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**Environmental Fraud****Did you know that:****The government fuel-economy standard kills between 1,300 and 4,000 people a year**

True. The downsizing of cars that has been forced by CAFE has resulted in cars that are less safe than they were previously. This is from a [1997 study done by the Harvard School of Public Health and the Brookings Institute](#). The NHTSA estimated 2,000 deaths, along with 20,000 serious injuries. The Harvard report estimated 2,200 to 3,900 deaths for every model-year's fleet. Conversely, there is no positive evidence that any lives have been saved as a result of the reduction in pollution that CAFE has given us. More recently, a [2001 National Academy of Sciences report](#) showed that CAFE-induced downsizing contributes to 1,300 to 2,600 vehicle deaths a year ([press release](#)). A white-paper by the Competitive Enterprise Institute, [The Deadly Effects of Fuel Economy Standards](#), provides a good overview.

[An EMF researcher faked data](#)

A scientist falsified data while researching electromagnetic fields at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, providing even more doubt that power lines cause cancer. *Articles from* [the Tennessean](#), [SF Chronicle](#).

15,000 scientists dispute theory of global warming.

In addition to the Heidelberg Appeal described below, there is another group of scientists that has formed the [Petition Project](#), headed by Frederick Seitz (Past President, National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A., and currently President Emeritus, Rockefeller University) The petition ([read the entire Report, Letter, and Signatories](#)) states:

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.

Not all scientists agree on global warming

You've seen mention of a petition signed by 2,000 scientists and several Nobel laureates saying that they believe global warming exists and poses a significant danger. But were you told about the [Heidelberg Appeal to Heads of States and Governments](#), which stated just the opposite, and was signed by more than 4,000 scientists and over 70 Nobel laureates? It states that our decisions need to be based on "scientific criteria and not on irrational preconceptions".

Signatures are still being collected by Michel Salomon, 10, Ave. de Messine, 75008 Paris, France (fax: 33-1-42 98 00 59). Portions of the appeal were printed in the *Wall Street Journal* on June 1, 1992, p. A12. One interesting article that references the appeal is entitled [Challenging America's Inverted Health Priorities](#), by Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan, president of the [American Council on Science and Health](#), which offers many sane counterpoints to fear-mongering.

Bill Clinton and Al Gore had an honest scientist *fired* for wanting to properly research global warming

William Happer, then of the Department of Energy, wanted to perform a proper survey of how much ultraviolet radiation was reaching the Earth, to see if the ozone hole was really a problem. Nobody had yet performed such a study, and

claims of increased ultraviolet radiation were based on theory. At this suggestion, he was fired by Katie McGintey.

Environmentalists brag about using fraudulent science

According to Dr. Wattenburg, Steven Schneider of Stanford University once bragged that even though one doesn't have good science to support one's conclusions, it's better to scare the masses for the sake of the Earth and lie to them than it is to not say anything. You can read the in *DISCOVER* magazine, Oct 1989, pg. 47. In part, it reads:

On the one hand, as scientists, we are ethically bound to the scientific method, in effect promising to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but.... On the other hand, we are not just scientists but human beings as well. And like most people we'd like to see the world a better place, which in this context translates into our working to reduce the risk of potentially disastrous climatic change. To do that we need to get some broadbased support, to capture the public's imagination.... So we have to offer up scary scenarios, make simplified, dramatic statements, and make little mention of any doubts we might have.... Each of us has to decide what the right balance is between being effective and being honest.

The forced replacement of underground gasoline storage tanks is not necessary and has wasted a billion dollars in California alone

According to &“[Recommendations To Improve the Cleanup Procedures for California's Leaking Underground Fuel Tanks](#)”, Report # UCRL- AR-121762, October 1995, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, fewer than 20 water wells throughout the state showed any measurable contamination, and only 7 were at dangerous levels, and could have been fixed by just digging the wells deeper.

A study published about 8 years ago partially debunked acid rain

According to Wattenburg, some lakes thought to have been polluted by acid-rain were found to have been naturally acidic for ages longer than industry was introduced to the area. However, other lakes were found to have been made more acidic by pollution.

Global warming may not exist

Many temperature measurements actually show a slight temperature decrease since 1979.

Some scientists have flip-flopped

Many of the same experts that are now saying they have no doubts that the Earth is warming were saying that we were in danger of starting another ice age only 20 years ago?

The Desert Protection Act

Took our only source of iridium out of production and the only other source of iridium is in China, where Diane Finestein's husband has a financial interest, according to *The Valley Citizen*.

The global warming hypothesis...is no longer tenable.

Arthur and Zachary Robinson, chemists from the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, as quoted in the Dec. 4th, 1997 *Wall Street Journal*.

Freon Ban Harmful to Health

A report in *The Lancet* (August 23rd issue—[1997;350:556-559](#)) reports that because of the banning of Freon (an inert, non-reactive refrigerant), its replacement chemicals are being used in far greater amounts, even though they are known to be toxic.

HCFC-123 and HCFC-124 are known to cause liver damage in lab animals. The report states that “there is an urgent need to develop safer alternatives” to these chemicals. My opinion is to just use Freon again, since it does not have these same toxic effects. U.S. Congressman [Bob Barr wrote a letter to EPA administrator Carol Browner](#), demanding that the agency immediately cease advocating the use of HCFCs, notify the public of their danger, and begin a review of the matter. You can also read a transcript of [Rep. Barr's radio interview with Michael Reagan](#) on August 28th, 1997. It is also worth noting that [the ban on Freon has created a black market](#) for importing the previously-used refrigerant, which is inert and has no health effects associated with it.

Pollution Causes Only 2% of Cancer

Filling in on Gene Burns' show on January 2, 1997, Bill referred to a recent report ([The Harvard Report on Cancer Prevention](#)) by the Harvard School of Public Health on the causes of cancer in the US population. It estimated that environmental pollution is the cause for less than 2% of the cancers, while “Nearly two-thirds of cancer mortality in the United States can be linked to tobacco use, poor diet and lack of exercise.” ([See summary.](#))

You can find more information about responsible environmental issues through the [International Society for Environmental Ethics](#).

Nuclear Fraud

The next time you hear someone complain about nuclear energy being dangerous and as the cause of radioactive pollution, remind them of the fact that burning coal releases trace amounts radioactive uranium and thorium, that we burn billions of tons of coal a year, and then refer them to this document:

This adds up to 2,000 tons of radioactivity a year being produced by our coal power plants, according to Science News, 1994 or 1995, in a [report by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory](#).

According to other statements by Bill Wattenburg, the Kyoto conference's goals of reducing carbon-dioxide (CO₂) emissions by closing down 2-4 coal-fired power plants (out of the hundreds in the US) and replacing them with nuclear power plants, while at the same time reducing total radioactive emissions. Given a typical coal-fired plant, producing 1,000 megawatts, it burns 2.3 million tons of coal per year, produces 200,000 thousand tons of fly ash a year, 7.5 million tons of carbon-dioxide (CO₂) per year, 200,000 tons of sulfur oxide, 25,000 tons of nitrous oxide, and 1000 tons of carbon-monoxide (CO).

Information about the Sierra Club

- [Roster of Sierra Club Officers and Directors](#)
- E-mail the Executive Director of the Sierra Club: carl.pope@sierraclub.org
- [Sierra Club Bylaws and Standing Rules](#)
- [Sierra Club Articles of Incorporation](#)
- [New Politics](#): Speech by Carl Pope on the property rights movement (9/95—previously at <http://www.sierraclub.org/misc/newpolitics.html>, but the Sierra club seems to have removed their version of the article.)
- [Sierra Club 1996 Congressional Platform](#). (Previously at <http://www.sierraclub.org/1996platform/>, but the Sierra Club seems to have removed this information from its site.)
- Their [Environmental Bill of Rights](#), designed to counteract the Contract with America. (Previously at <http://www.sierraclub.org/news/sc-action/1995/rights.html>, but since removed by the Sierra Club.)

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