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 **TODAY'S "QUICK HIT":**
CLIMATE CHANGE:
IMPORTANT
QUESTIONS
REMAIN!



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Here's what provoked me:

My friend Stefano pointed out a clever editorial cartoon in the Des Moines Register – a newspaper I seldom read. Having been a former “paper boy” for the Register, I took a look. I like the paper and think I may continue to read it, but I wanted to introduce myself to the editorial department with these comments.

Here's my response:

Climate Change: Important Questions Remain!

The Jim Moran editorial cartoon from September 8 stifles the important debate about climate change. Unfortunately, the cartoon makes fun of some sincerely held opinions. The cartoon displays the statement “Global Climate Change is a Hoax!!” surrounded by cries of “HELP!” from around the U.S.

For MOST “skeptics” there has never been much denial of the fact of climate change! But the term “skeptic” deserves an explanation.

I'm skeptical about the objectivity being applied to this issue. For example, temperature measurements used by alarmists are from ground-based stations, while the “skeptics” commonly refer to satellite measurement of ground temperatures – arguable better technology that yields different results.

I hear of ice melting in the arctic, but not that the ice in the “Northwest Passage” is more abundant now than when Norwegian explorer Roald Amundson sailed through in 1903. We also don't hear about the growing ice accumulation in the Antarctic. I could go on!

Are there adequate cost/benefit studies analyzing suggested solutions? I'm disappointed by the naïve statement often used: “This is better than just doing nothing!” I must ask, “To what end?”

We should discuss this, so don't dismiss me, and others, with false impressions of our motivations.