



A Global Warming Skeptic's Declaration

It's cool! It's fun! Have your friends sign! Send it to your favourite pundits and politicians!

Are you convinced global warming isn't happening? Are you tired of hearing misguided alarmists say we're crashing toward ecological, political and social catastrophe from climate change?

Here's the moment where money meets mouth. If you believe in good faith that human-caused climate change is not occurring or is not relevant, just sign this declaration and mail it to prairie dog. By doing so you'll have earned the right to partic-

ipate in the debate over the veracity of climate change. You'll have demonstrated you're a person with courage and integrity willing to put your name to your beliefs.

We'll keep the declarations on file. And if in 10 years it turns out that prairie dog's editorial stance (not to mention the general scientific consensus) was wrong, we'll pull out the proof and give deniers the credit they deserve with a hearty

"you were right and we were wrong." And we'll perform a top-to-bottom reassessment on all our convictions.

And if global warming turns out to be not only real, but catastrophic? Then we'll know who to blame.

By signing this, I declare that I am a climate change skeptic. By this I mean that I reject – either outright or in some significant portion – the scientific consensus that the planet is warming as a result of human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels.

My reasons for rejecting the scientific consensus are as follows (check all that apply):

I deny the idea that global temperatures are on average rising. The data as presented by climate scientists showing that the planet is warming is either flawed or fraudulent.

I deny the consensus view that global temperature increases should be attributed to the actions of human beings. Human activity is too insignificant to influence climate systems. Natural cycles, volcanism, solar forcing and/or some other natural (i.e. non-human) factor are sufficient to explain global warming. Evidence from climate scientists showing that human activity is causing global warming is either flawed or fraudulent.

I deny the consensus view that global temperature increases are an imminent concern. Any negative consequences of global warming are so far in the future that significant investment in their mitigation would unnecessarily burden our economy. Evidence from climate scientists showing global warming is having negative effects on the environment in the present and near-term is either flawed or fraudulent.

I deny that global warming is free from radical political agenda. Theories of anthropogenic global warming manufacture a false crisis, used to justify attacks on economic liberty by far-left internationalist elites. These elites want to impose socialist economic and governance systems on sovereign nations. Global warming is ultimately a smokescreen to facilitate the transfer of wealth from developed nations to poor ones. Evidence from climate scientists showing global warming will damage market economies is either flawed or fraudulent.

I deny that global warming is an overriding concern unto itself. Environmental degradation can better be solved by strengthening the global economy and making developing countries wealthier so that they can participate in "greener" spending patterns. Evidence from climate scientists showing global warming will have a disproportionately negative effect on poor and developing nations in the immediate future is either flawed or fraudulent.

I deny that global warming is a problem. There should be no serious investment to mitigate global warming as it will, in fact, be of benefit to the planet through improved agriculture and more desirable temperatures in near-polar regions. Moreover, it will facilitate oil extraction in the arctic as the ice caps melt. Evidence from climate scientists showing global warming will have a devastating impact on the planet's ecosystem, our civilization and economy is either flawed or fraudulent.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____ Date: _____ City/town of residence: _____

By signing this, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the entire contract and didn't simply tick off all the boxes because I'm a smartass. Also, by signing this, I acknowledge the seriousness of the question of climate change (if not the conclusions of the scientific consensus) and attest that I do not enter into any discussion of climate change as a "climate skeptic" idly or simply to win an argument. My rejection of the scientific consensus on human-caused global warming is both earnest and heartfelt.

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