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CLIMATEGATE: THE FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN OF 'ANTHROPOGENIC GLOBAL WARMING'?

November 20, 2009 Telegraph.co.uk reported: "If you own any shares in alternative energy companies I should start dumping them NOW. The conspiracy behind the Anthropogenic Global Warming myth (aka AGW; aka ManBearPig) has been suddenly, brutally and quite deliciously exposed after a hacker broke into the computers at the University of East Anglia's Climate Research Unit (aka CRU) and released 61 megabytes of confidential files onto the internet. (Hat tip:)

When you read some of those files – including 1079 emails and 72 documents – you realise just why the boffins at CRU might have preferred to keep them confidential. As Andrew Bolt puts it, this scandal could well be "the greatest in modern science". These alleged emails – supposedly exchanged by some of the most prominent scientists pushing AGW theory – suggest:

Conspiracy, collusion in exaggerating warming data, possibly illegal destruction of embarrassing information, organised resistance to disclosure, manipulation of data, private admissions of flaws in their public claims and much more.

One of the alleged emails has a gentle gloat over the death in 2004 of John L Daly (one of the first climate change sceptics, founder of the Still Waiting For Greenhouse site), commenting: "In an odd way this is cheering news."

But perhaps the most damaging revelations – the scientific equivalent of the Telegraph's MPs' expenses scandal – are those concerning the way Warmist scientists may variously have manipulated or suppressed evidence in order to support their cause. Here are a few tasters.

Manipulation of evidence:

I've just completed Mike's Nature trick of adding in the real temps to each series for the last 20 years (ie from 1981 onwards) and from 1961 for Keith's to hide the decline.

Private doubts about whether the world really is heating up:

The fact is that we can't account for the lack of warming at the moment and it is a travesty that we can't. The CERES data published in the August BAMS 09 supplement on 2008 shows there should be even more warming: but the data are surely wrong. Our observing system is inadequate

Suppression of evidence:

Can you delete any emails you may have had with Keith re AR4? Keith will do likewise. He's not in at the moment – minor family crisis. Can you also email Gene and get him to do the same? I don't have his new email address. We will be getting Caspar to do likewise.

Fantasies of violence against prominent Climate Sceptic scientists:

Next time I see Pat Michaels at a scientific meeting, I'll be tempted to beat the crap out of him. Very tempted.

Attempts to disguise the inconvenient truth of the Medieval Warm Period (MWP):

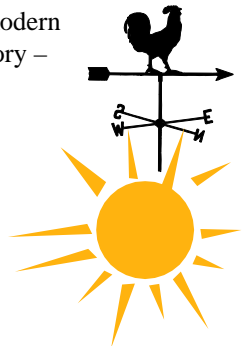
.....Phil and I have recently submitted a paper using about a dozen NH records that fit this category, and many of which are available nearly 2K back. I think that trying to adopt a timeframe of 2K, rather than the usual 1K, addresses a good earlier point that Peck made w/ regard to the memo, that it would be nice to try to "contain" the putative "MWP, even if we don't yet have a hemispheric mean reconstruction available that far back.

And, perhaps most reprehensibly, a long series of communications discussing how best to squeeze dissenting scientists out of the peer review process. How, in other words, to create a scientific climate in which anyone who disagrees with AGW can be written off as a crank, whose views do not have a scrap of authority.

"This was the danger of always criticising the skeptics for not publishing in the "peer-reviewed literature". Obviously, they found a solution to that—take over a journal! So what do we do about this? I think we have to stop considering "Climate Research" as a legitimate peer-reviewed journal. Perhaps we should encourage our colleagues in the climate research community to no longer submit to, or cite papers in, this journal. We would also need to consider what we tell or request of our more reasonable colleagues who currently sit on the editorial board... What do others think?"

"I will be emailing the journal to tell them I'm having nothing more to do with it until they rid themselves of this troublesome editor." "It results from this journal having a number of editors. The responsible one for this is a well-known skeptic in NZ. He has let a few papers through by Michaels and Gray in the past. I've had words with Hans von Storch about this, but got nowhere. Another thing to discuss in Nice !?"..."

I asked in my title whether this will be the final nail in the coffin of Anthropogenic Global Warming. This was wishful thinking, of course."..."



CHINA EXPERT WARNS OF PANDEMIC FLU MUTATION

November 25, 2009 Reuters reported: "China must be alert to any mutation or changes in the behavior of the H1N1 swine flu virus because the far deadlier H5N1 bird flu virus is endemic in the country, a leading Chinese disease expert said.

Zhong Nanshan, director of the Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Diseases in China's southern Guangdong province, said the presence of both viruses in China meant they could mix and become a monstrous hybrid -- a bug packed with strong killing power that can transmit efficiently among people.

"China, as you know, is different from other countries. Inside China, H5N1 has been existing for some time, so if there is really a reassortment between H1N1 and H5N1, it will be a disaster," Zhong said in an interview with Reuters Television."..."

BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT WELCOMES IRANIAN LEADER

November 24, 2009 Voice of America News reports: "Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva says Iran should negotiate with the West for a 'just' solution to the country's controversial nuclear program. The Brazilian leader made his comments Monday as he welcomed Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to Brasilia.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has said Iran is engaging in what he called 'subversive activity' in Latin America. Iran has rejected Western charges that it is using a civilian nuclear program as a cover to develop atomic weapons.

The Iranian president's trip is part of a five-nation tour that has already taken him to the African nation of Gambia. He is also expected to visit Bolivia and Venezuela before leaving South America and traveling on to Senegal.

Mr. Ahmadinejad's trip to Brazil follows visits to the South American country by Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas..."

VIEWS FROM DUBAI: 'THE END OF THE DREAM'

November 26, 2009 The BBC News reported: "Following six years of rapid growth, the Dubai economy has slumped since the second half of 2008, which has led to property prices falling sharply. Here, Dubai residents describe the changes the worsening economic situation has brought and discuss the future of the state.

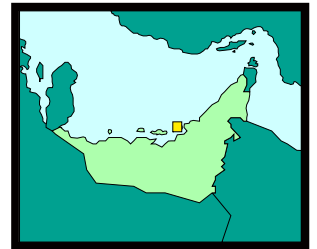
This news doesn't come as a surprise to anyone here, although the government has kept quiet on the subject and people don't discuss it. We've been concerned about the situation for quite some time. Since July we've had two increases in our electricity bills. Our monthly bill was £15,000, now it is nearly £30,000. That is a massive industrial price hike and it's totally unjustified in this oil-rich country.

The property market has crashed - we weren't involved in property, but many people did get involved and many people left overnight. If you go to the airport you'll see many abandoned cars. I myself know a few people who are no longer around. It makes you wonder where did these people go.

The personal debt situation is very worrying. Leaving the country is the obvious solution for the foreigners - there are no loyalties, no families to stick around for, so people leave overnight.

I am quite pessimistic. I don't think it will get better soon, it will take at least five years for the economy to recover. Everyone is affected - the banks, the economy, the industry, individuals.

I think this will be the end of the Dubai dream."..."



United Arab Emirates

LENDING DECLINES AS BANK JITTERS PERSIST

November 26, 2009 The WSJ reported: "U.S. lenders saw loans fall by the largest amount since the government began tracking such data, suggesting that nervousness among banks continues to hamper economic recovery.

Total loan balances fell by \$210.4 billion, or 3%, in the third quarter, the biggest decline since data collection began in 1984, according to a report released Tuesday by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The FDIC also said its fund to backstop deposits fell into negative territory for just the second time in its history, pushed down by a wave of bank failures.

The decline in total loans showed how banks remain reluctant to lend, despite the hundreds of billions of dollars the government has spent to prop up ailing banks and jump-start lending. The issue has taken on greater urgency with the U.S. unemployment rate hitting 10.2% in October, even as the economy appears to be stabilizing.

"There is no question that credit availability is an important issue for the economic recovery," FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair told reporters Tuesday. "We need to see banks making more loans to their business customers."

She said large banks -- which account for 56% of industry assets and received a large share of the government's bailout funds -- accounted for 75% of the decline."..."

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