

## Global Cooling? Global Warming? Whatever... Just Call it Climate Change

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Was anyone else besides me terrified at school in the 1970s by the spectre of another ice age? Scientists said we were facing another ice age. Thankfully, that didn't happen. My fears—of not waking up one morning because of another ice age—were unfounded.

Fast forward 20 years and the world was in a panicked battle against "global warming." "Global warming," we were told "is a global issue; therefore all countries need to come together under the UN, give up their national sovereignty and submit to the enlightened policies of 'The New World Order.'"

Surprisingly though, the climate has failed to cooperate; according to some scientists, we've just gone through 20 years of global cooling. A study produced by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)<sup>1</sup>, tells a different story of the "diminishing" Antarctic ice cap: "According to new analysis of satellite data, the Antarctic ice sheet showed a net gain of 112 billion tons of ice a year from 1992 to 2001. That net gain slowed to 82 billion tons of ice per year between 2003 and 2008..." Wow! Which "scientists" are we supposed to believe? When 20 years of global cooling could no longer be ignored, the name of the imminent threat to the planet was changed to reflect the new reality...now it's "climate change" we're battling.

Yet starting yesterday, Nov 30, 2015, our new Prime Minister and our provincial Premiers gathered with 150 other world leaders at the 2015 Paris Climate Conference (also known as COP 21—Conference of Parties, 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting) to deal with "climate change," still loosely understood to refer to the threat of worldwide global warming. It doesn't matter if it's warming or cooling, all countries must jump on the bandwagon because "climate change" is causing extreme weather, or so we're told.

Each time a COP meeting has been held, from the Kyoto years forward, the world has been chastened and warned about "anthropomorphic climate change" (man-caused climate change). Very specifically, we have been told that our use of carbon fuels (coal, oil, gas) and the CO<sub>2</sub> byproduct of combustion is disastrously warming the globe. This has never been proven; in fact thousands of scientists disagree with the theory. Nevertheless, like the Emperor's politically-correct subjects who pretended to admire his glorious but non-existent "new clothes," international "climate extremists" have brought pressure to bear on countries to force them to submit to global government based on the unproven theory of CO<sub>2</sub>-based global warming.

Last Sunday night, our Prime Minister began putting pressure on the Prime Minister of India. This after announcing Canada will give \$2.65 billion dollars to help developing countries fight climate change. It's a good thing he has a bottomless purse...but then again, he did promise to run deficits.

So the big push is on for money to "save the planet from climate change." Carbon taxes are already being imposed in various jurisdictions with more on the way. They have two purposes: to provide a negative incentive to burning fuel and to squeeze additional cash out of consumers—this money theoretically to be used for research or to pay for retrofitting industries with carbon-reduction technologies. Then there are carbon credits, something you can buy which don't actually exist. These are a type of penance you can choose

willingly or have imposed upon you as a penalty for not meeting your carbon objectives. Besides being abused and becoming another very burstable credit bubble, these credits actually do nothing at all to reduce carbon.

The “climate change” agenda is like the “Emperor’s New Clothes”<sup>2</sup> Remember that story? The bottom line is that we are sold nothing...and it costs a lot of money to get that nothing. Another misconception is that businesses, not consumers will pay their carbon taxes. Wrong!!! Businesses pass their expenses on to the consumer so guess who is really paying these new taxes?

Then there’s the unrealistic expectation that we can immediately replace all our energy needs with wind and solar. Nice idea. Not practical in 2015. Ontario has jumped into this with both feet, imposing wind turbines where they’re not wanted and massively subsidizing wind- and solar-generated electricity (using taxpayers’ and ratepayers’ money). Meanwhile they’re selling cheaper, reliable “excess” water-generated electricity to Quebec and the US at a loss. Does this make sense? Of course not but it creates a self-defined legacy of “change.” Politicians can pat themselves on the back and say they did something to save the planet.

The CHP has long endorsed—and continues to endorse—solid research into alternative energy sources. Wind, solar, wave and tidal, biofuels, thorium...all these have potential but the technology must be proven before committing taxpayers’ hard-earned dollars. In other words, the research and the science should point the way, not politics! Too much research in recent years has started with an assumption and set out to prove it rather than following the evidence where it leads.

The Christian Heritage Party believes in true science—the study of the created universe. We believe God wants us to look after this planet for our children. We just don’t blindly accept the conclusions of those who want to force upon us their narrow agenda of world government and population control. The “tax-and-spend” policies of the politically-correct will neither save the planet nor help mankind.

The Christian Heritage Party supports responsible stewardship of resources, reasonable and effective recycling and reduced emissions of man-made toxic chemicals. Carbon and carbon dioxide are naturally-occurring and essential for all plant and animal life. The CO<sub>2</sub> hysteria must stop. Let’s figure out how to protect innocent human life, along with natural spaces, biodiversity and all that is noble in a free society.

It’s time for us all to put our best foot forward; if you’re not already a member, now’s the time to join CHP Canada! We’re going to make full use of the next four years to ensure that Canada knows there is an alternative to “the same old, same old.” Tomorrow can dawn brightly for this nation but only if we do our part today to make it happen.

Join Today!<sup>3</sup>

## **Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup> [www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/nasa-study-mass-gains-of-antarctic-ice-sheet-greater-than-losses](http://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/nasa-study-mass-gains-of-antarctic-ice-sheet-greater-than-losses)

<sup>2</sup> [www.andersen.sdu.dk/vaerk/hersholt/TheEmperorsNewClothes\\_e.html](http://www.andersen.sdu.dk/vaerk/hersholt/TheEmperorsNewClothes_e.html)

<sup>3</sup> [www.chp.ca/get-involved](http://www.chp.ca/get-involved)

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