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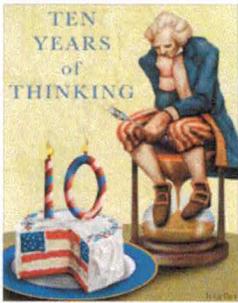
I HAD A CARD TO SPEAK, BUT NOT ARE DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS.

A DRIVER, MAJOR, IN THE WAR ON COAL IS THE THEORY THAT HUMAN ACTIVELY ADVERSELY AFFECTS CLIMATE CHANGE. THAT THEORY IS LARGELY SUPPORTED BY THE OFF-STATED STATISTIC THAT 97% OF SCIENTISTS AGREE THAT HUMAN EMISSIONS OF GHG DRIVE GLOBAL WARMING. WE ARE LEAD TO BELIEVE THAT THE SCIENCE IS SETTLED. HOWEVER, AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN 2014 SHEDS DOUBT ON THAT CONSENSUS CLAIM. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED. I'D ASK THE BLM TO LEAD A REVIEW OF THE DATA

BEHIND THE CONSENSUS CLAIM AND

ACT ACCORDINGLY ON DISCREPANCY THAT I

SUSPECT THE RE-ANALYSIS WILL UNCOVER.



American Thinker

February 4, 2014

Debunking the 97% 'consensus' on global warming

By Thomas Lifson

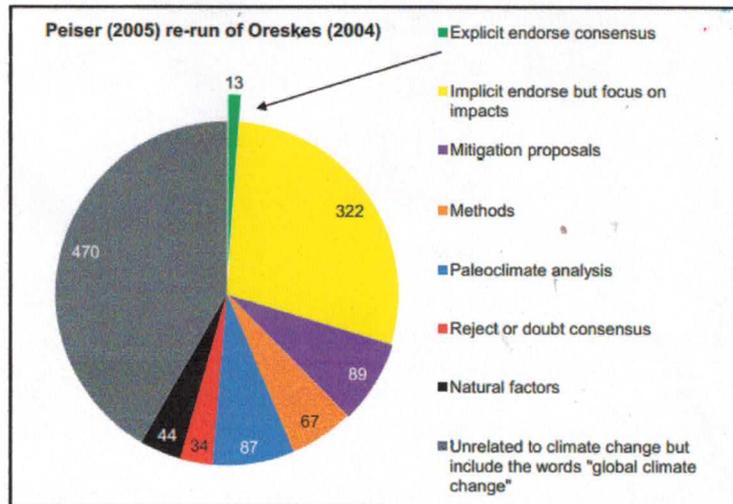
The main pillar of the warmist argument is the contention that a "consensus" exists among scientists that global warming is caused by man and threatens catastrophe. But a Canada-based group calling itself Friends of Science has just completed a [review](#) of the four main studies used to document the alleged consensus and [found](#) that only 1 - 3% of respondents "explicitly stated agreement with the IPCC declarations on global warming," and that there was "no agreement with a catastrophic view."

"These 'consensus' surveys appear to be used as a 'social proof,'" says Ken Gregory, research director of Friends of Science. "Just because a science paper includes the words 'global climate change' this does not define the cause, impact or possible mitigation. The 97% claim is contrived in all cases."

The Oreskes (2004) study claimed 75% consensus and a "remarkable lack of disagreement" by the other 25% of the abstracts she reviewed. Peiser (2005) re-ran her survey and found major discrepancies. Only 1.2% or 13 scientists out of 1,117 agreed with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) view that human activity is the main cause of global warming since 1950.

Actually reviewing the sources cited by the Oreskes study discovered this distribution of views, for example:

Figure 4: Peiser (2005) re-run of Oreskes (2004)



The conclusions of the report are rather shocking, and it deserves close attention. No doubt, the group, which is based in Calgary, will be attacked as an energy industry front, but its examination of the underlying reports on which the alleged consensus is based can be replicated. One way or another, a fraud is being committed - either the debunking is a fraud, or more likely, the consensus claim is fraudulent. Given that trillions of dollars are at stake, this report deserves the closest possible examination.