

 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
**CLIMATE CHANGE
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Here's what provoked me:

A science philosopher wrote an article supporting the exclusion of climate change skeptics from offering their opinions in any form of media. Why? Because skeptics offer opinions only, not evidence. He claims true science is totally evidence NOT opinion. How naïve he is! And he's teaching this to college students!

Here's my response:

Climate Change Skeptics are Entitled to an Opinion!

Philosopher Douglas Allchin lectured us about "scientific evidence" trumping freedom of expression (2-9). Among his several points was that climate change science is about evidence, NOT opinion. He ridicules skeptics because all they offer is uninformed opinion, NOT evidence.

Allchin concludes that newspapers are not an appropriate forum for debating science. He supports a system in which freedom of expression is NOT a good "excuse for honoring voices that deny scientific consensus." **He would exclude ANY opinions by climate change skeptics from all forms of media.**

I object to Allchin's desire to deny a voice to those bringing **credible** rebuttal to opinions of climate alarmists. Informed skeptics have shown the light of day on fabrication of data by the IPCC. Informed skeptics have also exposed the phony method used to compute "scientific consensus" – e.g., 98% of the recognized scientists' survey responses were excluded from consideration.

Allchin says science has no room for opinion, only evidence. In fact, climate change theory IS mostly opinion because alarmists are not reacting to evidence, but rather, models which use unproven and flawed assumptions.

Lennart Bengtsson is a research fellow at the University of Reading and one of the IPCC report authors. He recently began to challenge certain IPCC findings. He carefully concluded that there were many hypotheses and model errors that were leading to much exaggerated results. He stated: *"The problem we now have in the climate community is that some scientists are mixing up their scientific role with that of a climate activist."*