

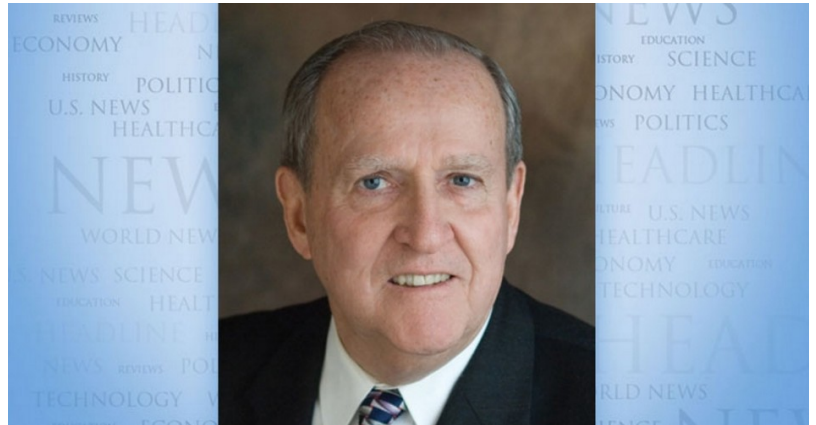


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Some Climate Alarmists Refuse to Concede

Writing in the *Boston Globe*, columnist Tom Keane's recent column led with the headline "[Cool summer doesn't invalidate climate change](#)." The type in his headline should have been upside-down because the logic surely was.

Keane admits that temperatures during the summer of 2014 were "well below normal." He nevertheless clings to the ridiculous claims of fellow alarmists and insists that global warming, now almost universally labeled "climate change" because warming can't be detected, is still a grave threat to the entire planet. But opposite views continue to come — almost in a flood like the one predicted by warming alarmists.



Matt Ridley, a member of England's House of Lords, debunked the claims of the warmists in an [op-ed column appearing in the *Wall Street Journal* online](#). Claiming "it has been roughly two decades" since any marked upward change in the Earth's temperature has been recorded, Ridley noted that there was a slight upward tick in temperatures for about 20 years in late 20th century. But that period "was preceded by 30 years of slight cooling after 1940," he continued. In other words, he claims what an increasing number have concluded — that fluctuations in temperature will occur naturally and there's nothing anyone can do about it. And there's nothing terribly ominous to worry about.

CNS News [just published conclusions](#) reached by Dr. Patrick Michaels, a veteran climatologist who is Director of the Cato Institute's Center for the Study of Science. He said, "October 1st will mark the 19th year of no significant warming trend in surface average temperatures." Michaels pointed to record amounts of Antarctic ice, as reported by the Polar Ice Research Center housed at the University of Illinois.

Space does not allow for a listing of the many renowned climate scientists who consider the claims of the warming lobby to be pure bunk. But *The New American* (a JBS-affiliate) has listed prominent defectors from such absurdity. They include Dr. Judith Curry from the Georgia Institute of Technology; Dr. Patrick Moore, who was a co-founder of Greenpeace; and Dr. Denis Rancourt, a Green activist who nevertheless sees through the claims of climate change activists. These scientists are now allied with fellow warming debunkers from the United States., Canada, Sweden, New Zealand, England, Germany, and elsewhere. An organization known as "[Climate Depot](#)" has published a [321-page report](#) containing challenges from more than 1,000 scientists who disagree with the UN's International Conference of Climate Change.

In what appears to be his bid to replace Al Gore as our nation's leading fright-peddler, Secretary of State John Kerry says that climate change is as great a threat as the problems created by ISIS, ebola and terrorism in general. He claims that "97 percent of scientists have confirmed that climate change is happening and human activity is to blame." He stated that climate change is "the world's most



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fearsome weapon of mass destruction.” Growing numbers of trained scientists disagree.

The truth is that the polar ice isn't melting; polar bear numbers are increasing not declining; the oceans and seas aren't rising; and there's no need to do away with the internal combustion engine as proposed by Al Gore. Nor is there any need to cease producing electricity by burning coal as proposed by the Obama administration.

What is needed is more people who understand the foolishness of commentators such as Tom Keane, who admits that the climate isn't warming but wants to apply drastic corrective measures that will truly harm the Earth's people.

The New American has attended the Heartland Institute's annual International Conference on Climate Change for years. See [some of the video interviews](#) with leading staff and presenters.

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