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## "My journey from climate alarmism to climate realism"

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# U.N.: Earth is approaching a key climate tipping point

#### BY SARAH KAPLAN AND BRADY DENNIS

The world is on track to blaze past a crucial climate target within eight years, some of the planet's top researchers, economists and social scientists said in a sober assessment Monday.

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#### Space Exploration, Environment and Human Survival

- the crucial connection



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With a Masters in Engineering, ten years of work in seronsutics and broad experience as a speaker. TOM HARRIS will change your perspectives of space travel and the environment. Besides independent presentations. Tom has regularly spoken in astronomy and space exploration at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Oftowa. He has also had space related feature articles published in major Canadian newspacers.



In recent years, Tom has researched both technical and human aspects of space exploration and has uncovered critical space/environment connections. He combines elements of anthropology, psychology, spirituality, engineering and physical sciences in order to explain the real reasons for the human expansion into space. This expansion is already playing a significant role in the struggle to some our environment and will become a key component to enautric the survival of humanity listed.

Because there may be a fairly limited "window of opportunity" during which time the expansion into space can reasonably happen. Tom uses his speaches to encourage debate on where we are really headed and why. His unique presentations include spectacular sides, video and music to both entertain and challenge. Your group will never look at the space program in the same way again!

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#### #1 - SAVING THE HOME PLANET Space Travel and the Environment

Current environmental and other global problems differ significantly from those that humanity has faced in the past. Consequently, a new trenspective has been required to properly understand and address these vasit and complex threats. Space travel has already had an enormous impact in this area, changing the way we think about our world.

In this presentation, Tom shows how our view of the Earth has evolved as a result of our space activities. He discusses how sending people into space is changing humanity in such a way as to make us more effective in our efforts to see our troubled environment. Understanding this space-lier vironment connection is crucial if we are to develop a sensible course of action for the future.

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Human space flight has encouraged the initiation of new philosophical perspectives important to our survival.

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Tom begins this show with an overview of future robotic and human exploration of the solar system. He than focusies on some of the past and near future robotic exploration of Mars, missions that are preparing the way for the first human visitors to the rod planet early in the 21st century. Finally, Tom discusses the long term importance of space exploration and shows how this adventure is critical to the future of our species.



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The MARS OBSERVER robot spacecraft is to be isunched in September 1992. This is just one of the many suching missions of this "Second Golden Age of Planetary Exploration".

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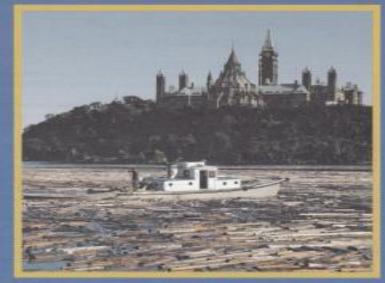
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## Saving The Home Planet By Exploring Other Worlds

### Environmentalists Should be Boosting Cassini, Not Trying To Block It



#### Tom Harris

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Space Exploration And The Environment Over the past few weeks thousands of activists across the United States have been holding demonstrations to protest Monday's launch of the Cassini robot spacecraft being sent to explore the planet Saturn. They fear that there would be a dangerous release of radioactivity if the onboard nuclear

power source was destroyed in a catastrophic accident such as that which destroyed the space shuttle Challenger. However, as is frequently the case when nuclear issues are being discussed, the dangers have been grossly overstated. The real risks to the environment or the nearby population are trivial, far less, for example, than that which protesters are taking simply by driving to the demonstration sites. Comprehensive studies have clearly shown that even a Challenger-like explosion would not release radioactive fuel from their ceramic enclosures. A thorough White House evaluation of the safety analysis done by NASA and its interagency partners concluded that, the important benefits of this

scientific mission outweigh the potential risks. So what are these important benefits? Ironically, among the most significant are those which relate to understanding and protecting the Earth's environment. Like a medical doctor who travels to other continents to learn how differences in diet, living conditions and medical techniques affect human health, planetary scientists gain important new insights into our own planet's past and future by exploring other worlds. In a field generally referred to as Comparative Planetology, we are using other planets as full scale laboratories to improve our environmental theories and to show us what can happen to the Earth if we continue to abuse it. By exploring our solar system we widen our perspectives and gain a better understanding of the mechanics of worlds in general, making us better able to protect our planet's fragile biosphere. Instead of opposing the mission, environmentalists should be cheering NASA and encouraging the agency to launch many more such spacecraft.

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Comparative Planetology is nothing new. Since our first interplanetary missions three and a half decades ago, we have continued to make revolutionary environmental discoveries as a result of data returned by robot spacecraft. A good example of this comes as a result of the exploration of Venus.

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measurements consistently indicated that Venus was by far the hottest world in the solar system.

The answer to this mystery was finally supplied in 1962 when the Mariner 2 robotic spacecraft flew by Venus. It found that the planet really was in the 900 degree range and that its massive atmosphere was mostly Carbon Dioxide (CO2). The fact that this world was so hot due to a runaway greenhouse effect, was a sobering example of what can happen on a planetary scale if the amount of CO2 becomes too high. Using the conditions on Venus, along with those on Mars and Earth, two other worlds which also have CO2 in their atmospheres, scientists could now more thoroughly test out theoretical models of greenhouse warming. They found that their equations gave results that were amazingly close to the conditions actually observed on the Earth as well as that recorded by robots on Venus and Mars. This correlation was very important, as it confirmed our ability to

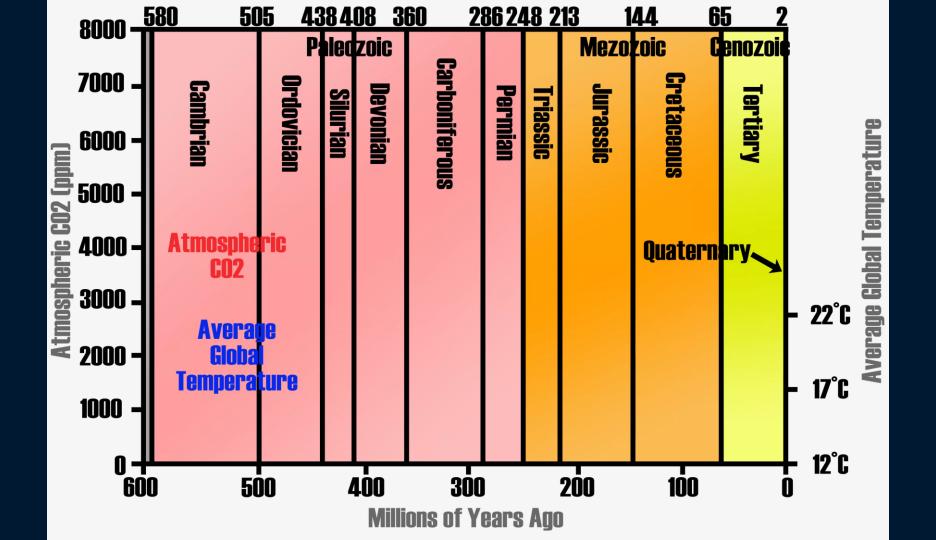
Since the late 1950's, measurements from earth-based radio telescopes have indicated that Venus' surface temperature was almost 900 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to melt lead or tin. Because this was significantly hotter than Mercury, the sun's closest companion, many scientists simply did not believe these findings. Of course, Venus should have been cooler than Mercury. It also should have been cooler than the Earth because Venus has so much more cloud cover than does our planet, and so reflects back into space a far higher fraction of the sunlight arriving at the cloud tops. Yet

The exploration of Mars has also led to a better understanding of earthly environmental threats, the most prominent of these being nuclear winter. It is now known that following a significant nuclear exchange, fine smoke particles from the burning of cities and petroleum facilities would block out much of the incoming sunlight to our planet's surface, resulting in drastic temperature reductions worldwide. However, before 1971, the seriousness of nuclear winter was not properly recognized. In that year, Mariner 9 went into orbit around Mars during the peak of a planet-wide dust storm and discovered that the high atmosphere was warmer and the surface colder than theoretical models then predicted. This led researchers to work out new atmospheric particulate models which were soon used to predict nuclear winter back here on Earth.

Even the Ulysses spacecraft, cited by environmentalists as a mission which should not have been launched due to its on-board radioactive heat source, is now making significant environmental contributions in the field of climate change. Because the spacecraft is able to observe the Sun's poles, currently regarded as centres of solar activity variations, we will soon be able to more accurately forecast long term variations in the sun's brightness. Solar input to our planet has a major influence on Ozone depletion, greenhouse warming and other environmental processes of vital importance to life on Earth. Clearly, Ulysses ranks as another mission environmentalists should be enthusiastically supporting.

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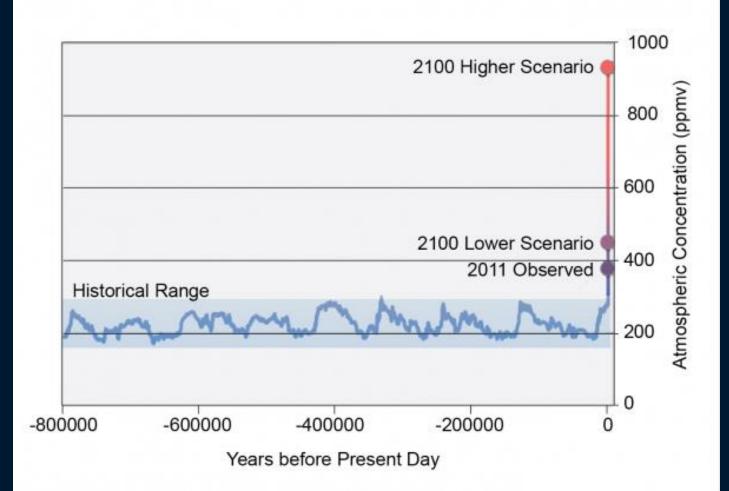
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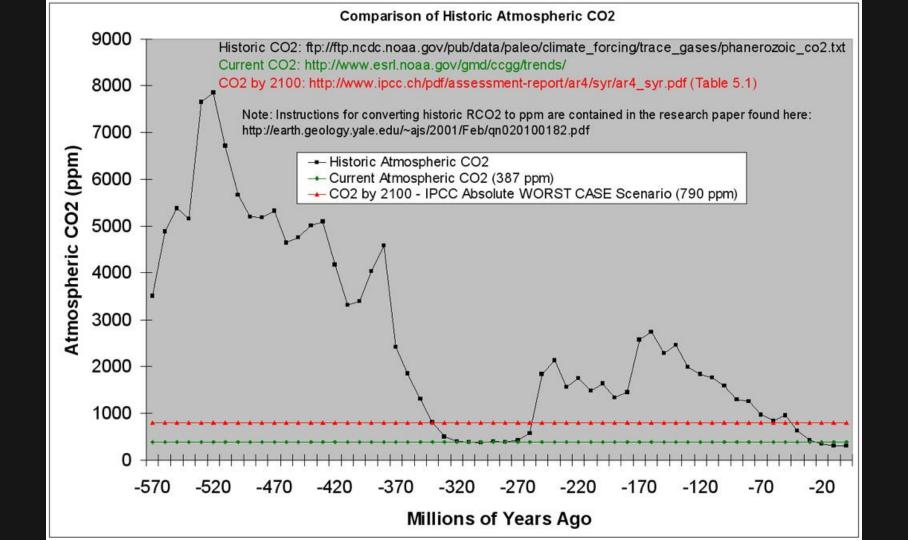
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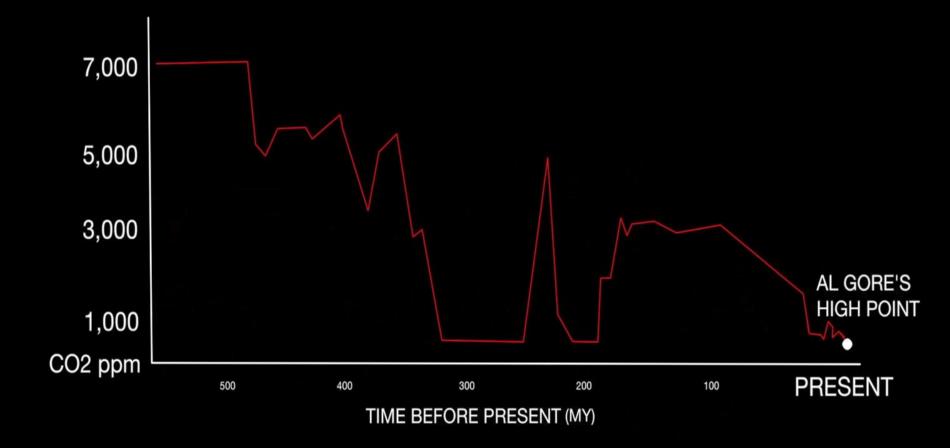
# Gore only told part of CO<sub>2</sub> story



## Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide Levels

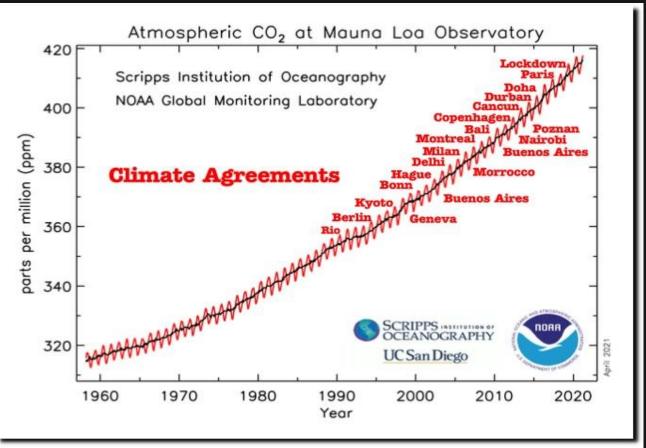






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# **Climate Futility**







Greenhouses force CO<sub>2</sub> to 1,200 to 2,000 ppm, 3-5 times the 415 ppm of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. Because it causes plants to grow bigger and need less water! faster.



Worldwide food harvests are up more than 30% over the last 30 years. Bigger harvests on less land. Thanks to CO<sub>2</sub>.



1972: UN "environment protection boss" warns:

"We have ten years to stop the catastrophe"

1982: Tolba, head of UN Environment Programme in The New Hork Times:

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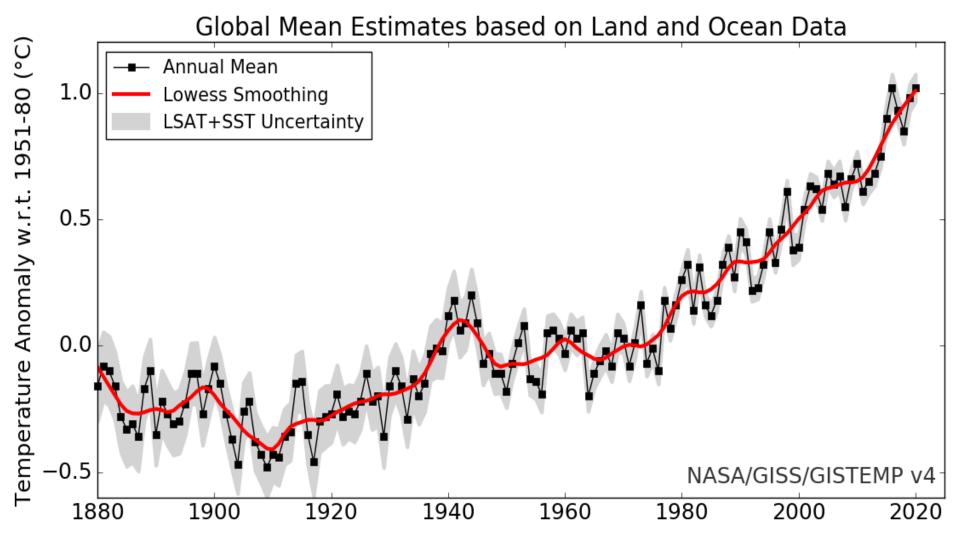
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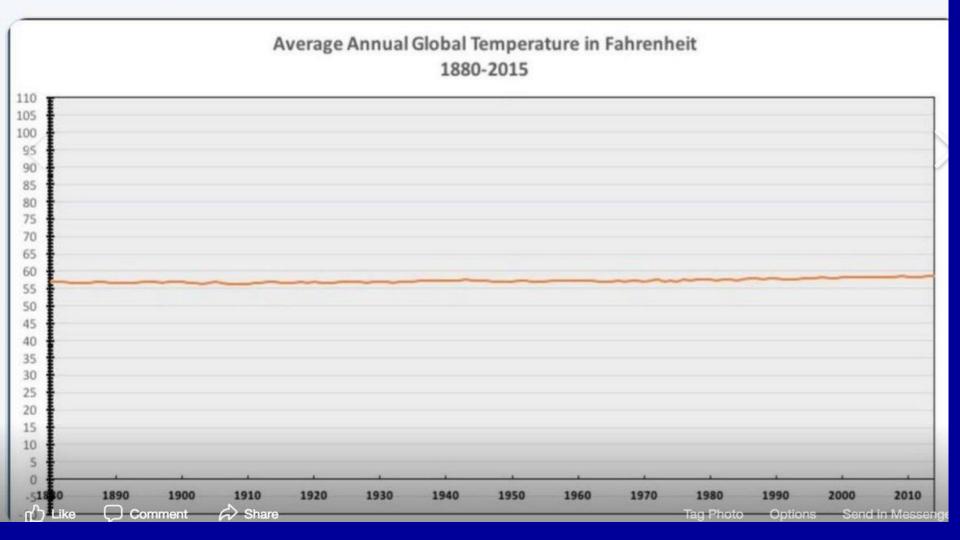
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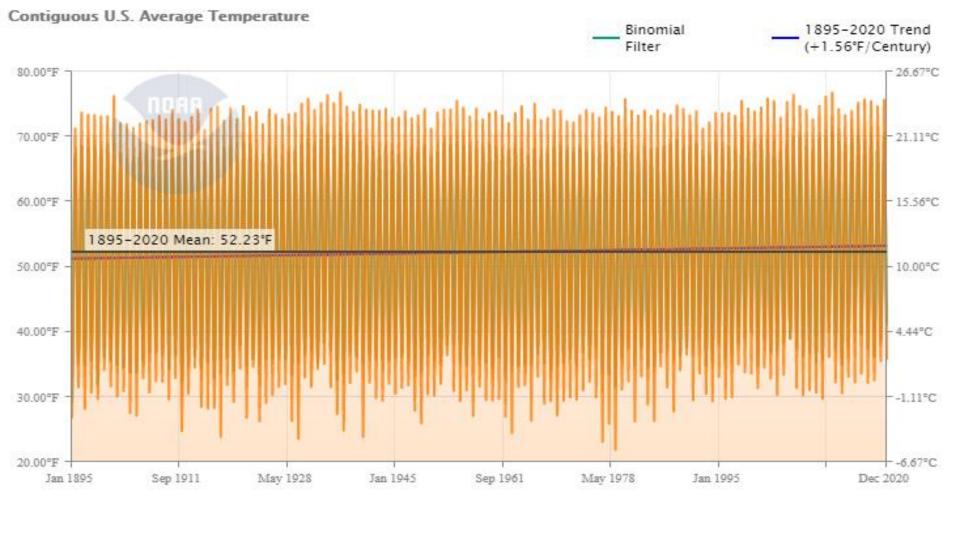
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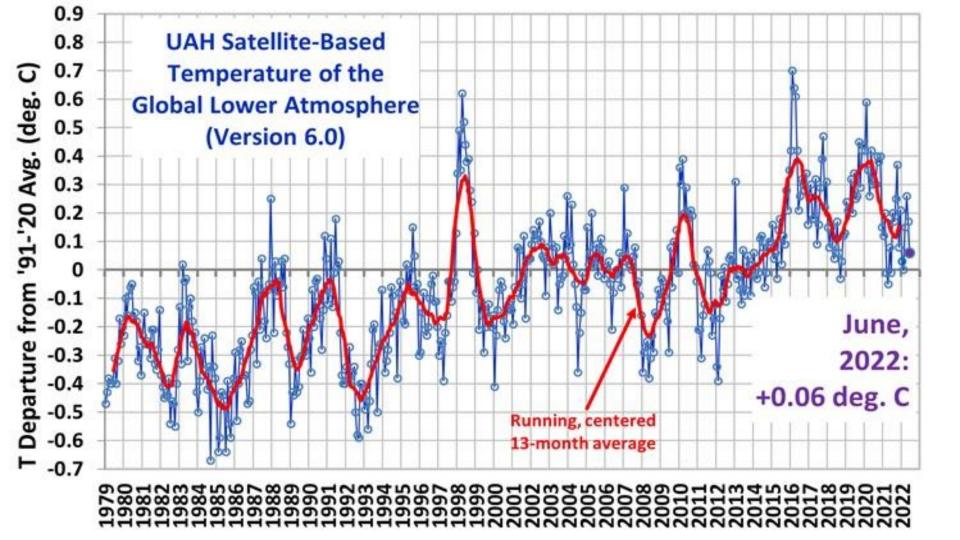
"The ozone layer protection agreements took ten years to conclude. We must reach acomparable agreement to combat climate change in a third of that time. We shall win—or lose—the climate struggle in the first years of the 1990s. The issue is as urgent as

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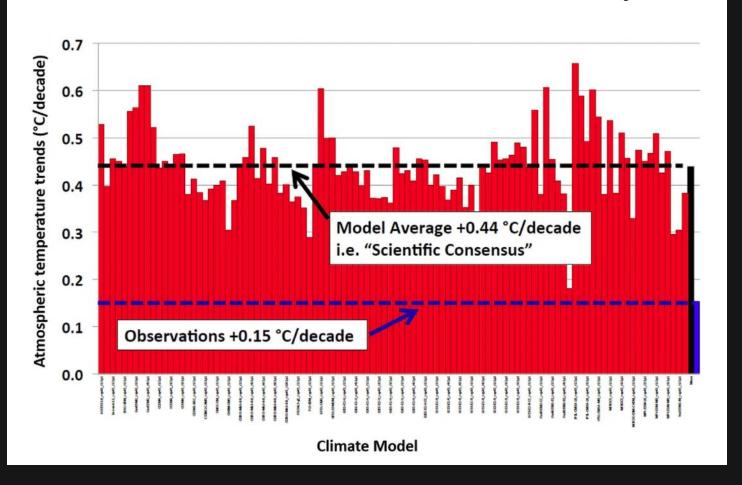


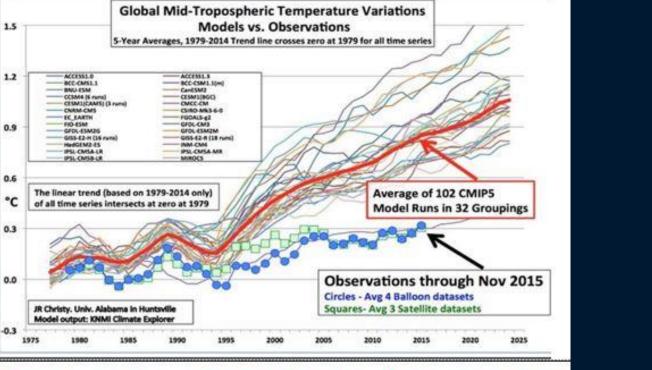






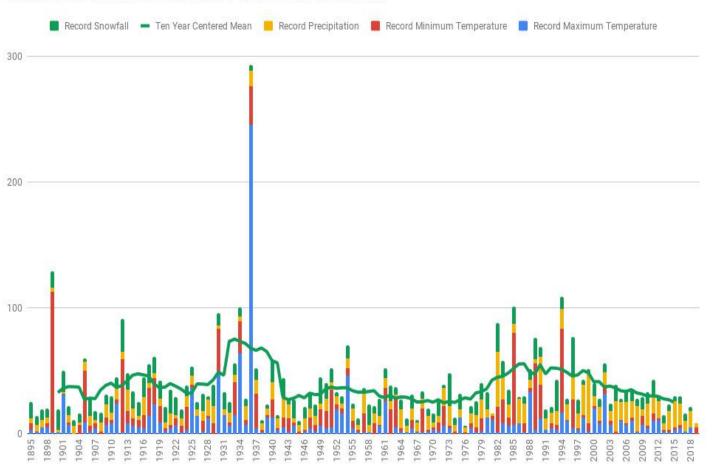
## **Climate Model Forecasts vs Reality**





Some say, according to the models there will be disaster over the next 100 years. United Nations climate models don't match reality.

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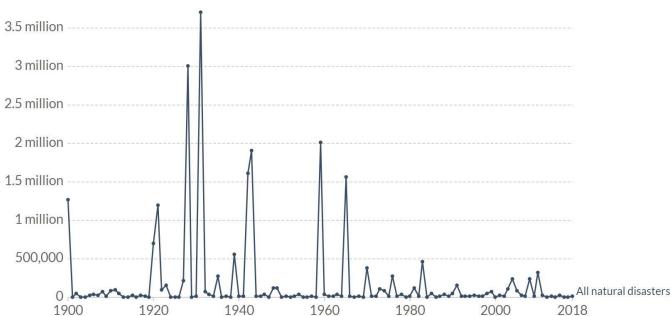


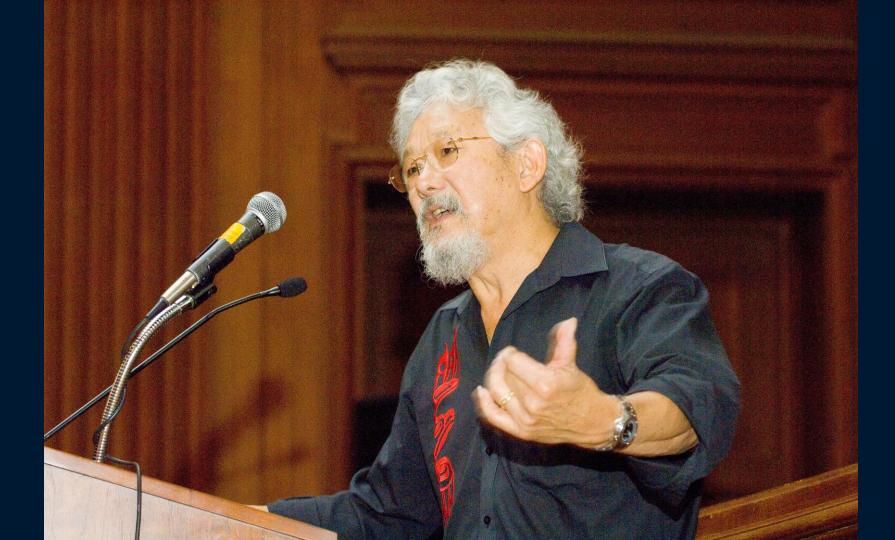
#### Global deaths from natural disasters, 1900 to 2018



Absolute number of global deaths per year as a result of natural disasters. "All natural disasters" includes those from drought, floods, extreme weather, extreme temperature, landslides, dry mass movements, wildfires, volcanic activity and earthquakes.







# And if you Disagree with Any of this...

 You are a 'climate denier' and you belong in jail!





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