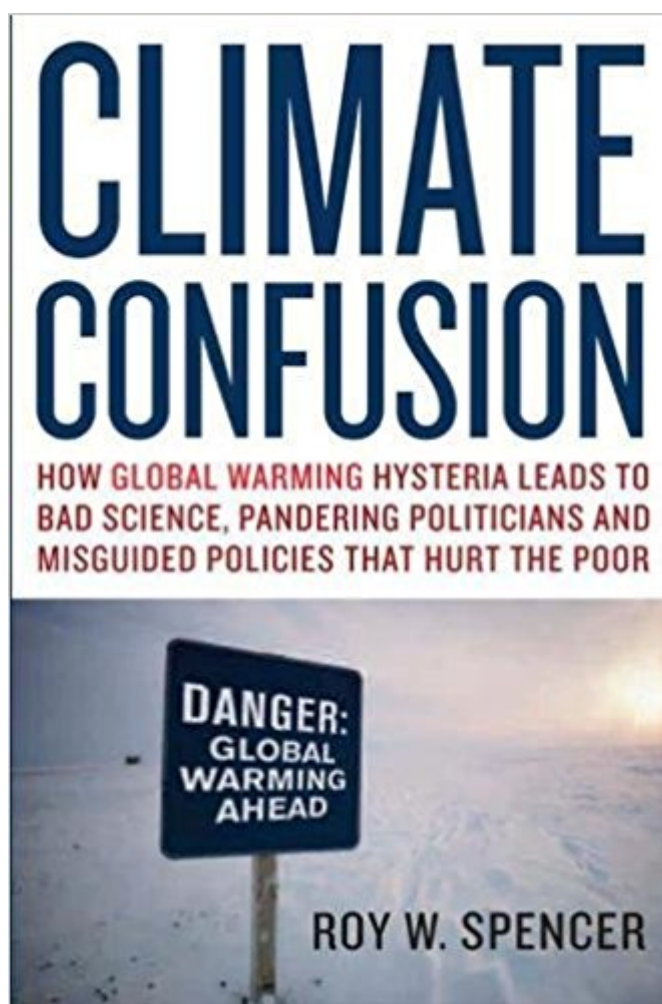


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Climate Confusion: How Global Warming Hysteria Leads To Bad Science, Pandering Politicians And Misguided Policies That Hurt The Poor





Synopsis

The current frenzy over global warming has galvanized the public and cost taxpayers billions of dollars in federal expenditures for climate research. It has spawned Hollywood blockbusters and inspired major political movements. It has given a higher calling to celebrities and built a lucrative industry for scores of eager scientists. In short, ending climate change has become a national crusade. And yet, despite this dominant and sprawling campaign, the facts behind global warming remain as confounding as ever. In *Climate Confusion*, distinguished climatologist Dr. Roy Spencer observes that our obsession with global warming has only clouded the issue. Forsaking blindingly technical statistics and doomsday scenarios, Dr. Spencer explains in simple terms how the climate system really works, why man's role in global warming is more myth than science, and how the global warming hype has corrupted Washington and the scientific community. The reasons, Spencer explains, are numerous: biases in governmental funding of scientific research, our misconceptions about science and basic economics, even our religious beliefs and worldviews. From Al Gore to Leonardo DiCaprio, the climate change industry has given a platform to leading figures from all walks of life, as pandering politicians, demagogues and biased scientists forge a self-interested movement whose proposed policy initiatives could ultimately devastate the economies of those developing countries they purport to aid. *Climate Confusion* is a much needed wake up call for all of us on planet earth. Dr. Spencer's clear-eyed approach, combined with his sharp wit and intellect, brings transparency and levity to the issue of global warming as he takes on wrong-headed attitudes and misguided beliefs that have led to our state of panic. *Climate Confusion* lifts the shroud of mystery that has hovered here for far too long and offers an end to this frenzy of misinformation in our lives. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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I wrote Climate Confusion for several reasons. In contrast to other works, I wanted it to be an entertaining and easily understood primer on how weather and climate works, showing why manmade global warming is unlikely to be a serious problem for humanity. Furthermore, I wanted to explore the political, philosophical, and religious underpinnings of beliefs in catastrophic global warming, helping the reader to better appreciate why scientific research in this area has become tainted and untrustworthy. Finally, and possibly most importantly, by using basic economic concepts I wanted to counter currently proposed policy "solutions" to global warming that will have devastating effects on the world's poor.

Looking at the 1-star reviews makes it obvious that the reviewers never read a word of this book. Spencer is not a shill for big oil, any more than environmental groups are shills for research grants, or for the IPCC's agenda to redistribute incomes. As a former NASA scientist, Spencer repeatedly states that he and all scientists agree that (1) the earth is warming, (2) that man-made CO2 is increasing greenhouse gases, and that (3) this likely adds to the warming. That part is settled. What is not settled is how much permanent warming effect this will have on earth's climate. With over 20 years of predictions now behind us, none of the dire predictions about climate change have occurred. He says computer models are incapable of forecasting climate because of too many unpredictable variables. Spencer gives clear scientific evidence that the earth's natural ability to "move heat from where it is to where it's not" is perfectly capable of handling a one-degree change in temperature over the next 100 years. Refuting his claims is easy. Just cover your ears, stamp your foot and shriek that he is a paid shill and "a denier". There's some scientific debate for ya.

I highly recommend reading this book for anyone even mildly interested in the topic of climate change, and more importantly whether government involvement in attempting to regulate a "solution" is an advisable concept. When the topic of greenhouse gas regulation comes up in conversation, this is the book I always recommend as a great starting point for understanding the underlying issue (and the far reaching consequences of potential governmental solutions). This book is written in an easy to follow manner meant for the lay person to comprehend. By no means, does that insinuate that this work is not thoroughly researched; it is just an indication that Dr. Spencer does an excellent job of considering his target audience. Dr. Spencer's credentials speak for themselves, so you can pretty much ignore most of the low reviews attacking him personally. In fact, if several of those reviewers actually read the book, they would realize that he does a pretty thorough job of dismantling their shallow attacks of being some "big oil" hack. This book covers quite a few aspects surrounding the subject of climate change as a whole (from the underlying statistics, to the methodology of modeling, to the unknowns of weather and climate), so it works as a substantive primer on the overall concept. Perhaps one of the most significant items of this particular book is his discussion of the jump from the data we have to the Hollywood doomsday scenarios being predicted, and the lack of true scientific data to support the doomsday hypothesis. The topic of climate change is an extremely rhetorically charged topic, but the concept of greenhouse gas regulation affects everyone. The United States already has already waded into the shallow end of greenhouse gas regulation using the back door with the Tailoring Rule and Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (mechanisms that escape the radar of the general populace), but if we are to continue the march toward the deep end of regulation with "Cap & Trade"; we all need to start educating ourselves more fully on the concepts. In short, if you are an inquisitive enough mind to be reading these reviews, you will not be disappointed with this book.

A good attempt to write an expose of the climate debacle for the non-scientist, but it ends up being a bit short on facts and heavily opinionated. A couple of classic one-liners are a nice touch though. "For many years now, well over \$100 million a year has been flowing from the (US) federal government to environmental lobby groups. The federal government routinely funds so-called NGOs that turn right around and lobby the government to support environmental causes that the NGOs depend upon for their survival. Yes, I know this seemingly incestuous relationship would be inconsistent with the high regard you have for politicians, but trust me, it is true."

Very enjoyable read. Learned a lot about how our weather comes to be. Highly recommend if this is a subject you are interested in.

This book is well written and scientific without being boring. The author uses humor instead of ranting on a soapbox to get his point across. He has a PhD in Meteorology and has worked for NASA so he knows enough to know what we don't know. Certainly he knows more than politicians and movie personalities. He knows enough to realize that man's contribution to CO2 is a pittance compared to what the world can do. The author's approach is easygoing and relaxed enough to help the reader to realize that climate change is not our enemy. It is political panderers. He describes the natural (global) processes that have been going on for centuries without any help from us and makes it all almost understandable. The exclusion is the agenda driven person who probably won't read this book. In any case, it (the weather in our beautiful earth) is explained so that even a casual reader can understand it. And the author confronts the various issues one at a time and lets us laugh at the confusion even as we gain a greater understanding of what is going on.

Even to-day (2014-02-16) two politicians -- who, I suppose know as much about the subject as, e.g., the I.P.C.C. or HADCRU -- were moved to pronounce on the subject, one saying we were "sleep-walking in to climate change" and the other, "We're not walking in to climate change, asleep or otherwise: it has been going on since the formation of the Earth; as far as we know it will continue till the Earth be swallowed by the Sun. Prof. Spencer is a real scientist, unlike the computer modellers, self-styled environmentalists and fraudulent politicians. His book shines some light on a subject of which even the true experts know only a part.

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