced that it had paid £1,436,000 to fund all the support needed to run the same IPCC working group which, as we now know from a senior IPCC author, had included the bogus claim in its report.

But the story did not stop there. In a report to Parliament the same year, Defra stated that its funding of the IPCC working group had been not £1.4 million but only £543,816. It was also in 2008 that Dr Hasnain was recruited by Dr Pachauri to work in his Delhi-based The Energy and Resources Institute (Teri), where his spurious claim was used to win Teri a share in two lucrative studies of the effects of the rapid melting of Himalayan glaciers.

The trail into this tangled undergrowth began last December, when Dr Richard North and I were trying to track down 11 payments made by four separate government departments for projects involving Teri Europe, the London-based branch of Dr Pachauri's institute. We were struck by how reluctant the ministries often seemed to be to reveal how much they had paid under these contracts. What's more, why was UK taxpayers' money being used to fund these projects in the first place?

Why in 2005, for instance, did Defra pay Teri for a study designed to help the Indian insurance industry make money out of the risks of global warming? Why was the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) sponsoring a study into how Indian industry could make billions out of "carbon credits", paid by Western firms under the bizarre UN scheme known as the Clean Development Mechanism?

Typical of this curiously opaque world was a payment by Defra to fund the work of an unnamed "head of unit" on something called the IPCC Synthesis Report, of which Dr Pachauri was co-editor. This money was paid to Cambridge University (department unnamed), to be forwarded to Teri Europe, then sent on to the anonymous recipient in Delhi, whose email address was Teri India. On one part of the Defra website this payment was given as £30,417. However, the same Defra report to Parliament which had under-declared the payment to the IPCC's working group now gave this payment as only £5,800. (The IPCC itself meanwhile paid Teri a further £400,000 for its work on the Synthesis Report, although it was only 52 pages.)

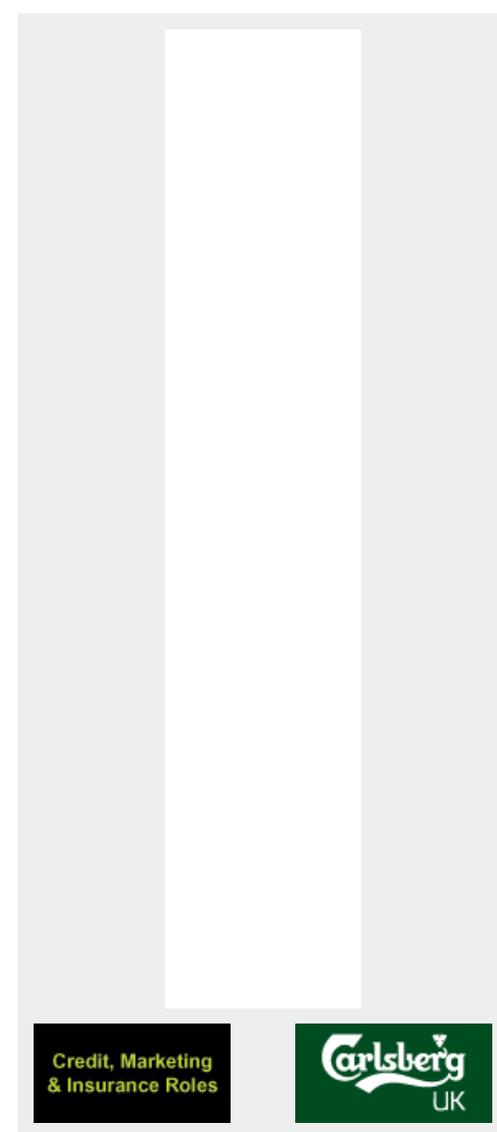
The same Defra report to Parliament includes a whole string of other climate-change-related projects, covering three pages, many just as mysterious.

Why, for instance, have UK taxpayers shelled out £239,538 to unnamed recipients for a study of "Climate change impacts on Chinese agriculture"? Or £230,895 for a "research programme on climate change impacts in India"? Or £57,500 on the "Brazilian proposal support group"?

The largest single payment on Defra's list, and almost the only recipient identified, was £13,315,168 given to the Hadley Centre itself for its Climate Predictions Programme. This is just a tiny part of the money UK taxpayers have been contributing for years to assist the work of the IPCC: the Hadley Centre alone has been handed £179 million.

A key player in the setting up of the IPCC in 1988 was Dr John Houghton, then head of the Met Office. He persuaded Mrs Thatcher to fund him in launching the Hadley Centre in 1990, which has played a central role in the IPCC ever since. Part of the price we pay for Hadley exercising such disproportionate influence in the IPCC is that Britain has made a similarly disproportionate contribution to the cost of running the panel's operations.

Then why should DfID have paid £30 million to assist "climate change adaptation in Africa"; or £2.5 million for the same in China? Why in 2002 should UK taxpayers have given £200,000 to pay for delegates from developing nations to attend a "Rio Earth Summit" conference in Johannesburg, and another £120,000 for green activists to attend the same shindig – let alone £10,000 for a "workshop on women as 'sacred custodians'



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of the Earth", to "explore the spiritual, religious and philosophical views concerning women and ecology and the policy implications of these belief systems"?

Only rarely do the government departments funding all these shadowy activities shout publicly about how they are spending our money – as when last September DfID's Douglas Alexander was happy to get publicity for flying to Delhi to give Dr Pachauri £10 million to pay for his institute to examine how India's poverty could be reduced by "sustainable development".

Similarly, in 2008, our then energy minister Malcolm Wicks flew to Japan to boast that the UK was "the world's largest donor" to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership, pledging another £2.5 million of taxpayers' money, on top of £9 million Britain had already paid into this scheme since its launch in 2003. Again, more than one ministry is responsible for funding this programme, as when DfID pays for a "research agenda on climate change and development", while the FCO sponsors yet another study into "clean development mechanisms".

Contemplating the impenetrable maze of payments made by various ministries to the UN, the EU, banks, research institutes, teams of academics, NGOs, environmental and industrial lobby groups and "charitable foundations" – often through chains of "funding vehicles" which may give only the most nebulous idea of their purpose – we can get little idea what is the total amount of taxpayers' money flooding out from all our different branches of officialdom.

The ministries involved have not seemed exactly keen to help sort out all these mysteries and confusions. What does seem clear is that our Government doesn't really want us to know all the sums involved, who many of the recipients are or why most of these payments are being made in the first place.

Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs publishes an interesting note on the Money Laundering Regulations. This lists 26 "suspicious indications" which should attract attention to the possibility that a financial transaction might need investigating. These range from "checking identity is proving difficult" or "reluctance to provide information requested" to "unnecessary routing of funds through third parties" and "transactions having no purpose" or "which seem to involve unnecessary complexity". Any such "suspicious indications", we are told, should prompt the filling in of a "101 form" to report dubious financial dealings to the authorities. But a good many of them would seem to apply only too neatly to the veil of obscurity our Government draws over the astronomical sums it is paying out in support of its religious belief in "climate change".



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Thanks to those who invented the internet.Might want to pass this along >> the real reason for the carbon tax...signed A freedom loving American

Steve Todd  
on February 08, 2010  
at 11:08 PM

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"That evening rail excursions were run for curlers to go to frozen lochs in the C19 surely tells us something."

Sam the Skeptic  
on February 08, 2010  
at 10:41 PM

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Of course it does. It tells us that some winters then were colder than some winters are now. It is dangerous to draw too firm conclusions beyond that. There was a little ice age but the Frost Fairs on the Thames were less frequent than is often assumed.

There is evidence from Pepys diaries of early Springs. There was (according to those whose job it is to record these things) a temperature rise early in the last century; there was a temperature decline in the middle years; there was a temperature increase in the latter years.

Your average John Doe might well argue that we are due a decline -- which he might argue looks as if it has started. Maybe.

When he also hears that the keepers of the figures are moving heaven and earth to make sure that Mr Doe and others better qualified than he is to find any holes there might be never get their hands on the data he might also be inclined to wonder whether

- a) he is right in his assumption and
- b) what these scientists who he thought he could trust are trying to hide.

I would love to believe that CRU are as honest as the day is long. Increasingly the evidence tells me they are not. If that is the case then whatever King and Pachauri and Millitwit tell me is irrelevant because they know no better than me what the truth is.

What I do know is that when you dig a little you find a fair number of vested interests for whom the AGW is important and some of them are on record over the last two decades as being prepared to push their agenda even if it means telling outright lies.

I promise to stop denying anthropogenic global warming if someone can tell me how to get on the gravy train.

Alan D. James  
on February 08, 2010  
at 10:36 PM

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I can be contacted at Alan@iwantsometoo.greed

The main problem that I've witnessed of this situation from the USA is 1) the lack of US/MSM coverage of what Great Britain, AKA: United Kingdom, AKA: England, Scotland, & Wales with a wee bit of Ireland to the North, have brought to the front burner.

JRS  
on February 08, 2010  
at 09:51 PM

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And 2) The never-ending cry from the GWCC (Global Warming/Change Crowd): follow the corporate money financing the "Deniers"!

They never speak of the Billions...yes Billions, given by governments, at taxpayers expense, to the politically, dogma, charlatans, who, through their religious fervor are tied to the ever-increasing money supply they've based their "science" on.

Overall, government funded studies promoting GWC (in the hundreds of billions world

wide), far out ways any corporate spending (less than a billion) since its inception in the late 80's.

So who are we to believe; those with the least moneyed interest involved or the ones with the most?

Obviously, to even the least educated, it's advantageous to those who gain the most. This, being strictly in human nature, is not meant to be derogative to those on the GWC fence, merely informative.

For Sam the Skeptic.

I think that the question asked did contain the double idea, but I see newspapers have reported it in various ways.

On polls I find the UK Polling Report a reliable and reasonably-detailed source.

<http://ukpollingreport.co.uk/blog/>

From UK Polling Report:

""After the email leaking at the University of East Anglia's climate change unit there were some polls on climate change, but an annoying lack of any questions that were directly comparable to ones asked before the email leak that we could use to see if it had actually changed the public's view on climate change. I always thought was a particular shame that Populus didn't re-ask the series of questions on climate change they'd asked for the Times just before the email leak.

Three months down the line the BBC have commissioned Populus to do just that, and it suggests a significant decrease in the proportion of the British public who believe in climate change. In November 83% of respondents thought that "the Earth's climate is changing and global warming taking place", with only 15% disagreeing. That has now changed to 75% agreeing and 25% disagreeing.

Amongst those who do believe that climate change is happening, there is increased doubt that it is man made. Overall the proportion of people who think that it is an established scientific fact that climate change is largely man made has dropped from 41% to 26%, the proportion who think it is yet to be proved has grown from 32% to 38%.

Since the November poll we've seen not just the UEA email leak, but a reverse in the IPCC's predictions about ice in the Hymalayas and a very cold winter. The impact of that last one shouldn't be ignored at the expense of the more obvious stories about climate change scientists – 83% of respondents said they had recalled hearing stories in the news about winter having been the coldest ever, whereas 57% recalled hearing stories about flaws or weaknesses in the science of climate change. Of those 57%, the majority (73%) said this did not change their option, or had strengthened their conviction in the risks of climate change (16%), 11% said it had made them less convinced"".

On the IPCC Reports perhaps you will acknowledge that the section concerned with the science of global warming contained only peer-reviewed literature.

The section on impact did contain some references from mere reports and notoriously from journalist articles.

Several now identified should never have been included, but I can see scope for having records for example from mountaineers and curling bonspiels for past centuries when scientific recorders simply did not measure snow blocking climbs and ice thickness on lochs.

That evening rail excursions were run for curlers to go to frozen lochs in the C19 surely tells us something.

David Welch  
on February 08, 2010  
at 09:29 PM  
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As a matter of interest ... the Los Angeles Times is reporting:

Amerloque  
on February 08, 2010  
at 08:12 PM

New federal climate change agency forming

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<http://tinyurl.com/ykckroy>

Looks like the Obumbles administration believes in the whole enchilada. (sigh)

Racketeer City !

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David Welch  
on February 08, 2010  
at 02:43 PM

Catweazle  
on February 08, 2010  
at 08:12 PM

"Coolists are in a great majority here, but their arguments and the Booker articles seem to be having little effect on public opinion."

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You reckon, David? From the BBC:

"The number of British people who are sceptical about climate change is rising, a poll for BBC News suggests.

The Populus poll of 1,001 adults found 25% did not think global warming was happening, an increase of 10% since a similar poll was conducted in November."

Link: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/low/sci/tech/8500443.stm>

And from the USA:

"Poll: US Belief in Global Warming Is Cooling  
Belief in Global Warming Is Cooling, Poll Says, as Congress Weighs Limits on Emissions"

Link: <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory?id=8896196>

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I wonder how Al Gore fits into this. I read a while back he owned a carbon trading company, based in London.

david scott elman  
on February 08, 2010  
at 08:10 PM

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The Populus poll to which David Welch refers shows that 26% of those interviewed believe that "climate change" is happening but that man is not the major cause of it while 75% think it is happening (down 8% from the previous poll).  
Of course Populus (or was it the BBC?) asked the wrong question. The 75% who think climate change is happening are the ones who have it right -- climate change is ALWAYS happening; the only thing about it that is unchangeable is the fact that it changes!

Sam the Skeptic  
on February 08, 2010  
at 07:41 PM

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"Global warming", as defined by the paleoclimate devotees, is quite a different matter. There is now an avalanche of evidence that the IPCC has departed from its own (already fairly lax) scientific standards and is prepared to include just about anything in its reports that supports the case for increased political action regardless of whether there is any empirical (or indeed any other sort of) evidence for the idea. They are prepared to include papers that have not been accepted for publication, reports by activists with little or no scientific expertise, and anecdotal evidence from fellow eco-activists.

There is, most unfortunately, an increasing feeling among fair-minded neutral observers that the temperature records are not all they are claimed to be either. The idea that the three land-based temperature records are truly independent has been de-bunked and as more genuine climate researchers are emerging from the cupboard under the stairs where the devotees of computer models and the soft science of paleoclimatology have kept them under lock and key and in fear of their scientific lives, so it is becoming increasingly evident that possible data manipulation

is leading to a belief that the climate might not in fact have been warming at all over the last 30 years and that such warming as may have been noticed is a combination of carelessly (at best) or deliberately (at worst) miscalculation of the UHI effect or an increase in minimum temperatures which would have the observed effect of lengthening the growing season while having no overall effect on the climate per se. IN the last few days we have seen challenges to the GISS temperature records for Madagascar and to the theory that global warming (man-made, of course!) is responsible for increased drought in the Murray-Darling basin; new studies suggesting that previous studies have over-estimated mass loss of Arctic ice; a hint that all may not be well with the software used to generate the CRUTEM figures, and on, and on.

It really is time for the climate change ostriches to get their heads out of the sand and at the very least accept that all is not well in their world. And perhaps admit that they COULD have got it wrong.

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Charles Lee,

You mention 'the warmist cheatsheet' called 'How to talk to a climate sceptic'. Surely it is no more a cheatsheet than any other source of information, is it? It goes into some detail on many of the points that are discussed here and does not pretend to be anything other than putting the AGW theory point of view - as its title immediately implies.

It is true that the author '...is a software developer specializing in Artificial Intelligence applications', and not a climate scientist. But there are many popular sources of information that are not written by climate scientists.

[http://scienceblogs.com/illconsidered/2008/07/how\\_to\\_talk\\_to\\_a\\_sceptic.php](http://scienceblogs.com/illconsidered/2008/07/how_to_talk_to_a_sceptic.php)

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"All the Coolist and antiAGW posters who send considered messages here, must despair of your erratic and blind beliefs."

God, David Welch, you really are a lemon.

First, you brown-nose to people we all know you detest, trying to suggest that you somehow respect their "considered" views (when we've all seen, far too many times, how you respond to "considered views" about alleged Global warming on the Booker threads).

Then you shed snide,faux tears for "coolists" with their considered views, trying to persuade me that they somehow "despair" at my contributions.

I have to tell you, David Welch, that your posts have all the wit, subtlety and credibility of primary school playground banter.

Your own contributions on the Booker threads are a predictable mixture of lies, half-truths, out-of-context attributions and brain-dead selections from the warmist cheatsheet:

[http://scienceblogs.com/illconsidered/2008/07/how\\_to\\_talk\\_to\\_a\\_sceptic.php](http://scienceblogs.com/illconsidered/2008/07/how_to_talk_to_a_sceptic.php)

For a man who makes his living by trying to persuade, change views and win over, you are singularly bad at your job, David Welch.

Any writing job aimed at people whose lips move as they read might suit you better. Have you tried sports writing?

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@David Welch: "their arguments and the Booker articles seem to be having little effect on public opinion".

That's because most people don't think, they meekly submit to the Warmists' evangelising.

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The degree to which AGW theories are correct is now re-opened to full debate and research. The final answer is yet to be determined. What HAS been determined is that the cabal of weasels heading the Warmist clique is utterly discredited and must be removed from any positions of authority. We forgot that scientists are only human; as susceptible to greed, corruption, and lust for fame/power as anyone else. While we're at it, we need to throw some politicians and journalists out of power as well...they're supposed to be the watchdogs who prevent scumbags like the Warmist

Vaughan

on February 08, 2010  
at 07:04 PM

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Charles Lee

on February 08, 2010  
at 05:39 PM

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Robert

on February 08, 2010  
at 05:33 PM

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JohnR22

on February 08, 2010  
at 04:19 PM

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clicque from getting away with their crimes.

CL @ 2.18 pm:

Pretence that you put in messages to this thread merely because you find the facts interesting, rather than that they are answers to previous messages, is preposterous.

For examples of clangers, you excel.

For instance, twice in a week stating maximum temperatures as mean temperatures.

And on the Mother Earth thread, you commended a source as showing negligible warming @ 6.49 pm Jan 17, but soon described it as "stinks to high heaven" @ 5.16 pm Jan 18.

This when you realised you had misunderstood the units.

All the Coolist and antiAGW posters who send considered messages here, must despair of your erratic and blind beliefs.

Scott, East Anglia  
on February 08, 2010  
at 12:19 PM

"Data on its own proves nothing about its cause."

Agreed.

"Neither does unproven assumption of causation from correlation"

I think you flatter the point when referring to correlation. The only discernible correlation between CO2 and the instrumental temperature record exists for only the last 30 years of the 20th century. While CO2 has continued to rise in the last 10 years temperature has not - at least that's what 3 out of the 4 main global sources show. Furthermore, when looking at time series data correlation is particularly dubious due to autocorrelation. Different oscillations may come into phase periodically giving the impression of significant correlation.

" or mathematical and computer models."

Indeed, models are nothing more than hypotheses. You'll often here the likes of slioch reporting figures from models as proof of hyper-sensitivity of the system to CO2. But of course that is based on models which only postulate a hypothesis. When tested outside their training sets they preform really badly.

"So they are wasting everybodys' time. Again."

Indeed they are.

"The page is about one particular facet of the Labour Governments disgraceful profligacy with other people's money - both plundered from the taxpayer, and borrowed."

Well the conservatives did start the whole ball rolling.

"It concentrates on the way they have poured it into alleged global warming/climate related projects, and then obfuscated over how much is being paid, to whom and why."

That is in the nature of bureaucracy - if they don't spend the money or demand some then the parent bureaucracy starts to wonder what it is for. You'll find it in every government structure. That is why governments are notoriously inefficient and wasteful. Sometimes we need to do things through government but this is not one of them as there seems such little evidence to support it.

David Welch  
on February 08, 2010  
at 03:50 PM  
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CD  
on February 08, 2010  
at 02:50 PM  
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Coolists are in a great majority here, but their arguments and the Booker articles seem to be having little effect on public opinion.

There has been a BBC-commissioned opinion poll run by Populus at the start of February.

The proportion of interviewees who thought the climate was changing had fallen from 83% last autumn to 75%.

Just 57% said they had heard about flaws in the science of climate change, and of this 57% the great majority 73% said it did not change their opinion.

And surprisingly 16% said they were now more convinced, to 11% less convinced.

What appears to have shifted opinion is the coldness of the winter. Indeed 83% of respondents had heard stories that this winter was the coldest in recent times.

"And as Gateshead Tom will also say, we in the North get somewhat narked when Southerners have vague notions of "just beyond Potter's Bar"."

Regulars to Telegraph blogs will know that I come from Manchester, David Welch. Perhaps you think that Manchester is South of Potters bar?

James Delingpole is blogging about this story below.  
Some comments are along th lines of, I will never buy another Audi...

Think of the money invested in CO2 emissions, (particulates, etc, great to get rid of them)

I think they need to be kinder to Audi, my take on it:

<http://www.climategate.com/even-audi-knows-the-green-police-are-coming>

Think about this, and how many MILLIONS of americans will have seen this superbowl commercial!

Audi are coming over all green and environmentally friendly?!  
Or are they?!

it might keep the man made global warming theorists happy....

But are the sneakingly admirable germans engineers at Audi, sending a message to the american public..

We know man made co2 is not causing global warming, but we are stuck in the EU, and this is the only way to sneak out the message you are being had, This is what may be coming 'Green' – UN police, telling americans what they can do.

See UN's Global governance strategy (draft copenhagen)

As the Audi, accelerates off at the end, hardly keeping the mpg down...

I really think, someone at AUDI have just sent a massive 'deliberate' subliminal message to the USA.

I bet the ADD agency when they were told to go with it, thought they were a part of the eco-green cascade...

For David Welch:

"CL thanks CD @ 11.08 am, Jan 19th, and pastes from the link:

The first vineyard at Wollaston comprised at least 6 km of pastinatio trenches, supporting 4000 vines and yielding 10,500 litres of white wine (based upon typical yield values) with total production from the area being probably closer to 30,000

David Welch  
on February 08, 2010  
at 02:43 PM

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on February 08, 2010  
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barry woods  
on February 08, 2010  
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Charles Lee  
on February 08, 2010  
at 02:18 PM

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(excluding Grendon). It would appear that the Nene Valley was a major area of wine production.

Obviously CL considers Wollaston and the Nene Valley to be in the north."

This again is typical of your shameless propensity to lie, David Welch, both to argue a warmist point or to defend yourself when you've dropped a clanger.

That quotation from me was simply a snippet from an academic article to which we were linked.

It had no comment from me attached whatsoever - nothing to suggest that I had any opinion at all about the northwards spread of vineyards in Roman times, no mention of York, no mention of Northampton.

Just a quote I found interesting.

Yet somehow, out of this total absence of comment, you tried to manufacture a comment from me that Northampton was north of York.

You know, David Welch, I don't think you'd be able to recognise the truth if it came driving a red London bus.

Hold that....if you saw the truth coming towards you in a red London bus you'd probably try to shoot the tyres out, wouldn't you?

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I think it is unfortunate that the IPCC report of retreating Himalayan glaciers has been brought into the debate. The suggestion that they will all disappear by 2035 is of course patent nonsense. But as a mountaineer member of the Alpine Club with over 50 years experience of the Alps and 25 years experience of the Himalayas I have observed very considerable glacial retreat in my own life time and particularly during the period from 1970 to 2000. During the 20 or so years prior to 1970 some alpine glaciers were retreating and a few were extending. There was some talk of a new ice age! There had been a general tendency to retreat for the previous 100 years following the end of the little ice age.

Of course in about 1400 there was far less Alpine glaciation than there is today. You could cross over the Theodol Pass between Zermatt and Cervinia without crossing a glacier. Tree stumps dating from the 1400s are currently emerging from underneath the Rhone glacier.

It is most important not to allow ourselves to be distracted from the key point which is that there is no certainty that glacial retreat is related to anthropogenic CO2.

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Someone tell James Delingpole about this one, particularly, BP's LONG association with Dr Pachauri.. Rather makes, the Indy's front page yesterday look a little, shall we say partial.

"It has also emerged that Teri's biggest single sponsor, BP India, which has provided £6.5 million, paid for dinner and drinks at an event publicising Dr Pachauri's debut novel. A BP spokesman said it was entirely legitimate to fund the dinner, the company having enjoyed a "long association with Dr Pachauri".

He confirmed that the firm gave Teri \$9.5 million (£6.1 million) between 2006 and 2009 for planting 8,000 hectares of jatropha, a type of bush, as part of a bio-diesel research project."

Bio-fuels produce CO2 – it's chemistry, but worse than that, this plant is also a bio hazard.

"Characteristic of many members of the family Euphorbiaceae, Jatropha plants contain several toxic compounds, including lectin, saponin, carcinogenic phorbol, and a trypsin inhibitor. Despite this, the seeds are occasionally eaten after roasting, which reduces some of the toxicity. Its sap is a skin irritant, and ingesting as few as three untreated seeds can be fatal to humans. In 2005 Western Australia banned Jatropha gossypifolia as invasive and highly toxic to people and animals."

Isn't that an interesting thing. An environmental organisation being paid by an oil company to grow a crop, that would be banned in any Western country, in an underdeveloped country.

Robin Richards  
on February 08, 2010  
at 02:00 PM

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barry woods  
on February 08, 2010  
at 01:28 PM

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Remind me again what Dr Pachauri is doing to the environment.

TERI:  
The Energy Research Institute

formerly known as:

TERI  
Tata Energy Research Institute

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If we bring our troops home we win all round. Imagine the carbon foot print in regarded to explosives that 'shock and awe' let alone the carbon in supply planes from UK to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Save Lives, money, carbon  
on February 08, 2010  
at 12:58 PM

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Still surprised the telegraph hasn't had the corage to actually do the full expose...

I suppose even watergate took many months..

At least we are allowed a debate. Both sceptic, booker and convinced Lean, articles at the Telegraph..

Lest we forget the quality of debate prior to Climategate, copenhagen, IPCC revelations:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/georgemonbiot/2010/jan/27/james-delingpole-climate-change-denial?showallcomments=true#start-of-comments>

"Almost everywhere, climate change denial now looks as stupid and as unacceptable as Holocaust denial."

George Monbiot, The Guardian, 21 September 2006

barry woods  
on February 08, 2010  
at 12:33 PM

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We seem to have allowed the warming industry agents to shift the discussion away from the point of the article onto their favourite obfuscation about temperature data, again.

Data on its own proves nothing about its cause. Neither does unproven assumption of causation from correlation, or mathematical and computer models.

So they are wasting everybodys' time. Again.

The page is about one particular facet of the Labour Governments disgraceful profligacy with other people's money - both plundered from the taxpayer, and borrowed. It concentrates on the way they have poured it into alleged global warming/climate related projects, and then obfuscated over how much is being paid, to whom and why.

Scott, East Anglia  
on February 08, 2010  
at 12:19 PM

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For Vaughan:

"For example, Lake Tanganyika in East Africa, the second-deepest lake in the world, is warming and suffering from a reduction in nutrients from the deep water which is affecting essential fish stocks."

[http://www.giss.nasa.gov/research/features/200911\\_rosenzweig/](http://www.giss.nasa.gov/research/features/200911_rosenzweig/)

This is what your link says, Vaughan:

Charles Lee  
on February 08, 2010  
at 10:59 AM

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"Since the late 1970s, fish catches in the East African lake have declined by a third or more, and scientists say that the problem is a direct result of climate change."

This is absolutely typical of the bentness of climate "scientists".

Fish stocks in Lake Tanganyika have declined because of massive commercial overfishing of the lake. No other factor is involved.

There's another lake the "scientists" could tut-tut over, Vaughan - Lake Victoria, whose fish stocks have also collapsed.

Oh, wait a minute.....this is nothing to do with "global warming" either, but caused by an invasion by predatory Nile perch.

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In reply to Charles Lee @ 8.44 am:

David Welch  
on February 08, 2010  
at 10:59 AM

This is the sequence which anyone can see on the Mother Nature thread:

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DW @ 9.08 pm Jan 18th:

Paul Butler says a lot of things at 7.08 pm that might or might not be correct.

But he doesn't seem to have absorbed the ongoing debate since 2007, and on one claim he is most definitely wrong.

Vines did not grow all over England in the relatively recent past.

He has often said this, and I have often challenged, asking for the places above 300 m and IN THE NORTH where there is definite evidence of vineyards.

CD replied to me @ 9.35 am, Jan 19th giving a link for Roman vineyards

CL thanks CD @ 11.08 am, Jan 19th, and pastes from the link:

The first vineyard at Wollaston comprised at least 6 km of pastinatio trenches, supporting 4000 vines and yielding 10,500 litres of white wine (based upon typical yield values) with total production from the area being probably closer to 30,000 (excluding Grendon). It would appear that the Nene Valley was a major area of wine production.

Obviously CL considers Wollaston and the Nene Valley to be in the north.

And as Gateshead Tom will also say, we in the North get somewhat narked when Southerners have vague notions of "just beyond Potter's Bar".

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"Climate makes money".....that's all you need to say.

Oh not again.  
on February 08, 2010  
at 10:35 AM

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2009 was the joint-second-warmest year ever (NASA-GISS), with the warmest being 2005, but it is not just the thermometer record that shows rising temperatures. The evidence is on every hand in the natural world. The IPCC AR4 'Observed climate Change Impacts Database' shows an increasing number of changes. It is publicly available at:

<http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/ddc/observed/>

Its introduction states:

'Recent warming around the world has caused changes in many physical and biological systems. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report and Rosenzweig et al. (2008) documented observed responses to climate change across a wide range of systems as well as regions. In the database, responses in physical systems include shrinking glaciers in every continent, melting permafrost, shifts in spring peak river discharge associated with earlier snowmelt, lake and river warming (with effects on thermal stratification,

Vaughan  
on February 08, 2010  
at 09:50 AM

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chemistry, and freshwater organisms), and increases in coastal erosion. For terrestrial biological systems, changes documented in the database include shifts in spring events (e.g., earlier leaf unfolding, blooming date, migration, and timing of reproduction), species distributions, and community structure. Database observations also demonstrate changes in marine-ecosystem functioning and productivity, including shifts from cold-adapted to warm-adapted communities, phenological changes and alterations in species interactions. In each category, many of the data series are over 35 years in length.'

For example, Lake Tanganyika in East Africa, the second-deepest lake in the world, is warming and suffering from a reduction in nutrients from the deep water which is affecting essential fish stocks.

[http://www.giss.nasa.gov/research/features/200911\\_rosenzweig/](http://www.giss.nasa.gov/research/features/200911_rosenzweig/)

In view of the close relationship between humans and the natural world, Christopher Booker and Dr Richard North are mistaken if they consider that research into climate change is of no value.

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For Gateshead Tom:

"I've never heard anyone suggest they were all over Britain."

Nobody did, of course, Tom.

It's just David Welch's way with the truth.

He even suggested, in that interesting discussion about Roman vineyards, that I'd said that Northampton was further north than York.

When I challenged him to produce the quote he fell curiously silent.

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"For Braemar he cherrypicks 1959, a warm year, as shown by the next 10 all being cooler.

Then he cherrypicks 2009 for a cool contrast, and uses this to claim that temperatures are falling."

Good old spinmeister, David Welch, and our favourite rural temperature station, Braemar.

You're never one to let the truth stand between you and a good spin for your warmist cause, are you?

I "cherrypicked" 1959 because it is the START of the Met Office data for Braemar.

I "cherrypicked" 2009 because - surprise, surprise - it is the LATEST year in their series.

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climate/uk/stationdata/braemardata.txt>

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" ... Who is benefitting personally? This could be a huge issue of corruption and warrants investigation of the government from Brown down."

Expat David

on February 07, 2010

at 06:35 PM

EXACTLY, WHERE HAS THE MONEY GONE AND FOR PRECISELY WHAT?

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Charles Lee,

The US Department of Defense 'Quadrennial Defense Review' makes no reference to the compiling of temperature records.

What they listed (p. 107) as recent change capable of affecting operations was:

'...increases in heavy downpours, rising temperature and sea level, rapidly retreating glaciers, thawing permafrost, lengthening growing seasons, lengthening ice-free seasons in the oceans and on lakes and rivers, earlier snowmelt, and alterations in river flows'.

The US Department of Defense ('DoD') 'Quadrennial Defense Review' of February 2010 is available at:

<http://www.defense.gov/QDR/QDR%20as%20of%2026JAN10%200700.pdf>

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Emu.

Try the Climate Sceptics political party

<http://www.climatesceptics.com.au/>

Charles Lee

on February 08, 2010

at 08:44 AM

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Charles Lee

on February 08, 2010

at 08:38 AM

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on February 08, 2010

at 08:12 AM

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Vaughan

on February 08, 2010

at 08:12 AM

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Wherethereishope.

on February 08, 2010

at 06:22 AM

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Also look out for reporter Piers Akerman.

Lots of dark crooked secrets will be revealed before this is all done. And the word treason will raise its ugly head on both sides of the pond.

Ricardo  
on February 08, 2010  
at 06:15 AM  
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David Welch  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:52 PM

Gateshead Tom  
on February 08, 2010  
at 06:15 AM  
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I quote from the Holmfirth Vineyard website:

"These vines have been chosen because they have been developed specifically to compliment & grow well in COOLER climates."

I don't know what they mean by "compliment" but I imagine the development they refer to has been a wee bit more recent than the middle ages. The vines available at that time would have needed a considerably warmer and sunnier environment. I believe there is archaeological evidence that vines were grown at least as far north as Lincoln and Leeds, but not York. Given that they did not have modern, frost resistant hybrids, it's reasonable to conclude that temperatures were probably somewhat higher, and certainly no lower, than today.

It is true that some venues for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics are shipping in snow, but then there's an El Nino warming our part of BC, I'm not surprised. This years slightly warmer weather is more representative of Western Canada than the last two years, which were extremely cold by comparison. Especially on Vancouver Island, where we aren't used to snow at all.

Martyn Jones  
on February 08, 2010  
at 06:09 AM  
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There's nothing global about the weather shifts, just local variations which are well within normal parameters. All else is propaganda of one sort or another.

They are even selling off the Port of Dover to pay for it!

robin the taxpayer  
on February 07, 2010  
at 11:52 PM  
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And what's this media hype about 'Snowapocalypse' in Washington DC? And 'Snowbombing' in Scandinavia? Please! It's Winter for gawd's sake!

'January brings the snow - Makes our feet and fingers glow!'

Gateshead Tom:

David Welch  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:52 PM  
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You mustn't have seen my messages about Yorkshire vineyards on past threads.

But 30 seconds on Google should prove my point.

I paste about Holmfirth, which I believe is higher than York.

""Welcome and thank you for visiting Holmfirth Vineyard information and wine gift store. We have a brand new range of wine related gifts and store features coming online during 2009.

Holmfirth vineyard is situated at Woodhouse Farm and is a seven acre vineyard, planted with 7000 vines, the farm was originally a sheep rearing business until Nov 2007. The vineyard sits in the beautiful location of Holmfirth, in the Holme Valley of West Yorkshire and is surrounded by panoramic views of the Peak District National Park home to 'The last of the summer wine' TV series.

I predict that Charles Lee or some other Coolist cherrypicker will be telling us next about the unusually heavy Washington snowfall.

David Welch  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:43 PM  
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So to balance up, I paste about what is happening in British Columbia:

[http://www.sltrib.com/Sports/ci\\_14295790](http://www.sltrib.com/Sports/ci_14295790)  
SALT LAKE CITY TRIBUNE 30 Jan 2010.

The tickets have been sold, the venues constructed and the athletes selected to compete at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. All of Canada is ready for its long-awaited moment in the international spotlight. There's only one thing missing:

The snow.

Unseasonably warm temperatures have left Vancouver looking a lot more as if it's preparing for a summer Olympics -- photos of bare mountainsides and blooming flowers have appeared in the local media -- and seemingly threatened the quality of the competition in snowboarding and freestyle skiing scheduled to take place at nearby Cypress Mountain.

Meteorologists do not expect any significant snowfall before the Games begin Feb. 12, either.

Already, the area has endured its warmest January since record-keeping at Vancouver International Airport began in 1937, according to Environment Canada, with an average daily temperature of 44.8 degrees and an average high of nearly 50 degrees. "Shockingly warm" is how one forecaster described it, with the warming effect of an El Niño weather pattern to blame."

See also

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/2010/02/04/winter-olympics-snow-shortage-sees-white-stuff-trucked-in-picture-115875-22018101/>

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First class investigative journalism.

Rather than posting a confirmation of my view on the global warming fraud, I shall spend my time filling in a "101 form" to report these dubious financial dealings to HMRC tomorrow.

Anyone else want to take action to stop this dubious use of public money?

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Where can we get some '101' forms?

David Welch  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:21 PM

"You ought to have noticed I said this idea of vines all over Britain was a myth. Nothing north of York or on ground over 300 m that I know."

I've never heard anyone suggest they were all over Britain. Nevertheless, do you not think growing vines in York is pretty impressive? You'd have difficulty doing that now even with modern, hardy varieties.

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I see Charles Lee is back to his cherrypicking in the Armagh and Braemar temperature records.

For Braemar he cherrypicks 1959, a warm year, as shown by the next 10 all being cooler.

Then he cherrypicks 2009 for a cool contrast, and uses this to claim that temperatures are falling.

He doesn't tell us that the mean temperature for 2000-2009 comfortably exceeds even 1959.

Stevia  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:37 PM

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Badger  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:36 PM

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Gateshead Tom  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:34 PM

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David Welch  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:33 PM

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Oh, and he has also managed to assume that the maximum temperature is the mean temperature, which maybe reflects his blind faith in cooling, when everyone else looking at the trends at Braemar sees warming.

The propaganda that has been pouring out of the UN's IPCC for the past few decades has been supported by politicians and environmentalists around the globe for reasons far removed from trying to control global climates. Each group has its own agenda, the UN's being:

- redistribution of wealth from developed to underdeveloped economies,
- establishment of a framework for global government,
- enhancement of the finances of the privileged few.

I have been delighted by the efforts of people like Christopher Booker to expose this scam and was please to see the Telegraph continuing its expose of the UN's human-made global climate change confidence trick. Today's Telegraph continued the presentation of evidence that totally undermines the credibility of the IPCC, with those articles by Booker, Aislinn Laing, Robert Mendick and Amrit Dhillon, but then spoiled it with the article by Cassandra Jardine. I'm not knocking the argument about our disgusting waste of resources, including food but was astounded by her claim about food waste sent to landfill QUOTE: where every tonne of food waste generates 6.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide. UNQUOTE. Where on earth did this come from? It's likely to be used by every tax-grabbing politician and tree-hugging environmentalist in support of their false claim that our use of fossil fuels is causing dangerous global climate change as though it is gospel truth. Please correct this ludicrous claim.

May I also suggest that the Telegraph run a story about the enormous amounts of pension fund money tied up in "greenie" investments on the basis of this confidence trick, including major players like Al. Gore. It's worth taking a look at Institutional Investment Group on Climate Change and Generation Investment Management LLP (<http://www.generationim.com/>). For starters have a look at the IIGCC Membership, November 2007 (see <http://www.iigcc.org/docs/PDF/Public/AboutIIGCC.pdf>) and at the Generation Investment Management "about us" page, followed by looking at the trustees on the BBC Pension Fund board.

I used to think that the BBC was only presenting items in support of the UN's propaganda because of political pressure from its paymasters. It seems that I was wrong. Its pension fund trustees appear to have allowed a large amount of the fund to be invested in the renewable energy industry and related investments. If the catastrophic human-made global climate change bubble bursts there might be much more catastrophic impact upon many pension schemes.

What is the relationship, if any, between the money raised through 'green' taxes, and the support for organisations such as IPCC and climate related research?

I ask this, as if we are ever to get to the stage where AGW is politically accepted as a complete myth or is insignificant, then many will be expecting these taxes to be removed. Or asking for a refund, as AGW taxes are a separately identifiable specific taxes and the money raised should be traceable.

Will we ever see how the green taxes were spent and what is the process to find out, FOI requests?

I see that Phil Jones, our Professor friend who's been telling us all about the weather just recently, has lost over a stone in weight and now needs tablets to help him sleep. He's also reported as saying that after his emails became public, he considered suicide.

Why's that then?

He hasn't done anything wrong, has he.

All us MMGW "deniers" are the one's who are wrong - aren't we?

Pete Ridley  
on February 07, 2010  
at 09:59 PM

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Edward Bancroft  
on February 07, 2010  
at 09:59 PM

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Wat Tyler  
on February 07, 2010  
at 09:03 PM

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Is he a Marxist? I think we're entitled to know. He's been publicly funded, hasn't he?

Is Barack Obama a Marxist?

"Dr Rajendra Pachauri...isn't this the man who was chauffeured a mile from his home to a restaurant in a 1.8i Toyota Corolla?"

Of course.

I suspect that this man, after a lifetime of disappointing obscurity in his career (railway engineer, "economist"), adores being head of the IPCC, with all the international status it has brought him.

He's as puffed up and as empty as a balloon.

Of course he would get his chauffeur to drive him down the road to a restaurant.

I expect he waited for the chauffeur to open the door for him, and possibly open the door to the restaurant so the proprietor and the other diners could see how important he was.

I expect he swept in very grandly and expected to be fawned over.

We're going to need dynamite to get this man out of the IPCC.

He won't go willingly.

Charles Lee  
on February 07, 2010  
at 08:44 PM

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Dr Rajendra Pachauri...isn't this the man who was chauffeured a mile from his home to a restaurant in a 1.8i Toyota Corolla? And a quote I read, "This is the authoritarian who feels obliged to instruct us not to eat meat and to use public transport."

M.A.  
on February 07, 2010  
at 08:09 PM

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I've just looked at another favourite UK rural station, Armagh.

The temperature record here goes back to 1865.

The first three periods of 1865 are missing, but if you substitute the average of the first 3 periods of the following 5 years (1866 to 1870) and then calculate the average maximum temperature for 1865 at Armagh, it turns out to be 14.1degC.

Charles Lee  
on February 07, 2010  
at 08:09 PM

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If you look at the average maximum temperature at Armagh for 2009, allegedly one of the hottest years on record, it turns out to be 13.45degC - a FALL over 144 years of MINUS 0.65degC.

Some global warming.

Perhaps just a little of the money should have been used to finance a study into over-population. Establishing how to control that imminent disaster is important.

Regarding climate change, it happens.

Peter the Painter  
on February 07, 2010  
at 07:36 PM

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The money seems to flow, ultimately, to India (a far wealthier country than the UK).

The whole darned thing is a con but it fits with the ideology of the dozy left who tend to control these purse strings.

For Vaughan:

"Global temperature records since 1880 show, according to NASA-GISS, that 2009 was the joint-second-warmest year in the record."

I see you believe the NASA-GISS data, Vaughan.

I don't.

I believe the warming trend is simply a reflection of their crappy methodology.

NASA-GISS MASSIVELY reduced the number of rural temperature stations at the end of the 1990s and MASSIVELY increased the importance of urban temperature stations in the mix.

Rural stations tend to show no rising trend.

Urban stations, because of their ridiculously inappropriate location, invariably show a rising trend.

Why should anyone be surprised when NASA-GISS now claim that the planet is warming?

Charles Lee  
on February 07, 2010  
at 07:35 PM

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Let's look at one UK rural station, Braemar, the subject of an interesting discussion between spinmeister David Welch and myself a little while ago.

The average temperature there in 1959 was 11.33degC. 50 years later, in 2009, the average temperature for the year was 10.98degC, a FALL of 0.35degC.

Presumably you believe, Vaughan, that there was something uniquely special about Braemar which shielded it from Global Warming.

The plain truth is that nothing abnormal is taking place other than that which is determined by the real engine of global temperature, the intensity of solar activity. Manmade CO2 as a cause of Global Warming is baloney.

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Another brilliant piece of journalism by Chris Booker.

Jez  
on February 07, 2010  
at 07:13 PM

When global warming scientists lie and suppress data you know they got it wrong - big time!

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But they will continue plugging away because their very lucrative livelihoods depend on feeding the global warming scam to the masses.

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David Welch....  
What Idea of Vines all over Britain?

ChrisP  
on February 07, 2010  
at 07:12 PM

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I see it in the oil company's interest to promote agw simply decreasing the usage of fuel but do you think the cost of everyone's fuel bill will go down, I do not think so! Less production and MORE profit seems good to me.

john  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:37 PM

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This is beyond all reason. Why does Brown think he has the right to support these overseas projects with our money?

Expat David  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:35 PM

Let us not overlook the fact that corruption is rife in many of these countries which leads me to a question.

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Who is benefitting personally?

This could be a huge issue of corruption and warrants investigation of the government from Brown down.

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If anyone still thinks that this so-called climate science is open to debate, as some commentators here seem to believe, I invite you all to witness what happens when a journalist asks an 'inconvenient' question at the Copenhagen Climate Conference.

mikeB  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:21 PM

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tp://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttZqof7dWfA  
His press badge is confiscated.

So much for public scrutiny. This is a very short clip by the way. I doesn't take long for security guards to eject him!

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Chris P @ 4.55 pm:

David Welch  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:21 PM

You ought to have noticed I said this idea of vines all over Britain was a myth.

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Nothing north of York or on ground over 300 m that I know.

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I know that Dr Pachauri is a busy man, so he tells us, which is why he maintain he doesn't read the bilge being produced under his stewardship by the IPCC, but allow me to suggest he receives one more honorary post - it's unpaid, I regret to say, but he also maintains that he doesn't work for money, so he should be willing.

Graham  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:15 PM

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He must be made the Honorary Leader of the Deniers. His work in this field is already legendary and whose face represents a better icon for the debunked science behind Global Warming ? No politician would dare share a platform with him any more, so shouldn't we adopt him, on a purely humanitarian basis ?

Show some compassion - adopt Dr Panchauri and maybe we can get him a proper Nobel prize, one that fits more suitably the task he has performed in bringing the IPCC into utter disrepute.

Of course we should know where taxpayers' money goes. It goes without saying, and Christopher Booker and Dr Richard North are right to look into it. However, it is a mistake to think that research into climate change is wasted. Global temperature records since 1880 show, according to NASA-GISS, that 2009 was the joint-second-warmest year in the record. 2005 was the warmest. Other runners-up were: 1998, 2002, 2003, 2006 and 2007.

In the southern hemisphere, 2009 was the warmest year ever recorded:

<http://www.giss.nasa.gov/research/news/20100121/>

The potential cost of not acting on global warming is rising.

For example, according to the US Department of Defense ('DoD') 'Quadrennial Defense Review' of February 2010 (p. 107):

<http://www.defense.gov/QDR/QDR%20as%20of%2026JAN10%200700.pdf>

'Climate change will affect DoD in two broad ways. First, climate change will shape the operating environment, roles, and missions that we undertake. The U.S. Global Change Research Program, composed of 13 federal agencies, reported in 2009 that climate-related changes are already being observed in every region of the world, including the United States and its coastal waters. Among these physical changes are increases in heavy downpours, rising temperature and sea level, rapidly retreating glaciers, thawing permafrost, lengthening growing seasons, lengthening ice-free seasons in the oceans and on lakes and rivers, earlier snowmelt, and alterations in river flows.

Assessments conducted by the intelligence community indicate that climate change could have significant geopolitical impacts around the world, contributing to poverty, environmental degradation, and the further weakening of fragile governments. Climate change will contribute to food and water scarcity, will increase the spread of disease, and may spur or exacerbate mass migration.'

For R.Barnes:

"Zero carbon homes: small, sealed, uncomfortable, unhealthy environment for the masses within high density developments in towns and cities."

You've touched on something that's never mentioned. These houses tend to be associated with a higher incidence of allergies and respiratory problems. In part the problem is dust mites, which just LOVE centrally heated cocoons; in part it's all the many domestic gases of all kinds (from cleaning products to perfume to plastic and insulating materials) that accumulate. If you want to be healthy, live in a barn rather than a cocoon.

Anyone who can't see Climate Change as a preparation for Peak Oil is bonkers. They're telling us to use less fossil fuels to get us used to living without them. It's just a smokescreen to divert from the real problem of devastating increases in everything due to lack of oil withing the next 5 years. Don't fall for it.

Am I alone in fearing the possibility that an almighty cover-up may already be under way at the University of East Anglia CRU, with the "investigation" dragging on?

How long does Sir Whatever-his-Name-is need to establish the truth?

Due process, of course, but ... where's the urgency?

Hasn't the UEA CRU been ramming home the message, "We must act now, Now, NOW. If immediate action is not taken now, Now, NOW, the

Vaughan  
on February 07, 2010  
at 05:50 PM

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Charles Lee  
on February 07, 2010  
at 05:29 PM

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Kieran  
on February 07, 2010  
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Wat Tyler  
on February 07, 2010  
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ENTIRE WORLD faces CATASTROPHIC, I-R-R-I-V-E-R-S-I-B-L-E climate change?

So why do things seem to have ground to a halt at the UEA?

ACTION THIS DAY.

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David Welch says There has been no raw data lost to Science by CRU. (But MikeB seems to answer that.) David also mentions Vineyards 'all over Britain'. Actually he is the first person, that I have ever heard suggest, that they were 'all over' Britain. But clearly, there were many Vineyards in England...as this piece from 'The History of English Wine', suggests... 'By the time King Henry VIIIth ascended the throne there were 139 sizeable vineyards in England and Wales - 11 of them owned by the Crown, 67 by noble families and 52 by the church.'

ChrisP  
on February 07, 2010  
at 04:55 PM

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Don't you think it is funny how Gore has slithered under a rock as this scandal just grows and grows and grows!!!

Mary  
on February 07, 2010  
at 04:53 PM

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Why are people infuriated that their monies were sent to these so called scientists who were running a scam. I imagine that they knew in order for these monies to continue they needed to play the game.

Why are we not furious at the UN's role in this scam. This scam that was suppose to generate taxes on the "common man", to literally control everything we do? We need to look at the UN's role and ask for our monies back, and we need to ask our own governments why they deemed our monies to countries that should have been finding their own monies to fund their own research, after all this scam of a fraudulent myth would have impacted them as well?

Perhaps a Tea Party movement is long over due in Europe and the UK, and lets start prosecuting those who were running this fraud of a scam.

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I will vote at the General Election for a party that promises to end this madness. At the moment there is only one hat in the ring - UKIP.

Alec Y  
on February 07, 2010  
at 04:20 PM

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Welch : "...It's all a Coolist myth..."

Expat in France  
on February 07, 2010  
at 04:04 PM

What on earth is a "coolist"?

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Do you mean "climate realist", or perhaps "The Enlightened"?

Either way, there's nothing mythological about the enormity of the global scam which is being perpetrated by those to whom we entrusted our blind innocence.

We, the enlightened, have woken up, seen it for what it truly is, and are displeased, whilst you and your ilk go blithely on, pretending that it doesn't exist, and that we're all imagining it. For as much as you scabble around for "evidence" to support this scam, your cause is evaporating big time before the dual entities of honesty and truth.

Sooner or later even you will have to put up or shut up.

We are The Enlightened - get used to it.

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Scare stories = zero carbon homes.

R. Barnes  
on February 07, 2010  
at 03:53 PM

Zero carbon homes: small, sealed, uncomfortable, unhealthy environment for the masses within high density developments in towns and cities.

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Zero carbon homes: proposed by those with a comfortable house in the country which cannot possibly meet CO2 targets.

Zero carbon homes: targets met by off-setting and spurious calculations to square the circle.

A breath of fresh air is needed more than ever.

Er!! If the Norfolk police are intensifying their attempts to find the Climategate whistleblower (as trumpeted by a 'warmist' earlier), can we expect a similar amount of effort by that police force to catch the guilty b-st--d wot refused to comply with the freedom of information Act? Further if our hero-of-the-whistle is brought to book, (whilst the police are far too busy to catch the burglar frequenting our neighborhood) we must immediately make it very clear to the Public Prosecution Office that they will lose even more of the little public support they have now (re. 'Defending an Englishman's castle').

Graham P Jones  
on February 07, 2010  
at 03:46 PM

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AGW is a LIE, a CON, a SCAM, a SWINDLE!

You'd have to be utterly corrupt, stupid or both to put any store in it.

But of course, there are LIES, damned LIES and Socialism! Socialism spawned this AGW lie for its own dirty ends...i.e. thieving yet more millions from your pockets!

Diognes  
on February 07, 2010  
at 03:45 PM

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David Welch, "Straightforward twisting of facts by mikeB @ 1.22 pm.  
There has been no raw data lost to science by CRU. "

Ah David, I see why you still believe in this scam, you haven't realised how dishonest these people really are -see the following link, from the Times

mikeB  
on February 07, 2010  
at 03:40 PM

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<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article6936328.ece>

Which says ...

"SCIENTISTS at the University of East Anglia (UEA) have admitted throwing away much of the raw temperature data on which their predictions of global warming are based.

It means that other academics are not able to check basic calculations said to show a long-term rise in temperature over the past 150 years.

The UAE's Climatic Research Unit (CRU) was forced to reveal the loss following requests for the data under Freedom of Information legislation"

Also, here is an extract from the Met. Office Website in respect of Surface based temperatures:

The database consists of the "value added" product that has been quality controlled and adjusted to account for identified non-climatic influences. It is the station subset of this value-added product that we have released. Adjustments were only applied to a subset of the stations so in many cases the data provided are the underlying data minus any obviously erroneous values removed by quality control. The Met Office do not hold information as to adjustments that were applied and so cannot advise as to which stations are underlying data only and which contain adjustments.

I have written to the Met.Office asking them for clarification and have received an acknowledgement, but no as yet no reply.

Climate change I can live with. The world climate has been changing for millions of years - hotter, coler, hotter and so on and so on.

M. Cawdery  
on February 07, 2010

It is not a recent event but maybe to those who believe that the world started ~6,000 years ago it may seem so.

Common sense requires that prudent use of finite resources irrespective of CO2. Have been doing just that for decades - simply to save money.

Somewhere I saw a poster claiming that CO2 was a green house gas. Absolutely true but when used in the greenhouse it is at massively greater percentage than in the atmosphere.

I also heard on a BBC programme Polly Toynbee claiming that the AGW research evidence was indisputable; unquestionable. Clearly this is the problem; proponents simply ignore anything they do not agree with but are quite prepared to hide and/or manipulate their own data. This is tantamount to fraud vide the various "gates"

But the financial "scams" that the current Govt. are perpetrating on the UK taxpayer are absolutely disgraceful and should be stopped. Cannot the FoI Act not be used to force all this information into the open?

'Dr' Pauchari ...I am glad that you are not my 'out-of-hours' GP as I see that you are an engineer by training.

Who empowered you to lead this global Ponzi scheme ?

Are you any better qualified than the German/Nigerian witch doctor who has a clinic in Germany boasting he can reverse ageing ?

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Christopher - what an excellent article - investigative journalism at its finest!

This is where David Cameron should be standing in the House waving this article at the Government and demanding accountability.. but I won't hold my breath.. oh, maybe I should to reduce the CO2 going into the atmosphere. Oh good grief!

How does it go? Oh yes, "Those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad." (Anon but wrongly attributed to Euripides.)

"Law Enforcement" enables this fraud and theft. They cannot be bothered to investigate a crime that is FAR WORSE than Bernie Madoff ever DREAMED of. Thank "Law Enforcement" if you wish. Or curse them for what they've done. The choice is yours. For now, anyway...

Straightforward twisting of facts by mikeB @ 1.22 pm.

There has been no raw data lost to science by CRU.

Coolists often say this, but never say which stations and years have been lost; they can't.

It's all a Coolist myth.

Like that the Himalayan glaciers have stopped melting, vines grew all over Britain, and that Warmists have abolished the MWP.

Christopher,

Great piece! This is a step in the right direction. As long as you follow the money the truth will inevitably prevail.

There must be some way to come up with real figures about the amount of money being spent on; proving something that supposedly is already fact, making those involved as rich as possible, and 'green' lobbying.

When this all comes to light even the staunchest 'believers' will have to ask

at 03:40 PM

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MAN ON WATERLOO BRIDGE  
on February 07, 2010  
at 03:19 PM

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John Plummer  
on February 07, 2010  
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Pragmatist  
on February 07, 2010  
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Mark  
on February 07, 2010  
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David Welch  
on February 07, 2010  
at 02:48 PM

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Gene Wilikins  
on February 07, 2010  
at 02:19 PM

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themselves some tough questions.

This is an excellent start, from a reputable outlet and writer, and I hope to see this topic revisited in such a way that the rest of the media will not be able to ignore it.

Continue your great work sir!

I feel it is appalling that our government should be throwing such amounts at projects outside of the uk when there is so much that needs to be done here at home.

owda180  
on February 07, 2010  
at 02:01 PM

Houses and flats need to be built for the homeless.

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Homes for the elderly need to be built.

Immigration must be halted so that our housing problems can have a chance of being tackled.

Our infra-structure is in desperate need of repair.

Our health service need sorting out.

There is so much to do, and yet we are told that there is no money available.

Let us get the priorities right and attend to Britain first.

Good chuckle, courtesy of the spinmeister, David Welch:

Charles Lee  
on February 07, 2010  
at 02:01 PM

"the science of global warming."

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I hope this doesn't get posted twice - the first attempt generated a failure message. However, the post did not appear, so here is a second attempt.

Scott, East Anglia  
on February 07, 2010  
at 02:01 PM

Unusually, I actually read Igonikon Jack's posting (February 07, 2010 at 06:25 AM) this time. It turns out that he is a warming industry follower of quite an old fashioned kind.

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CB's article is concentrating on the usual anti-British abuse of tax-payer's money that characterises all Labour governments. This one's behaviour can only be described as disgusting.

IJ's back-blow diatribe against those who would like to see some real evidence that MMGW due to CO2 is more than insignificant that doesn't involve assumptions of unproven causation for correlation, or reliance on discredited computer models, is irrelevant and posted onto the wrong page.

He would have been taken to task here long since except that I suspect no-one reads his contributions because of the weird layout.

For example, the slight warming trend since the end of the LIA has started to open up mountain passes that have been open before during previous thaws. The archaeological evidence was left behind by humans who used the pass when it was last open.

IJ's assertion that, "The mountain is melting down to iceless surface in some areas-- down to surface levels never been exposed in million years," may be true somewhere, but it is unlikely given not only how small the amount of warming was until it stopped, but also that warm periods have occurred before.

There are the traditional attempts at insults and name-calling, including ones I hadn't seen before - "Thermophobic denialists" and "climate-change absolutists", for example.

And as usual, according to IJ, skeptics apparently don't accept that the climate changes. At the moment I can't think of any 'skeptic' here who does not accept the

reality of climate change. The dispute is over the day-dream that huperchildkind - with deference to Batty Hatty Har Har (to the tune of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang) - has had more than a negligible effect through CO2 generation.

He appears to favour Evolution over Creationism (so he isn't all bad) because he considers it an insult to assert that, "the forces that push Creationism are the same that battle climate-change." Skeptics are, apparently, "a movement driven by religious fundamentalism."

So he seems to be frightened of God-botherers. Well, so am I when they start blaming witches for crop failures because they can't think of anything else. Just like the warming industry and CO2, really.

That led him into a suggestion that just as the "Church" has benefited from the scientific discoveries that Rome tried to suppress, so, "the vicious propagandists will reap the benefits of a renewable energy world."

We would all reap something, but to call it 'benefits' seems open to debate.

And so he fulminates on and on.

For convenience I have re-formatted the layout of IJ's posting because I suspect that many people don't bother to read his 'column'. It is pasted below.

[What I found in Christopher Booker's article is a detailed and impressive documentation of extravagant spending, and, sometimes, waste. But, it has not done any damage to the climate-change hypothesis: Excessive carbon dioxide and greenhouse-gas emissions trap heat, raise global temperature, cause the ice to melt and endanger lives and human populations in global ecosystems.

The article does probably achieve two things: 1. Create reasonable doubt that this theory may not be true or just exaggeration. A recent report by Daily Mail suggests that the percent of those who believe in global warming has decline from 83 percent to 75 percent, and 2. Distraction. Thus, moving away from the central thesis of climate-change absolutism and mechanism: Human abusive, environmental, corrosive interventionism is undermining the integrity of Mother Earth; so, action should be slowed in the use of earth resources for ecological preservation and conservation of other living organisms.

The British government, Brown administration and other agencies may have been wasteful, if not extravagant in climate-change experiments, but it still has not undermined the ongoing research in climate-change catastrophism. Even, the touted, deviant, hyperbolic claims that the Himalayas could disappear by 2035, is just an embellishment or exaggeration; not an outright lie.

Himalayas is melting. Yes. The mountain is melting down to iceless surface in some areas--down to surface levels never been exposed in million years. The fault line is how the thesis was framed: "Himalayas could disappear in 2035". Perhaps, "substantial parts of the Himalayas could disappear by 2035" would have been more reasonably and widely acceptable by global, scientific community.

So, the machinery of climate-change denialism grinds on; based on propaganda, innuendoes, insinuation, personal attacks on the reputation of climate-change scientists and pioneers. I outlined some of these trends in my commentary under Geoffrey Lean's Saturday Telegraph Feb. 5 article: "We need to cool down the climate change row," (9:28 AM). Here, extremists on both sides: Thermophobic denialists and climate-change absolutists are engaged in this ideological polarization; just like in the battle between Creationism and Evolution. If a poll is taken, the forces that push Creationism are the same that battle climate-change. They almost reflect similar posting patterns here in Comment-Telegraph. This is a movement driven by religious fundamentalism.

But, the difference is that corporate-industrial interests have used fundamentalist activism and collaboration to battle climate-change, because of threat to profits, as opposed to safety of global ecosystems. But, another difference is that one side does the experiments, the other engages in propaganda. But, in the endm the vicious

propagandists will reap the benefits of a renewable energy world. It's just like the Church reaping the benefits of scientific discoveries they suppressed for 600 years; even persecuting the scientists who pioneered it. They use hospitals, television, cars, computers, telephones, medicine, and more. But, the ideas that brought them forward were branded heresy, because science does not acknowledge divine supernaturalism.

But, the most amazing trend is that even the Church has come fully in support of Climate Change on the ironic twist that regressive and abusive human intervention has damaged Mother Earth--the creation of God. So, efforts at conservationism and preservationism through climate change trends must intensify.

And, this is exactly what is happening as the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is getting ready for another summit in Mexico later this year. The aim is to get the 193 participating nations to support framework of the Copenhagen Treaty which has not been signed because of disruptive obstructionism from China, India and other developing nations. So, the treaty was not signed in 2009.

It could be ready in the future. It's not over. And, the Norfolk Police is intensifying investigation in finding those who leaked the e-mails at the Central Research Unit of the University of East Anglia to climate-change denials, for possible charges of criminal mischief; according to the article written by David Leigh, Charles Arthur and Rob Evans in the Feb, 4 online edition of the Guardian. And, again the so-called "Climategate", like (Himalayas 2035 destruction) "Glaciagate" are just tools of distractions, obfuscation and propaganda--nothing more; nothing less. [gonikon Jack, USA]

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The very head and public face of this global farce "Dr. Rajendra Pachauri" just told us a few days ago that he hopes for the climate skeptics to go "wash their face in asbestos" err..thoroughly pleasant man isn't he? That he should wish violence against anyone who questions his dubious arguments.

Angelica K  
on February 07, 2010  
at 02:01 PM  
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So point is, if we cannot trust the man at the top of 'climate-gate', why should we trust all the links beneath his chain? Dig a little deeper around minions who run the groundshow and help implement his dirty work. I assure you, there is one thing involved here - the big smell of easy cash.

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Leah

"The British National Party has questioned the whole Climate Change shebang from the start. If you want the lie stopped vote for them."

Hugh  
on February 07, 2010  
at 01:56 PM  
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Sorry but I'm still not going to vote for your fascist race hate party led by a holocaust denier.

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The scraping of ALL Green taxes would be an election winner - are you listening Dave?

Sir Roger Debeaver  
on February 07, 2010  
at 01:53 PM

Thank you Mr Booker for your ground breaking journalism.

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Don't forget that this great country of ours is broke, it is borrowed money that these fools are giving away.

EX-BRAT  
on February 07, 2010  
at 01:29 PM  
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If man-made global warming is an 'incontestable truth' why is it necessary to hide data and rely on lies and deceit? The Met.Office admits (on its website) that the raw data which should constitute the temperature record of the 20th century has been 'lost'. Claims of rising temperatures are based instead on 'value-added' data (i.e. manipulated) with no traceability back to the underlying temperature measurements. There is no way, therefore, for any scientists to check claims such as 'this is the warmest decade since records began', because they have lost the records. Today

mikeB  
on February 07, 2010  
at 01:22 PM  
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there is a report in the Mail on Sunday alleging that the Met. Office has refused a Freedom of Information request to see what Professor John Mitchell, the Met Office's Director of Climate Science, fed into the IPCC report. Furthermore, this block has been endorsed in writing by Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth (Wow!)  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1249035/How-Met-Office-blocked-questions-mans-role-hockey-stick-climate-row.html>  
What have they got to hide?

I think everyone can agree that in order to restore public confidence (if that is still possible) in so-called climate science, that  
..all available data and related computer code are made available to other researchers  
..the IPCC review process is made impartial and transparent  
..the independent review at the University of East Anglia be made public

Our scuzzball politicians won't ever admit they were wrong to nail their colours to the Global Warming flag, but my prediction is that the government formed after the coming General Election will quietly forget Manmade CO2 and "Global Warming". It will become a non-topic.

Charles Lee  
on February 07, 2010  
at 01:10 PM  
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For Liz Davson:

"But Cameron has proved himself to be toothless, vapid and dreadfully dull."

Watch Steve Bell's devastating dissection of "Call me Dave" Cameron, Liz. You'll enjoy it.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/video/2009/oct/09/david-cameron-steve-bell>

Trying to make us pay for 'global warming' is as scandalous as charging us for the air we breathe. But then again, they'e all viciously mad anyway so they'll convince themselves somehow.

Charles Lee  
on February 07, 2010  
at 12:55 PM  
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stevgillamos  
on February 07, 2010  
at 12:55 PM  
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"What does seem clear is that our Government doesn't really want us to know all the sums involved, who many of the recipients are or why most of these payments are being made in the first place."

Let me see.  
The Labour party is broke.  
There is an election coming up.  
The Labour party needs millions to run their campaign.....

Delboy36  
on February 07, 2010  
at 12:55 PM  
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Well done Christopher. At last a journalist with the guts to say what needs saying and showing us the money-grabbing opportunities made possible because of the gigantic scam that is man made global warming.

Superioranalyst  
on February 07, 2010  
at 12:35 PM  
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Mornin' Your Grace.

Me and my fellow peasants just wanted to thank you and the Good Doctor for your investigations.

We's only simple country folk, we don' 'ave Your Grace's high abilities, but we's mighty glad you fights on be'alof of us common folk to expose the dirty doin's of thes Guverment.

My old friend Dick, who I knows you's'll be mortified to learn, has come down with a nasty attack of the dreaded Carbon Footprint, and me and all Dick's friends is very much 'opin' Your Grace's good works of investigation will eventually have all these miscreants brung to

Wat Tyler  
on February 07, 2010  
at 12:35 PM  
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justice.

Anyways, Your Lordship, all our thanks to you and the Doc. Please keep on keepin' on, an' if yous ever travellin' through these parts, we'd love you to join us for a convivial flaggon or two. We gets together most evenin's at The Bull.

Warmest regards,

Walt.

P.S. Is it true Your Highness that they Guverment has brung in a HIDDEN TAX on us candles? Old Dick, who's got a strong social conscience, says theys been doin' it for years, an' theys call it "The Climate Change Levy". We's all thinkin' we could get a refund off the candlemakers. What does Your Grace think? - Keep warm, Walt'

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Thank God there is a voice of sanity challenging this climate change apocalypse nonsense and the appalling misallocation of funds that results. Thank you Christopher Booker.

Paul Lockwood  
on February 07, 2010  
at 12:30 PM

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By now, even PM Gordon Brown knows the Climategate Scandal has traction and is proving to be a sinking ship. Will he continue to shuffle the deck chairs as the ship of Climategate sinks or will he show real leadership and right the ship of state and purge these nattering nabobs from the public coffers?

Ralph Babcock  
on February 07, 2010  
at 12:30 PM

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This is appalling but no great surprise. However, we can be as appalled as we like but who is actually going to do anything about it? None of our mainstream politicians has the inegrity or backbone to take up the cause.

Gateshead Tom  
on February 07, 2010  
at 12:16 PM

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Well done Booker, thank God for quality investigative journalism. This shows quite clearly the need for quality independent newspapers in a country where political mendacity is de rigeuer.

ray edwards  
on February 07, 2010  
at 11:59 AM

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Question is this in fact criminal fraud?

Clearly, the telegraph should now should now continue to demonstrate its tenacity by making this front page news and following every lead which will no doubt take us deep down into the sewers.

Nulab must not be allowed to obscure the truth. This governments financial largesse with taxpayer's money needs to be brought to a halt.

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It makes Salmond's £9,000 for a dinner with him seem about the right fee! But then again, mighty oaks from little acorns grow! Not bad for a beginner Alex!

British Citizen,  
Scotland  
on February 07, 2010  
at 11:59 AM

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Booker is bang on the money as usual. Indeed, banging on about the money should focus not just on who is paying out to vehicles for this complex scan - but whose pockets it is ending up in. That will tell us a great deal. Links to energy issues have been making politicians billions on the side for a long time.

simon coulter  
on February 07, 2010  
at 11:43 AM

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typical of new labour they support the world when it comes to making donations,while britains tax payer puts the bill and are own people go short,and on climate change its most probably been happening on earth for millions of years,but brown will use climate change as a excuse to put up energy bills as a stealth tax,just like he uses car fuel as a stealth tax,brown is nothing but a conman.

thomas arthur  
on February 07, 2010  
at 11:38 AM

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Brilliant exposé once again, Mr. Booker. But what worries me most is the continued support for this mythical problem by Cameron who has been reported as saying he will continue to employ Lord Stern should he make it to Downing Street. Does the idiot not realise that he will lose a lot of votes to UKIP, thus decimating his own votes in perhaps key seats, thus allowing either Labour or the LibDems to take these seats? Really, David Davies must be spitting teeth. He should always have been their new leader since he is so much more in touch with real Tory voters, and particularly so on this crucial issue. But Cameron has proved himself to be toothless, vapid and dreadfully dull. If I still lived in the UK, I'd vot for UKIP, which is somewhat ironic since I'm here in France, the main net beneficiary of the EU.

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Liz Davson  
on February 07, 2010  
at 11:06 AM  
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Stop this nonsense now - are you listening Dave ?

Liz Brown  
on February 07, 2010  
at 11:00 AM  
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@Graham 06:34

Expat in France  
on February 07, 2010  
at 11:00 AM  
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"...Let me go over the strategy. We give up fossil fuels and finance developing nations to build dirty energy plants at an eye watering rate as our economies disintegrate..."

And did I not read somewhere just recently, that Australia has signed up a contract to supply billions of tons to China over a 20 year period?

Let me get this straight, Australia, who is apparently capping their own carbon emissions, is selling coal to China so that they can burn it there, whilst inviting China to participate in going "green" and not burn their own coal in their own power stations...

Sheer, unadulterated madness, if true.

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We currently have the green anoraks running amok over the British Aerospace 'Slush Fund' story (how else do they think anybody does business with the Middle East; all that will happen now is the French will have a monopoly). How about the SFO being pointed at this grossly fraudulent use of tax payer's money by the incompetents running this country

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Graham P Jones  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:59 AM  
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Absolutely first class Journalism Mr Booker. Many thanks for that rarest of treats.

harry fredericks  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:59 AM  
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Yes we are currently enjoying a situation where most of the worlds governments have "gone rogue". By this I mean of course that in a quite coordinated and premeditated way they have turned away from their electorates and are busily building their various corporatist institutions to merge into a world conglomerate.

This requires money, and lots of it. The plutocrats will certainly not pay for their required demise of democracy, and it suits there bizarre sense of godhood to have us "dig our own Graves" as it were.

Back to the money. The huge political and geopolitical shifts required the Copenhagen "Conference" (lol) to formalise literally any kind of global agreement as the foundation of their Global corporatist hegemony; though ideally they hoped to get the original fit-up treaty signed. This would have insured the funding necessary to complete their agenda. Christopher Story of 'world reports' has it that four aides of Hilary Clinton were arrested while making the transfer of the illicit "Slush" funds which were to have paid (Bribes, inducements etc) for the signing of the UN globalist treaty. After that arrest the talks collapsed.

We have a situation where bribery and corruption and blackmail have trumped honest politics, as the odious globalists seek to close the net. This must be reversed.

I cannot understate how important those few brave and honest men and women who

face this "Evil" (literal) head on like your good self and Dr North are.

I unreservedly thank you from the bottom of my heart. Let us all work hard to hand a free world to our Children: And never relax again so that evil may threaten all of our futures.

Here is an old article by Christopher Story:

[http://www.worldreports.org/news/6\\_e.u.\\_treaties\\_procured\\_by\\_payola\\_corruption](http://www.worldreports.org/news/6_e.u._treaties_procured_by_payola_corruption)

This report dates from 2005 but is worth reading as the templates are used over and over by the plutocrats that desire not merely the wealth of the world but the world itself, along with utter control over the remaining population.

G. Tingey  
on February 07, 2010  
at 08:56 AM

Oil companies have given four times as much to the pro AGW (CACC) cause as to the sceptic cause. Governments have given one thousand times as much to the CACC cause as has been given to the sceptic cause by industry. Yes, that's correct, one thousand times as much.

<http://joannenova.com.au>

This from today's Telegraph for instance...

'It has also emerged that Teri's biggest single sponsor, BP India, which has provided £6&#8201;million, paid for dinner and drinks at an event publicising Dr Pachauri's debut novel. A BP spokesman said it was entirely legitimate to fund the dinner, the company having enjoyed a "long association with Dr Pachauri".'

Nigel S  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:58 AM

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When is Mr Booker going to "look into" the Grantham Foundation? Perhaps if he does that he really will have to give up walking in the woods and going home late.

The Watcher of Bath  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:57 AM

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Wooohoo, the government stooges are out in force this time. G. Tingey, Nick Hodgkins et al. They have nothing to say to rebut, but like to pass aspersions. This is our money your masters are throwing away. My taxes pay for this stuff and I would like a proper accounting of where it goes. That Dept of International Development has always been a nest of vipers. Time for the next government to close it down.

pewkatchoo  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:57 AM

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@ G. Tingey

If you haven't twigged that the oil companies are riding this gravy train for all it's worth then you are seriously deluded. The big money is in AGW, not in skepticism.

Pan Pantziarka  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:55 AM

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There is a saying "A fool with his money is soon parted".probably an apt saying for our govt.anyway errors have been reported on my log on page,is this a form of censorship,mysterious errors.

joseph walker  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:55 AM

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All complaints about what this "government" is doing appears to be falling on deaf ears. According to opinion polls, NuLabor is narrowing the gap on the Tories. The great British public, it seems, still has a lot to learn...

DC  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:54 AM

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It is really time the Telegraph began to publicly engage with the Tory hierarchy, and extract a promise that they will review this scandal and pull out these dodgy contracts.

mrtipster  
on February 07, 2010  
at 10:54 AM

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Never mind the banker's, clearly the biggest snouts in the world are politicians. I'm

Shaun9528  
on February 07, 2010

raging for the pain, hardship and wars they have caused.

It was the same in Dicken's time. A Tale of Two Cities show's why they were all guillotined.

at 10:54 AM

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'Climate Change' is nothing but a socialist scam.

JW

on February 07, 2010

at 10:54 AM

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Wealth redistribution on a massive, massive scale, whilst of course the distributors distribute more than a fair share to themselves at the same time.

PLEASE READ MY BOOK!!!! - Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds.

Charles Mackay

on February 07, 2010

at 10:52 AM

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I wrote it about 150 years ago but I think you will find it explains everything.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extraordinary\\_Popular\\_Delusions\\_and\\_the\\_Madness\\_of\\_Crowds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extraordinary_Popular_Delusions_and_the_Madness_of_Crowds)

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Will questions be raised in Parliament?

Nope. Why? Because they've all been conned - and are pretty hopeless anyway

r154

on February 07, 2010

at 10:52 AM

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The UK government, aka Mr Brown, has been throwing money at nearly everything in the world that moves.

Perry

on February 07, 2010

at 10:52 AM

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All that remains to be done is for the taxpayer to pay the bill.

For G.Tongey:

Charles Lee

on February 07, 2010

at 09:28 AM

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"Not nearly as much money as the US Oil companies have been spending.

Especially to support "opinions" like Mr Booker's.

He's right about the money, but not in the way he intended ....."

I think you're trying to insinuate that C.B. is in the pocket of oil companies, though, of course, as you don't have a scrap of proof that this is the case, you use the carefully constructed phrase:

"To support opinions like..."

This is just a scurrilous attack designed to undermine someone whom you perceive as doing real damage to your hoax, G.Tingey.

And, of course, he is.

The Tories don't have to look for anything, they've got Zak.

Now there is a man really well qualified to do the job. No knowledge, no education to speak of, inherited his Green Credentials (like his money), has never had a proper job and doesn't even live here. A better candidate one couldn't hope to find and he just happened to drop into Dave's lap.

The Watcher of Bath

on February 07, 2010

at 08:56 AM

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This important article by CB gives us the merest hint of the vast scale of the "Global Warming" industry, with "scientists", administrators, institutes, PR consultants and companies all "dipping their beaks" into the lucrative pot (Mafia phrase used deliberately).

Charles Lee

on February 07, 2010

at 08:56 AM

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When vast sums of money are splashed around without accountability, corruption is inevitable, and, boy, does the stink of corruption hang over "Global warming".

British taxpayers' money, pissed against a wall of corruption.

Charles Lee

on February 07, 2010

at 08:56 AM

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Woo hoo - you managed to find a way to combine socialist largesse with taxpayers money with the global warming debate.

Mark Barber  
on February 07, 2010  
at 08:54 AM

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As we all know most consultants will tell you what you want to hear if you pay them enough money

Mr Booker, another Sunday and yet more scandalous behaviour exposed, bloody well done.

Rick  
on February 07, 2010  
at 08:54 AM

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I know one shouldn't judge by appearances but Pachauri reminds me very strongly of a rather dodgy new-age guru. One of the ones who preaches asceticism and self-denial but somehow seems to have amassed considerable personal wealth through rather opaque means.

Simon  
on February 07, 2010  
at 07:48 AM

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It's obvious. They are stealing most of it, at least.

Thomas Goodey  
on February 07, 2010  
at 07:32 AM

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Thanks for the link PaulH. On the Dept. of Energy and Climate Change's page, it says of carbon credits:

Carver  
on February 07, 2010  
at 07:07 AM

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"All the money raised through the allowances will be recycled back to participants"

Hahahahahahahahahahahahahahaha! (repeat to fade).

Where is the money?

Alan  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:43 AM

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<http://whereisthemoney.org/>

Trillions gone missing in the US.

Yes, why isn't Booker's findings making the lead story on the front page?

Yvonne Burgess  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:43 AM

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Some of the biggest crooks find it convenient to hide behind the clean veneer of religion i.e. "the son of the manse."

But if it's possible to still get hold of a US publication, "None Dare Call It Conspiracy," by Gary Cooper, (1975?) all Labour govts. everywhere borrow as much money as they can to transfer wealth and this current effort excels all that they achieved in the past by miles - unless we can do something fast ... please!

Al Gore's legacy:

Kaintuck  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:43 AM

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Never before in the history of mankind has a cartoon convinced so many people to take the path to self-destruction in order to prevent something that isn't actually happening.

Thanks Al!

Man made climate change is proving to be nothing more than a scam.

Gary  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:38 AM

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I knew something was up a few years ago, when many other of the world's leading top scientist's were ignored and shunned on their theories about it being a natural cycle.

There is money to be made with 'climategate" new companies being formed and new tax rises ahead. This it what it is about.

The question everyone should be really asking now is: Can we really believe anything our government says anymore - for me, I lost that belief many years ago!!!

Fantastic work once again, Mr Booker. The genie is out of the bottle. Thank you, and please be careful. There are many crooks out there that won't be as appreciative of your efforts as most of the posters here.

Aasvogel  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:36 AM

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Well folks, I warned that all the politicians would jump on the bandwagon as there are trillions to be had in the short term in tax before the mounting evidence shows that this was nothing more than scam with scientists realising that there was gold in them thar false reports on duff data.

Hugh  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:34 AM

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The ever growing number of 'errors' (probably reaching mountainous proportions in a few years) is a lot more than co-incidence, particularly when the UN jumps in for tax to be paid to them. Who is prepared to bet that a fair old chunk won't stick to their fingers and the third world get the husks and broken bits?

No, it was all too tempting for the politicians and their civil servants to avoid raising other taxes and becoming unpopular.

Bizarre comments about Dr Pachauri from the Indian government.

Graham  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:34 AM

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<http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/abdullah-bats-for-pachauri-says-ipcc-chief-wrongly-targeted/85119/on>

"Coming to the defence of IPCC chief R K Pachauri, Union Renewable Energy Minister Farooq Abdullah today said he had been wrongly targeted and people will realise it soon.

'Recently, Pachauri is under tremendous attack. People did not spare Jesus Christ, Prophet Mohammad when they spoke about harmony and good will. Gandhi was targeted for his good work also. Today, Pachauri is being targeted... One day, they will realise,' Abdullah said at the Delhi Sustainable Development summit."

Interestingly that same page has a link to a massive project

".....to set up 1320 MW thermal project at Sinnar in Nashik district of Maharashtra"

Thermal project - that must be a high tech wind farm perhaps ?

"Coal requirement is estimated as 6.5 million TPA to be obtained from Western Coalfields Ltd"

So, a dirty stinking toxic coal fired power plant in the West is called a Thermal Project in a developing country - and whoops a daisy it produces nothing but perfumed O2 perhaps. Now that's impressive technology. I wish we had that.

For anyone thinking this new technology is rare - it appears not.

There's a link to seven pages of "upcoming thermal plants in India".

It seems they're proposing to negate Global Warming by blocking out the sunlight.

I don't know that they're all coal fired power generating plants, but I'd hazard a guess.

Don't they have wind in India ? If they don't, I'm fairly certain they have sunlight. If alternative power sources were such an obvious benefit, wouldn't they take advantage of solar power instead of dirty fuels ?

Let me go over the strategy. We give up fossil fuels and finance developing nations to build dirty energy plants at an eye watering rate as our economies disintegrate.

Sounds logical to me - not.

" The British Government has been pouring millions of pounds into 'climate-related' projects all over the world."

Dave  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:34 AM

Well that should stop now.

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Each and every reader now needs to write to his / her Member of Parliament demanding the clear answers to the serious questions Christopher Booker has exposed.

Pavo Absolutus  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:32 AM

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It is very apparent that tax funded resources are flooding away from this country courtesy of HMG at a rate greater than even the wildest claims of retreating glaciers !

Is this more evidence of corruption in Whitehall and Westminster ? On the face of it, it appears no stone under which taxation funds could lie, has been left unturned in the greedy corrupt squandering of OUR money !

In asking the serious questions we should not fail to remind our erstwhile MP's of the impending General Election.

It seems a few million more reasons for voting UKIP have just surfaced !

At least we know Malcolm Pearson is an honest and honourable man - based solely on his past performance !

That is now something we can NOT say for more than a handful of the LibLabCon Alliance thieves - Parliamentary Privilege or not !

It's not that much money. The government wastes much larger sums on far worse things. This "Climategate" business is just a lot of media hype over nothing very much.

Milly  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:31 AM

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Anyway, becoming more energy-efficient and reducing pollution has got to be a good thing, even if you don't believe in anthropogenic climate change.

<http://www.wheredoesmymoneygo.org/prototype/>

To EMU (9.32 pm):

John Galt  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:31 AM

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You want a Christopher Booker clone down in OZ and NZ?

You had the original.

Back in the 1980's there was a guy called Peter Sawyer down there who was writing about all this stuff, amongst other things, in his monthly newsletter the "Inside News". His book, "The GreenHoax Effect", published in 1990, was, as far as I know, the first researched, published contrarian view for the layman on the global warming fraud.

Right about the time he started to get traction with the public, the politicians, the media and the Assembly of God church got together and labeled him, very publicly, a "fascist, neo-Nazi right-wing extremist".

It started with a Senator Ron Boswell making a lengthy speech about him in the Senate (under parliamentary privilege - PP), accusing him of the above, and a lot worse. Boswell even claimed Sawyer was (and I kid you not) "the secret head of the Ku Klux Klan" in OZ.

I might add that prior to this, Boswell, leader of the conservatives in the Senate, was best known as the only OZ politician caught on camera scratching his bum and picking his nose at the same time. He was also a member of the Assembly of God Church (AOG).

On the following Sunday every Assembly of God congregation in OZ were treated to a pre-prepared sermon based on Boswell's speech.

The following week Keith Wright, of the Labor Party, made a lengthy speech about Sawyer - under PP of course, describing him (again I kid you not) as "the most sinister, insidious, extremist threat to the delicate fabric of democracy this country has

ever seen". Politicians from ALL parties took turns seconding Wright's speech.

Wright, it should be pointed out, later went to prison after being convicted of repeated rape and sexual abuse of his two step daughters over a period of several years. The girls were around 10 and 12 at the time of his conviction.

Over the following two weeks every major newspaper, radio and TV station did hit pieces on Sawyer, based on the claims made by Boswell and Wright.

The prestigious "Time" magazine's feature article that week, written by your esteemed "journalist" Laurie Oakes, was the same utterly unsupported, unsubstantiated drivel.

The sheeple of OZ and NZ (that's you, EMU) collectively turned your backs on Sawyer, and made him a pariah. He was ruined and bankrupted.

And now you want another lamb to slaughter down there, when your politicians and media tell you to?

Lots of luck. Here's an idea. Why don't YOU do it yourself?

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I know. I buried the pot of gold under the cloud now it is acid rain, ruining the graves of my dad and I am digging the Haities bodies to be honest so I can have the lolly back. I thank you Firozali A Mulla DBA

Firozali A .Mulla  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:28 AM

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I will keep saying it in the vain hope it might happen, but one thing is for certain, this will never be raised at PMQs.

GB  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:26 AM

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Would this be the same DEFRA with a certain Bob "you must all be made to understand" Watson at the helm. This, the guy who continues to bleat that the science is rock solid while all around him crumbles.  
Given what DEFRA have chucked down the drain, I can understand why he would not want this wagon stopped from rolling along.

John  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:26 AM

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Mr. Booker, you're a real hero. I hope all these criminals will someday soon be behind bars.

Michele  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:26 AM

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Thank you!

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I will shortly embark on a study to understand why it is always colder at 3:00am than it is at 3:00pm. This phenomenon can be found EVERYWHERE on the planet.

Major Plonquer  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:26 AM

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The total cost for the research (and the beer) will be about a million billion pounds. All the research will be conducted on British soil (except for a quick trip across the channel for fags). This is the type of project that DEFRA should be funding.

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What I found in Christopher Booker's article is a detailed and impressive documentation of extravagant spending, and, sometimes, waste. But, it has not done any damage to the climate-change hypethesis: Excessive carbon dioxide and greenhouse-gas emissions trap heat, raise global temperature, cause the ice to melt and endanger lives and human populations in global ecosystems.

Igonikon Jack  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:25 AM

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The article does probably achieve two things: 1. Create

reasonable doubt that this theory may not be true or just exaggeration. A recent report by Daily Mail suggests that the percent of those who believe in global warming has decline from 83 percent to 75 percent, and 2. Distraction. Thus, moving away from the central thesis of climate-change absolutism and mechanism: Human abusive, environmental, corrosive interventionism is undermining the integrity of Mother Earth; so, action should be slowed in the use of earth resources for ecological preservation and conservation of other living organisms.

The British government, Brown administration and other agencies may have been wasteful, if not extravagant in climate-change experiments, but it still has not undermined the ongoing research in climate-change catastrophism. Even, the touted, deviant, hyperbolic claims that the Himalayas could disappear by 2035, is just an embellishment or exaggeration; not an outright lie.

Himalayas is melting. Yes. The mountain is melting down to iceless surface in some areas--down to surface levels never been exposed in million years. The fault line is how the thesis was framed: "Himalayas could disappear in 2035". Perhaps, "substantial parts of the Himalayas could disappear by 2035" would have been more reasonably and widely acceptable by global, scientific community.

So, the machinery of climate-change denialism grinds on; based on propaganda, innuendoes, insinuation, personal attacks on the reputation of climate-change scientists and pioneers. I outlined some of these trends in my commentary under Geoffrey Lean's Saturday Telegraph Feb. 5 article: "We need to cool down the climate change row," (9:28 AM). Here, extremists on both sides: Thermophobic denialists and climate-change absolutists are engaged in this ideological polarization; just like in the battle between Creationism and Evolution. If a poll is taken, the forces that push Creationism are the same that battle climate-change. They almost reflect similar posting patterns here in Comment-Telegraph. This is a

movement driven by religious fundamentalism.

But, the difference is that corporate-industrial interests have used fundamentalist activism and collaboration to battle climate-change, because of threat to profits, as opposed to safety of global ecosystems.

But, another difference is that one side does the experiments, the other engages in propaganda.

But, in the end the vicious propagandists will reap the benefits of a renewable energy world. It's just like the Church reaping the benefits of scientific discoveries they suppressed for 600 years; even persecuting the scientists who pioneered it. They use hospitals, television, cars, computers, telephones, medicine, and more. But, the ideas that brought them forward were branded heresy, because science does not acknowledge divine supernaturalism.

But, the most amazing trend is that even the Church has come fully in support of Climate Change on the ironic twist that regressive and abusive human intervention has damaged Mother Earth--the creation of God. So, efforts at conservationism and preservationism through climate change trends must intensify.

And, this is exactly what is happening as the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is getting ready for another summit in Mexico later this year. The aim is to get the 193 participating nations to support framework of the Copenhagen Treaty which has not been signed because of disruptive obstructionism from China, India and other developing nations. So, the treaty was not signed in 2009.

It could be ready in the future. It's not over. And, the Norfolk Police is intensifying investigation in finding those who leaked the e-mails at the Central Research Unit of the University of East Anglia to climate-change denialists, for possible charges of criminal mischief; according to the article written by David Leigh, Charles Arthur and Rob Evans in the Feb, 4 online edition of the Guardian. And, again the so-called "Climategate", like (Himalayas 2035 destruction) "Glaciagate" are just tools of distractions, obsfucation and propagandism--nothing more;

nothing less.  
Igonikon Jack, USA

Wanted. Vacancies for a term of Office in the greatest Building in England once admired throughout the World.

Applicants need only apply if they can be honest and true at all times and are prepared to swear an Oath of Allegiance to the British Crown before taking up their seats in the House of Commons.

The maximum number required about 50 and need to know all there is about Education and the NHS and the truth about Global Warming. They will be expected to put their own Country first especially the needs of their own British Fighting Forces. Their pay will of course be exactly the same as those that are fighting in Afghanistan that are prepared to lay down their lives for their Country.

Averyoldun  
on February 07, 2010  
at 06:23 AM

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will8ace 10.01pm

Thanks for the link.

Does this criminal fraud still not understand that he didn't just get a bit tardy with FOI requests? He manipulated and destroyed raw data, the results of which have influenced and justified green policies around the world.

For Jones to compare his criminal fraud and its aftermath to a man of integrity like David Kelly is probably the most shameful thing he has done.

Don't worry Prof, it won't be the warmongers who want to see your demise, just the seekers of truth and justice who want to see you and your ilk behind bars.

Surely you are not suggesting that criminal fraud is taking place, with government employees passing money to various 'worthy causes' and it disappearing into Swiss bank accounts, as is so often the case with, for example, foreign aid money from the UK government to tinpot African and other despots?

Of course, it is and has been going on for a very long time and we all knew it!

The day I saw Al Gore's odious face and name associated with 'Global Warming', I knew instinctively that this was a massive scam

Our civil servants (and I suspect many MPs and ministers) know damn well that taxpayers' money is being laundered by these unknown recipients.

But then what else can we expect when we have a House of Parliament and a House of Lords stuffed full to the rafters with self-confessed crooks and tax dodgers?

The corruption which is taking place is just beginning to be understood by Joe Public and hopefully, brave journalists like you and Dr North will stay on their tails.

Very interesting article Mr Booker, and thank you.

It would be nice if it was just a house of cards, but I suspect that the foundations, and the house itself, have been constructed to withstand a 10 on the Richter scale.

Whilst the Americans and Australians are merely debating carbon emissions trading, we in the UK are just about to IMPLEMENT it.

Takes effect April 2010.

[http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what\\_we\\_do/lc\\_uk/crc/crc.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/lc_uk/crc/crc.aspx)

Emu  
on February 06, 2010  
at 11:49 PM

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Man on Waterloo Bridge  
on February 06, 2010  
at 11:48 PM

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Pete  
on February 06, 2010  
at 11:41 PM

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PaulH  
on February 06, 2010  
at 11:40 PM

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Can't trust the Tories to ever say anything sensible about climate.

As was pointed out earlier, UKIP have already got a clear manifesto position on

doitdreckly  
on February 06, 2010  
at 11:39 PM

AGW. [Report this comment](#)

Most of our policies get nicked in the end, and I hope this one does!

Extraordinary article. The climate change hoax will bring down governments. Melinda on February 06, 2010 at 10:52 PM [Report this comment](#)

Thank you, Mr Booker. Thomas Fuller on February 06, 2010 at 10:46 PM [Report this comment](#)

Be careful. You may be upsetting some very powerful and unpleasant people.

Africa - another Claim-itgate Richard Lawson on February 06, 2010 at 10:46 PM [Report this comment](#)

Somebody just has to claim it's true and Pachauri sticks it in the IPCC report.

I dare not comment - I would probably burst several large blood vessels. Retired Dave on February 06, 2010 at 10:40 PM [Report this comment](#)

Keep up the good work Christopher and Richard - thank you very much

The AGW scam was an all governments initiated taxation scheme, via the IPCC &#8211; a specifically created UN agency, to rip off hundreds of billions from the taxpayer. So far though, it is the scientists who are being criticised, though they are bit players in this scam. &#8220;Scientists&#8221; whose jobs and promotion depended on getting grant money, could be easily bought off to provide the required answers. The money in grants allocations to scientists is worth less than peanut shells compared to what governments and big business planned to pocket from general taxation on energy, and further hidden levies on all energy usage on petrol diesel, gas and electricity. DaveP on February 06, 2010 at 10:39 PM [Report this comment](#)

Sooner or later, politicians have to be brought to book on this scam to defraud the public, financially and politically.

Mr Booker another spot on article. AndrewT on February 06, 2010 at 10:28 PM [Report this comment](#)

The whole AGW thing is a sham. But you need to follow the money. It has occurred to for while that this is little more than a money laundering activity and an opportunity to create a global taxation system.

I fear that in the background there are some very powerful men in gray suits exploiting this hysteria in order to exercise greater power.

Christopher - It's all too appalling to contemplate! Keep reporting it - we rely on you. I wonder what that useful idiot David Welch has to say about it all...? Not much I'm sure. Mike Johnson on February 06, 2010 at 10:27 PM [Report this comment](#)

What is going on there in the UK? R.A. Jones on February 06, 2010 at 10:22 PM [Report this comment](#)

It is unimaginable that the Tories are not using this stuff to attack Labour. What better examples of waste and stupidity could a politician ask for.

Do the Tories care about winning?

Has your whole country gone nuts with Political Correctness?

And as usual we have no say, they have even said in court that election manifesto's are not worth the paper they are written on. Adrian Peirson on February 06, 2010 at 10:16 PM [Report this comment](#)

MP's are whipped into doing what their leaders and lobby groups want. This is not democracy, it is tyranny.

We might as well just have the three leaders in Parliament, and even they are working for the same Globalist interests.

And Richard North delivers what we all hope to be the killer blow for Pachauri.....

Africagate!

<http://eureferendum.blogspot.com/>

Richard Lawson  
on February 06, 2010  
at 10:09 PM

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Another 'gate opens

[http://eureferendum.blogspot.com](http://eureferendum.blogspot.com/)

or

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article7017907.ece>

Drew  
on February 06, 2010  
at 10:02 PM

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AGW is the bastard child of supranational bodies like the Bilderberg Group. They are de-industrialising the western economies and creating a unified global corporate state.

Your 'elected representatives' no longer represent you. They represent the interests of the banking and corporate lobbyists.

This is how it is folks and we all need to wake up.

UK Debt Slave  
on February 06, 2010  
at 10:02 PM

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

You are not going to believe this –

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article7017922.ece>

It just gets better and better and better.

will8ace  
on February 06, 2010  
at 10:01 PM

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Meanwhile : what is the official policy of the Conservative Party in this matter ?

The a.g.w. fraud\* is the most important issue before the British electorate in the forthcoming general election : more important than M.P.s' expenses ; the dilapidation of the roads ; the threat of terrorism ; even the parlous state of the Treasury.

Notwithstanding this the Conservative Party promises to continue efforts to destroy the economies of the industrialized world (particular that of the U.K.) by reducing what it ignorantly calls 'carbon' emissions -- I doubt to-day's professional politicians know which compound they're actually talking about -- to levels not seen since the start of the Industrial Revolution.

\* I have ignored here the whole question of whether changes in the atmospheric concentration of carbon-dioxide cause or are caused by changes in temperature, treating both halves of the fraud as a whole.

Pericles  
on February 06, 2010  
at 09:54 PM

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New Labour have clearly thrown this money at such global projects because we are a rich country with money coming out of our ears to invest...aren't we?

Why do I hear then, that our government could not afford to supply British soldiers in Afghanistan (and formerly Iraq) with vital clothing and life-saving equipment?

Anyone?

Tony Nicholls,

"Can you please tell me who will stop this happening and I will vote for them"

No worries at all - <http://www.ukip.org/media/pdf/energy%20final.pdf>

Robin the Taxpayer  
on February 06, 2010  
at 09:45 PM

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will8ace  
on February 06, 2010  
at 09:39 PM

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Page 8 is what you are looking for.

I trust people in the UK understand that you have "invested", a term I use loosely, approx. ten times the (net) amount of money in these projects than MIT and Harvard combined. At least these unis also have something to show for their work as well... and for the most part it disagrees with the research "investment" funded by the UK taxpayer. Sounds like much of the UK investment actually went elsewhere... maybe there needs to be a another committee funded by the taxpayer to figure out what happened... or another Quango.

Henry Cave Devine  
on February 06, 2010  
at 09:33 PM  
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As Kiwibird (7.50 pm) has said, this criminal money-laundering is going on in NZ and Australia.

Emu  
on February 06, 2010  
at 09:32 PM  
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For about the past 30-40 years we have all seen this theft of taxpayer funds perpetrated around the world.

Any challenge to the level of tax handed out in "foreign aid" and to "special interest" or "Green Climate Change" groups is deflected by the usual cry of "we are a wealthy country", as we borrow Billions to do it and our infrastructure crumbles around us.

Could we please have a Christopher Booker clone or two? This profligate and criminal waste of our money is reprehensible but the shroud of secrecy around these bureaucratic criminals allows unprecedented levels of corruption as the cash flows in all directions through kickbacks, bribes and handouts.

It's easy to point the finger at the corrupt dictators of the world, but we all have plenty of homegrown corrupt politicians and bureaucrats who need to be brought to account.

The halls of political power around the world need not only a new broom, they need a powerful vacuum cleaner followed by a hosing down with industrial strength disinfectant.

Britain doesn't give money without a prospect of getting it back ...with interest. It is developing carbon free energy producing technology which would be sold at a premium to developing world once the climate deal would have become final. By then(if not already) they have taken the role of production for the whole world aka china India etc. This scheme has fallen flat and there may be millions to lose here as if the climate change theory doesnt get takers then the technology wont have buyers.

santosh  
on February 06, 2010  
at 09:16 PM  
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Here's a good article:  
'Climategate: Is It Criminal?'

Link:[http://www.americanthinker.com/2010/02/climategate\\_is\\_it\\_criminal\\_1.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2010/02/climategate_is_it_criminal_1.html)

Viv Evans  
on February 06, 2010  
at 09:09 PM  
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Read the comments as well - some more excellent research by Andrew30.

The only thing I don't understand about Dr North's & Mr Booker's excellent investigative journalism is this.

Drew  
on February 06, 2010  
at 09:08 PM  
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Why is it not the leading story on the front page?

Wow!!! I wish we had a paper like the Telegraph in Germany. The press here is sleeping deeply, not interested: German Pressgate

Bob Poli  
on February 06, 2010  
at 09:03 PM  
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Tony Nicholls @ 07.35pm Tony, they are ALL the same, peeing in the same pot, The trust has gone, you know what I mean!.

D. Wells  
on February 06, 2010  
at 08:56 PM

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Crazy,what the hell are we doing and how were they allowed to do this,who sanctions these people to give tax payers money away like this,all should be sacked. This country is broke,no more aid should be given.

Angry  
on February 06, 2010  
at 08:49 PM

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In answer to the question, 'How on earth has all this been allowed to happen?' may I offer the following example.

Jim Greenhalf  
on February 06, 2010  
at 08:29 PM

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In 1992 Bradford Council accepted a proposal to build a £100m Superdome stadium at Odsal from a smartly dressed man, who called himself an architect. This scheme went through the usual planning procedures and got wide and massive favourable publicity.

Only one person challenged it: me. The man, I discovered, was not a qualified architect; furthermore he had a number of county court judgements against him. Although I passed this information on, it made no difference.

For six years the Superdome, which doubled in cost to £200m, continued to get support from both the local authority and the media in the region. In this time I estimate the charlatan developer must have made in the region of at least £50,000 - for doing nothing but produce reports, attend meetings and make promises.

In 1998 the paper I work for, called this man's bluff. There was nothing there, never had been.

How did he fool so many people for so long? He looked the part, like the good railway engineer Pachauri. He knew how to talk the talk. By definition a con man does not look like a grifter, he looks like a man you could trust with your last fiver.

Looking long and hard at the silk shirts, emerald ties and handkerchiefs, the big soulful eyes of India's modern version of Rasputin, it isn't hard to understand why sappy dogs like Ed Miliband are eager to please him by handing over lots of money for schemes about as scientifically valid as the extraction of sunlight from cucumbers.

God bless your endeavours Mr Booker, Dr North. Thank you.

Can the Telegraph not sponsor a FOI request to DEMAND the FULL details of these donations, and keep asking up to the general election.

Manonthemoor  
on February 06, 2010  
at 08:19 PM

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It is very hard to grasp just how big a fraud is being perpetrated but Mr. Bookers figures on handouts are crazy,just plain crazy. Thank you for your diligence Christopher Booker.

Mack  
on February 06, 2010  
at 08:18 PM

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Not to mention the British Council, which I understand paid amongst others £37,000 to some lucky youngster(s)in Ireland to become a climate change champion.

Edmund Burke  
on February 06, 2010  
at 08:16 PM

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A quick estimate, including the Hadley millions, gets us to a sum of 250 million quid of our money - ours, the taxpayers, not the government's.

Viv Evans  
on February 06, 2010  
at 08:16 PM

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Last week, the British scientific participation at the Cassini space project has been cancelled, because there is no money ...

At the same time, we, the taxpayers, are being clobbered with ever more 'green' taxes.

How is it possible that we pay such sums to china and India, who have their own

space programmes?

And how is it possible that we let our infrastructure crumble, let our pensioners and elderly live in penury and take their possessions for abysmal 'care', but have spare cash to send NGO activists on nice junkets around the world?

Why we're not rising up against this government, and those who squander our money to make themselves look good while abandoning those they ought to care for, is beyond me.

Well said in the best British and understated way or "good on ya", as we say down here. This rorting of public funding for tenuous research projects to advance the theory of AGW goes on down here as well.

I listened to an old Etta James CD the other day...had to laugh! There is a song called "Whats done in the Dark will be Brought to the Light.

One of the lines goes You've been sneaking around...like a truckstop waitress with your hand in the till.

It's all happening now folks, keep the pressure on.

Kiwibird  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:50 PM

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While the media is concentrating on MP's allowances, the very much larger scandals of NuLabour's profligate spending have been ignored.

An extraordinary amount of NuLabour's spending seems to have supported sectional interests and pressure groups but damaged British interests.

Let's hope that the next UK government stops this crazy spending immediately and punishes those involved.

Angry Voter  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:49 PM

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On top of all this, Dave continues to be dead keen to "ring fence" the International Aid budget in spite of the fact that it goes variously to corrupt dictators, the sort of research (then ignored when it comes up with the "wrong" answers, as above), and in some cases the same organisations that then lobby governments over such things as climate change.

Newminster  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:35 PM

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Can you please tell me who will stop this happening and I will vote for them.

Tony Nicholls  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:35 PM

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As ever, follow the money. Another spot on commentary but when will we get the answers?

Perhaps Dave and George could start their hunt for savings here. Don't hold your breath.

PhilhipposC  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:35 PM

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For a long time now your column has been my first port of call on Sundays. Recently, the horrors have been growing and I am fast reaching such a state of frustration that it's becoming a health risk.

GOSPORT Mike  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:34 PM

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I think the stage has come when some sort of active movement should be started. What can we do to stop our money being wasted in this way?

Please do not suggest a General Election - all the omens are that the next lot will wait to be led. I see no signs of a change in attitude so far.

scary....

just plain scary....

anonymous  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:32 PM

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THANK YOU TELEGRAPH for doing the work that journalists should be doing.

The main stream media is no longer journalism but advocacy. I'm glad you're reporting substance.

Telegraph is now on my favorites and it will stay there (you've replaced CNN and BBC).

Meanwhile, back at the Guardian...

"Snowmageddon' brings Washington to a standstill"

TruthSeekerUK  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:26 PM

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AGW is a scientific, intellectual, political, financial and moral scam. The climate has been changing for millions upon millions of years.

The IPCC is the biggest perpetrator of scientific fraud that the world has ever seen.

Individuals and organizations involved in this fraud should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Civil suits should be filed to recover grant money and subsidies given to individuals and organizations participating in the fraud.

Now is not the time to let up !

It's no wonder with this sort of behaviour that this government has effectively bankrupted the country. The only thing this government has shown it is capable of doing is wasting the taxpayers money on what seem like scams. I guess that is what we get when we elect a government full of people who have never had to earn a living by doing something useful, something people are prepared to pay for.

Amerloque  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:26 PM

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They don't know how to earn money, but they sure know how to spend other people's money.

Please don't forget a mention of the costs on council tax of having a Climate Change Department (Carbon Police)in every major local authority.

There are many more local costs too: bins collected less frequently, roads not being built or maintained, increased parking charges, restrictions on the number of parking places allowed for new homes, constant badgering about carbon footprints in leaflets, meetings to see how to make everyone's life a misery with what they eat, how many food miles it has travelled - this CO2 (plant food) abatement disease is in so much we take for granted.

AGW is an expensive joke!!!

Dr Phillip Bratby  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:25 PM

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realityreturns  
on February 06, 2010  
at 07:00 PM

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