

## **MY THOUGHTS ON GLOBAL WARMING – BACKGROUND AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

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Several years ago I completed a large project on the climate change/global warming issue. I will be updating that original report in the months to come. In order to frame the entire project and set the stage for new information, I have done some rework of the original project and am reissuing much of the report in the form of five separate articles. These are all manageable in length, consistent in content and easier to “wade through.” This first report gives background of the project and also lists many of the resources I used for the original report. Keep in mind that most of the information in these reports relates to information available when the original report was written.

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### **Background**

The issue of climate change, and man’s contribution to it, has always been a vague concept that didn’t really grab my attention. I left it to others to deal with. The debate left an impression only in the back of my consciousness, and my knowledge was limited to sound bites and simplistic comments repeatedly issued by both sides of the issue.

Gradually, in 2005, I paid more attention. I was attracted by several things. I saw the polarizing (no pun intended) opinions forming along political lines – liberal/conservative, or democratic/republican – why? I observed Al Gore becoming uncharacteristically zealous about the issue – why? I observed him attempting to cut off the debate – why? I noted Al Gore’s refusal to testify in Congress about the global warming issue. It was reported that he did this because he was advised there would be conflicting opinions presented in his presence – why react like that? I recalled his adamant statement as Vice-President, regarding his opposition to the Kyoto Protocol – using words like “no way, no how” – obviously an about-face – why? I heard demagoguery on both sides of this issue – why the change? I observed spokespersons on both sides of the issue treating the issue very simplistically when it isn’t simple – why? I heard statements that there is no longer any disagreement, and that the debate is over – but I heard other obviously reputable experts disagreeing, saying the debate was most certainly not over – why the disagreement? And so on....

I became aware that most of the solutions suggested by Al Gore and others were extreme and would have huge, some said devastating, economic impact. Those solutions would be fine and good if the predictions are correct and if the solutions work. It was important for me to understand the facts and arguments because I am cautious about making or supporting huge decisions if there is any question as to their necessity or effectiveness. Also, I tend to be curious and skeptical about any “sky is falling” declaration.

Or perhaps all of that is just intellectual justification, and not the real reason. Maybe I simply didn’t understand something that I found very intriguing and important.

## **Sources of Information**

This is not intended to be a bibliography or list of notes and references which would be necessary for publication or other wide use of my original report. These lists are intended to relay the nature, extent, and seriousness of my effort to become personally more knowledgeable. I hope this lend some level of credibility to the project and my conclusions. The items below are listed in no particular order.

### ***Books***

An Inconvenient Truth by Al Gore (book and movie versions)  
Myths, Lies, and Downright Stupidity by John Stossel  
Under a Green Sky by Peter Douglas Ward (excerpts)  
Taken by Storm: The Troubled Science, Policy and Politics of Global Warming  
by Christopher Essex and Ross McKittrick (summary and review)  
The Weather Makers: How Man Is Changing the Climate  
and what It Means for Life on Earth by Tim Flannery (summary and review)  
Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature and Climate Change  
by Elizabeth Kolbert (summary and review)  
The No-Nonsense Guide to Climate Change by Dinyar Godrej (excerpts)  
The Complete Idiot's Guide to Global Warming by Michael Tennesen, (excerpts)  
Cool It by Bjorn Lomborg  
Unstoppable Global Warming, Every 1500 Years by S. Fred Singer and Dennis T. Avery  
Eco-Freaks by John Berlau  
The Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming by Christopher C. Horner

### ***Papers, Pamphlets, and Court Records***

A Global Warming Primer – National Center for Policy Analysis  
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)  
– Summaries for Policymakers – (2007)  
IPCC Report – Summary for Policymakers – (2001)  
The Myth of Dangerous Human-Caused Climate Change  
by Professor R. M. Carter (Australia)  
Climate Momentum Shifting: Prominent Scientists Reverse Belief in Man-made Global  
Warming – Now Skeptics, by Marc Morano  
Approved Judgment, October 2007 by Mr. Justice Burton re: British Public  
Schools Use of “Inconvenient Truth” Without Presentation of Alternate Theory  
Climate Change Impacts on the United States, the Potential Consequences of Climate  
Variability and Change, by the National Assessment Synthesis Team (2000)  
35 Inconvenient Truths – The Errors in Al Gore's Movie  
by Christopher Monckton of Brenchley, Science & Public Policy Institute (SPPI)  
Climate Change Science: An Analysis of Some Key Questions  
– Executive Summary (2001), National Academy of Sciences  
Skeptics Guide to Debunking Global Warming Alarmism

Global Warming: The Origin and Nature of the Alleged Scientific Consensus  
by Professor S. Lindzen  
Uncertainty in Climate Model Projections of Arctic Sea Ice Decline:  
An Evaluation Relevant to Polar Bears, by Eric DeWeaver/USGS

***Websites, Online Newsletters, Writers, Columnists, Educators, Scientists and Reporters  
Whose Material Was Used : Too many to list here.***