

Wissenschaftler gegen die „Klimapolitik“ und das Kyoto-Protokoll

Ist es wirklich wahr, daß eine Mehrheit die These von der globalen Erwärmung unterstützt?

Obwohl die Propagandamedien des ökologistischen Staates behaupten, eine „überwältigende Mehrheit“ der Wissenschaft stimme der These von der globalen Erwärmung zu, gab es doch mehrfach Aufrufe und Petitionen gegen diese von den United Nations und dem IPCC vertretene These und insbesondere die daraus abgeleitete Politik der Verknappung und Rationierung. Von den deutschen Medien weitgehend totgeschwiegen unterzeichneten Tausende von Wissenschaftlern, darunter zahlreiche Nobelpreisträger, Appelle gegen die Beschlüsse des sogenannten „Erdgipfels“ von Rio 1992 und das Protokoll von Kyoto, in dem die Maßnahmen der Energiezuteilung und Zwangsbewirtschaftung beschlossen wurden.

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<p><u>Ein Zitat zur Einstimmung</u>: Nichts ist schwerer und erfordert mehr Charakter, als sich im offenen Gegensatz seiner Zeit zu befinden und laut zu sagen NEIN! (<i>Kurt Tucholsky</i>)</p>

Die Erklärung der Klimawissenschaftler zum Treibhauseffekt

Schon vor dem sogenannten Erdgipfel von Rio unterzeichneten zahlreiche Naturwissenschaftler den nachfolgend wiedergegebenen Aufruf an die UN und die Politiker, die diesen bei ihrer Zusammenkunft jedoch mit der Arroganz der Macht ignorierten. Obwohl der Aufruf sich auf US-amerikanische Persönlichkeiten beschränkt, ist er doch bezeichnend als Anfang einer langen Kette von Protesten der wissenschaftlichen Gemeinschaft gegen die zunehmend irrationale und ideologische Politik.

Statement by Atmospheric Scientists on Greenhouse Warming

WASHINGTON, D.C., 27 FEBRUARY 1992 - As independent scientists, researching atmospheric and climate problems, we are concerned by the agenda for UNCED, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, being developed by environmental activist groups and certain political leaders. This so-called Earth Summit is scheduled to convene in Brazil in June 1992 and aims to impose a system of global environmental regulations, including onerous taxes on energy fuels, on the population of the United States and other industrialized nations.

Such policy initiatives derive from highly uncertain scientific theories. They are based on the unsupported assumption that catastrophic global warming follows from the burning of fossil fuels and requires immediate action. We do not agree.

A survey of U.S. atmospheric scientists, conducted in the summer of 1991, confirms that there is no consensus about the cause of the slight warming observed during the past century. A recently published research paper even suggests that sunspot variability, rather than a rise in greenhouse gases, is responsible for the global temperature increases and decreases recorded since about 1880.

Furthermore, the majority of scientific participants in the survey agreed that the theoretical climate models used to predict a future warming cannot be relied upon and are not validated by the existing climate record. Yet all predictions are based on such theoretical models.

Finally, agriculturalists generally agree that any increase in carbon dioxide levels from fossil fuel burning has beneficial effects on most crops and on world food supply.

We are disturbed that activists, anxious to stop energy and economic growth, are pushing ahead with drastic policies without taking notice of recent changes in the underlying science. We fear that the rush to impose global regulations will have catastrophic impacts on the world economy, on jobs, standards of living, and health care, with the most severe consequences falling upon developing countries and the poor.

Unterzeichnerliste zur Erklärung der Klimawissenschaftler zum Treibhauseffekt

Die folgende Liste erhebt weder Anspruch auf Vollständigkeit noch ist sie endgültig, weil ständig neue Namen hinzukommen. Wie geben daher nur die wichtigsten Einträge wieder. Eine komplettere und aktuellere Version könnte möglicherweise auf <http://www.sepp.org> einzusehen sein. Die Angabe der Institutionen soll die Identifikation der Persönlichkeiten erleichtern.

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Der Heidelberger Aufruf (1992)

Im Juni 1992 unterzeichneten 264 Wissenschaftler aus aller Welt, darunter 52 Nobelpreisträger, einen Aufruf an die Mächtigen der Welt. Das Dokument, dessen Unterzeichnerliste ständig anwächst und inzwischen über 4.000 Namen zählt (!), wurde damals anlässlich des sogenannten Erdgipfels von Rio verfaßt und ist heute, da der Handel mit Treibhausgasen und ähnliche Absurditäten mit wachsender Rasanz gegen die Interessen der Menschen durchgesetzt werden, von kaum zu unterbietender Aktualität. Dennoch wurde es von den Medien weitgehend ignoriert.

The Heidelberg Appeal

We want to make our full contribution to the preservation of our common heritage, the Earth.

We are, however, worried at the dawn of the twenty-first century, at the emergence of an irrational ideology which is opposed to scientific and industrial progress and impedes economic and social development.

We contend that a Natural State, sometimes idealized by movements with a tendency to look toward the past, does not exist and has probably never existed since man's first appearance in the biosphere, insofar as humanity has always progressed by increasingly harnessing Nature to its needs and not the reverse. We full subscribe to the objectives of a scientific ecology for a universe whose resources must be taken stock of, monitored and preserved.

But we herewith demand that this stock-taking, monitoring and preservation be founded on scientific criteria and not on irrational preconceptions.

We stress that many essential human activities are carried out either by manipulating hazardous substances or in their proximity, and that progress and development have always involved increasing control over hostile forces, to the benefit of mankind.

We therefore consider that scientific ecology is no more than extension of this continual progress toward the improved life of future generations.

We intend to assert science's responsibility and duties toward society as a whole.

We do, however, forewarn the authorities in charge of our planet's destiny against decisions which are supported by pseudoscientific arguments or false and nonrelevant data.

We draw everybody's attention to the absolute necessity of helping poor countries attain a level of sustainable development which matches that of the rest of the planet, protecting them from troubles and dangers stemming from developed nations, and avoiding their entanglement in a web of unrealistic obligations which would compromise both their independence and their dignity.

The greatest evils which stalk our Earth are ignorance and oppression, and not Science, Technology, and Industry, whose instruments, when adequately managed, are indispensable tools of a future shaped by Humanity, by itself and for itself, overcoming major problems like overpopulation, starvation and worldwide diseases.

Unterzeichnerliste zum Heidelberger Aufruf

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Die Erklärung von Leipzig (1997)

Erstaunlicherweise gab es auch in Deutschland Aufrufe und Deklarationen gegen die „Klimapolitik“ der Vereinten Nationen und der Bundesregierung. Die nachfolgende Erklärung entstand auf einem internationalen Symposium im November 1995 in Leipzig und im November 1997 in Bonn. Federführend war die Europäische Akademie für Umweltfragen und das Science and Environmental Policy Project in Arlington, Virginia, USA.

The Leipzig Declaration on Global Climate Change

As independent scientists concerned with atmospheric and climate problems, we -- along with many of our fellow citizens -- are apprehensive about emission targets and timetables adopted at the Climate Conference held in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997. This gathering of politicians from some 160 signatory nations aims to impose on citizens of the industrialized nations, -- but not on others -- a system of global environmental regulations that include quotas and punitive taxes on energy fuels to force substantial cuts in energy use within 10 years, with further cuts to follow. Stabilizing atmospheric carbon dioxide -- the announced goal of the Climate Treaty -- would require that fuel use be cut by as much as 60 to 80 percent -- worldwide!

Energy is essential for economic growth. In a world in which poverty is the greatest social pollutant, any restriction on energy use that inhibits economic growth should be viewed with caution. We understand the motivation to eliminate what are perceived to be the driving forces behind a potential climate change; but we believe the Kyoto Protocol -- to curtail carbon dioxide emissions from only part of the world community -- is dangerously simplistic, quite ineffective, and economically destructive to jobs and standards-of-living.

More to the point, we consider the scientific basis of the 1992 Global Climate Treaty to be flawed and its goal to be unrealistic. The policies to implement the Treaty are, as of now, based solely on unproven scientific theories, imperfect computer models -- and the unsupported assumption that catastrophic global warming follows from an increase in greenhouse gases, requiring immediate action. We do not agree. We believe that the dire predictions of a future warming have not been validated by the historic climate record, which appears to be dominated by natural fluctuations, showing both warming and cooling. These predictions are based on nothing more than theoretical models and cannot be relied on to construct far-reaching policies.

As the debate unfolds, it has become increasingly clear that -- contrary to the conventional wisdom -- there does not exist today a general scientific consensus about the importance of greenhouse warming from rising levels of carbon dioxide. In fact, most climate specialists now agree that actual observations from both weather satellites and balloon-borne radiosondes show no current warming whatsoever--in direct contradiction to computer model results.

Historically, climate has always been a factor in human affairs -- with warmer periods, such as the medieval "climate optimum," playing an important role in economic expansion and in the welfare of nations that depend primarily on agriculture. Colder periods have caused crop failures, and led to famines, disease, and other documented human misery. We must, therefore, remain sensitive to any and all human activities that could affect future climate.

However, based on all the evidence available to us, we cannot subscribe to the politically inspired world view that envisages climate catastrophes and calls for hasty actions. For this reason, we consider the drastic emission control policies deriving from the Kyoto conference -- lacking credible support from the underlying science -- to be ill-advised and premature.

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Dr. Frederick Seitz, physicist, former President, Rockefeller University, former President, U.S. National Academy of Sciences; former member, President's Science Advisory Committee; recipient, U.S. National Medal of Science.

Dr. Gary D. Sharp, Executive Director, Center for Climate/Ocean Resources Study and the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Integrated Ocean Sciences; contributed to the initial development of the Climate Change Program of the National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration; investigated climate-related resource variabilities, sustainable development, and basic environmental climatology for the UN, World Bank, and USAID.

Dr. S. Fred Singer, atmospheric physicist; President, The Science & Environmental Policy Project; former Director, U.S. Weather Satellite Service; Professor Emeritus of environmental science, University of Virginia; former Chairman, federal panel investigating effects of the SST on stratospheric ozone; author or editor of 16 books, including *Global Climate Change* (1989) and *Hot Talk, Cold Science: Global Warming's Unfinished Debate* (1997).

Dr. A. F. Smith, chemical engineer (ret.), Jacksonville, Florida

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Dr. Heinz Sundermann, University of Vienna, Austria

Dr. George H. Sutton, Professor Emeritus, University of Hawaii

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Dr. Robert C. Whitten, physicist, formerly with NASA.

Dr. Klaus Wyrski, Professor Emeritus, University of Hawaii Sea Level Center

Besonders interessant ist, daß die Erklärung von Leipzig auch von Fernseh-Meteorologen unterzeichnet wurde, also bereits – anders als ihre Vorgänger – erfolgreich in die Medien getragen wurde:

Elliot Abrams, meteorologist, Senior Vice President, Accuweather, Inc.

Richard Apuzzo, meteorologist, WXIX-TV (FOX), Cincinnati, Ohio; member, AMS, NWA, SKYWARN; recipient of "Best

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Andre Bernier, meteorologist, WJW-TV (FOX), Cleveland, Ohio

Sallie Bernier, meteorologist, WJW-TV (FOX), Cleveland, Ohio

Bob Breck, meteorologist, WVUE-TV (ABC), New Orleans, Louisiana

Matthew Bye, meteorologist, KPIX-TV (CBS) San Francisco, California

A.J. Colby, meteorologist, WICU-TV (NBC), Erie, Pennsylvania

Dr. Neil L. Frank, meteorologist, HOU-TV (CBS), Houston, Texas, former Director, National Hurricane Center.

Dick Gance, meteorologist, Weather Forecasting, Inc., Concord, Ohio

Dick Goddard, meteorologist, WJW-TV (FOX), Cleveland, Ohio

Shane Hollett, meteorologist, WJW-TV (FOX), Cleveland, Ohio

Mark Johnson, meteorologist, WEWS-TV (ABC), Cleveland, Ohio

Roy Leep, meteorologist, WTVT-TV (CBS), recently retired; Director, Gillette Weather Data Services, Tampa, Florida; elected Fellow, American Meteorological Society; former member, AMS Executive Council; among the group of TV meteorologists invited to the White House for a briefing on global warming.

Mark Koontz, meteorologist, WJW-TV (FOX), Cleveland, Ohio

Jon Loufman, meteorologist, WKYC-TV (NBC), Cleveland, Ohio

Dan Maly, meteorologist, WOIO-TV (FOX), Cleveland, Ohio

Ryan McPike, atmospheric scientist, WICU-TV (NBC), Erie, Pennsylvania

James T. Moore, meteorologist, KSWO-TV (ABC) Lawton, Oklahoma

Scott R. Sabol, meteorologist, WBOY-TV (NBC), Clarksburg, West Virginia

Dr. Joseph Sobel, meteorologist, Pennsylvania Public Television Network; Senior Vice President, Accu-Weather, Inc., State College, Pennsylvania; co-author, Changing Weather: Facts and Fallacies About Climate Change and Weather Extremes.

Brad Sussman, meteorologist, WEWS-TV (ABC), Cleveland, Ohio, AMS, NWA, Broadcast Seal Committee Chair NWA.

Brian Sussman, meteorologist, KPIX-TV (CBS) San Francisco, California; member, American Meteorological Society (served on AMS Education Committee), 12-time recipient of the "Best Weathercast" award from the Radio and Television News Directors Association and Associated Press.

Anthony Watts, meteorologist, KHSL-TV (CBS), Chico, California

Don Webster, meteorologist, WEWS-TV 9 (ABC), Cleveland, Ohio

Brian Westfall, meteorologist, Weather Forecasting, Inc., Akron, Ohio

Die Petition von Oregon (1998)

Dieser vom Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine ausgehende Aufruf beschränkt sich zwar zunächst auf den amerikanischen Raum, hat aber mit fast 20.000 Unterzeichnern (!) eine überwältigende Resonanz gefunden. Wir verzichten daher hier auf die Wiedergabe der Liste der Unterzeichner, die aber auf der Homepage des Petition Projects geordnet nach Namen oder Staaten eingesehen werden kann (<http://www.oism.org/pproject/s33p41.htm>). Unter der gleichen Adresse können auch weitere Unterschriften abgegeben werden. Das Dokument hatte maßgeblichen Einfluß auf die Entscheidung des US-Präsidenten George W. Bush, das Kyoto-Protokoll zu verlassen, ist aber offensichtlich weiter relevant:

Global Warming Petition

We urge the United States government to reject the global warming agreement that was written in Kyoto, Japan in December, 1997, and any other similar proposals. The proposed limits on greenhouse gases would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind.

There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gasses is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth.