

Global What???

I'm a middle aged American male and have been a keen observer of details and facts for as long as I can recall. I don't remember a time when national politics have been so vicious and so downright absent of integrity. I recall a time when facts seemed to be pretty universally regarded and conclusions on the facts were where the disputes would generally focus. $2+2=4$ and everyone agreed and so on.

Not anymore. If you "feel" that $2+2=$ a pepperoni pizza, that's okay as long as your self esteem is intact. We can't even agree on what "fact" is now. It seems that the nation is so divided anymore and things that used to be considered off-limits, are now acceptable and seemingly leading us towards uncontrolled escalation that can only logically culminate in secession by certain states, probably along the red and blue lines,...which would of course lead to civil war. I pray this is not the case.

I'll stay away from the specific names of individuals concerned, because that would only give rise to specific political affiliation and would distract from my point. I'll stick to issues for now. Take global warming for example. Again, leaving partisan politics out of it for the moment, I am personally not convinced that the condition commonly accepted as "global warming", or the newer version of "climate change" even exists.

I've not seen credible verifiable incontrovertible evidence to suggest that it's happening first of all. Second of all, if it is in fact happening, I don't see the evidence to prove beyond any reasonable doubt that there's a bloody thing we could do about it anyway. Lastly, conceding the point for a moment that it's a fact, which I don't believe, it hasn't been proven that we had anything to do with causing it and simple things like a temperature increase of our sun could easily be the reason behind it. This hasn't been ruled out yet by the way .

To be clear, I'm not a scientist, but I do have some common sense. If the quantity of our sun's emissions, or the temperature of our sun rose the appropriate number of degrees, what on God's green earth can we do to change that? Nothing. Considering that there exists an abundance of evidence to suggest that the earth has in the past experienced both warmer and colder global temperature changes, long before our industrialization of the planet, how can anyone claim that we are causing this one?

20 years ago, it was being drilled into my head that we had a coming "ice age"! Now it's warming? Which one is it? The whole issue seems about as accurate as our local weather forecasts. Flip a coin and you'll be just as likely to guess the correct outcome. I've heard credible analysis from both points of view, and

although no one has of yet made the case for me, I lean towards it being a natural process which we have absolutely no control over.

Back to the main point. This one issue has become so shrill and so void of commonly accepted protocols of discourse that one must wonder what will occur when one side or the other gets “their way”? At worst, it’s a fact; we blew it, and were all doomed. At best, it’s a serious misinterpretation of very complicated solar-global dynamics. Most likely, as it appears to me, it’s a money grab scam to tax us and control us further with the whole “carbon credits” BS.

If the carbon credits crowd wins out, what will those of us who remain unconvinced do? Just sigh, buck up and go along with it? I need 50 more carbon credits please. What do you mean I’ve exceeded my total annual allocation? If those of us who are unconvinced win out, and we do nothing, what will those who are absolutely sold out to the idea do? Will they all move back to San Francisco? One can only hope, but the larger point is that this is only one of many other similar points that are being hotly debated. The issues also seem to be so opposed as to be from people looking at different evidences and different circumstances. How can this be? Am I drinking the wrong Kool-Aid?

For the time being, I don’t think we should change a thing until science can tell us with universal confidence what the facts actually are. We shouldn’t be debating a pre-conclusion. We shouldn’t be debating a “maybe”. We shouldn’t be wasting precious time on specious arguments about global conditions when time could be better spent trying to figure out who is responsible for Donald Trump’s comb over or how it is that a virtual unknown with only 144 days of total government experience, who’s accomplished zip doodley, is poised to become the next leader of the free world?

~John Phillips~