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 outstanding scientist
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Macquarie University

absolute shits
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 it's too ignorant to realize the fact.
 It's a political party with a campus
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 ruthless and unfair employer
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 sunlight
 shabby 5 (*treatment, etc*)
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 thrid rate degree factories such as
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 Uni heads need to be fired for such
 anti-scientific behavior

Academe, generally

An alarmist academic debating?
 They would sooner have their
 genitals removed with a spoon. ...
 (they have no balls to begin with and
 no spine to transmit pain signals)
 Australian unis are just degree
 factories
 centers of conspiracy *departments*
 not assholes who work in universities
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 What swine the agw crew are

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 have their most outspoken critics publicly drawn and quartered
 They mount their heads on pikes.
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 fascist 8
 freaks 2
 goose stepping, alarmist, fascist, progressives march along
 Greenist, green-tinged liberal-left
 hate group known as the EPA
 high priests and political masters of AGW
 hooligans
 labor lefties
 "liberal" today actually means "selfish," "callous," "dishonest", "control freaky", "sociopathic". "reactionary" and "fascistic"
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Stage(1)- Salby.email

Z.01 09 hh:mmxx SALBY.email Murry Salby

LOCAL TIME: UTC+10 unknown when sent, before NOVA.1.

Thanks for your interest in the research presented during my recent lecture tour in Europe.

<http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2013/06/another-nail-in-the-climate-change-coffin.php>

Remarks from several make it clear that Macquarie University is comfortable with openly disclosing the state of affairs, if not distorting them to its convenience. So be it. Macquarie's liberal disclosure makes continued reticence unfeasible. In response to queries is the following, a matter of record:

1. In 2008, I was recruited from the US by "Macquarie University", with appointment as Professor, under a national employment contract with regulatory oversight, and with written agreement that Macquarie would provide specified resources to enable me to rebuild my research program in Australia. Included was technical support to convert several hundred thousand lines of computer code, comprising numerical models and analyses (the tools of my research), to enable those computer programs to operate in Australia.

2. With those contractual arrangements, I relocated to Australia. Upon attempting to rebuild my research program, Macquarie advised that the resources it had agreed to provide were unavailable. I was given an excuse for why. Half a year later, I was given another excuse. Then another. Requests to release the committed resources were ignored.

3. Three years passed before Macquarie produced even the first major component of the resources it had agreed to provide. After five years of cat-and-mouse, Macquarie has continued to withhold the resources that it had committed. As a result, my computer models and analyses remain inoperative.

4. A bright student from Russia came to Macquarie to work with me. Macquarie required her to abandon her PhD scholarship in Russia. Her PhD research, approved by Macquarie, relied upon the same computer models and analyses, which Macquarie agreed to have converted but did not.

5. To remedy the situation, I petitioned Macquarie through several avenues provided in my contract. Like other contractual provisions, those requests were ignored. The provisions then required the discrepancy to be forwarded to the

Australian employment tribunal, the government body with regulatory oversight.

The tribunal then informed me that Macquarie had not even registered my contract. Regulatory oversight, a statutory protection that Macquarie advised would govern my appointment, was thereby circumvented. Macquarie's failure to register rendered my contract under the national employment system null and void.

6. During the protracted delay of resources, I eventually undertook the production of a new book – all I could do without the committed resources to rebuild my research program. The endeavor compelled me to gain a better understanding of greenhouse gases and how they evolve. Preliminary findings from this study are familiar to many.

<http://www.thesydneyinstitute.com.au/speaker/murry-salby/> Refer to the vodcast of July 24, 2012.

Insight from this research contradicts many of the reckless claims surrounding greenhouse gases. More than a few originate from staff at Macquarie, who benefits from such claims.

7. The preliminary findings seeded a comprehensive study of greenhouse gases. Despite adverse circumstances, the wider study was recently completed. It indicates:

(i) Modern changes of atmospheric CO₂ and methane are (contrary to popular belief) not unprecedented.

(ii) The same physical law that governs ancient changes of atmospheric CO₂ and methane also governs modern changes.

These new findings are entirely consistent with the preliminary findings, which evaluated the increase of 20th century CO₂ from changes in native emission.

<http://www.climatedepot.com/2013/07/02/swedish-scientist-replicates-dr-murry-salbys-work-finding-man-made-co2-does-not-drive-climate-change/>

8. Under the resources Macquarie had agreed to provide, arrangements were made to present this new research at a scientific conference and in a lecture series at research centers in Europe.

9. Forms for research travel that were lodged with Macquarie included a description of the findings. Presentation of our research was then blocked by Macquarie. The obstruction was imposed after arrangements had been made at several venues (arranged then to conform to other restrictions imposed by Macquarie). Macquarie's intervention would have silenced the release of our research.

10. Following the obstruction of research communication, as well as my earlier efforts to obtain compliance with my contract, Macquarie modified my professional duties. My role was then reduced to that of a student teaching assistant: Marking student papers for other staff – junior staff. I objected, pursuant to my appointment and provisions of my contract.

11. In February 2013, Macquarie then accused me of “misconduct”, cancelling my salary. It blocked access to my office, computer resources, even to personal equipment I had transferred from the US.

My Russian student was prohibited from speaking with me. She was isolated – left without competent supervision and the resources necessary to complete her PhD investigation, research that Macquarie approved when it lured her from Russia.

12. Obligations to present our new research on greenhouse gases (previously arranged), had to be fulfilled at personal expense.

13. In April, *The Australian* (the national newspaper), published an article which grounded reckless claims by the so-called Australian Climate Commission:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/opinion/last-summer-was-not-actually-angrier-than-other-summers/story-e6frgd0x-1226611988057>

(Open access via Google News)

To promote the Climate Commission’s newest report is the latest sobering claim:

“one in two chance that by 2100 there’ll be no human beings left on this planet”

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/opinion/if-you-want-to-know-about-climate-ask-the-right-questions/story-fni0ffxg-1226666505528>

Two of the six-member Australian Climate Commission are Macquarie staff. Included is its Chief Commissioner.

14. While I was in Europe presenting our new research on greenhouse gases, Macquarie undertook its misconduct proceedings – with me *in absentia*. Macquarie was well informed of the circumstances. It was more than informed.

15. Upon arriving at Paris airport for my return to Australia, I was advised that my return ticket (among the resources Macquarie agreed to provide) had been cancelled. The latest chapter in a pattern, this action left me stranded in Europe, with no arrangements for lodging or return travel. The ticket that had been cancelled was *non-refundable*.

16. The action ensured my absence during Macquarie’s misconduct proceedings.

17. When I eventually returned to Australia, I lodged a complaint with the Australian employment tribunal, under statutes that prohibit retaliatory conduct.

18. In May 2013, while the matter was pending before the employment tribunal, Macquarie terminated my appointment.

19. Like the Australian Climate Commission, Macquarie is a publically-funded enterprise. It holds a responsibility to act in the interests of the public.

20. The recent events come with curious timing, disrupting publication of our research on greenhouse gases. With correspondence, files, and computer equipment confiscated, that research will now have to be pursued by Macquarie University’s “Climate Experts”.
www.science.mq.edu.au/news_and_events/news/climate_change_commission
Murry Salby

Z.02 09 05:00am NOVA.1 JoAnne Nova

Did Macquarie University sabotage, exile, blackban, strand and abandon Murry Salby?

<http://www.webcitation.org/6ICCuUx5d> 02 {joannenova}

LOCAL TIME: UTC+8

The URL hints that original title was a statement, not question.
<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-university-sabotages-exiles-blackbans-strands-and-abandons-murry-salby>
 By 07/11/19 UNCONFIRMED had disappeared.

In DEPOT.3 Marc Morano quoted an earlier version, with no question in the title. Bold text persisted into the final NOVA.1, the rest did not:

‘Short of sending Murry Salby to Siberia, Macquarie University have done everything they could to sabotage and silence him and his PhD student. His research is so dangerous to the cash cow that is “global warming” that it had to be stopped. It threatens the religion. But the truth will out, and the reputation of Macquarie will not recover until those responsible are sacked. If this is true, Macquarie no longer deserve to be called a “university”, and do not deserve taxpayer dollars. The Science Minister, (Senator Kim Carr, the fourth person to do the job this year), needs to state his position on this, does he support this? senator.carr@aph.gov.au. Until this is rectified, why should this corrupt institution receive any funding from the ARC? The good scientists, indeed the good staff of any department there, must be appalled. Will they speak out against it, or are they too afraid? Does Tim Flannery, also at Macquarie University, support this? Did he have anything to do with it? Does he cares about the scientific method and academic freedom. Under the facade of caring about the planet lies a very ugly self serving greed. The CO2 theory, and the power and money [...]’

The post got 4 updates, at least 2 on first day, but the earliest *WebCite* was 07/09/13 04:39pm (presumably Toronto time, thus 08:39pm UTC) and already included 2 updates since the original ~05:00am UTC.

‘UNCONFIRMED: Did Macquarie University sabotage, exile, blackban, strand and abandon Murry Salby?’

This post shows downvote/upvote counts, useful.

POST

NEWEST UPDATE #4: Both Salby and Macquarie Uni responded today. [See this newer post.](#)

UPDATED: After hours of emails and phone calls I still have not heard from Salby but have news that Christopher Monckton has spoken to him and confirms that “

“This case is outrageous. I shall be finding out further details from Professor Salby and shall then arrange for powerful backers to assist him in fighting the university, which – if his side of the story is in all material respects true – has committed multiple criminal offenses. This needs to be a high-profile case.” Christopher Monckton

(Thanks to John Smeed and Malcolm Roberts for passing on CM’s email).

Short of sending Murry Salby to Siberia, Macquarie University have done everything they could to sabotage and silence him and his PhD student. His research is so dangerous to the cash cow that is “global warming” that it had to be stopped at any cost? Is it difficult to imagine any response they can give which would justify the behaviour described below *if it is accurate*. The truth will out in the end, and how will Macquarie’s reputation stand up then? I would very much like to hear what they have to say.

UPDATE #1: I have phoned and confirmed with Macquarie’s switchboard that Professor Murry Salby is no longer working there.

I have written to both Murry Salby and to several people at Macquarie University seeking their responses and confirmation. No reply so far.

UPDATE #2: I cannot find any “Australian employment tribunal” – at least the Fair work ombudsman has not heard of one. Suggestions would be welcome.

UPDATE #3 (John Power suggests it is a term that includes Fair Work Australia, and the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.)

– Jo

A copy of **Salby.email** is then shown, apparently the first published.

* Post edited while I wait for a response from Macquarie university.

Rating: 9.2/10 (133 votes cast)

COMMENTS (458)**458 comments to Did Macquarie University sabotage, exile, blackban, strand and abandon Murry Salby?**

02{AtheoK} #1

July 9, 2013 at 1:03 pm ·

“...“one in two chance that by 2100 there’ll be no human beings left on this planet’...”

A claim made self evident by Macquarie’s exemplary example of how elitist alarmists act against fellow humans. Return to the law of the jungle looks better every time those elitists perform another anti-human garroting of science.

02{NoFixedAddress} #1.1

July 9, 2013 at 6:38 pm ·

+11 -0

I think they are probably going to make a pitch for Stephen Emmott and then they can just have one science faculty called... Consensus Science.....lol

02{Shevva} #1.2

July 9, 2013 at 9:21 pm ·

+2 -2

Post Modern Science – it’s not about the scale but the maximum, screaming like everyones going to die = good science (Interesting mind set but is it scientific?).

02{Eric Worrall} #2

July 9, 2013 at 1:08 pm ·

+68 -1

Absolutely shocking – from reading the article, Macquarie appear to have lied, stolen equipment, sabotaged research – and our tax money pays for all this? Time for Universities to solicit their own funding, based on merit, rather than suckling at the public teat.

02{Sean} #2.1

July 10, 2013 at 7:38 am ·

+18 -0

This “university” should have its public funding pulled and their charter as a university revoked.

Its president should be fired, along with the department head who colluded in this.

Salby should sue for breach of contract, seeking special damages for what was clearly not a good faith contract negotiation and rather intended only to deprive him of his voice and career; he should also file criminal complaints with the police for the thefts and harassment.

02{Macquarie University insider} University insider #2.2

July 10, 2013 at 4:09 pm ·

+5 -0

Similar cases are happening with other staff at Macquarie University and also in other Australian universities. (one of the recent cases: Professor Kim Walker at University of Sydney <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/plagiarism-at-university-of-sydney-dean-accused-four-times-20130214-2eemo.html>)

At Macquarie University, the current governance (labor and union officials) and HR management (i.e. HR Director and Employee Relationship Unit) are the most nasty with ‘doggy’ practices. It is a ‘doggy culture’ workplace. Murry Salby is one of the many cases that I know. I am not surprised at all.

02{Stuart Ritchie} #3

July 9, 2013 at 1:09 pm ·

+25 -0

This looks like a very messy dispute between employer and employee, and it would be likely that there are a whole raft of claims and counter claims to be dealt with (likely a very stressful time for all involved).

However, if the circumstances of the matter are as laid out, I feel sorry that this is from my old alma mater. I thought the whole idea of science was a critical and fearless review and investigation of the physical world, not some specific adherence to a particular view. After all, how else can the merits of a theory be tested, if not for comparison with opposing viewpoints? If they thought his research was flawed, or, didnt meet the terms of his employment, there are other mechanisms, within the peer review process, to address such concerns. This, sadly, is possibly the end result of a system that requires money from a government purse. There is an inevitable compulsion to view research proposals though the prism of required funding. Questions of impartiality between science and government have always been problematic, no more so than in todays financial and political conditions.

He may or may not be correct in his theory or inquiry. Thats not the point. I hope that he is not found out to be correct, when its too late.

02{cohenite} #3.1

July 9, 2013 at 4:53 pm ·

+61 -1

I too have a degree from Macquarie and will be letting them know.

In the meantime all I can offer is the names of some lawyers who specialise in employment law and possibly defamation because this termination is so egregious it arguably impacts on Salby’s reputation.

If Jo wants to contact Salby with my details I will put him in touch with employment lawyers and a defamation expert.

First Carter, now Salby.

What swine the agw crew are.

Thanks Cohenite. Email sent to Murry – Jo

02{Bob Massey} #3.1
 July 10, 2013 at 7:01 pm · +6 -0
 Cohenite, it goes even further. There is a disease in our universities and our society, which I believe, is as attested by the fracas with Prof. Drew Fraser in 2005 and Macquarie University concerning his multicultural reasoning and a letter to a Parramatta paper at the time. The university treated him then with equal disdain by In effect, Professor Fraser said, the University is offering him the academic equivalent of a dishonourable discharge. as referenced in <http://www.ironbarkresources.com/defendingfreespeech/dfs01freespeech.htm> Too much offence taken and not enough thought about what he had to say. This is a deliberate act by academics to restrict society's criticism of subjects which they believe are beyond the scope of the mean. Such arrogance is embodied in the the AGW debate as well. This behaviour by Macquarie University and others such as James Cook, UWA and ANU is disgusting. There is no such thing as "free speech" it comes with a very high cost and those opposed to this freedom should clearly understand this. If the universities of the world start aligning their research to follow only the luminary political correct doctrines of the academics we are in serious trouble.

02{stan stendera} #3.3
 July 9, 2013 at 4:54 pm · +12 -0
 Ike said much the same thing in his farewell address.

02{Safetyguy66} #3.3
 July 11, 2013 at 1:03 pm · +1 -0
 Wait a sec I thought only "private" funds came with strings attached. Isnt Government funding "independent" ?

02{Mark D.} #4
 July 9, 2013 at 1:40 pm · +34 -0
 Only one way to fight this and that is through law suits. Would it be paranoid to suggest that this was planned in advance? That Macquarie never intended to fulfill the contracts but instead intended to disrupt Salby in his research?

02{Backslider} #4.1
 July 9, 2013 at 2:49 pm · +33 -0
 Would it be paranoid to suggest that this was planned in advance? That Macquarie never intended to fulfill the contracts but instead intended to disrupt Salby in his research?

That also was my feeling while reading all this. Professor Salby had problems right from the start, they have clearly set out to hobble him. Who would be surprised, considering this is home base for that lunatic Flannery and all his cronies.

02{Greg Cavanagh} #4.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 7:18 am · +3 -0
 Truth is often stranger than fiction.
 Can anybody disagree with the above statement?

02{Manicbeancounter} #4.2
 July 10, 2013 at 10:21 am · +10 -0
 Would it be paranoid to suggest that this was planned in advance? That Macquarie never intended to fulfill the contracts but instead intended to disrupt Salby in his research?
 Before you decide, first look at the evidence from Jo Nova's posting on Salby's claims two years ago. When Macquarie University hired Salby's CV included
 - "Salby was once an IPCC reviewer"
 - "He's been a visiting professorships at Paris, Stockholm, Jerusalem, and Kyoto, and he's spent time at the Bureau of Meterology in Australia."

In appointing Murray Salby as Chair of Climate Science at Macquarie University, the authorities thought they would get a prestigious believer in the AGW theory, who would enlarge the department through attracting more funding and prestige to the climatology department. Instead they were lumbered with a maverick, who fundamentally undermined their funding by becoming an apostate. As Jo said

According to Salby, science is about discourse and questioning. He emphasized the importance of debate: "Excluding discourse is not science".

What were Macquarie University to do?

A couple of more examples of prestigious institutions being lumbered with mavericks might help them with their plight.

In the early 1980s, the Royal Perth Hospital (in Jo Nova's home city experienced a couple of mavericks doctors who challenged the scientific consensus on bacteria in the gut, called Barry Marshall and Robin Warren. Embarrassingly for the hospital, they received the Nobel Prize for medicine in 2005. To continue the embarrassment, Nobelprize.org seem to have a photo of these mavericks backing their link to the "Announcements of the 2013 Nobel Prizes". Naturally, The Royal Perth Hospital tries to hide this.

In my home city of Manchester UK, a couple of Russian mavericks were awarded the 2010 Nobel Prize in Physics. Their maverick credentials were confirmed in the citation:-

Geim and Novoselov extracted the graphene from a piece of graphite such as is found

in ordinary pencils. Using regular adhesive tape they managed to obtain a flake of carbon with a thickness of just one atom. This at a time when many believed it was impossible for such thin crystalline materials to be stable.

They used adhesive tape to challenge well-established beliefs! The audacity of the fellows! That graphene may replace silicone in computer chips is besides the point. Further, my children's high school backs onto the main Manchester University Campus. For two years running at the annual school awards, my wife, my little babes and I, have had to listen to speeches trying to inspire the youth of today to follow the lead of these people. My favorite quote is from Professor Martin Rees, then president of the UK's Royal Society

"It would be hard to envisage better exemplars of the value of enabling outstanding individuals to pursue 'open-ended' research projects whose outcome is unpredictable."

That would be the same Royal Society who will, no doubt, deeply sympathize and support Macquarie University's predicament with their maverick scientist.

02{Ceetee} #4.2.1
July 10, 2013 at 7:48 pm · +8 -1

Manic, it's not a University any more although it's too ignorant to realize the fact. It's a political party with a campus.

02{Steve Jones} #4.2.1.1
July 11, 2013 at 5:56 am · +51 -1

Your comment will go down in history – it's brilliant.

"It's not a university any more, it's a political party with a campus."

That sums up just about ALL universities in the Western world – all sickeningly Marxist, all totalitarian regimes where no dissent is allowed. Nothing 'universal' about them at all.

02{Heywood} #5
July 9, 2013 at 1:40 pm · +49 -2

I sense a change in the air. First the blackballing of Bob Carter, and now the disgusting treatment of Professor Salby.

I do wonder if these institutions are being strong-armed by someone who doesn't like what these esteemed professors have to say.

I strongly suspect that we will hear nothing of this from the Science Minister. It wouldn't surprise me at all if the pressure on Macquarie uni to give Salby the arse originated from the minister's office, maybe with a threat to withhold funding. Salby's research could potentially threaten billions of dollars in tax income for the government.

It is becoming a typical tactic of the left side of politics and environmental loons to censor any inconvenient truth. Don't like the message? Shoot the messenger.

A bastard act by Macquarie University. Nothing more, nothing less.

I am sure the warmist cheer squad will be on here celebrating their little "victory", without realising that it is another nail in the coffin for objectivity in science.

02{Eric Worrall} #5.1
July 9, 2013 at 4:08 pm · +26 -1

I do wonder if these institutions are being strong-armed by someone who doesn't like what these esteemed professors have to say.

If that was the case, one word of this to the press about such tactics would blow the scheme wide open.

No I think the evidence I've seen so far suggests that this horrible process has the full support of many if not most of the University academics.

02{Peter Lang} #5.1.1
July 9, 2013 at 4:28 pm · +3 -0

Eric Worrall,

See comments #7 and #7.1

BTW I think Senator Carr was minister for CSIRO in 2009 (and I think it was for "Science and Innovation").

02{Ian} #5.1.2
July 10, 2013 at 1:53 am · +3 -1

Universities gain prestige and students and thus power by attracting grant money, preferably from ARC and NHMRC as these, government funded, sources have the greatest prestige. These days grants which include global warming/climate change/extreme weather events in their title are very likely to get funding. Thus a study to see "If the use of plastic shopping bags increases global warming and thus extreme weather events, due to increased reflect of the sun's rays" is much more likely to get funded than a study designed "to show that use of plastic shopping bags cannot possibly have any effect on the global climate or on the weather" or "A study to show global temperature increases owe more to increased numbers of brick buildings than to increased CO2 concentrations". Macquarie knows perfectly well which side its bread is buttered and it isn't going to allow anyone to rock the boat.

The same goes for virtually all universities. It would in fact be instructive to calculate the percentage of successful ARC grants that contain some reference to global warming/climate change/extreme weather for each year over the past 15 or so years. My bet is that percentage has markedly increased. Still, I guess you can't blame the Unis or the academics for grabbing the cash and kudos before the whole edifice of AGW is shown to be based on little more than the output from computer models based on human programming.

02{Bernd Felsche} #6
 July 9, 2013 at 1:43 pm · +36 -1
 I am not a lawyer but if Murry Salby has signed what he believed to be a contract and the other contracting party hasn't fulfilled its obligations under that contract, then Macquarie "University" seems to be in violation of Australian contract law; perhaps deceptive trade practices and given that Murry Salby residency and employment in Australia may have been tied to the contract; **immigration** law.
 Visa conditions may have been violated by the "University" if it altered the basis of the original contract or "nullified" it after application. Depending on the type of visa and the contract, the [Immigration department may be interested](#).

02{Bulldust} #6.1
 July 9, 2013 at 2:20 pm · +7 -0
 Always amusing to see the values of such institutions:
http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/university_profile/core_values/
 They even have "ethics" listed first along with a link to a major ethics review:
<http://www.mq.edu.au/ethics/>
 Seems to me that Macquarie did gladly teche Murry a thing or two about not conforming to the party line...

02{Mike Borgelt} #6.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:46 pm · +22 -0
 In my experience, if you meet someone who talks about how ethical they are, check your wallet!

02{Bulldust} #6.2
 July 9, 2013 at 4:46 pm · +13 -0
 BTW you are a dangerous man Mr Felsche ... at least as H.L. Mencken would describe such:
 The most dangerous man to any government is the man who is able to think things out for himself, without regard to the prevailing superstitions and taboos.
 Source: http://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/H._L._Mencken
 Had he been around today I think he might have been a CAGW sceptic.

02{Bernd Felsche} #6.2.1
 July 10, 2013 at 12:00 am · +8 -0
 All proper Engineers and physical scientists are then dangerous.
 Which may be why Australian universities have been trying to convert them into quasi-sociologists since the 1980's. I spilt the Cool Aid down the front of

my shirt during the Engineering & Society "tutorials" in my final year at UWA. I got a "B" from the Trotskyite seconded from Social "Sciences". It was all part of my strategy to make sure that I passed; making them fear my return to repeat the year. 😊

02{Bernd Felsche} #6.3
 July 10, 2013 at 12:21 am · +3 -0
 Upon reflection, if the "University" received funding from the ARC for funding research by Salby, then they should also have questions to answer about the use of research funds. But, given the current political situation, that's unlikely to happen anytime soon.

02{Sean} #6.4
 July 10, 2013 at 7:43 am · +1 -0
 Agreed – there seem to be a whole host of laws this university is guilty of being in breach of – more than enough to justify some terminations for cause of some top level academics and administrators.

02{Peter Lang} #7
 July 9, 2013 at 1:45 pm · +27 -0
 The Federal Minister for Higher Education, Kim Carr, has form on this. Leading up to the Copenhagen Conference he caused CSIRO to force a leading academic to resign from CSIRO because he had written a paper which implicitly criticized the economic analyses behind the Labor ('Progressive') government's climate change policies.
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/health-science/climate-expert-clive-spash-heavied-by-csiro-management/story-e6frg8gf-1225793717744>
 Climate expert Clive Spash 'heavied' by CSIRO management
 A CSIRO economist whose research criticising emissions trading schemes was banned from publication said last night he had been subjected to harassment by the senior agency management.
 Clive Spash also accused the agency of hindering public debate and trampling on his civil liberties by preventing the research being published in British journal New Political Economy.
 Dr Spash defended the paper, The Brave New World of Carbon Trading, saying it was a dispassionate analysis of ETS policies and was not politically partisan. He was told in February he could publish the work if it were peer reviewed. But in July, CSIRO management said it could not be published after it was cleared for publication.
 This month, he was informed he could not publish it even in his private capacity, because it was "politically sensitive". Within 24 hours, he also received a letter outlining a list of trivial instances in which he was accused of breaching CSIRO policy, for example not completing a leave form properly.
 Dr Spash said he believed the letter was intended to, and did, intimidate him and

denied him due process. None of the matters were raised with him prior to the letter being sent and each of the alleged misdemeanours could be explained.

"We are not members of the Defence Department, we are scientists who are supposed to be discussing research in an open forum. How do you advance knowledge if you stop people from publishing their work?"

"I am totally happy to have my work criticised and debated but I'm not happy to have it suppressed."

Dr Spash said it was impossible to publish research in his field that did not have an impact on government policy. "The idea that you cannot discuss something like ETS policy when you're working on climate change as a political economist seems ridiculous," he said.

The gagging of Dr Spash's work is embarrassing for Science Minister Kim Carr, who defended academic freedoms in opposition and last year trumpeted a new CSIRO charter he said would give scientists the right to speak publicly about their findings. Yesterday, Senator Carr told The Australian he supported the publication of peer-reviewed research, even if it had negative implications for government policy. He said he had not tried to gag the research.

Last night CSIRO chief executive Megan Clark said the organisation would work with Dr Spash on his paper.

"There is some important science in the paper and we will now work with Dr Spash to ensure the paper meets CSIRO internal review standards and the guidelines of the Public Research Agency Charter between the CSIRO and the federal government," she said.

"I encourage CSIRO scientists to communicate the outcomes and implications of their work and one of the underlying core values of CSIRO is the integrity of our excellent science."

02 {Peter Lang} #7.1
 July 9, 2013 at 1:50 pm · +19 -0

And a month later, Dr. Clive Spash was forced to resign from CSIRO.
<http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/clive-spash-resigns-from-csiro-after-climate-report-censorship/story-e6frku0-1225806539742>

Clive Spash resigns from CSIRO after climate report 'censorship'

SCIENTIST Clive Spash has resigned from the CSIRO and called for a Senate inquiry into the science body following the censorship of his controversial report into emissions trading.

Dr Spash has lashed out at the organisation which he said promoted self-censorship among its scientists with its unfair publication guidelines.

He said he was stunned at the treatment he received at the hands of CSIRO management, including boss Megan Clark, and believed he was not alone.

"I've been treated extremely poorly," he said. "There needs to be a Senate inquiry. "The way the publication policy and the charter are being interpreted will encourage self-censorship.

"It's obviously happened before at the CSIRO – and there's issues currently."

Last month, Dr Spash accused the organisation of gagging him and his report – The Brave New World of Carbon Trading – and restricting its publication.

The report is critical of cap and trade schemes, like the one the federal government is seeking to introduce, as well as big compensation to polluters.

Dr Spash advocates a direct tax on carbon.

The CSIRO said the report was in breach of its publication guidelines, which restrict scientists from speaking out on public policy.

But it provoked accusations the CSIRO was censoring research harmful to the Government.

Under intense pressure, Dr Clark publicly released the report on November 26 but warned Dr Spash would be punished for his behaviour and his refusal to amend it.

"I believe that internationally peer-reviewed science should be published or, if Dr Clark wishes to have her own opinion, then she should publish her own opinion," Dr Spash said, who has been on sick leave.

"I've been to the doctor under extreme stress."

He had been ordered not to speak to the media while working for the CSIRO, which originally headhunted him for the job.

02 {Maverick} #7.2
 July 9, 2013 at 6:39 pm · +11 -0

Here is a cost saving idea, get rid of the CSIRO. They may have stumbles across some wireless technology many years ago, but they have simply become a collection of back-stabbing, lying, self interested fiefdoms.

02 {Bulldust} #7.2.1
 July 10, 2013 at 7:46 am · +4 -0

You just described most government and educational institutions perfectly.

02 {Eric Worrall} #8
 July 9, 2013 at 2:02 pm · +24 -0

Why don't scientists who have been mistreated by publicly funded science institutes band together, set up their own privately funded institutes?

There are plenty of groups who would happily contribute to such an effort.

And we'd soon see which produced the better quality research.

02 {A.D. Everard} #8.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:40 pm · +13 -0

I've been thinking the self same thing. That's exactly what's needed. I think quite a few would jump across, too, finding – at last – a place of true science again. The remaining universities would empty rapidly, or pull their act together if they found their professors and students jumping ship!

It's time for fresh blood and new establishments.

02 {Alice Thermopolis} #8.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 6:05 pm · +11 -0

I believe it is already happening, at least with medical research.
Some entities, such as specialist hospitals, apparently are setting up their own research departments independent of universities.

02{Greg Cavanagh} #8.1.2
July 10, 2013 at 7:30 am · +3 -0

I think Eric is simplifying the situation way too much. A private university still has to fund itself, and that is typically grants from the government.
A.D.Everard; a private uni wouldn't empty the existing government funded uni's... It is evident already that many of the utopian Gaia loving professors are quite happy running Australia from the uni just as things are. A.K.A, they won't be leaving any time soon.

02{Eric Worrall} #8.1.2.1
July 10, 2013 at 12:44 pm · +4 -0

I think there is widespread concern in industry about the quality of research from today's universities. For example:-
<http://candidaahrahamson.wordpress.com/2012/04/25/a-fine-mess-were-in-majority-of-cancer-preclinical-research-findings-not-replicable/>
They might show more interest than you think in a University dedicated to applied research, where they control funding – and with confidence, would probably even make funds available for pure research.

02{Ross} #9
July 9, 2013 at 2:08 pm · +16 -0

I think you have right Bernd.
I don't mean to criticise the Prof but it is a pity he has let the contractual issues drag so long.
But which ever way you look at it a number of people need to be dragged through the courts. I hope there are a few lawyers around who could do abit of pro bono work for him.

02{Bulldust} #10
July 9, 2013 at 2:10 pm · +7 -0

All is not lost – there are still genuine skeptical scientists out there. As I have mentioned before, I frequently watch TED talks as I find them quite interesting, inspirational, etc ... even if at times somewhat too naive. This morning I saw one that I thought most here would enjoy. A doctor explains how he shrugged off the shackles of orthodoxy to look skeptically at the problem of type 2 diabetes and obesity – his name is Peter Attia (surgeon):
http://www.ted.com/speakers/peter_attia.html
This is his talk – I highly recommend it, if only to demonstrate the humility of

a true seeker of truth:

http://www.ted.com/talks/peter_attia_what_if_we_re_wrong_about_diabetes.html

You may need a hanky at the end.

02{Allen Ford} #11
July 9, 2013 at 2:36 pm · +12 -0

This is appalling. Seems like MacU has joined that illustrious band of thrid rate degree factories such as James Cook, UWA, UEA, Penn State and doubtless many others.

Joolya had the right idea in stripping them of funding in favour of Gonski, not that that would have made any difference to the academic standards of schools. Universities will never recover until they can get rid of the manic bean counting administrators and the pimply faced high school students masquerading as senior academics.

02{Manicbeancounter} #11.1
July 11, 2013 at 9:05 am · +1 -0

Oi!

“Manic” beancounters look at the evidence from various angles and perspectives. The ordinary beancounters look at just the narrow current view, and fail to see the alternatives, nor anything outside of the current trend. Their lack of imagination in preserving the status quo means that ordinary beancounters are only capable of managed decline and eventual closure.

02{John Brookes} #12
July 9, 2013 at 3:12 pm · +3 -36

I remember Murray Salby giving a talk about how the currently increasing level of CO2 in the atmosphere was not caused by us burning fossil fuels. It seemed a very “interesting” thesis.
Did anything concrete come of it?

02{Heywood} #12.1
July 9, 2013 at 3:29 pm · +29 -3

No comment on the treatment he received by Macquarie university? That is the subject of this thread after all...

02{crakar24} #12.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:41 am · +3 -0

“Salby? He has no credibility...”
John Brookes
June 30, 2013 at 10:52 pm

02{Backslider} #12.2
 July 9, 2013 at 5:11 pm · +12 -1
 Did anything concrete come of it?
 Did you actually read this blog post?.... seems pretty clear that SOMETHING came of it.
 Tell us what you think about that John...?

02{Carbon500} #12.3
 July 9, 2013 at 8:20 pm · +7 -0
 John Brookes: Murray Salby is quite right to raise questions about CO2 in the atmosphere. I'd be interested to know his views.
 Have a look at Ernst-Georg Beck's assessment of the thousands of CO2 assays done by the so-called 'wet methods' in use prior to Mauna Loa. It appears that current values are not unprecedented, anthropogenic or not.
 Then there's the matter of air bubbles in ice cores. Go down a coal mine and you'll see that the immense pressures on the tunnels cause huge supporting girders to buckle with time. For what happens to air bubbles in ice cores, read Professor Zbigniew Jaworowski's paper entitled 'Climate Change: Incorrect Information on Pre-Industrial CO2'. He concludes that the much touted 280ppm from ice cores is too low.
 Finally, meteorologist William James Burroughs in his book 'Climate Change' points out that 'a closer examination of the Mauna Loa data shows that the rate of growth has fluctuated appreciably with marked peaks and troughs on a steady increase. These fluctuations have not been explained but suggest complicated feedback mechanisms between short-term climatic variations (e.g. the ENSO) and the uptake of carbon in the biosphere.'

02{Louis Hissink} #12.3.1
 July 9, 2013 at 9:39 pm · +8 -0
 In addition the layering in the snow, (as is in lake sediments or varies) represent snow fall events, (flood events in lakes), of which many might occur during a year. So one layer of ice marked by lamination comprised of particulates does not mean one year, but one snowstorm.
 Gerry Pollack's work on polywater (EZ water) also suggests that when firn converts to ice, substantial removal of particulates in the firn occurs since those particulates cannot fit into the ice molecular structure – Hence you end up with layers of particulate free ice, and intervening layers of particulates. This means that depending on how thick the last deposit of firn was, on recrystallisation to ice, it could have transformed itself into many thinner layers separated by the particulate layers.
 So there are some interesting problems still to be sorted out in using ice

chronology based on the counting of layers to represent a yearly event.

02{Bill} #12.4
 July 9, 2013 at 10:51 pm · +8 -0
 John,
 Yes, he has just published a revised edition of his influential text book on Atmospheric Science. I have a colleague who does research in this area and while I do not discuss AGW with her, when I mentioned his name she said that his was one of the commonly used texts in this field.
 He gave his initial talks a few years ago and then significantly improved it in talks this Spring which you can find links to easily. (There is one in his e-mail)
 He said he was working on 3 peer reviewed manuscripts based on these talks. Real science can not be masked forever, so if he is indeed correct, then eventually the truth will out. I have no idea of the validity of the e-mail or his comments in it. It is only one side. But, it would be disturbing if political considerations got in the way of the truth. I'm sure you would agree with that. We'll know more in 5-10 years I would say. Hopefully sooner but these things take time to unravel.

02{Ceetee} #12.4.1
 July 10, 2013 at 8:28 pm · +0 -0
 @John "it would be disturbing if political considerations got in the way of the truth" – Politics is by enlarge an emotional and subjective endeavor, truth is not. They don't give a flying frack for truth.

02{andy} #12.5
 July 9, 2013 at 11:43 pm · +1 -0
 Did anything concrete come of it?
 Pun intended? concrete production is a co2 contributor.
 Yes a hardback book was published.

02{Reed Coray} #12.6
 July 10, 2013 at 3:56 am · +0 -0
 Murray Salby, who is Murray Salby? Must be a cousin of Murry Salby.

02{Sean} #12.7
 July 10, 2013 at 7:48 am · +2 -1
 john, don't you have some climate skeptic in your university's physics department to go harass and otherwise not do your job of making photocopies for him?

02{AndyG55} #12.7.1

July 10, 2013 at 3:56 pm · +4 -0
 He's at UWA, their resident sceptic was in the Psychology dept, and left to go to England rather than avoid being tipped out for malpractice
 What was his name again..... Loo –something !

02 {Safetyguy66} #12.8
 July 11, 2013 at 1:07 pm · +2 -0
 Thinly veiled “Ad Hominem” on cue, nice, love your work.

02 {turnedoutnice} #13
 July 9, 2013 at 3:51 pm · +10 -0
 Lysenkoism or, its new form, Hnsenkoism, is the imposition by the State of official science.
 Salby, Plimer are amongst many to suffer, the demands of this political creed as it defends itself against reality.
 The next step will be to execute persistent offenders. Look back into Russian History in the 1960s, at the end of the Lysenko period.
 The response is Samizdat with unofficial science.
 BTW there can be no CO2-AGW in a water world – there is a mechanism which uses CO2 to control temperature independently of [CO2]. Its beauty is that it also regulates against other changes, methane, tsi etc.

02 {realist} #14
 July 9, 2013 at 3:56 pm · +11 -0
 The example of Prof. Salby exemplifies the necessity for a Royal Commission with a wide scope of charter to investigate, among other issues, the outright fraud (expenditure of public monies) enacted under the AGW doctrine. Here is another example (remember Prof. Bob Carter, now ex-JCU) of people's personal and professional lives being deliberately abused, one assumes, as a deliberate tactic used by those who agree with the use of tyrannical politics to silence their critics, lest the truth come out and they be exposed for fraud and misconduct, and to be shown up as *faux* “scientists”.
 Well, history illustrates the truth does surface, inevitably, and the apparent acts of deliberate abuse of common and other law needs to be pursued and the perpetrators held to full public account. Should politicians and others in public office, also paid by the public purse, condone such examples of obvious misconduct (by staff and bureaucrats in the University) indicates they are party to an even larger problem the nation faces – the deliberate incremental loss of freedom and liberty.

02 {joannenova} Joanne Nova #15
 July 9, 2013 at 3:57 pm · +23 -2

After several hours of emails and phone calls I have been unable to confirm anything other than Prof Murry is no longer working at Macquarie. This is frustrating. I have left messages at Macquarie – the dean of science is away. The science enquiries officer has not responded. The Phd student I think worked with Salby did not answer and the phone line was connected to someone of a different name on the answering machine. Salby's phone rings out unanswered. His emails have not been returned. I've rung Fairwork Ombudsman, and they have not heard of an Australian employment tribunal but think he may be referring to the Fair work commission.

I need confirmation.

02 {janama} #15.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:29 pm · +2 -0
 Jo – Universities have extensive appeal channels in the case of unjust dismissal. It's extremely hard to terminate someone's employment if there is an original employment contract.

02 {janama} #15.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:37 pm · +2 -0
 Bob Carter's was a simple non renewal of a contract, a rightful option a University has as Bob pointed out before interviews – this appears to be different,

02 {A.D. Everard} #15.2
 July 9, 2013 at 5:47 pm · +5 -0
 I find it interesting that people are conveniently absent or not replying. The response so far sounds suspicious.

02 {joannenova} Joanne Nova #15.2.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:59 pm · +12 -2
 Me too. But it is holiday time in Australia at university is it not? It's only the two week winter break but perhaps people are away?
 I don't know if Salby is in Australia? But I need to hear from him. I have emailed him my phone number.
 The email was sent to a sizeably large group of skeptics, which would be difficult but not impossible to fake. I appreciate anyone who got the original email leaving a note here.
 Is there anyone who contacted Murry in the last two years to express interest in his work who did not get an email from him? That would be useful to know.

02 {Dave} #15.2.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 6:18 pm · +4 -0

Jo,

Just read this at Bishop Hill just now, seems he's had an email

I'm still off duty, but this is too important to leave for later. I've been having some correspondence with Murry Salby in recent weeks regarding a BH reader's research. Prof Salby copied me in on this email, which needs to be widely disseminated. 9/7/13
<http://www.bishop-hill.net/blog/2013/7/9/climate-of-fear.html>

02{AndyG55} #15.2.1.2
 July 9, 2013 at 9:42 pm · +1 -0

Yes Jo, its Uni break time.

Not generally a lot of people about until Semester 2. I don't know for sure when Macquarie Uni starts back up, but I suspect probably the same as us. 29th July.

(This single comment is Epcoh(2))

02{joannenova} Joanne Nova #15.2.1.3
 July 11, 2013 at 1:18 am · +3 -0

Both Macquarie and Salby have responded to me today. (But I've been out).
 From reading both, my sense is that Salby's case got stronger.

02{ianl8888} #15.3
 July 9, 2013 at 6:56 pm · +1 -1

I need confirmation
 McU will give you no substantive response

02{PhilJourdan} #15.3.1
 July 9, 2013 at 9:44 pm · +11 -0

There only recourse is silence. Anything they say will be damning to their case, so by remaining silent, they can hope it dies down. I suspect there is pressure on the ABC to not say anything about it either. The less publicity the faster it will die. Anthony Watt and Joanne Nova are their worst nightmare and all they can hope for is no one will pay attention to them.

02{Sean} #15.4
 July 10, 2013 at 7:51 am · +0 -0

You should have asked instead for the dean of junk science – he is always in...

02{Anon_sci} #16
 July 9, 2013 at 3:59 pm · +18 -0

FYI I heard through the science grapevine a couple of years ago that Macquarie had over-hired and was attempting to push out a large number of academic staff. I had no idea that such a high profile overseas star as Prof

Murray Salby was affected. I had naturally assumed that the Uni was trying to drop 'inferior' performers and dead wood and replace them with high flyers. Still ethically objectionable but more understandable.

Prof Salby's recent work on greenhouse gases obviously makes him a target, but I suspect he may not be the only person in this situation.

The universities are panicking because two big funding duds from the Gillard government have put them well in the red, even if they were nominally budget neutral a few years ago. They are not going to be behaving well from here on in; but Macquarie University's behaviour seems absolutely atrocious.

I am embarrassed on behalf of Australia and Australian academia.

02{MemoryVault} #17
 July 9, 2013 at 4:03 pm · +21 -2

I agree with Mark D at #4. This whole thing smells like a fit up, right from the original offer for Professor Salby to relocate to Macquarie in the first place.

I would not be surprised to learn, somewhere down the track, that there was an "international" element to all this.

Regardless, the Salby and the Spash cases provide an excellent opportunity for those of you who believe anything much is going to change under a Coalition government, to prove your point to us heathen unbelievers who are planning to vote for Themm this election.

All you have to do is email Christopher Pyne, Opposition Spokesperson for Education, drawing his attention to the above article, and asking him to comment here on precisely what, if anything, he intends to do about it once in government.

Ditto for Sophie Mirabella, Opposition Spokesperson for Science and Innovation (responsible for the CSIRO), drawing her attention to the case of Clive Spash, formerly of the CSIRO, detailed in comments #7 and #7.1.

I note with interest that the entire sordid Spash affair, including his call for a Senate Inquiry, was met with a wall of deafening silence from the "Opposition" at the time. Similarly, I have never heard anybody officially speaking on behalf of the "Opposition", criticise the continued airing of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" to our primary school children as a "science documentary".

If they want "conservatives" to vote for them, (and not for Themm) then it is time for these people to start spelling out what, if anything, they intend to do about all this.

To make it simple, here are the contact details for both:

Christopher Pyne

Sophie Mirabella

02{Eric Worrall} #18
 July 9, 2013 at 4:06 pm · +9 -1

To me it seems a modern day version of Deutsche Physik – the lunatic parody of science set up in the 1930s by a country which couldn't accept that the world's greatest living physicist was a Jew. A systematic attempt to eliminate academic dissent, by removing academics whose views deviate from the accepted groupthink.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsche_Physik

02{Peter C} #19
 July 9, 2013 at 4:10 pm · +26 -1

Shocking, just Shocking!

John Brookes says:

I remember Murray Salby giving a talk about how the currently increasing level of CO2 in the atmosphere was not caused by us burning fossil fuels. It seemed a very "interesting" thesis.

Did anything concrete come of it?

Well yes it seems it did. Macquarie University seems to have run a concerted campaign of harassment and intimidation against him, finally dismissing him and leaving him stranded in a foreign country.

He may recover some compensation against them in civil proceedings but there ought to be an investigation to expose the truth and pin the blame. How far up the system will it go?

02{John Brookes} #19.1
 July 9, 2013 at 10:40 pm · +5 -50

You've got to be joking. The type of "skepticism" Salby displays seems to be a variation on emeritus disease. This sort of thing might be contagious, and if he had a shred of decency, Salby would voluntarily quarantine himself.

02{Bill} #19.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 11:01 pm · +28 -0

That is about the stupidest thing I have ever seen you write, John. Although I am not here all that frequently so I'm sure you have said plenty of stupid things.

Salby had a very interesting, convincing, and more IMPORTANTLY testable hypothesis. I say this as a PhD research chemist. If he was wrong, this could be shown with real data. This is the way science works. Perhaps his firing had more to do with the university being short of money and him not bringing in big grant money but here in US with tenure, this would be much harder to do.

02{Winston} #19.1.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 12:55 am · +19 -0

Even if Salby is completely wrong, he deserves to be openly refuted and disproved, not silenced or marginalised. End of story. Only those with no moral compass would suggest otherwise.

02{Sean} #19.1.1.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 8:22 am · +6 -0

"Only those with no moral compass would suggest otherwise."

You have captured climate cult activist John Brookes to the "T"...

02{AndyG55} #19.1.1.1.2
 July 10, 2013 at 9:01 am · +3 -0

He is being silenced BECAUSE he is right. !

02{PhilJourdan} #19.1.2
 July 10, 2013 at 1:03 am · +7 -0

Physician heal thyself.

When you quarantine yourself, we will think about calling for others to do it.

02{Sean} #19.1.2.1
 July 10, 2013 at 8:24 am · +3 -0

By quarantine what John Brookes meant was, report to the nearest climate concentration camp.

Arbeit Macht Frei.

Heil Brookes!!!

02{Bulldust} #19.1.3
 July 10, 2013 at 8:00 am · +5 -0

Perhaps JB would find it useful to label such scientists. Maybe they should be made to wear a badge... a yellow star (representing the sun?) and they could be sent to camps to quarantine them from the rest of 'civil' society.

Does your brand of thinking sound familiar?

02{Sonny} #19.1.4
 July 10, 2013 at 7:25 pm · +2 -0

John I would hate to have you on my soccer team – always kicking own goals.

02{Michael} #19.2
 July 10, 2013 at 12:01 am · +0 -5

Did anything concrete come of it?

Not that I am aware of. I remember it was supposed to be peer reviewed years

ago but it never happened.

02{Heywood} #19.2.1
 July 10, 2013 at 8:24 am · +3 -0

Given the alleged treatment he received at Macquarie Uni I am not surprised it hasn't happened.

As Winston said [above](#), "Even if Salby is completely wrong, he deserves to be openly refuted and disproved, not silenced or marginalised. End of story."

02{Michael} #19.2.2
 July 10, 2013 at 11:33 am · +0 -10

How much time is one supposed to give him? From my reading of the explanation above there is a good case that he went off on his pet project on Macquaries time and money for a long time before termination. I assume that denying the numerous lines of evidence that virtually conclusively point to us as the cause for rising CO2, was not what they hired him for.

02{Heywood} #19.2.2.1
 July 10, 2013 at 11:51 am · +5 -0

"I assume that denying the numerous lines of evidence that virtually conclusively point to us as the cause for rising CO2, was not what they hired him for"

Translation – He didn't toe the party line so they sacked him.

Salby had an alternative theory, which he was researching. Nobody knows why his work didn't make it to peer review. He mentions in the comment that he was hindered in his efforts to analyse his data due to the withholding of resources. It is entirely possible that he was unable to complete his work because of this.

You can spout "denial" as much as you like, but you seem like a smart guy and would know that science is advanced by exploring alternate hypotheses, and proving or disproving these alternate theories.

A couple of questions if I may. Do you advocate the sacking of academics who research and hold theories other than the status quo? Should we remove funding from those who "deny" your consensus position?

02{Dave} #19.2.2.2
 July 10, 2013 at 12:05 pm · +5 -0

Michael you say:

I assume that denying the numerous lines of evidence that virtually conclusively point to us as the cause for rising CO2, was not what they hired him for.

But the Macquarie Uni cannot dismiss him for disagreeing with any of the Uni's views as per their Agreement with Academic Staff here:

2.10.1 The University is committed to act in a manner consistent with the protection and promotion of intellectual freedom within the University and in accordance with

the University's Academic Freedom policy and Code of Conduct.

2.10.2 Intellectual freedom includes:

(a) the rights of all Staff to express opinions about the operation of the University and higher education policy more generally;

(b) the rights of Staff to pursue critical open enquiry and to discuss freely, teach, assess, develop curricula, publish and research within the limits of their professional competence and professional standards;

(c) the right to participate in public debates and express opinions about issues and ideas related to their discipline area;

(d) the right of all Staff to participate in professional and representative bodies and to engage in community service without fear of harassment, intimidation or unfair treatment; and

(e) **the right to express unpopular or controversial views**, although this does not mean the right to vilify, harass or intimidate.

2.10.3 In the exercise of intellectual freedom, Staff will act in a professional and ethical manner and will not harass, vilify or defame the University or its Staff.

02{Michael} #19.2.2.3
 July 10, 2013 at 12:36 pm · +1 -10

It does depend on what he was hired for and what research he was supposed to be completing. No he should not be sacked for having an alternative theory, but if that was not what he was hired for, and he was spending uni time and money on a pet project that they thought hurt their reputation by being associated with it then that might be sufficient reason. The uni has a reputation, Salby's work was less controversial than it was ridiculed in mainstream science. Virtually everybody accepts that our CO2 emissions are what is causing the increase in CO2. I mean despite all the other lines of scientific evidence you have the basic mass balance approach. We emit CO2 (approx 30 billion tonnes py). CO2 is increasing in the atmosphere by about half that amount. Measurements allow us to estimate that the majority of the rest is going into the oceans by making them less alkaline. So the question becomes from where is the natural CO2 coming from and to where is mans emissions going? To me it seems like a fools errand. Hence, if anything he was wasting uni time and money on embarrassing research.

02{Heywood} #19.2.2.3.1
 July 10, 2013 at 12:47 pm · +6 -0

So I take that verbose response as a yes, if his theory is hurting the "reputation" of the institution by conducting "embarrassing research", you believe he should be sacked. I do wonder who is the arbiter of what is "embarrassing" and what isn't though. Is it embarrassing because it does not confirm to the opinions of "mainstream science"? Could it be that his research may have threatened university funding because of the political ramifications of his work?

John Cook's piss poor effort at proving a consensus has hurt the reputation of

James Cook University due to his embarrassing paper (IMO). Should he be now sacked as well? I doubt it would happen since he supports the consensus position.

There is more politics in the Salby issue than science.

02 {crakar24} #19.2.2.3.2
 July 10, 2013 at 12:51 pm · +4 -0

Michael,

Salby would not be allowed to research any topic that he was not employed for without the express permission of his employer, i assume you work, if so does your employer allow you to behave in such a way?

Regarding the fools errand, lets look at the facts.

MWP 950 to 1250

Co2 lag over temp ~ 800 years

Co2 began to rise ~ 1750 (950 plus 800 = 1750)

1250 plus 800 = 2050 therefore i predict co2 levels will continue to rise until 2050 where they will drop as per the LIA temps dropped.

Now i may be incorrect in my prediction so maybe i should undertake further research into this timing coincidence.....ones fools errand is another mans search for truth.

02 {Michael} #19.2.2.3.3
 July 10, 2013 at 2:27 pm · +0 -10

Heywood I do agree that their is more politics than science in Salbys work.

Craker24. Well if he did not have permission then would not that be grounds? I think that was my point.

You have not produced any science. What is the mechanism? Where did you get those times from? The climate does not occur by magic, there are forcings at work. For instance the ice ages are caused by orbital cycles called the Milankovitch cycles, which cause a slight warming which is amplified by greenhouse gases in the NH. As the oceans warm they release CO2 in the SH which causes the SH to warm. These are not the factors at work here, and before even looking for a natural source of CO2 you have to say where is mans emissions going, that so closely match the increasing CO2 in the land and oceans.

“Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere, of which about 55 per cent has moved into the land and oceans. Thus, identifying the mechanisms and locations responsible for increasing global carbon uptake remains a critical challenge in constraining the modern global carbon budget and predicting future carbon–climate interactions.”

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v488/n7409/full/nature11299.html>

<http://www.globalcarbonproject.org/carbonbudget/12/hl-full.htm>

Carbon Cycle

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>

02 {Heywood} #19.2.2.3.1
 July 10, 2013 at 2:41 pm · +6 -0

“Heywood I do agree that their(sic)is more politics than science in Salbys work.”

Why did you feel the need to **misrepresent what I said**?

What I ACTUALLY said was “**There is more politics in the Salby issue than science.**”. By that, I am referring to his exlusion from Macquarie University, but I guess you knew that, and chose to sneak in a stealthy ad hom on Salby.

For someone who seems so sure of the science, you are doing an lot of astroturfing on this blog trying to convince us mere bloggers that we are wrong. Why is that? You are the 97% remember, why bother with the “pesky” 3%?

02 {Michael} #19.2.2.3.1
 July 10, 2013 at 6:17 pm +0 -8

why bother with the “pesky” 3%?

Because the pesky 3% have a lot of financial backing and political power and are giving the wrong impression there is a scientific debate, when all there is is misrepresentations and excuses to muddy the issue and delay action for the sake of profits. The longer action is delayed the more fossil fuels get dug up.

02 {Heywood} #19.2.2.3.2
 July 10, 2013 at 7:10 pm +6 -0

Ahhhh. Out comes Michael the activist. Starting to reveal the true intentions of being here.

Here on your own will are you or part of an organisation? GetUp? WWF? The Greens?

02 {Heywood} #19.2.2.3.3
 July 10, 2013 at 7:13 pm +4 -0

..and you still didn’t explain why you deliberately misrepresented what I said.

But I have come to expect that from activists.

02 {Michael} #19.2.2.3.4
 July 10, 2013 at 10:06 pm +1 -4

Why did you feel the need to misrepresent what I said?

Because I accept the science and from what I can tell attempts to discredit the science are funded by fossil fuel industries funnelling money to think tanks, opinion bloggers and facebook pages in an effort to influence the political process. So I consider Salbys efforts to be political in effect, though his motives may be ideological or for the fame. Thousands of cientists that go on about their job and do research and publish do not have the fame and stardom

status of scientists that support the ‘anything but man’ side of the argument.

Here on your own will are you or part of an organisation? GetUp? WWF? The Greens?

I am here on behalf of my kids, grankids and future generations. I am not a member of any political group, and I am a swinging voter, having voted for both major parties depending on policy.

02 {Heywood} #19.2.2.3.5

July 10, 2013 at 11:40 pm +2-0

“attempts to discredit the science are funded by fossil fuel industries funnelling money to think tanks, opinion bloggers and facebook pages in an effort to influence the political process”

Wow... Nice conspiracy theory.

Got any evidence?

I wonder of our host can let us know just how much money she gets from

“fossil fuel industries”.

Do you honestly believe that big oil is funding skeptics anywhere near on the scale that big green and governments are funding compliant scientists?

Stupid question, of course you believe that!

02 {Heywood} #19.2.2.3.6

July 10, 2013 at 11:51 pm +3 -1

“I am here on behalf of my kids, grankids and future generations. “

Oh!!! Won’t somebody PLEEEEAASSSE think of the children...

So how is spending your time on this particular blog going to benefit them?

I have been reading/posting here for years and haven’t seen any fossil fuel representatives here. I am sure Jo hasn’t received a single cheque or payment of any kind, apart from small donations from the regulars here.

Joannenova had gotten response by July 11, 1:18am in this time zone, and posted NOVA.2 ~04:00am, and placed note at start of NOVA.1, so Stage(2) seems appropriate, even if not mentioned soon.

02{Michael}

#19.2.2.3.7

July 11, 2013 at 7:14 pm

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Heywood, there is plenty of evidence of direct support from fossil fuel industries to now more covert support, due to worries of how it will look. Similar to the funding and actual direct attempts to deny the science by tobacco companies. Well documented and where they refined their methods to delay action on many scientific warnings from acid rain to cfc's.

Not sure how happy link on that would be taken here, but you asked.

Governments and education institutions fund science, yes, that's where a lot of our breakthroughs and new science come from, they do not have to please a profit motivated company. Greens whole purpose is to protect the environment, so where else is there money going to go?

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/article.html?entrynum=1389>

How the fossil fuel industry outspent greens.

<http://www.sourcewatch.org> Good source for info on funding for orgs and scientists

<http://www.exxonsecrets.org/maps.php> Specifically Exxon

http://www2.sunysuffolk.edu/mandias/global_warming/global_warming_denial_machine.html

I will stop there as it is likely to be too much, but I have lots more...

02{Michael}

#19.2.2.3.8

July 11, 2013 at 7:21 pm

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Oh!!! Won't somebody PLEEEEEEASSSE think of the children...

Well they are the whole point, aren't they. If all the science is correct then the people that will most directly be affected are our children and future generations. Basically if you were only worried about money and personal comforts then you don't care about the future and depending on age and location will get through climate change with only small inconvenience. But if you are worried about future generations then you want to do something because the science is telling us they are likely to face unnecessary suffering and hardship as the climate increases getting worse.

As to why I am here, I do multiple things on an individual level, this is merely one. Educating enough people so that change stops being blocked is a crucial endeavour, as well as my solar panels, catching the bus to work and much more.

02{Heywood}

#19.2.2.3.9

July 11, 2013 at 7:27 pm

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All you have done is refer me to blogs. I asked for evidence, not opinion....

A bit hypocritical of you isn't it??

To quote someone here *"You pointed to a blog site, please find some actual peer reviewed science. I do not comment on opinion blog claims."*

A quick look at them reveals – One of them is Greenpeace – I am sure they are impartial...

Two of them are flogging books, and uses wikipedia as a reference.

and the other one is blowing sunshine up Julian Assange's arse, so safe to assume it is a leftards paradise.

02{Heywood}

#19.2.2.3.10

July 11, 2013 at 7:35 pm

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Since you seem to be happy to use blogs as evidence of "big oil" funding, I'll link a few articles, from this site alone.....

<http://joannenova.com.au/2012/08/big-green-machine-ge-makes-21-billion-a-year-on-clean-energy/>

<http://joannenova.com.au/2012/08/renewable-energy-is-a-257-billion-dollar-industry-that-makes-only-3-of-our-electricity/>

<http://joannenova.com.au/2012/05/700-thousand-dollars-for-believers-to-convert-skeptics-but-nothing-for-skeptical-science/>

<http://joannenova.com.au/2011/06/clean-energy-investments-just-a-tiny-243-billion-in-2010/>

I will stop there as it is likely to be too much, but I have lots more...

02{crakar24} #19.2.2.3.2
 July 10, 2013 at 2:43 pm · +4 -0

Crakar24. Well if he did not have permission then would not that be grounds? I think that was my point.

Possibly so Michael or at least in part we may never know.

You have not produced any science

The MWP did actually exist, not just in my mind and is supported by science.

The 800 year lag is also supported by science

The increase in CO2 which began around 1750 is also supported by

scie.....well the IPCC so you may have a point there 😊.

Seriously Michael, every point above is supported by science and the numbers add up. You are supporting a theory that all increases in co2 are from man and i have offered you a plausible (scientifically supported) alternative. For you to maintain your support of your theory you must now prove my alternative wrong.

There are a number of flaws in your theory for example:

“Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere, of which about 55 per cent has moved into the land and oceans.....

The abstract you reference mentions nothing about under sea volcanos, can you state the total amount of Co2 released into the oceans via this mechanism (+/- 1 Gigaton)?

Not sure why you reference ice ages but anyway can you describe the mechanism as to why ice ages have either occurred or in fact not occurred in defiance of the Milankovitch cycles theory?

Are Michael science is truly a wonderful thing.

02{Michael} #19.2.2.3.1
 July 10, 2013 at 6:24 pm · +0 -5

Are Michael science is truly a wonderful thing.

Yes it is. and like always, I provide the actual scientific sources and you give mere opinions.

You are making the claim about undersea volcanos, I cannot prove something I don't believe for you. There is zero evidence that an increase in undersea volcanos are causing the constant trend in CO2 that matches the emissions of mans CO2. You guys are so desperate to point at anything and everything but man that you make up vague hypothesis to throw the blame anywhere else, rather than answer the fairly simple question, where is mans emissions going that match the increase in the atmosphere and the oceans?

I have also never claimed the MWP did not exist. You still have not produced any science or mechanism to support your theory, just personal opinion and a vague hypothesis without a mechanism. I was explaining the Milankovitch

cycles as that was where I was inferring you were getting your incorrect hypothesis from. If I am wrong please provide the sources for the science that your theory is supported by.

02{crakar24} #19.2.2.3.3
 July 10, 2013 at 2:51 pm · +1 -0

Here you go Michael,

<http://www.lbl.gov/Science-Articles/Archive/ice-age-sediments.html>

In the paper in Science, the researchers compared the geological record to the climatic cycles that would result from their theory and to that of the competing theory, first published in 1912 by Serbian scientist Milutin Milankovitch. Using a geological fingerprinting technique, Muller and MacDonald found that the climatic changes recorded in the rocks matched their theory but not that of Milankovitch.

There you go, today you have learnt something new.

Cheers

02{Michael} #19.2.2.3.1
 July 10, 2013 at 10:19 pm · +0 -3

Firstly, it is better practice to link to the actual peer reviewed paper rather than an interpretation of it. Secondly, their main finding was that the ice ages were still due to an orbital tilt (each theory just had different tilts). So everything I said still applies. You still have not provided any evidence or peer reviewed science to support any of your claims. Interesting about the debris though.

I would point out that Muller now accepts that our emissions have caused the majority of the warming we have seen since industrialisation.

02{timg56} #19.2.2.3.4
July 11, 2013 at 8:58 am · +3 -0
Michael,
RE your pesky 3% having a lot of financial backing.
Have you forgotten it is supposed to be skeptics and deniers who believe in
conspiracy theories? The amount of money in play regarding climate change is
into the trillions and most of it comes from governments.
As for money coming from industry (Dr mann's Big Oil hobgoblin) or private
individuals (here is where the Koch brothers get mentioned), you should check
yourself. As one example here in the US, the Sierra Club recently
acknowledged receiving \$26 million from the gas industry. The Heartland
Institute would consider 1% of that amount as a rather large windfall.
Seriously, if you want to identify yourself as a person who argues from
ignorance, you certainly did a good job with your 3% comment.

02{Heywood} #19.2.2.3.1
July 11, 2013 at 9:04 am +2 -0
And of course he just swallowed the 3% figure. We all know that the %97 was
only out of 70 odd scientists and/or the debunked Cook et al paper.

02{cohenite} #19.2.2.3.4
 July 10, 2013 at 5:17 pm · +4 -0

Virtually everybody accepts that our CO2 emissions are what is causing the increase in CO2. I mean despite all the other lines of scientific evidence you have the basic mass balance approach.

Again with the nonsense; the mass balance argument is confounded by a constant Airborne Fraction for a start as Knorr found and as is explained [here](#). This is a core issue; if the CO2 increase is not due to human emissions either in part or at all then AGW is dead; that is why Salby's work was relevant; it also has important implications for how the climate cycle works.

There is increasing interest in this line of enquiry and for Macquarie to get rid of Salby shows how far they have been taken over by the AGW meme.

02{Michael} #19.2.2.3.1
 July 10, 2013 at 6:28 pm · +0 -6

as is explained here.
 You pointed to a blog site, please find some actual peer reviewed science. I do not comment on opinion blog claims.

So how about you tell me where mans emissions are going? taking into account that they match the amount of steady increase in the atmosphere and oceans. There is no point inventing a non existent source when it is basic fact that man emits CO2. Denying that is beyond my comprehension.

02{Heywood} #19.2.2.3.1
 July 10, 2013 at 7:19 pm +4 -0

"I do not comment on opinion blog claims"

And yet, here you are on a blog commenting. Why don't you go and right a paper and get it peer reviewed and avoid these unscientific blogs altogether? I also find it interesting that you make the big assumption that everyone here completely denies CO2 causation, and/or anthropogenic factors causing warming.

There are many varying degrees of opinion on the subject, even on this blog.

02{Michael} #19.2.2.3.2
 July 10, 2013 at 10:21 pm +1 -3

I also find it interesting that you make the big assumption that everyone here completely denies CO2 causation, and/or anthropogenic factors causing warming. Good, I was surprised that a science blog such as this would deny everything. I would point out that I did not initially bring it up, I responded to posters querying the state of the research.

02{cohenite} #19.2.2.3.2

July 10, 2013 at 8:21 pm · +3 -0

What a nuisance you are Michael; Gösta Pettersson is an eminent professor in biochemistry specialising on the fixation of carbon dioxide by plants and the carbon cycle research carried out by climatologists and others. What more qualified person to discuss the issue?

I also mentioned [Knorr and the constant AF](#), to which we can add the [Gloor et al paper](#) which also finds a constant AF.

Perhaps you can explain how a constant AF is inconsistent with human emissions of CO2 being solely responsible for the increase in atmospheric CO2 as the mass balance argument suggests?

02{Michael} #19.2.2.3.1
 July 10, 2013 at 10:31 pm +0 -2

Oh I should have looked closer, I am aware of that research. This is what happens when you link to a blog instead of the actual research. Sorry but you have been hoodwinked by your opinion blog. Knorr is saying that the proportion of mans emissions that are being absorbed by carbon sinks are remaining constant, which means that if we reduce emissions then nature will reduce how much it absorbs to match. Long story short, it is more important to stop emissions than to create forrests etc. In other words carbon taxes and renewables are more important than direct action on planting trees and soil sequestration.

Try and understand the science rather than just believing an opinion blog.

From Knorr himself

'One message from this research is that it could be even more important than we thought to curb CO2 emissions from burning fossil fuels, as opposed to stopping deforestation and other changes in land use,' Knorr says. He argues that more work is now needed to understand why the fraction of carbon that's absorbed from the atmosphere has stayed so steady for so long. Without this, we will never be able to predict how this fraction may change in future."

<http://planetearth.nerc.ac.uk/news/story.aspx?id=599&cookieConsent=A>

02{Dave} #19.2.2.3.2
 July 10, 2013 at 10:44 pm +2 -1

Michael you say,

In other words carbon taxes and renewables are more important than direct action on planting trees and soil sequestration.

So deep sea mining of rare earths for EV batteries, solar panels, bird killing windmills, pollution by heavy metals, reduction of arable land by renewables is of no concern to you as long as we have a CO2 TAX and produce useless sources of energy.

You are a typical GREEN VANDAL.

02{cohenite}

#19.2.2.3.3

July 10, 2013 at 10:58 pm

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Knorr is saying that the proportion of mans emissions that are being absorbed by carbon sinks are remaining constant, which means that if we reduce emissions then nature will reduce how much it absorbs to match.

That sounds suspiciously like a manifestation of gaia. The AF is defined as the fraction of anthropogenic carbon emissions which remain in the atmosphere after natural processes have absorbed some of them;

$AF = \Delta CO_2 / E$

The relevance of this is that the increase in atmospheric CO2 is often above the AF as [Quirk's graph shows](#). The fact that the AF is below the increase in atmospheric CO2 is also seen if [Figure 1 from Knorr](#).

If the AF is below the increase in CO2 then the human emissions cannot by definition be causing all the increase in CO2.

02{Michael} #19.2.2.3.4
 July 11, 2013 at 6:59 pm +1 -1

So deep sea mining of rare earths for EV batteries, solar panels, bird killing windmills, pollution by heavy metals, reduction of arable land by renewables is of no concern to you as long as we have a CO2 TAX and produce useless sources of energy. You are a typical GREEN VANDAL.

Wow, how twisted is that. All I did was quote what Knorr said, which everyone here is typically misrepresenting. First we need to stop arguing about the science, and come together to find solutions. What Knorr was saying that because the proportion that the planet takes up adjusts to the increase it is likely that as you reduce then the amount that nature takes up will also reduce, meaning you will not get the full value out of decreasing CO2. Long story short the most cost effective and practical way of reducing CO2 is not to put it up there in the first place. That is our most urgent problem at the moment, but we are wasting our time arguing about stuff like this, which is scientifically a non question. WE are the ones emitting CO2 and causing it to rise in the atmosphere. When we stop going around in circles on nonsense like this we can come together and discuss solutions.

So I do not accept anything that you said as you were basically having a conversation with yourself, I never said any of it.

02{Michael} #19.2.2.3.5
 July 11, 2013 at 7:05 pm +1 -2

Cohenite. The planet is a vast interrelated system, as most natural processes are, considering they have evolved that way to work together. Fact. I think one thing that Knorr was saying that is worrying in the current data coming out now is indications that the natural sinks may becoming saturated. Which means that they have been protecting us by soaking up around a half of what we emit but they may not be able to do that in the future. You need to follow the conclusions of the science rather than trying to make it up as you go.

02{cohenite} #19.2.2.3.6
 July 11, 2013 at 7:20 pm +2 -1

I'm not making anything up; I merely pointed out that the AF, which is the measure of human CO2 left over, is BELOW the increase in CO2. What's responsible for the remainder of the increase?

If Macquarie hadn't fired Salby maybe we would have found out.

Sinks will not be saturated; the good thing about trees is that they will take as much CO2 as they can get.

02{Mark D.} #19.2.2.3.7
 July 12, 2013 at 6:01 am +2 -0

You need to follow the conclusions of the science rather than trying to make it up as you go.

Really? "follow the conclusions of the science"? What a positively daft thing to say!

I could imagine a Warmist Cult believer, like you, might say "follow the Religion of Climate Science" and "the end is near! repent repent, save the children, repent!

Wait that pretty much IS what you say.....

02{Backslider} #19.2.2.3.8
 July 12, 2013 at 8:27 am +2 -0

current data coming out now is indications that the natural sinks may becoming saturated.

Again, what absolute rot! How in the World can you believe such nonsense?

If you wish to talk about saturation, how about you take a look at CO2 saturation of the very narrow bands of IR its able to absorb? What does that tell you?

02{Michael} #19.2.2.3.9
 July 12, 2013 at 2:31 pm +0 -1

Again, what absolute rot! How in the World can you believe such nonsense? Yes science pointing to saturation of natural sinks is contradictory, this is developing science, facts are that by Knorr's own paper (that you guys pointed to) it is imperative that we stop CO2 from going into the atmosphere as, once we do reduce it natural processes will be slower to get it down than thought. As to your CO2 saturation claims, if you have any peer reviewed science that supports your opinion please provide it. I have provided the peer reviewed science (lots of it), that says your wrong. Your opinion is barely opinion, mostly desperate attempts to create doubt.

02{crakar24} #19.2.2.3.10
 July 12, 2013 at 2:40 pm +1 -0

Now you see Michael this is what i am talking about, you do not respond to another commentator its like you have a cage full of monkeys with typewriters and some times they produce something of interest.

The CSIRO recently published a study which shows the Australian continent is greening due to the increase in CO2 levels now if this is the characteristics of a saturated carbon sink then i am a monkeys (pun intended)uncle.

Please, please, please respond by telling me how a saturated carbon sink can allow the greening of Australia and not with more trash from your monkeys.

02{Backslider} #19.2.2.3.11

July 12, 2013 at 5:19 pm

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if you have any peer reviewed science that supports your opinion
 Dear oh dear Michael.... why do you insist in “peer reviewed science” when we are talking kindergarten stuff that you should be able to work out with your own mind?
 You are aware of course that CO2 is only able to absorb and emit a very narrow band of infra red radiation? Do do you that, don’t you? Or do you insist on “peer review science” for that also? Well, trust me, its true.
 Now, for the kindergarten lesson:
 Imagine that we have a one litre jug of water that represents all of the IR being emitted from the earth that CO2 is able to absorb. Then imagine that we have twenty 200ml glasses representing CO2.
 How many glasses can you fill?
 Ok, once you have managed to comprehend that you can add time to the equation, so that you may think of it as something constantly happening. Its still the same, but just has another dimension.
 CO2 does not retain the IR – it either collides with another molecule or emits it instantly.
 There you go sonny, now you can see that once we reach saturation point (before industrialisation) adding more CO2 does nothing.... at least not in the lower atmosphere, which is what you insist on only talking about. I shall leave you to think about what may happen in the upper atmosphere.....

02 {Michael}

#19.2.2.3.12

July 12, 2013 at 6:01 pm

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‘Now, for the kindergarten lesson:
 Sorry backslider, I don’t accept kindergarten science. Being an adult I go to the real science and see what that says. Specifically peer reviewed science, since that science has been reviewed by experts and then published in a scientific journal and subjected to criticism and review of all the experts in the field.
 Ever wonder why you have to resort to such **‘kindergarten science’**? Because the real science does not support you and you have to try to cover that fact up.
 Lol, I will leave opinion and kindergarten science to you.’

02 {Rereke Whakaaro}

#19.2.2.3.5

July 12, 2013 at 5:09 am ·

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Michael,
 You need to read, “The Science Delusion”, by Rupert Sheldrake.
 You should also read about the “consensus” surrounding medical specialisation of Phrenology in the early 19th Century. You will find a lot of parallels with Climate Science.

02{Richard Hill} #20
 July 9, 2013 at 4:12 pm · +27 -0

It is worth noting that the subject University is not alone. Many people are very disappointed by Melbourne University's treatment of Geoffrey Blainey. GB is perhaps the best known Historian in Australia, noted for his books such as "The Triumph of the Nomads" about the wonderful success of Aboriginal culture surviving in a harsh land. The chief organiser of GB's hounding out is currently in charge of a major section of the Australian National school curriculum. As a graduate of MQ I put on record that they will never get a donation from me or anyone that I can influence.

02{John Brookes} #20.1
 July 9, 2013 at 10:45 pm · +1 -26

GB is a revisionist historian who tried very hard to prove that the Australian aborigines happily handed their land over to the invaders.

02{Bill} #20.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 10:56 pm · +9 -0

So what matters is not the truth but what you "feel" is the way it should be presented? I have never heard of the debate about aboriginal loss of land (not Australian) so I am not saying that what he wrote is true. I am just concerned that you seem to be yet another person (like religious fundamentalists) that cares more for doctrine than truth.

02{John Brookes} #20.1.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 12:14 pm · +0 -9

Naah. It is GB who cares more for doctrine than truth. He insisted on constructing his history only from official records. In one case it was obvious that a massacre of local aborigines had occurred, but since no one was charged, Blainey didn't include it. Actually, I am relying on memory here, and the details are probably wrong. But I do remember being flabbergasted at the time.

02{Bill} #20.1.2
 July 9, 2013 at 10:57 pm · +7 -0

P.S. Anyone can call any historian or economist, etc. revisionist. Does not mean anything. The truth is never complete and I'm sure the old fashioned racist egyptologists called the newer ones "revisionist" as well.

02{Winston} #20.1.3
 July 10, 2013 at 12:45 am · +21 -0

What rubbish, John. Perhaps you would care to examine some of the

contemporaneous accounts of the treatment of women in Aboriginal society when Europeans first came into contact with them, and then reconcile this with your naive belief in some sort of indigenous nirvana. The only revisionist historians I see are those trying to refashion a myth around some sort of ideal primitivism in indigenous cultures. The truth is no doubt far more complex, and even handed than that. Blainey would be far more dispassionate and less deceptive than many of these historians writing in this area, although I'm equally certain that all of his opinions are not necessarily correct in their entirety either. Hardly reason to cast aspersions on his credentials, given your rather obvious lack of comprehension of the subject, or demonstrable analytical skills.

Almost everything you believe, John, is either a falsehood, a misconception, an assumption or an exaggeration. If you have a genius for anything, John, it is a complete and utter lack of intuition for the truth. In fact, I warrant you'd run a mile, in your Lycra bike gear no doubt, just to avoid it. It's lucky you don't embarrass easily, otherwise you wouldn't say anything at all.

02{Ceetee} #20.1.4
 July 10, 2013 at 8:43 pm · +2 -0

John, FFS tell that to the Saxons you silly revisionist plonker!!!. We may or may not agree with the actions of our forbears but we are are product of their actions for better or worse. Do any of you people actually think in a straight line or does everything have a sharp upward curve?

02{Niff} #21
 July 9, 2013 at 4:30 pm · +14 -0

Utterly machiavelian. I have been thinking for some time now that the funding of universities has got to the point where the whole festering mass needs to be scrapped and restarted with a view to preventing the power structures, fiefdoms, pal review networks, and selection processes that perpetuate exactly what we funded them NOT to do. IOW search for truth and discovery, not politics.

02{Tim Spence} spence #22
 July 9, 2013 at 5:00 pm · +13 -1

Oh dear, this is very disturbing. A taste of things to come no doubt. One can only hope that it somehow brings about a quicker end to the madness. I notice the house troll has little to offer about the tactics involved, tactics reminiscent of Stalin's finest. We need more names, the names of the people who were obstructing the professor and pulling the decision making strings.

02{bobl} #23
 July 9, 2013 at 5:13 pm · +5 -0
 Jo, when I worked long ago for a university the contracts were governed as a state government employee by the administrative appeals tribunal
 i don't know about NSW but I'd suspect it's similar, he is a state government employee, it will be a state government body that would hear his case.

02{Catamon} #23.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:23 pm · +2 -2
 bobl, the nexus between University staff arrangements and state arrangements was broken years ago. University Staff are covered under Federal, not State agreements and tribunals.

02{bobl} #23.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:40 pm · +3 -0
 Thankyou catamon, didn't know that – I am wiser today than yesterday, and that's a good thing

02{Otter} #23.1.2
 July 9, 2013 at 7:23 pm · +6 -0
 Finally, a useful / reasonable comment from you!

02{Mark D.} #23.1.2.1
 July 9, 2013 at 9:21 pm · +4 -0
 My jaw dropped as well!

02{bobl} #24
 July 9, 2013 at 5:15 pm · +3 -0
 By the way, this also suggest the right place to send your emails of complaint is to the state government education minister

02{A.D. Everard} #24.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:53 pm · +3 -0
 One of the right places, anyway. The university itself ought to cop the backlash as well. Let them know they have performed very poorly and very unprofessionally.

02{Peter Miller} #25
 July 9, 2013 at 5:16 pm · +7 -0
 Just another case of someone daring to speak the truth and the inevitable reaction of the Carbon Inquisition.

02{Catamon} #26
 July 9, 2013 at 5:18 pm · +5 -14
 Perhaps a little reality check would be in order here. Going from the timeline in the OP it looks to be a classic case of a researcher being given undertakings by a University, relocating on the basis of those undertakings, and them not being followed up by the University.
 I can tell you from personal experience that this is a sad, unacceptable, but not highly unusual situation in the University system, and most likely has nothing to do with the particular line of research being undertaken. ie, it happens to some people regardless of their research area.

02{Heywood} #26.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:24 pm · +11 -0
 Fair comment, but I do wonder what he meant by “Macquarie undertook its misconduct proceedings – with me in absentia”
 I am curious as to what the “misconduct” actually was.
 I would put a six pack of beer on it being related to his line of research.

02{Ceetee} #26.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 5:49 pm · +11 -1
 If an academic in a university is sacked on those grounds then it's very worrying indeed. It implies quite absurdly that any research of a scientific nature must conform to a politically mandated narrative, on YOUR dollar.
 Time for some action my Aussie cuzzies.

02{Catamon} #26.1.2
 July 9, 2013 at 6:35 pm · +2 -16
 I am curious as to what the “misconduct” actually was.
 Would be interesting to know. I have seen it where Academics in a similar situation have gotten bloody minded and confused what they “should” be able to do with what they are actually authorised to do. In some of the old individual agreements under Serfchoices you could be “deemed” to have been engaged in misconduct for “bringing the University into disrepute” in some way. Nasty stuff. From the OP it appears that this is an unpleasant situation that has developed over 5 years. Probably a lot of GRRRR on both sides of the argument by now with actual root causes lost in the history and he said she said crap.
 Macquarie's failure to register rendered my contract under the national employment system null and void.
 This is curious?? If he was a union member i'm sure he would have had their support in following that up as that sort of process failing could i think leave Macquarie vulnerable to action. If not he would have to get his own bottom

dwelling detritus feeder to follow it up legally at his expense.

02{MemoryVault} #26.2
 July 9, 2013 at 6:23 pm · +12 -1

... but not highly unusual situation in the University system . . .

Yeah, right, Cat.

After all, one reads almost every other day about respectable academics being deliberately stranded overseas as a result of their university cancelling their return air tickets.

I wouldn't be surprised to learn that DFAT has a diplomatic desk in every overseas embassy to deal with the problem, it's so common.

02{Catamon} #26.2.1
 July 9, 2013 at 6:40 pm · +1 -17

deliberately stranded overseas as a result of their university cancelling their return air tickets.

It may be that he was not actually authorised to book the travel on his University account. That's certainly something i have seen happen. Without knowing all the history of his interactions with the University management over a period of years its a bit silly to speculate on the the why's of it.

Ahh, yes, its MV though isnt it. 😊

02{MemoryVault} #26.2.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 8:11 pm · +15 -2

Catamon,

Go back and re-read (or maybe read for the first time) points 14 to 18 in the original post.

Pay particular attention to points 14, 15 and 16.

Now go back and read your own idiotic comment above:

Without knowing all the history of his interactions with the University management over a period of years . . .

If there was anything in the *“history of his interactions with the university management over a period of years”*, that justified cancelling his return flight tickets, logic dictates it would have precluded the university from paying for the tickets in the first place.

But, of course, there just HAS to be some explanation other than the obvious one, doesn't there, Cat?

. You just go on polishing that turd – I'm sure you will get it to shine eventually.

02{Catamon} #26.2.1.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 8:27 pm · +2 -21

logic dictates it would have precluded the university from paying for the tickets in the first place.

MV, having a first hand perspective on these matters and some experience of the way Universities are run, i can assure you that its quite plausible that someone could have paid for tickets, left, come back, done another trip as well and then had someone in admin decide they weren't authorized to do it who was keen enough to cancel the tickets asap. Neither of us knows the history of this specific matter, but i have seen some pretty bizarre behavior in Academic / Admin interactions over the years.

14. While I was in Europe presenting our new research on greenhouse gases, Macquarie undertook its misconduct proceedings – with me in absentia. Macquarie was well informed of the circumstances. It was more than informed.

Which brings up the question of whether he knew the proceedings were scheduled for then and may have chosen to be OS while they were on. That is not spoken to here.

there just HAS to be some explanation other than the obvious one

I'm sure your more comfortable with the idea it is an evil conspiracy against all True Disbelievers MV, since after all, isn't everything??.

Be happy in your world grasshopper. But be aware it may be less black and white than you would like. 😊

02{MemoryVault} #26.2.1.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 11:47 pm · +19 -1

i can assure you that its quite *plausible* . . .

It is truly marvelous how often that word – “plausible” – crops up with you climate cult believers, Cat. You know, it's “plausible” that space aliens stole Phil Jones climate records from the CRU; it's “plausible” that global warming causes global cooling, and I suppose now it's “plausible” that Murray Salby got caught in a wormhole warp in the space-time continuum, and arrived overseas before he left when his travel arrangements were cancelled retrospectively.

“Plausibly”, anything is plausible. Now how about we now deal with the real world? Assuming that Murray Salby was overseas on business originally approved by the university, then cancelling out his return flight amounted to a gross failure of the university to provide him with a safe system of work, prosecutable in every state of Australia, under both state and federal OHS legislation.

I'm not simply stating an opinion on this. Following the slavery laws commonly known as “workchoices”, I was involved as a witness in four such cases where employers, empowered by the Howard legislation, thought they could not only fire long-standing employees and force them to accept new terms of employment, but could leave them stranded in remote locations.

In all four cases, the employer lost out, despite “workchoices” giving them the right to otherwise treat employees like sh*t. For those of you who don't know

it, OHS legislation now transcends all laws other than those deemed “capital” offences – murder, rape, sedition, treason and the like.

This remains the case. Even if Salby had been discovered to be running a pedophile sex ring off his university computer. Even in such a drastic example, the university would have a duty of care, under OHS legislation, to bring him home, prior to dispensing with his services. One is left with one of two choices:

- 1) – Either the university is staffed by idiots, or
- 2) – - The university knew exactly what it was letting itself in for, and considered the cost in future litigation worth it (remembering that it is we, the taxpayers who will pay for it), to hide a truth that would derail the CAGW gravy train.

Meanwhile, you go on polishing that turd, Cat.

02 {Heywood} #26.2.1.2
July 9, 2013 at 9:35 pm · +16 -0

“It may be that he was not actually authorised to book the travel on his University account.”

Perhaps, but anyone with any morals at Mac.U. wouldn’t leave him stranded. They would fund his return and discipline him after the fact.

Leaving him stranded is a bastard act of the highest order, regardless of his entitlement.

02 {Catamon} #26.2.1.2.1
July 10, 2013 at 12:13 am · +0 -13

Perhaps, but anyone with any morals at Mac.U. wouldn’t leave him stranded. They would fund his return and discipline him after the fact. I agree with you Heywood, but i would qualify that agreement on the basis that none of us actually know if there was any history betwixt him and admin that may have led them to consider what seems an extreme course of action to be justifiable in and of its self.

I have seen situations where Academics can be rather bloody minded about what they think they have a right to do as employees of an institution with the resources of that institution. Sometimes they push things too far and get slapped down.

02 {Bulldust} #26.2.1.2.1
July 10, 2013 at 8:10 am · +3 -0
Refer to point one of their core values.
/sub-thread

02 {true asit is} #27
July 9, 2013 at 5:23 pm · +16 -0

Macquarie University is a university with problems! Ethics are a problem there – I was treated abysmally myself contrary to its own ethics policies (which seem to mean nothing at all!). What is the real story though. I am sure there is more to this. At the end of the day its a useless university, full of useless scientists (now), just a degree factory for a world which soon won’t want them anyway! He is well rid of the place.....

02 {A.D. Everard} #28
July 9, 2013 at 5:30 pm · +10 -1

Thanks for running this, Jo. People should know about this and complain long and loud. Yes, I accept it should be confirmed, however going by what some have said, this sort of thing has happened before.

It’s about time people started complaining and/or pulling out funding AND students AND professors. Seriously, at some point, people from all levels will have to stand up and be counted. Silence is killing our nation, just as it is nations overseas.

02 {MemoryVault} #28.1
July 9, 2013 at 6:58 pm · +10 -1

People should know about this and complain long and loud.

At the end of the day, A.D.E, this is a political problem, which has to be dealt with politically. There is stuff-all students and professors can do from within the corrupt system. We have *politicians* to deal with political problems. Here in Australia, realistically, we get to “complain” about political problems once every three years, on election day. Despite the KRudd’s attempts to delay the inevitable, we get that chance sometime in the next few months.

Now we know that nobody in LABOR is going to address these issues. Ditto for the Greens. That leaves the Coalition. Are the Coalition going to address these issues, or not? If they are, then they are worthy of your vote. If they are not going to address these issues, then I’m sorry, I can’t see much point in voting for them, either.

I laid out how people could register their complaint with the only people it could count with, in comment #17 above, complete with contact details. I have little doubt that anybody from the Coalition Chorus will even bother contacting Pyne or Mirabella, because deep down, in their heart of hearts, they know what the result will be.

These people prefer to live with the illusion that there is some discernible difference between the major parties, rather than confront the reality that there is not.

02{A.D. Everard} #28.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 7:12 pm · +7 -0

I'm not interested in how you want to scatter the votes. I don't think people should tiptoe around outside the university itself. Certainly, complains should go to the science minister and anywhere that might actually do something about it, but it ought to land on the doorstep as well.

Students and professors can do plenty about it. They can complain, loudly and publically, or better still, quit. A university with students and professors protesting and draining away will wake up to itself. It is, after all, all about prestige and funding.

I know it won't happen. Each and every one of those souls, be it student or professor, will bite their tongue and fear for their own skin, and that's their shame. And ours. It's going to take backbone to get out of this mess. Sooner or later, someone will show it but it's going to have to come in large numbers all at once instead of one by one.

Hopefully, it won't involve pitchforks.

02{Eric Worrall} #29
 July 9, 2013 at 5:51 pm · +10 -0

Jo is right – there are a few red flags on this article, the most damning is the “Australian Employment Tribunal”. Goodness knows there are enough obscure quangos for that to be plausible, but the fact such a body is named, but it isn't listed, is suspicious.

02{NoFixedAddress} #29.1
 July 9, 2013 at 6:28 pm · +7 -0

By the same token there have been that many name changes over the years but i did find this...Industrial dispute : a president's term on **Australia's employment tribunal** 1997-2012 / The Honourable Reg Hamilton.
<http://trove.nla.gov.au/work/166489036?selectedversion=NBD49144541>

02{Manfred} #30
 July 9, 2013 at 6:03 pm · +9 -1

This, if confirmed, appears to be an utterly nauseating example of institutionalised green corruption. As Eric Worrall remarked earlier, this is a re-run of the 1930's and science policy in Nazi Germany.

Jewish scientists quickly found themselves demoted and then out of a job. Less qualified German scientists in The Party rose quickly above their capabilities to fill the intellectual vacuum. This in hind sight was described as ‘Hitler's Gift to the World’. Until this point German science led the world, with the greatest number of Nobel prizes (when they actually meant something).

What are the unintended consequences of this greenist policy? A policy driven dumbing down of science leading to a new generation of intellectually impoverished adherents of post modernism ‘science’, all policy apparachiks, little more than goose step impersonators masquerading as ‘scientists’.

We will rid ourselves of this grotesque, impoverishing scourge, of that I have no doubt. The battle is really beginning now. We move beyond ‘Sitzkreis’.

02{Ceetee} #30.1
 July 9, 2013 at 7:32 pm · +2 -0

Someone once said (can't remember who so I'll paraphrase) that those who don't learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat the mistakes made by those who failed to learn the lessons of history who...and so on. Too many of us are a sort of “educated stupid class”. Tons of knowledge but not a skerrick of wisdom.

02{janama} #31
 July 9, 2013 at 6:21 pm · +4 -0

It's pretty well explained in the Macquarie University Profile on their website where they state:

“All our hard work is paying off: since 2007 we have consistently moved up the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Rankings of World Universities. In the recent Excellence in Research for Australia exercise performed by the Australian Government, five of our research areas – **Earth Sciences, Physical Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, and Psychology and Cognitive Sciences** – were noted for their “outstanding performance well above world standard”. Macquarie was also recently named as the top university in Australia for research in environmental science and ecology based on the number of citations per researcher. “

02{Tim Spence} spence #32
 July 9, 2013 at 6:26 pm · +7 -0

Some aspects of this might work in the professor's favour, the fact that his contract was not registered, that his salary was cancelled before the disciplinary hearing – his post being cancelled later and the University doesn't appear to have been helpful, truthful or communicative at any stage of the matter. Therefore they University seems to be in breach of it's obligations before the disciplinary action, but we need to know what the disciplinary action was all about.

02{Backslider} #33
 July 9, 2013 at 6:27 pm · +6 -0

I cannot find any “Australian employment tribunal” – Joanne Nova

This is the [Fair Work Commission](#), sometimes referred to as “the national

employment tribunal”

02{Dennis} #33.1
 July 9, 2013 at 6:40 pm · +5 -0
 Stacked with Labor lefties

02{Yonniestone} #33.2
 July 9, 2013 at 6:50 pm · +5 -0
 FWIW, yes the Fair work act replaced the AIRC in 2009 here's a link, take note of the Liberal bashing vitriol
http://www.vthc.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1938:fair-work-australia-fwa-will-it-deliver&catid=141&Itemid=881

02{joannenova} Joanne Nova #33.2.1
 July 10, 2013 at 1:50 am · +3 -0
 Thanks guys (to everyone above and below). I wasted 20 minutes on hold to the Fairwork Ombudsman, who had not heard of it. Tho he suggested calling FairWork Australia, “might be them” or whatever it was called, but I didn't feel like another 20 minutes.
 It appears that everything is legit, and they could not have given me any details about his case anyway.

02{michael hart} #33.2.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 4:34 am · +0 -0
 I don't know if I've mis-read it, but at some point did he/she say “Jeez, you must probably be wanting to talk to me, why didn't you say so earlier? No. I can't tell you.” 😊

02{Faustino aka Genghis Cunn} #34
 July 9, 2013 at 6:29 pm · +3 -0
 Jo, the employment tribunal is FWA:
 “An employee has been unfairly dismissed if the Fair Work Commission (the Commission) finds that:
 they were dismissed
 the dismissal was harsh, unjust or unreasonable
 the dismissal was not a case of genuine redundancy.
 It's not an unfair dismissal if the employer is a small business employer and they followed the Small Business Fair Dismissal Code. A small business employer is an employer who employs less than 15 employees. The headcount includes casuals employed on a regular and systematic basis, employees of associated entities and the employee(s) being dismissed.
 If you think you've been unfairly dismissed, visit the Commission's website

for information about eligibility and making an application.”

<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/termination/unfair-dismissal/pages/default.aspx>

02{Yonniestone} #35
 July 9, 2013 at 6:41 pm · +7 -0
 Sounds like a good man's time wasted by agenda driven buffoons, now to be honest I have only set foot on a University for either sports related business or the odd err let's say social visit.
 However over the last few years in part of my work (construction) some of the people holding Uni Degree's have been the biggest waste of O2 in the work (real world) environment, and after seeing the attitude of these institutions towards their true asset's I am not surprised at some of their end results.

02{handjive} #36
 July 9, 2013 at 6:54 pm · +4 -0
 The tax payer funded [partisan Government persecution](#) against those who disagree with “climate consensus” started with Ian Plimer:
 IN late 2011, [Professor Ian Plimer](#)—a geology professor and expert mineralogist with no background in climate science—released his latest book: How to get expelled from school: a guide to climate change for pupils, parents and punters.

Looking for Tim Flannery's background in climate science.
 It could be hiding in the oceans, along with the missing heat.

02{NoFixedAddress} #36.1
 July 10, 2013 at 3:07 am · +1 -0
 Climate Science is Consensus Science.

02{Ceetee} #37
 July 9, 2013 at 7:40 pm · +3 -0
 “My Russian student was prohibited from speaking with me. She was isolated – left without competent supervision and the resources necessary to complete her PhD investigation, research that Macquarie approved when it lured her from Russia.”
 That is outrageous, Orwellian behaviour.

02{Bernd Felsche} #37.1
 July 10, 2013 at 12:01 pm · +2 -0
 How can a University impose a ban on communications between individuals; especially when one of them isn't actually bound by an employment contract because that contract hadn't been registered?
 Does the University employ persons to monitor individuals under such

communications bans? What powers would those monitors have to trespass upon the privacy of the private home; personal emails and electronic communications?

Is the PhD student also banned from reading any of Salby's publications?

02{Ceetee} #37.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:08 pm · +1 -0

Well exactly Bernd, I believe they truly crossed a line here since it may be construed as a sanction on not just an individual (employment issue) but a group however tenuous that may seem. They rather foolishly upped the ante.

02{Nice One} #38
July 9, 2013 at 7:48 pm · +2 -21

As a result, my computer models and analyses remain inoperative.
Did they ever work?

02{Sonny} #38.1
July 10, 2013 at 1:22 am · +15 -0

Did you put those four words followed by a question mark together yourself?

—
02{Joanne Nova} 😊 — Jo

02{AndyG55} #38
July 10, 2013 at 8:53 am · +1 -0

"Did they ever work?"
Have you ??

02{Dean} #39
July 9, 2013 at 7:53 pm · +4 -0

Just a note re: "Australian employment tribunal." Mr Salby appears to believe he was employed under federal employment law – "national employment contract with regulatory oversight." He is American and our employment laws would confuse a Vagon. Under the current FWA it appears most remedies are in a Federal Court, but you only get there after going through the "Fair Work Commission." I think he has simply described it in generic terms.

02{andy} #40
July 9, 2013 at 8:28 pm · +5 -0

Just purchased his book Physics of the Atmosphere and Climate
hope it can help in some way.

02{bobl} #41

July 9, 2013 at 8:45 pm · +5 -0

Folks, bear in mind we have no real knowledge of what went on and it's only supposition that it's related to the AGW debate. I think dismissing someone for misconduct is pretty serious stuff and the University would want to be pretty sure they could get away with it.

However, if I was VC there would be no way that I would strand an employee or even an ex employee overseas, it would be unsafe, the university placed him at quite some risk. I'd expect that if true that action alone would be actionable. It sounds to me like there is two sides to this story, and I'd like to hear both sides before I draw a conclusion.

02{Ian H} #42
July 9, 2013 at 9:49 pm · +9 -1

Why did he need to rewrite his code in order to have it run in Australia and why did this apparently take so long. Computer languages are the same in Australia and in the US. No translation would seem to be needed. It should be a simple matter of copying stuff across, compiling a few things – installing a few libraries maybe. It shouldn't be a big deal to copy data over and get his code all set up and running again on a new machine.

The only explanation I can think of is that the programs may have been written for him in the US by a research assistant and that Salby himself was unable to figure them out and get them to run. In Australia most researchers are expected to write their own code because the money for this kind of assistance is seldom available. This is pure speculation and it would be best to wait for facts. But there does seem to me to be something missing from Salby's explanation of the reasons why he was unable to successfully transplant his research program. When Universities decide to try to get rid of someone it is always ugly. This seems uglier than usual. In particular the business about stranding him in Europe by cancelling his ticket appears outright malicious.

02{AndyG55} #42.1
July 9, 2013 at 10:16 pm · +0 -0

That's right, its pure UGLY speculation.
So why bother speculation when you DON'T *****G know !!!
There are plenty of possible reason for needing to rewrite code.

02{John Brookes} #42.1.1
July 9, 2013 at 10:57 pm · +3 -20

Come on Andy, everyone else here is speculating!
Sacking someone from a uni is a lot of hard work. You wouldn't do it if you didn't have to. Anyway, maybe some super sleuth can get one of Salby's colleagues at Macquarie to anonymously spill the beans?

02{Mark D.} #42.1.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 3:32 am · +7 -0

Sacking someone from a uni is a lot of hard work.
 Oh, lucky you!

02{AndyG55} #42.1.1.2
 July 10, 2013 at 7:53 am · +6 -0

“Sacking someone from a uni is a lot of hard work”
 Which probably explains why you are still there, even in the janitorial role.

02{Maxine} #42.2
 July 10, 2013 at 11:57 am · +1 -13

Does seem like the professor stuffed up and couldn't work without lots of assistance.
 Only way plants could increase atmospheric CO2 is if carbon sinks like forests, the seabed are being destroyed. Guess what, they are!
 That Russian student was told she couldn't work on her original thesis according to Jo so no wonder she couldn't work on it.
 The happiest Kingdom of them all—Conspiracy Land. Take a couple halfbaked “facts” say the “victim” was one of “us” and 200+ posts get generated by those that know nothing about what/how/why something happened.
 Plimer and Carter are not climate scientists, more like obvious humbugs taking money from shady sources so any Uni would do well to superannuate them off!

02{Heywood} #42.2.1
 July 10, 2013 at 12:04 pm · +11 -0

“Plimer and Carter are not climate scientists”
 Ahhh, straight to argumentum ad auctoritatem and argumentum ad hominem.
 What have either Plimer or Carter claimed that is incorrect, other than what you have read in the Guardian or Green Left Weekly?
 Flannery and Cook aren't climate scientists either, but you worship everything they say, even though most of what they have said hasn't turned out to be quite true.

02{J.H.} (This single comment falls in Stage(2)) #42.2.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 6:08 pm · +0 -0

Well pointed out Heywood.... The Hypocrisy of the AGW proponents knows no bounds.... nor their capacity to blind themselves to facts.

02{Ceetee} #42.2.2
 July 10, 2013 at 9:24 pm · +3 -0

Maxine, not one iota of incredulity?. Screeds of info here yet you are quite in conscience and calm in your right to sling mud at the “200” minds that find this important enough to comment on?. I sincerely hope you do NOT teach in any capacity at all.

02{PhilJourdan} #43
 July 9, 2013 at 9:57 pm · +5 -0

Why did he need to rewrite his code in order to have it run in Australia and why did this apparently take so long. Computer languages are the same in Australia and in the US.

Or more likely, the program was written in an older language and he was seeking to update it. How many Cobol programmers do you personally know? Kind of hard to maintain code when the language is no longer supported. Time to think in IT terms. Programs are only designed to run a few years. 10 is ancient in computer language time.

02{bob1} #43.1
 July 9, 2013 at 10:07 pm · +5 -0

My guess is its probably written for a supercomputer – in all likelihood it needed to be ported to another OS.
 One big point is that Macquarie has no right to deprive this author of his prior intellectual property unless it was specifically assigned to them in writing exclusively. To do so would be a violation of copyright law, punishable under the criminal code. This must be returned to him and all copies of this code and its derivatives expunged from university computer systems.

02{AndyG55} #43.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 10:19 pm · +2 -0

Interface written on a Linux system, and you have to somehow make it work on a Windoze machine ! arghhhhh !!
 Even changing compiler brand can cause major issues ! .

02{Ian H} #43.1.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 10:34 pm · +2 -0

Install linux then. Lots of linux boxen in universities. Better for running serious code.
 (Having trouble here imagining why anyone would WANT to move from Linux to Windows?)

02{AndyG55} #43.1.1.1.1
 July 9, 2013 at 10:58 pm · +2 -0
 We need it to run on both... and it does. 😊
 And yes we use a Linux system for the serious runs.
 I think we can call 144 CPU's now in Linux, which does speed things up quite a bit over a single Windows PC.

02{bob1} #43.1.1.1.2
 July 10, 2013 at 6:33 am · +2 -0
 Bit naive, don't you think, what if it was written for a Vax, or crays
 paralllising compiler on an old cray os, or some such other esoteric system.
 Who says it has to be Linux or windows? Even might have been written for rtx
 on a pdp-11, or under tops 10 on a DEC mainframe. The possibilities are
 endless!

02{Ian H} #43.1.1.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 2:48 pm · +0 -0
 His statement leaves the impression that this was running in the US before he
 decided to transplant himself. I'm pretty sure therefore that it wasn't running
 on a VAX or PDP11. The system he was using in the US can't have been too
 esoteric. He worked in a university, not a museum.

02{andy} #43.1.1.2
 July 10, 2013 at 12:03 am · +0 -0
 Then there is this
<http://www.computerweekly.com/blogs/open-source-insider/2013/05/international-space-station-adopts-debian-linux-drop-windows-red-hat-into-airlock.html>

02{Maxine} #43.2
 July 10, 2013 at 11:58 am · +1 -7
 Cobol? More like Fortran. Unless the program was really old it could have
 been run OK, maybe his model wasn't supporting what he was saying?

02{Bernd Felsche} #43.2.1
 July 10, 2013 at 12:16 pm · +4 -0
 Which Fortran??
 Fortran was, for a long time, pretty machine specific. Computer manufacturers
 provided their own compilers and libraries to maximise the performance of the
 system. It requires lots of expertise to competently port Fortran software from
 one platform to another because one has to understand the source and the target
 environments.

Wikipedia
 Download some of the code used by climate modellers. A lot of it has obvious
 roots in Fortran 77 and some even earlier. Novice porting in the climate models
 produces data artifacts. Regression testing probably never happened.

02{Heywood} #43.2.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 12:27 pm · +7 -0
 Bernd! Don't bring facts to the table. Maxine and the puppies don't like it.

02{AndyG55} #43.2.2
 July 10, 2013 at 1:50 pm · +0 -0
 "maybe his model wasn't supporting what he was saying?"
 Better than **reality** not supporting what the AGW models or AGW goons have
 been saying.
 Seems that AGW models are diametrically opposed to reality, as are
 Flannery's predictions and Cook's mentality.

02{PhilJourdan} #43.2.3
 July 11, 2013 at 6:14 am · +0 -0
 The language is not the issue. The issue is languages going out of use. There
 are millions of Cobol programmers around, but not many compilers running on
 any mainframes. Same with Fortran.
 I did not say the program was written in any particular language. I merely used
 a famous one as an example of my point. You would do well to learn to read
 our common tongue.

02{Tim} #44
 July 9, 2013 at 10:02 pm · +8 -1
 A reminder that Galileo Galilei came into conflict with the church and the
 Inquisition found him "gravely suspect of heresy," sentencing him to indefinite
 house arrest.
 They subsequently later actually discovered that the earth really does move
 around the sun and that the tides were evidence for the motion of the Earth;
 among many other truths. No shit.
 Political oligarchs will not tolerate dissent, no matter how valid.

02{John Brookes} #44.1
 July 9, 2013 at 10:58 pm · +6 -31
 Oh FFS! Is there no law against comparing any sort of possible persecution to
 Galileo? There should be.

02{Tim} #44.1.1

July 9, 2013 at 11:53 pm · +7 -1
 What a waste of a good mind. Try and find a proper job.

02{Bulldust} #44.1.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 8:21 am · +5 -1
 Good mind? He hides it extremely effectively.

02{Bernd Felsche} #44.1.1.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 1:56 pm · +3 -0
 Keeps it in the jar, amongst the other pickled condiments.

02{michael hart} #44.1.2
 July 10, 2013 at 4:47 am · +2 -0
 Actually John, I'm in a good mood. I don't know why, given the seriousness of the topic. I'll give you a +1. Mainly because analogies can be over used. Don't expect it again in the next 17 years or before IPCC models become right, whichever happens sooner.

02{Michael} #44.2
 July 10, 2013 at 6:57 pm · +0 -6
 The difference was that Gallileo stood by the evidence and what the science was telling him. He would not be looking for excuses and denying all the science for ideological beliefs. Therefore he would accept the peer reviewed science of AGW and the fact that mans emissions are increasing CO2 in the atmosphere. Like the church back in the 1700's trying to deny what the science was telling them due to their beliefs the anti science crowd are continuously denying what the current science is telling them as it is to inconvenient.

02{Ace} #45
 July 9, 2013 at 10:48 pm · +3 -0
 what this guy should do is find a TV / Movie writer / producer. Im not being sarky. Its a waste of time epcting the Stasi to policfe themselvs. He has to go outside their arena of control and shame them by telling the story. Through TV / movie dramas is the way its done in the modern world.

02{Catamon} #46
 July 10, 2013 at 12:33 am · +4 -14
 12. Obligations to present our new research on greenhouse gases (previously arranged), had to be fulfilled at personal expense.
 14. While I was in Europe presenting our new research on greenhouse gases,
 15. Upon arriving at Paris airport for my return to Australia, I was advised that my return ticket (among the resources Macquarie agreed to provide) had been cancelled.

Ok, so @12 he's stating that obligations "had to be fulfilled at personal expense."

So how did Macquarie cancel a ticket he bought "at personal expense"???
 Curious.

02{Ian Wilson} #46.1
 July 10, 2013 at 1:07 am · +5 -1
 This is speculation but maybe Prof. Salby was given assurances [by Macquarie Uni] that a return ticket would be paid for by the University. There are more expenses to a trip than simply the cost of the ticket e.g. accommodation, travel expenses in Europe, food etc.

02{crosspatch} #46.2
 July 10, 2013 at 1:33 am · +5 -0
 15 might be an explanation of 12. 15 explains why it had to be done at personal expense, because they cancelled a ticket they had originally provided.

02{crosspatch} #47
 July 10, 2013 at 1:31 am · +5 -0
 Interesting way to sabotage the careers of those who oppose the party line. First you hire them, then you frustrate them for years preventing any completion of research / publication (long term career implications). Then you blackball them. "Hold your friends close, hold your enemies closer".

02{janama} #48
 July 10, 2013 at 1:56 am · +1 -0
 Perhaps this is what has caused all this for Salby.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMiuv6f9hd4#at=53>
 and part 2
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8L3skoSLIA>

02{joannenova} Joanne Nova #49
 July 10, 2013 at 2:05 am · +27 -1
 Christopher gave me permission to post his full response:
 "This case is outrageous. I shall be finding out further details from Professor Salby and shall then arrange for powerful backers to assist him in fighting the university, which – if his side of the story is in all material respects true – has committed multiple criminal offenses. This needs to be a high-profile case."
 Some offers of donations have already come in before he asked.

02{Colin Henderson} #49.1
 July 10, 2013 at 10:58 am · +0 -0

Joanna – I would be happy to help out with a donation as I imagine many of us would. Can you set up a fund for this?

02 {Reed Coray} #50
July 10, 2013 at 3:48 am · +14 -0

In support of Mr. Salby, I just sent the following Email to Ms Deidre Anderson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar), Macquarie University.

Dear Ms. Anderson,

There's an old saying to the effect that "Any press is good press." To the degree the saying pertains to Macquarie University's treatment of Murry Salby, you'd better hope the saying is accurate. Here I am, an obscure non-Australian citizen living in a foreign country (USA), sending an Email to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar) of Macquarie University questioning the University's treatment of one of its employees (now ex-employee?). I can only imagine the response you might be getting from citizens of Australia and people closer to the University.

I recently read a thread, <http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-university-sabotages-exiles-blackbans-stands-and-abandons-murry-salby/#comments>, on Joanne Nova's blog. That thread discusses Macquarie University's treatment of Mr. Salby to include a list of items that Mr. Salby claims are "a matter of record." It's a truism that there are two sides to any argument; and I haven't seen any discussion of your side of the issue.

However, if half of what Mr. Salby claims is true, Macquarie University should at a minimum be ashamed, and at a maximum actively pursuing an internal investigation. Your treatment of Mr. Salby exhibits all the characteristics of "monetary fear" in that you seem to be living in mortal fear of offending some of your benefactors—specifically the members of the Australian government who (a) fund your university, and (b) have bought hook-line-and-sinker into the meme of anthropogenic global warming (AGW). Liberal Arts Universities used to vocally and proudly proclaim tolerance and diversity, which as judged by your treatment of Mr. Salby no longer apply at Macquarie University. Your treatment of Mr. Salby brings to mind two other old sayings: (a) "Do as I say, not as I do", and (b) a modification of the Golden Rule: "Those that have the gold, make the rules." Since the modified Golden Rule seems to perfectly describe your university's behavior, you might consider adopting it as Macquarie University's motto.

Reed Coray

02 {Ace} #50.1
July 10, 2013 at 6:08 am · +3 -0

Good letter man. Now someone, translate that Golden Rule into Latin and

design a nice emblem based upon it that can be disseminated online. some parody version of their actual emblem whatever that is. I wouldn't know, it's a "university" in Australia...huh?

02 {KinkyKeith} #50.2
July 10, 2013 at 10:57 am · +1 -0
Excellent strike!

02 {Terry R} #51
July 10, 2013 at 3:57 am · +10 -0
With statements like "one in two chance that by 2100 there'll be no human beings left on this planet" it is clear that we have gone beyond Politicized Science, Prostituted Science is now closer to the mark.

02 {Tim Spence} spence (linked in other comments) #51.1
July 10, 2013 at 6:09 am · +4 -0
Terry, I was posting about this on the 19th and 20th June, here's what I wrote. ["There's a one in two chance that by 2100 there'll be no human beings left on this planet"]
In a sane world, a friend or concerned person would have called an ambulance, the men in white coats or at least a mental health advisory service.
But no. Instead, the gathered audience listened obediently.

02 {John Silver} #51.2
July 10, 2013 at 7:57 am · +2 -0
More like nutty nazi science.

02 {AndyG55} #51.3
July 10, 2013 at 8:57 am · +0 -0
"one in two chance that by 2100.... .."
and a better than 1 in 2 chance that the climate commission with not exist by 2014 😊

02 {Maxine} #51.3.1
July 10, 2013 at 12:01 pm · +0 -14
Obviously you haven't seen the latest polls—Ruddy's high approvals means there is more upside in Labor PV.

02 {Heywood} #51.3.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 12:06 pm · +7 -0
"Ruddy's high approvals means there is more upside in Labor PV"
No. Ruddy's high approvals means that we let idiots like you vote. How's your

blog going? Got more than 20 contributors yet?

02{Sonny}	#51.3.1.2
July 10, 2013 at 12:07 pm ·	+3 -0
The dog is back!	
02{crakar24}	#51.3.1.2.1
July 10, 2013 at 1:01 pm ·	+5 -0
Grumpy Cat V Scruffy Dog.....this should be good	
02{Annie}	#51.3.1.2.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:29 pm ·	+2 -0
Just what I was thinking! That cat looks as though it can take on all comers!	
02{Heywood}	#51.3.1.2.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:54 pm	+2 -0
I try, Annie, I try... 😊	
02{AndyG55}	#51.3.1.3
July 10, 2013 at 12:26 pm ·	+4 -0
If you believe that, then he better call an election soon, because its only downhill for him from here.	
If he waits until November, he'll be back around Gillard's numbers. ! 😊	
02{Ceetee}	#51.3.1.4
July 10, 2013 at 10:52 pm ·	+3 -0
@ Maxine. Re: Rudd -Thats because you lefties are a truly stupid gullible lot. You clutch at fairy dust and pipe dreams and convince yourselves that history never truly happened. You vote for a face or favour promised usually at someone else's expense and more often than not, on a lie. You are part of a protection racket, a gang of likeminded hoods for whom no sacred ground exists and no expression of individuality is sanctioned unless it surrenders itself to your pluralist mediocrity. What evidence has anyone to suggest that Rudd is not some perverse form of Gillard in drag. None. Whats changed?. One autocrat for another. So all the part time thinkers breath a sigh of relief in the steadfast knowledge that this changes everything. I've been to Aus and in most respects you are lucky. When it comes to your pollies and many of your academics I'm afraid press gangs would give you better outcomes.	
02{Andrew McRae}	#52
July 10, 2013 at 5:25 am ·	+2 -6
I'll assume his sacking is mainly due to his anti-CAGW stance scientifically.	

Well I'll get downvoted to hell for saying this but I won't shy away from it... On the one hand, maybe Macquarie only want professors who can add and subtract. Salby was incorrect to say that most CO2 rise has been natural, because simple arithmetic proves industry has been the source of CO2 rise. See [this comment on NoTricksZone](#) for my most recent expression of the argument, rather than rehashing it here. (I convinced one person on NTZ that he was wrong, but strangely I've never convinced anyone here that "industry dunnit".)

On the other hand it is entirely reprehensible of Macquarie to dump any scientist in this manner instead of simply allowing his hypothesis and his student's work to proceed normally through peer review, publication, the scrutiny of other related scientific disciplines, and the formal contest of scientific debate.

I personally may think Salby is talking claptrap about the CO2 origin, but he must have the right to talk without retaliation. If not for him, then where will we draw the line and who will be silenced next? Macquarie Uni has done wrong.

02{bobl}	#52.1
July 10, 2013 at 6:59 am ·	+3 -0
Andrew, it's not so much the fact of his sacking but rather the manner of it. On the face of it Macquarie has committed multiple legal offences including breaches of the OHS act, copyright offences, and possibly fraud (misrepresentation). They would also appear to be in breach of contract, which by the way doesn't rely on registration to be valid – it just isn't an AWA if not registered. It still constitutes a common law contract.	
On the face of it then the Prof. has multiple grounds for prosecuting Macquarie. Having said that we do know why the University took the action. If this is all true then the VC ought to be fronting the NSW parliament ethics committee, real soon now! A complaint to the ethics committee from the Prof. is probably warranted.	

02{Eric Worrall}	#52.2
July 10, 2013 at 10:47 am ·	+8 -0
Andrew McRae I gave that an up vote because I respect your position. You don't have to agree with Salby to see that, on the basis of our current evidence, Macquarie University has behaved in a shabby and unprofessional manner, and quite possibly breached several employment and contract laws.	
I would feel similarly about a University which sacked an alarmist, because of his or her views.	
Science advances when scientists question something everyone always assumed to be true. Most of the time those who question are wrong – but	

science can only progress so long as such questions are allowed.

This is why the NAZIs were so bad at science. This is why the Soviets had to resort to stealing American technology secrets. It is *not* because Russia didn't have enough clever people – FFS, we're talking about a country which considers chess to be a spectator sport. It is because in the Soviet Union, people weren't allowed to question the beliefs of their superiors, even in an academic setting.

And now it looks like this is happening to Australia – question the theories of your academic seniors, at least in Macquarie University, and you get fired.

DIVERSION (~14 pages) into carbon cycle arguments mostly irrelevant to Salby dismissal, only occasionally relevant to Salby's CO2 views. The discussion continues for a week and might only be relevant to calibrate the participants' knowledge and style of discourse. Shading and indentation of quotes is minimal in diversions, with no analysis.

02 {Backslider} #52.3
July 10, 2013 at 12:58 pm · +3 -1
simple arithmetic proves industry has been the source of CO2 rise
I don't think so. In the big scheme of things with the carbon cycle the human contribution is miniscule.

02 {Michael} #52.3.1
July 10, 2013 at 2:12 pm · +1 -8
I don't think so. In the big scheme of things with the carbon cycle the human contribution is miniscule.
Wrong. Going on the carbon cycle the natural processes are in rough balance, or if anything, absorb more than they emit. Therefore mans emissions are adding fossil fuel CO2 to the carbon cycle that has not been there for millions of years. Therefore CO2 increasing in atmospheric concentration. Basic math.
<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>
“Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere, of which about 55 per cent has moved into the land and oceans. Thus, identifying the mechanisms and locations responsible for increasing global carbon uptake remains a critical challenge in constraining the modern global carbon budget and predicting future carbon–climate interactions.”
<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v488/n7409/full/nature11299.html>

02 {crakar24} #53.3.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 2:26 pm · +4 -1
Michael you must have missed my comment 19.2.2.3.2 here is a cut and paste

Regarding the fools errand, lets look at the facts.

MWP 950 to 1250

Co2 lag over temp ~ 800 years

Co2 began to rise ~ 1750 (950 plus 800 = 1750)

1250 plus 800 = 2050 therefore i predict co2 levels will continue to rise until 2050

where they will drop as per the LIA temps dropped.

Now i may be incorrect in my prediction so maybe i should undertake further research into this timing coincidence.....ones fools errand is another mans search for truth.

For you to have such high confidence in your CO2 sequestration theory you must certainly have looked at the 800 year coincidence i highlight above and no doubt have a plausible theory to explain (as any good scientist would have). I would be very interested in hearing said explanation.

TIA

Crakar24

02 {Michael} #52.3.1.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 6:01 pm · +0 -6

No I did not. I asked for some proof. It is merely opinion on your part, and fairly vague opinion at that. There is no science and mechanism for that. Considering that we were in a global cooling cycle until industrialisation hit your hypothesis does not seem likely. Do you understand the concept of 'science'.

I also quite clearly explained the Milankovitch cycles to you, do any of you guys actually read before you respond? So everything asked and answered. Now what you did not answer was where does the 30 billion tonnes of CO2 that man emits goes and where is the natural CO2 coming from? Notice I provided links to information on the carbon cycle and calculations of the carbon balance (unlike you with your unsupported claims. Please go read and learn something.

02 {Ian Wilson} #52.3.1.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 7:56 pm · +3 -0

I see you are still heckling from the sand pit of knowledge Michael!

02 {Mike Borgelt} #52.3.1.2
July 10, 2013 at 2:37 pm · +7 -0

Is this carbon cycle the one where we don't actually know all the sources and sinks, let alone how they behave over time? How much carbon is being locked up in the extra green plant growth? That carbon cycle?

I'd be astonished if in the giant exchanges going on all the time, all the sources and sinks were in rough balance over time.

02 {Michael} #52.3.1.2.1

July 10, 2013 at 6:05 pm ·

+0 -6

We know quite a lot more than you think we do.

Carbon budget

“Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere, of which about 55 per cent has moved into the land and oceans. Thus, identifying the mechanisms and locations responsible for increasing global carbon uptake remains a critical challenge in constraining the modern global carbon budget and predicting future carbon–climate interactions.”

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v488/n7409/full/nature11299.html>

<http://www.globalcarbonproject.org/carbonbudget/12/hl-full.htm>

Carbon Cycle

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>

So do tell? Where does mans emissions go that match the amount increasing in the atmosphere and ocean?

02 {Richard}

#52.3.1.2.1

July 10, 2013 at 8:24 pm ·

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The statement that only 55% of human CO₂ emissions have been removed by the biosphere/biosphere is something you'll have to prove, which is hard because as far as I'm aware human CO₂ does not possess an isotopic signature that can be easily differentiated from natural sources – the arguments you often hear on Skeptical Science are measurements in changes of the C₁₂/C₁₃/C₁₄ atmospheric mass, not individual CO₂ molecules, which can be misleading. I think CO₂'s short atmospheric residence time coupled with Henry's law of solubility, which loosely says more CO₂ must be dissolved in water than in the air, about 50:1 respectively, contradicting the Revelle Factor, is relevant.

02 {Michael}

#52.3.1.2.1

July 10, 2013 at 10:43 pm

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Richard if humans emit 30 billion tonnes of CO₂ per year and the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere increases by roughly 15 billion tonnes per year (consistently year by year), then I think logic dictates you would have to say where is mans emissions going if the increase is not from man. CO₂ does have a short atmospheric lifetime in basic physics (5 years) but due to the carbon cycle being a cycle the actual effect of any extra CO₂ added to the atmosphere is in the order of 100 years plus. The extra CO₂ gets ADDED to the carbon cycle, the processes that permanently remove that CO₂ from the cycle are quite slow.

So your comment about needing to account for individual CO₂ molecules are not scientifically valid and the C₁₂/C₁₃/C₁₄ proportions as well as the oxygen

concentration issue are still valid and correct. You are misunderstanding the process, and the concept of the carbon cycle. Apart from the fact that due to the ocean becoming less alkaline due to it absorbing more CO₂ shows the extra CO₂ cannot be coming from the oceans. So again somebody needs to explain with science where Mans emissions are going and where the extra CO₂ is coming from before entertaining wild theories.

02 {Richard}

#52.3.1.2.2

July 12, 2013 at 12:12 am

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Sorry Mike, but as I pointed out above, you're ignoring the fast-equilibrium of Henry's law, which sets a fixed partitioning ratio of 1:50 for how much CO₂ resides in the atmosphere and oceans respectively at the current mean surface temperature of 15C. Measurements of atmospheric isotopes such as C₁₂/C₁₃ cannot prove anything either because CO₂'s residence time based on the IPCC's figures in 2007-AR4 is 3.8 years meaning the C₁₂/C₁₃ ratio cannot change substantially because human CO₂ is rapidly absorbed by natural sinks. The increase in CO₂ in the atmosphere could be explained by oceanic warming. The oceans to a depth of 2000m we are told have warmed by almost 0.01C between 1955-2010 (CO₂ level increased by about 65ppmv) enough to change CO₂'s solubility by almost 0.3%, thereby altering the partitioning ratio and adding an extra 28.7ppmv to the CO₂-greenhouse as a permanent addition. Hypothetically speaking, if the entire oceans warmed by 0.01C the increase in CO₂ comes out at 53ppmv and is almost enough to explain the observed 65ppmv rise. But we don't have comprehensive measurements below 2000m. So there can be no doubt that the warming oceans have been contributing significantly to the observed increase in atmospheric CO₂. Unless Henry's law is wrong.

02 {Richard}

#52.3.1.2.3

July 12, 2013 at 12:22 am

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Note: That 65ppmv figure is an approximation from a cursory glance at the Keeling Curve, it may be slightly higher

02 {Michael}

#52.3.1.2.4

July 12, 2013 at 1:51 am

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Oh Richard, you have done the typical anti science thing of only taking into account one side of the equation. Henry's law goes both ways and by taking into account Dalton's law of partial pressures, the increasing CO₂ in the atmosphere is pushing the CO₂ into the oceans and not out of them. The temperatures of the oceans have not increased anywhere near enough to account for the 40% increase in CO₂. According to calculations in the appendix [here](#) the oceans will need to have heated by about 10 deg for that

amount of CO2.

You have also forgotten the big elephant in the room. MAN DOES EMIT CO2 (or are you denying that), we are emitting CO2 with virtually perfect match to the increasing CO2 as per the proportion of roughly 50%. The rest is estimated to go into natural processes, mostly the oceans and the oceans have been measured to be DECREASING IN ALKALINITY (ie CO2 is going INTO THE OCEANS). So massive fail and very desperate on your part. You cannot ignore mans CO2, you MQST say where mans emissions are disappearing to before you try and find something else to blame for the increase. The ratios all match as they should including reducing oxygen in the atmosphere, which is what would be expected from burning carbon (as the oxygen is needed in the CO2).

Really your desperation for your team is admirable, but how about putting science first for the sake of future generations. Before you go on another rant about henrys law please explain where mans CO2 is going, considering that natural processes are absorbing half of it let alone the source of it.

One further issue you need to explain is why CO2 is still increasing in virtually perfect correlation with mans emissions even though you guys argue that heating has stopped for 15/16 years. No period of warming matches in correlation with mans emissions the rise in CO2. Also what is the mechanism for the warming. The climate is not magic, cause and effect. We have a cause and effect, you just have an effect, what is making things warm up?

There are so many holes in Salbys theory it is hard to know where to finish.

http://oceanrep.geomar.de/2294/1/683_Takahashi_2009_ClimatologicalMeanAndDecadalChange_Artzeit_pubid12055.pdf

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.2.5
 July 12, 2013 at 3:08 am +2 -0
 Michael..... you are cruising for me to label you a SPAMMER.
 I have asked you numerous pertinent question which you have failed to answer... so quit with your ad hominem “fail” toward others.
 Now, tell us all:
 What is the percentage of CO2 in the atmosphere which is emitted by humans?
 How many tons in total of CO2 in the atmosphere?
 If you cannot answer these simple questions then we know for sure that you are just a copy and paste know nothing.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.2.6
 July 12, 2013 at 3:09 am +1 -0
 BTW.... I know Michael that you are avoiding these questions because you can see that I will expose the fallacy of your numbers.

02{Richard} #52.3.1.2.7
 July 12, 2013 at 4:00 am +3 -0
 That’s a distorted picture of the situation, I’m afraid. Dalton’s law is not relevant when considering the solubility and dissolution of CO2 in water – that is governed by Henry’s law and that’s what we’re concerned with here. As I’ve said three times now (and you’ve ignored) Henry’s law determines a fixed partitioning ratio between the atmosphere and oceans of 1:50 at equilibrium meaning that when equilibrium between PCO2(g) and PCO2(aq) is reached the oceans must contain about 50 times as much CO2 as the atmosphere. This partitioning ratio is temperature-dependent, meaning that if you warm the ocean it changes, albeit slightly. So warming the ocean does not preclude it from absorbing any extra CO2 from the atmosphere, all it does is change the partitioning ratio. So the idea of their ceasing to be a net sink this century is straight out of cloud cuckoo-land. It is a scientific fallacy that contradicts a well-tried and tested law of physical chemistry. See Segalstad 1998. But what do climate modellers care for such real-world scientific laws? Also, Wikipedia’s value of 10C is too high. Watts posted an interesting graph of CO2’s solubility showing that a 1C increase would triple CO2 levels. I calculated mine independently and it’s straightfoward enough. Oh, and the claims of pH decreasing are largely based on computer models. You know, the same ones that ‘prove’ there is a tropical tropospheric hotspot. Sorry for the huge wall of text guys, blame my 360.

02{Richard} #52.3.1.2.8
 July 12, 2013 at 4:06 am +2 -0
 There is a near-perfect correlation between SST and the increase in CO2 as

well. Not to be ignored.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.2.9
 July 12, 2013 at 5:16 am +3 -0
 But what do climate modellers care for such real-world scientific laws?
 Excellent point Richard – I suspect this is one of the core reasons that Professor Salby is being vilified >>> he uses known scientific laws and math to explain and to debunk all the rot.... not “peer reviewed” quotes.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.10
 July 12, 2013 at 1:39 pm +1 -5
 Not models Richard, actual measurements and observations. Again Henrys Law goes both ways, if the atmosphere is increasing at the rate of 30 billion tonnes of CO2 per year then the extra CO2 in the atmosphere has disturbed the equilibrium and CO2 will move into the oceans. If you have ANY PEER REVIEWED SCIENCE to support your back of the handkerchief calculations then provide it. I am not interested in your opinion, they are irrelevant. This is an area under intense research, there would be evidence to support your view then the research would support it. There does not, all the actual evidence (not mere words) point the other way. I notice you cannot answer my questions.
<http://pmel.noaa.gov/co2/file/Hawaii+Carbon+Dioxide+Time-Series>

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.11
 July 12, 2013 at 1:51 pm +1 -3
 Richard how about displaying some common sense and logic.
 1. **MAN EMITS CO2**, at virtually perfect correlation to the increasing CO2 in the atmosphere.
 2. The amount of the increase in the atmosphere is half of what is emitted by man plus increasing acidification (decreasing alkalinity) has been measured in the oceans that account for most of whats left.
 3. It is a carbon cycle so the CO2 cycles around the atmosphere, land and oceans. Processes that remove CO2 permanently from the cycle are slow. Therefore the extra CO2 in the atmosphere comes from man. This matches the increase, the carbon isotope ratios, the declining oxygen etc etc.
 Again please expain *where mans emissions are going that match the increase*, it needs to disappear from the carbon cycle before you can point to another source. So presumably on emission little black holes appear and transport them to another galaxy. Your theory and Salbys theory are clear nonsense. You have not been able to answer this one crucial, relevent question, that without an answer the rest is irrelevant. Do you understand the concept of scientific proof?

“The oceans may be acidifying faster today than they did in the last 300

million years, according to scientists”

http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=123324&org=NSF

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.12

July 12, 2013 at 1:53 pm

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I have provided mobs of science and measurements to support my case, The way science is supposed to be explained. Not by personal and bloggers opinion. Here is some more based on observations.

“One affected species, foraminifera, a sand grain-sized plankton, is responsible for the sequestration of 25 to 50 percent of the carbon the oceans absorb and thus plays a major role in keeping atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) concentrations at much lower levels than they would be otherwise. Now scientists have learned that foraminifera (forams) shells are much thinner in oceans made more acidic by the enormous volumes of CO2 released in the burning of fossil fuels.”

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2009/03/climate-change-acid-oceans-altering-marine-life/>

“Until recently, we really didn’t think that having fewer carbonate ions would affect sea creatures for a century or more. Unfortunately, we were wrong. Late in 2012, it was reported that one particular sea creature was actually having its shell dissolved by the increasing acidity of the ocean. It’s the pteropod — a free-swimming sea snail that moves about thanks to wings like a butterfly. It lives for two years or longer and grows to have a shell about 1 centimetre in diameter.

Down in the Antarctic, it is the main sea creature that makes calcium carbonate. In fact, over the whole planet, these sea butterflies account for some 12 per cent of the entire flux of carbonate on our whole planet.”

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2012/12/11/3650065.htm>

02{crakar24} #52.3.1.2.13

July 12, 2013 at 2:11 pm

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Michael,

Your theory “fits like a glove” in relation to observable evidence as long as you ignore the following:

- 1, The MWP did not exist
- 2, The LIA did not exist
- 3, The 800 year lag does not exist
- 4, The planet is greening and crop yields are increasing due to increasing carbon sink capability

You embrace the following:

- 1, The smallest of small lowering of alkalinity at selected sites around the globe in a weird bazzaro world kind of way now means the oceans are

becoming more acidic

2, A 0.0125% decrease in oxygen levels could be measured and also be directly attributed to the exact same increase of CO2 (why only oxygen, why not some nitrogen?)

3, We can measure ocean PH from 300 million years ago as accurately as we can today

4, The carbon cycle is very slow and yet half of mans emissions immediately go into the oceans to increase acidity (read less alkaline).

Regarding scientific proof.

You state with utmost certainty that half of mans CO2 emissions are going into the ocean in order to establish this fact you would need to know how much CO2 is produced by undersea volcanos and vents can you tell me to the nearest gigaton (very generous here) what that total is? After all we really should keep our discussion limited to the scientif proofs do you agree?

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.14

July 12, 2013 at 2:12 pm

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I know Michael that you are avoiding these questions because you can see that I will expose the fallacy of your numbers.

The questions are nonsense questions designed to trick and decieve. The total amount of CO2 in the atmosphere is not relevent, it is the change in CO2 that is relevent.

CO2 has increased in the atmosphere by a whopping 40% since industrialisation and in near perfect correlation to mans emissions. The amount matches the amount of increase in the atmosphere and estimated other natural processes. Therefore about half of mans CO2 goes into the atmosphere, nature has a slight protecting effect by absorbing the other half for us, but this is damaging the chemistry of the oceans. So if the atmosphere is increasing by half of mans emissions the oceans cannot be the source of CO2, otherwise the atmosphere would be higher than mans emissions not less. Simple logical reasoning. How do you explain where mans emissions are going? So stop this nonsense, the discussion on this page shows how deceptive, desperate and incorrect the side that denies the science of AGW is.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.15

July 12, 2013 at 2:19 pm

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Your theory “fits like a glove” in relation to observable evidence as long as you ignore the following:

Oh Craker24 I have never said any such thing in regards to most of your points. In fact I have directly agreed with some of them. So stop lying and stick to the science (feel free to actually provide some every now and again). I have provided scientific proof for the vast majority of my claims, your

opinions are of no relevance.

Feel free to answer the question I put above in regards to where mans emissions are going. You guys are running around in circles trying to avoid the bleeding obvious that relegates most of your nonsense to the junk heap.

02{crakar24} #52.3.1.2.16

July 12, 2013 at 2:24 pm

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Michael,

Do not take what i say next as personal as it is not but.....i have met many people that debate (for want of a better word) just like you. You seem to either ignore what others post and simply forge ahead with a well rehearsed speech or you simply do not understand what others are asking for.

Lets put it to the test OK, i will ask a straight forward question and i would like you to answer it....just answer the question no more no less OK?

Q, If a warmer ocean releases CO2 and a cooler ocean absorbs CO2 and if the oceans are warming ergo releasing CO2 then how could they also be absorbing CO2? Lets assume it can do both in different parts of the world

A, How much CO2 has the oceans released since industrial times compared with how much of mans emissions have they absorbed?

Take your time.....

02{Dave} #52.3.1.2.17

July 12, 2013 at 2:25 pm

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Michael,

You say:

Here is some more based on observations.

But it's NOT more, you just keep regurgitating the same old stuff by cutting & pasting. What about something **new**, like penguin and polar bear populations. You're on the wrong thread – you cut and pasted this from 5 days ago from here on [witchcraft](#) and it's identical.

Michael #52

July 7, 2013 at 4:00 pm ·

Some more sources and information on acidification for you. Argue on the evidence and the science, if you have any.

“One affected species, foraminifera, a sand grain-sized plankton, is responsible for the sequestration of 25 to 50 percent of the carbon the oceans absorb and thus plays a major role in keeping atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) concentrations at much lower levels than they would be otherwise. Now scientists have learned that foraminifera (forams) shells are much thinner in oceans made more acidic by the enormous volumes of CO2 released in the burning of fossil fuels.”

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“Until recently, we really didn't think that having fewer carbonate ions would affect sea creatures for a century or more. Unfortunately, we were wrong.

Late in 2012, it was reported that one particular sea creature was actually having its shell dissolved by the increasing acidity of the ocean. It's the pteropod — a free-swimming sea snail that moves about thanks to wings like a butterfly. It lives for two years or longer and grows to have a shell about 1 centimetre in diameter.

Down in the Antarctic, it is the main sea creature that makes calcium carbonate. In fact, over the whole planet, these sea butterflies account for some 12 per cent of the entire flux of carbonate on our whole planet.”

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2012/12/11/3650065.htm>

You're repeating yourself constantly, and this comment was answered.

Now you're just a waste of space.

02{crakar24} #52.3.1.2.18

July 12, 2013 at 2:33 pm

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Michael,

This is not true

remember?

crakar24

July 10, 2013 at 12:51 pm ·

Michael,

Salby would not be allowed to research any topic that he was not employed for without the express permission of his employer, i assume you work, if so does your employer allow you to behave in such a way?

Regarding the fools errand, lets look at the facts.

MWP 950 to 1250

Co2 lag over temp ~ 800 years

Co2 began to rise ~ 1750 (950 plus 800 = 1750)

1250 plus 800 = 2050 therefore i predict co2 levels will continue to rise until 2050 where they will drop as per the LIA temps dropped.

Now i may be incorrect in my prediction so maybe i should undertake further research into this timing coincidence.....ones fools errand is another mans search for truth.

And your response?

Michael

July 10, 2013 at 2:27 pm ·

Heywood I do agree that their is more politics than science in Salbys work.

Craker24. Well if he did not have permission then would not that be grounds? I think that was my point.

You have not produced any science. What is the mechanism? Where did you get those times from? The climate does not occur by magic, there are forcings at work. For instance the ice ages are caused by orbital cycles called the Milankovitch cycles, which cause a slight warming which is amplified by greenhouse gases in the NH. As the oceans warm they release CO2 in the SH which causes the SH to warm. These are not the factors at work here, and

before even looking for a natural source of CO₂ you have to say where is mans emissions going, that so closely match the increasing CO₂ in the land and oceans.

“Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere, of which about 55 per cent has moved into the land and oceans. Thus, identifying the mechanisms and locations responsible for increasing global carbon uptake remains a critical challenge in constraining the modern global carbon budget and predicting future carbon–climate interactions.”

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v488/n7409/full/nature11299.html>

<http://www.globalcarbonproject.org/carbonbudget/12/hl-full.htm>

Carbon Cycle

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>

So in order for you to maintain your theory you *MQST* ignore many scientific proofs.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.19
July 12, 2013 at 2:41 pm +1 -2

Craker I have asked the same question since the increasing CO₂ by the oceans have come up. Not one person has been able to answer it. Until you answer it your questions are meaningless. You have also not supplied any peer reviewed science to support your claims, **I have. SO answer the question**, If mans emissions match in near perfect corelation (and amount of half) with the increasing CO₂ in the atmosphere, then the question is closed unless you can say where mans emissions are going. Please note, it cannot be added to anywhere in the carbon cycle, as it is a cycle and that is my point. It will not be permanently removed from the cycle for hundreds of years.

You're repeating yourself constantly,

The question here is in relation to where is the extra CO₂ in the atmosphere coming from. Salbys and posters here are arguing that it is coming from the oceans. Science saying that the oceans have been a net absorber of CO₂ and not a net source are entirly relevent and does not change just because the same question was asked elsewhere. You are the guys that are ignoring the science provided many times and forcing me to repeat myself. Hopefully you have learnt from all the science I have presented, admit it is coming from mans emissions and we can finish this pointless argument. It is tiring that people refuse to learn when the proof is provided.

02{crakar24} #52.1.2.20
July 12, 2013 at 2:56 pm +4 -1

Craker I have asked the same question since the increasing CO₂ by the oceans have come up. Not one person has been able to answer it. Until you answer it your

questions are meaningless.

BWAHHHHAAHHAHHAAAAAAAAAAHHAHAHHHAHH.....catc
hes breath.....BWWAHHAHAHAHHAWWHAHAHHAH.....about
to pass out due to lack of oxygen

HHHHHHHAHHWWHAHAHWHAHHWHHAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH
HHHAHAAAAAAAAAAA

passed out lying on the floor.

Michael let me enlighten you on the dying art of logic and reasoning.

1, Assume the co₂ content of the ocean was X in 1750

2, Assume the co₂ content of the ocean was X +1 in 2013

3, Find +1 and its source

So first question is how much has the oceans CO₂ content increased?

Lets assume we can determine this by taking the average PH decrease over the years.....do we know what the exact PH of the ocean was in 1750? Do we know what it is now?

Second question is where did it come from?

How much co₂ came from undersea volcanos?

Problem here Micheal as we dont even know how many volcanos there are let alone how much CO₂ they have released.

How much Co₂ have the oceans absorbed since 1750, also how much of that Co₂ was from man or is of a natural origin?

How much Co₂ have the oceans released since 1750, how much is natural and how much is from man?

How much Co₂ has been absorbed by plant life since 1750?

How much CO₂ has been released by plant life since 1750?

How much CO₂ has been removed from the atmosphere by precipitation since 1750?

Do you know the answer to all these questions Michael if so please share this information with us so we can all try and figure out where all the Co₂ has gone.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.2.21
July 12, 2013 at 5:34 pm +2 -0

The questions are nonsense questions designed to trick and decieve. The total amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere is not relevent, it is the change in CO₂ that is relevent.

As I suspected. You simply do not know.

My questions are not designed to “trick and deceive”, but rather to expose the fact that you simply don’t know what the fuck you are talking about.

How can you come here harping on about human emissions into the atmosphere, stating that its such and such an amount or percentage, yet you are unable to tell us how much CO₂ is in the atmosphere.

You are, purely and simply, just a cut and paste TROLL.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.22
 July 12, 2013 at 5:47 pm +0 -5

Do you know the answer to all these questions Michael
 No I don't, and neither do you. This is why it is meaningless. You are making up stuff as you go and ignoring the obvious. Clearly the reason is because you are trying to flood the page with irrelevances because you know you are wrong.

dying art of logic and reasoning.
 So your idea of logic and reasoning is to make up a set of unanswerable questions and call it science. Newsflash clueless, you have not produced any logic or science that casts doubt on mans emissions being the source of the CO2.

I may do this wrong but I will try and put this forward in a way you will understand.

Lets start with the hypothesis that man is causing the increase in CO2. To develop this into a theory we will have to think of ways to test this. Lets see, we can calculate how much man emits?

Done: currently about 30 billion tonnes of CO2 py

Then we can check if this matches the increase in CO2 in the atmosphere

Done: The atmosphere is increasing by roughly 15 billion tonnes

Do mans emissions and increasing CO2 correlate strongly

Done: Virtually exactly

http://scrippsco2.ucsd.edu/images/graphics_gallery/original/mlo_seas_adj_ff.pdf

So where is the rest going?

Done: Through regional measurements and calculations we can estimate with reasonable accuracy that the rest is going into natural sinks, especially the oceans.

Can we verify this in other ways?

Done: The carbon ratios are changing in a way that verifies increasing CO2 by man.

Declining c14 ratios indicate a strong likelihood of fossilised carbon

Declining c13/c12 ratio so source fossilised plant life (as plants prefer c12, so not likely volcanos)

Done: The amount of oxygen in the atmosphere is reducing in a manner consistent with it being used in the burning of fossil fuels

Any other likely source not considered above and with any evidence:

Done: None

Hypothesis proved! Very strong theory, no other contenders. There is actually more evidence I could add, but not necessary.

Remember that as well as all the above I have also provided measurements and peer reviewed observations of CO2 increasing **into** the oceans.

As you have proved, all you have is a fairly feeble, non scientific attempt to cast doubt in other directions by throwing up questions that do not have answers and fail to cover the basic most important one...

Where is mans emissions going if not into the atmosphere?

Are you not embarrassed to still be arguing this with such overwhelming and scientific, evidence, logic and reason? I am not trying to be smug, but seriously this is a non issue that has been settled a long time ago.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.2.23
 July 12, 2013 at 6:04 pm +2 -0

Then next up Michael, once you have completed the kindergarten experiment, I want you to consider and think about the following question. I know that you won't answer me, because thus far you have not answered even one of my very simple questions, however do it for yourself:

How many tons of water are in the atmosphere? Or, what is the ratio between water and CO2 in the atmosphere?

Why should you think about that? Well, its like this:

Water molecule: "Anything you can do, I can do better"

CO2 molecule: "Really??"

Water molecule: "You betcha sonny.... now go and play".

Once you have considered all of that you may return and retract all you have said about CO2.

02{Richard} #52.3.1.2.24
 July 12, 2013 at 10:47 pm +4 -0

Mike

Again Henrys Law goes both ways, if the atmosphere is increasing at the rate of 30 billion tonnes of CO2 per year then the extra CO2 in the atmosphere has disturbed the equilibrium and CO2 will move into the oceans

Your post already confirms the merit of mine. Yes when you increase the partial pressure of atmospheric CO2 you consequently force more CO2 down to the oceans to restore equilibrium in the 1:50 partitioning ratio. Therefore Henry's law of gas-dissolution implies that at least 98% of human CO2 emissions will end up in the oceans and only 2% at most will be left behind in the atmosphere as permanent additions to the CO2 greenhouse. And as pointed out above, increasing the temperature of the oceans causing CO2 to outgas would not stop them from absorbing human CO2 since it just alters the partitioning ratio.

I notice you cannot answer my questions.
 Only in your delusional dream-world.

I am not interested in your opinion, they are irrelevant. This is an area under intense research, there would be evidence to support your view then the research would support it

Contrary to your delusions, I do not rely on my opinions to substantiate my assertions. Nor do I rely on other people's opinions to substantiate them for me. I rely on knowable facts as I demonstrated when I gave you the reference to Henry's law. When are you going to demonstrate the merit and validity of the so-called 'climate science' with which you keep bashing us over the head and for which you guys insultingly call us 'deniers' for not accepting?

MAN EMITS CO₂, at virtually perfect correlation to the increasing CO₂ in the atmosphere

None of this purported evidence distinguishes between natural and man-made CO₂. Sorry, but ambivalent data of this kind does not, and cannot prove your claim. Also there is the small matter that the correlation between the observed increase in CO₂ and the sea-surface temperature (SST) is essentially perfect at 0.9959 as has been demonstrated by Prof Lance Endersbee

Not models Richard, actual measurements and observations.

My thanks for the peer-reviewed reference-graph for 'ocean acidification'. But please take the time to Google 'Chicken Little of the Sea Visits Station ALOHA'. This is some 'climate science'! What's the next sneaky warmist try-on going to be, I wonder?

Therefore the extra CO₂ in the atmosphere comes from man. This matches the increase, the carbon isotope ratios, the declining oxygen etc etc.

But I haven't ignored isotopes. On the contrary, I have considered it objectively and shown above the maximum amount of human CO₂ that the atmosphere possess, based on the IPCC's own data. The IPCC's figures in AR4-2007: CO₂ sequestration = 788 gigatonnes/year. Total atmospheric CO₂ mass = 3000 gigatonnes. Human CO₂ emissions/year = 29 gigatonnes/year. Therefore the average residence time for an individual CO₂ molecule (be it natural or human) is 3.8 years. This implies, with mathematical certainty, that human CO₂ can only accumulate in the atmosphere for an average of 3.8 years before being sequestered. So, the isotopes apparently proving we have increased atmospheric CO₂ by 40% are a complete red-herring, since CO₂ does not stay in the atmosphere very long.

Do you understand the concept of scientific proof?

No, I don't find it at all strange when it is patently obvious that the so-called 'scientific proof' is being manufactured to suit a predetermined political agenda.

"The oceans may be acidifying faster today than they did in the last 300 million years, according to scientists"

You mean to say that an ostensible pH decrease of 0.1 units has never happened for 300 million years in a 150 time-frame? Really? So, how many measurements have scientists done within that 300 million time-frame I

wonder? Pray tell me, if you can, what is the average measurement-spacing? Can you answer that question? Also, no-one was measuring pH values 300 million years ago. Therefore that is not a known fact, but speculative conjecture based on intrinsically uncertain paleo-climate data.

02 {Mark D.}

#52.3.1.2.25

July 13, 2013 at 12:31 am

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Nicely done Richard.

Now Michael, one very annoying habit of irrational warmists is to use a propaganda twist on numbers. To wit, you've several times here, used the "40% increase" of atmospheric co₂ propaganda angle (even exaggerating that by adding "whopping"). Please explain why a 40% increase of a very number still yields a very small number?

Wouldn't you be less worried if you consider that your point on mans co₂ input (which is in doubt but even if correct), represents only about .00012 of the atmosphere?

Wouldn't you feel better about not scaring people (like your grand children) with big sounding percentages instead of really small numbers?

Or are you going to stick to your irrational fears?

★ DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC
 Stage(3) although may not have been noticed immediately.
 These would have appeared 06am July 13 local time here.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.26
 July 13, 2013 at 1:44 pm +1 -3
[Replaced post. Please avoid rude and personal attacks, short and succinct posts rather than thread bombing. Censoring science? No, peer review.] ED

Notwithstanding that you have still failed to provide any peer reviewed science for your incorrect and back of the envelope science and calculations, I will respond to your opinions.

Therefore Henry's law of gas-dissolution implies that at least 98% of human CO₂ emissions will end up in the oceans and only 2% at most will be left behind in the atmosphere as permanent additions to the CO₂ greenhouse. And as pointed out above, increasing the temperature of the oceans causing CO₂ to outgas would not stop them from absorbing human CO₂

You have incorrectly and dishonestly attempted to have it both ways. If I understand you correctly, the ocean both absorbs all the human CO₂ and is the source of the atmospheric CO₂, a nice bit of smoke and mirrors. This demonstrates your complete misrepresentation of the carbon cycle. The ocean is part of the cycle, the carbon in the ocean is cycled into and out of the atmosphere, it is not new CO₂ to the cycle. The only new CO₂ is fossilised CO₂ from man. If the ocean is becoming less alkaline, as I have proved with measurements, peer reviewed science and observations, it is a net absorber of CO₂ and so cannot be the source for the extra CO₂ in the atmosphere. Please learn how it works before you pump out this rubbish again. Ignorance is no excuse when you are attempting to sway peoples opinion.

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>

None of this purported evidence distinguishes between natural and man-made CO₂

It doesn't need to, this is another one of your fallacies due to your misunderstanding of the carbon cycle. Mans CO₂ is ADDED to the carbon cycle. It is new CO₂ that was sequestered millions of years ago through natural processes and has not been part of the carbon cycle. Once in the cycle it acts just like all of the other carbon in the cycle, gets mixed in and cycled around. The fact that it is added to the cycle is the issue. May I point you to the 'slow carbon cycle' in the link above.

Therefore the average residence time for an individual CO₂ molecule (be it natural or human) is 3.8 years.

Again a mangling of the carbon cycle. In evidence I have provided earlier, the effect of the CO₂ being added to the carbon cycle is on the order of 100's to

thousands of years due to the very slow nature of the slow carbon cycle. It is added and then keeps cycling around keeping the concentrations high. Obviously logic is not your strong point. The atmosphere would not be INCREASING year by year if it was being removed as fast as it was being added. It would go up a bit and then remain fairly constant. It is being added and is staying as part of the carbon cycle.

You mean to say that an ostensible pH decrease of 0.1 units has never happened for 300 million years in a 150 time-frame?

pH is logarithmic, that represents a massive 30% increase in acidification (or decreasing alkalinity). Because you don't understand the processes, proxies and measurements displayed, does not mean it is wrong or that your games with big and small numbers have any scientific validity.

So overall a complete mangling of science and the carbon cycle. Your opinion is not only wrong, but your enthusiasm for it is dangerous as you speak with authority so people listen. Shame on you.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.27
 July 14, 2013 at 1:38 am +0 -2

abide by the rules of this blog, notwithstanding your refusal to answer questions posed.

I have asked many questions that have never been answered. I spent a lot of time on that post, can you be more specific about what is wrong with it, and what question you find that I haven't answered such a big issue. If it is the silly question about how much CO₂ in the atmosphere then that has been concluded below with backsliders incorrect calculations. Small or big numbers are not science, it is the effect that counts, and this should be supported by science. Making up a list of unanswerable questions that are not relevant to the topic is not mine to find answers for. The correct way like me is to find the answers in the science themselves, present it and then ask for comment or rebuttal.

I proved that mans emissions using a hypothesis/theory scenario. Nobody has come up with a plausible explanation of wheres mans emissions go if they are not the cause of the increase. All explanations display a gross misunderstanding of the carbon cycle. My post addresses that and by censoring it you are censoring science.

02{joannnenova} assumed.

[The post has been restored. Some notes at the top. You've pushed the limit on several rules, the use of "Denier" in a variety of ways, off topic thread bombing, and more. Be respectful of the venue-you don't own it. The "moderation" was a reminder that we are watching.] ED

02{Richard} #52.3.1.2.28
 July 15, 2013 at 10:39 pm +4 -0

You have incorrectly and dishonestly attempted to have it both ways. If I understand you correctly, the ocean both absorbs all the human CO₂ and is the source of the atmospheric CO₂, a nice bit of smoke and mirrors

What ‘smoke and mirrors’? I think your failure to specify my error suggests rather that you can’t spot one! Well, Mike, you still haven’t produced any refutation of my arguments. And you have used a lot of spiteful and derogatory words to not produce it with too. No idea why you have dismissed Henry’s law as ‘smoke and mirrors’. For a more in-depth explanation of the implications of Henry’s law regarding AGW I would recommend seeing Segalstad 1998.

If the ocean is becoming less alkaline, as I have proved with measurements, peer reviewed science and observations, it is a net absorber of CO₂ and so cannot be the source for the extra CO₂ in the atmosphere

You haven’t really ‘proven’ anything, I’m afraid. Oceanic pH is never constant and varies continually in accordance with a host of environmental parameters, such as eutrophication, salinity and land-based-effluents, etc, and so you cannot lay the blame on CO₂ without first eliminating the possibility that a change in pH was not due to some other factor. Also, increasing PCO₂ would not necessarily lead to a decrease in oceanic pH due to calcium carbonate, which exists in a state of chemical equilibrium with CO₂(aq). In this state any change in pH from CO₂(aq) will be arrested automatically by the precipitation of calcium carbonate so that the default pH of the system is maintained within relatively narrow bounds. According to Tom Segalstad in his paper “Atmospheric CO₂ and global warming: a critical review – 2nd revised edition” the IPCC have ignored this important chemical pH-buffering reaction. This reaction, Segalstad shows, on his website here (<http://folk.uio.no/tomvs/esef/esef0.htm>) takes place almost instantly, contradicting the IPCC’s claim that it takes 200 years.

Hisdal explains this buffering reaction in more detail below:

A buffer can be defined as a reaction system which modifies or controls the value of an intensive (i.e. mass independent) thermodynamic variable (pressure, temperature, concentration, pH, etc.). Our carbonate system above will act as a pH buffer, by the presence of a weak acid (H₂CO₃) and a salt of the acid (CaCO₃). The concentration of CO₂ (g) and of Ca²⁺ (aq) will in the equilibrium Earth system also be buffered by the presence of CaCO₃, at a given temperature. If the partial pressure of CO₂ (g) is increased, the net reaction will go towards the right because of the Law of Mass Action. If the temperature changes, the chemical equilibrium constant will change, and move the equilibrium to the left or right. The result is that the partial pressure of CO₂ (g) will increase or decrease. The equilibrium will mainly be governed by Henry’s Law: the partial pressure of CO₂ (g) in the air will be proportional to the concentration of CO₂ (aq) dissolved in water. The proportional constant is the Henry’s Law Constant, which is strongly temperature dependent, and lesser dependent on total pressure and salinity (Drummond, 1981).

Questions have been raised about how strong this buffer is. It has been postulated (Bolin & Keeling, 1963) that an increase in atmospheric CO₂ will be balanced when

only approximately one tenth of this is dissolved in the ocean. This postulate fails for a number of reasons. An increase in atmospheric CO₂ will namely increase the buffer capacity of ocean water, and thereby strengthen the ocean’s capacity to moderate an increase of atmospheric CO₂; maximum buffer capacity for the system CO₂ – H₂O is reached at 2.5 to 6 times the present atmospheric partial pressure of CO₂, depending on temperature and alkalinity (Butler, 1982). According to Maier-Reimer & Hasselmann (1987) the borate system also increases the ocean storage capacity for CO₂ by more than 20% over an ocean with the carbonate-system alone.

Furthermore, this carbonate buffer is not the only buffer active in the atmosphere / hydrosphere / lithosphere system. The Earth has a set of other buffering mineral reactions. The geochemical equilibrium system anorthite CaAl₂Si₂O₈ – kaolinite Al₂Si₂O₅(OH)₄ has by the pH of ocean water a buffer capacity which is thousand times larger than a 0.001 M carbonate solution (Stumm & Morgan, 1970). In addition we have clay mineral buffers, and a calcium silicate + CO₂ ⇌ calcium carbonate + SiO₂ buffer (MacIntyre, 1970; Krauskopf, 1979). These buffers all act as a “security net” under the most important buffer: CO₂ (g) ⇌ HCO₃⁻ (aq) ⇌ CaCO₃ (s). All together these buffers give in principle an infinite buffer capacity (Stumm & Morgan, 1970)

Even if you were correct about pH decreasing from CO₂(aq) though, ironically, it would still be consistent with Henry’s law. Humans have emitted about 1200 gigatonnes of CO₂ since 1850 (or about 156ppmv). Assuming that about 98% has absorbed by the oceans (153ppmv) and assuming that the oceans have released about 120ppmv since 1850 due to warming, then PCO₂(aq) would have still increased, because proportionately more CO₂ has been absorbed by the oceans than has been outgassed.

The fact that it is added to the cycle is the issue

No, that ‘fact’ is not known at all by you. You have only surmised them to fit the requirements of your hypothetical models and you have neglected to check your surmises against directly observed reality.

The atmosphere would not be INCREASING year by year if it was being removed as fast as it was being added.

Again, you don’t understand Henry’s law.

‘Because you don’t understand the processes, proxies and measurements displayed, does not mean it is wrong or that your games with big and small numbers have any scientific validity.’

We’re talking about accurately measuring a pH change of 0.1 some 300 million years ago – it’s difficult enough measuring a similar change today.

Nevertheless, according to observations by Liu et al. (2009) the pH in the South China Sea over the last 8000 years has fluctuated between 7.90 to 8.30 and marine life appeared to have had no trouble surviving. Such as empirically-based estimates of pH over the last 300 million years would need to be done comprehensively for every transitional epoch, for us to be able to say, with enough certainty, that the current change in pH is unprecedented, and as far as I am aware that gargantuan work has not yet been done. The measurement-

spacing is important.

The reason I asked about the measurement-spacing (a question you appear to have ignored), is that one of the astonishing discoveries I have made when investigating the ‘unprecedented’ claims, such as the claim that CO₂ has not been higher in 650,000 years, is that the measurement-spacing has often been rather sparse. For instance the Vostok ice-core data over 415,000 years has an average measurement-spacing of 756 years, meaning that the likelihood of measuring an increase in atmospheric CO₂ as the one measured at Mauna Loa over the last 50 years, if one existed in the Vostok ice-core samples, amounts to 6.6% (i.e. 50/756). It implies mathematically, that we can only say with a 6.6% confidence that the current atmospheric CO₂ level is unprecedented. Similar considerations would apply to the pH measurements.

Again a mangling of the carbon cycle. In evidence I have provided earlier, the effect of the CO₂ being added to the carbon cycle is on the order of 100's to thousands of years due to the very slow nature of the slow carbon cycle. It is added and then keeps cycling around keeping the concentrations high.

I find it amazing that you should still be misconstruing my argument at this late stage in the discussion. Evidently you have not taken the trouble to find out what my argument actually is before commencing to criticise and denounce it. I'm aware of the difference between ‘residence time’ and ‘adjustment time’, and I am not using CO₂'s short residence time to argue against adjustment time, as you appear to be thinking. What I am saying is that CO₂'s short residence time means that human CO₂ cannot accumulate in the atmosphere for very long, meaning we cannot use atmospheric carbon isotope measurements to prove that humans have increased the CO₂ content by 40% since 1850, as Skeptical Science claims. It's simply not possible, because human CO₂ is absorbed so rapidly, primarily by the oceans. The 3.8 year residence time, implies that the current amount of human CO₂ in the atmosphere is about 115 gigatonnes corresponding to about 15ppmv. This actually has been confirmed by isotope measurements, as Tom Segalstad explains (see here: <http://www.cprm.gov.br/33IGC/1345952.html>) Interestingly, if you go to Wikipedia's Henry's law page, there's an equation for calculating CO₂'s solubility at different water-temperatures. I personally have found the equation useful myself. It implies that a temperature-change of 0.1C alters CO₂'s solubility by 0.3%. According to Levitus et al 2012 the oceans to a depth of 2000 meters have warmed by about 0.1C between 1955–2010. The average depth of the ocean is about 3,800 meters. The IPCC's own figures in AR4-2007 for carbon in the oceans give us 37,000 gigatonnes (or about 17680ppmv if it were all outgassed into the atmosphere). So, a change in CO₂'s solubility by 0.3% would be enough to release about 27.5ppmv of CO₂ into the atmosphere between 1955-2010. This implies that some of the increase must be coming from the oceans. We don't know if the oceans have warmed

below 2000 metres though – we have don't have the proper measurements – but if they have done, they could explain for the total increase in atmospheric CO₂. It's a straightforward enough calculation. What do you make it out as? Using the equation, I found that a temperature-change of 1C reduces CO₂'s solubility by about 3%. I came across a graph on ‘Watts Up With That’ recently implying that a 10C temperature-change would be enough to decrease the dissolved CO₂ concentration by about 30%, or 1C by 3%, nicely correlating with my result from the equation on Wikipedia (see here: <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2009/02/20/basic-geology-part-2-co2-in-the-atmosphere-and-ocean/>)

Obviously logic is not your strong point. Shame on you. Keep it up with the arrogant putdowns Mike. It's all you've got left and I've no doubt that it's doing a great job of putting off potential members from your crackpot movement.

02 {Richard} #52.3.1.2.29
 July 15, 2013 at 10:41 pm
 Sorry, that should read: ‘Varies accordingly’ +2 -0

02 {Michael} #52.3.1.2.30
 July 16, 2013 at 5:03 pm +0 -1

Firstly I never dismissed Henrys Law, I said you have used it wrong, in that it goes both ways and due to the increase in CO₂ from mans emissions CO₂ is going into the oceans.

Secondly, CO₂ is a well mixed gas in the atmosphere and regardless of the cycling that occurs the ratios would still change.

Thirdly, that is irrelevant to my main point that man emits CO₂, CO₂ has increased in the atmosphere in direct proportion to mans emissions and because it is new CO₂ from fossil fuels the amount of carbon in the carbon cycle has increased by the same amount.

Really you have not produced anything that can dispute that, all your smokes and mirrors and circular arguments cannot change that fact, and us repeating our comments ad nauseum isn't going to change anything. In regards to ocean acidification, because it is logarithmic the increase represents 30% and you are playing the small numbers game by dismissing it. Science does not work by small or large numbers. It is pretty good at measuring both and both can have an effect.

Apart from that I don't have anymore to add except that I have produced mobs of peer reviewed science and data from major scientific organisations and you cannot, still focussing on blog sites and wikipedia.

I will leave it up to readers to hopefully use a skeptical mind, examine the actual evidence from both of us and make up their own mind.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.2
 July 13, 2013 at 2:20 pm · +0 -2

Please explain why a 40% increase of a very number still yields a very small number?
 Oh dear, the old science of big and small numbers. The amount is not relevant, it is the effect. In nature a very small amount of things can have huge effects, just because something is small does not mean it is ineffective. How pathetic.

For instance

You are considered unfit to drive if you have more than 500ppm of alcohol in your system.

Iron is only 4.4ppm but you are considered in big trouble if you have too much or too little.

3ppm of ibuprofen can get rid of your headache.

0.01ppm of arsenic is considered the safe limit.

Ozone is about .000006 ppm of the atmosphere but protects us from dangerous UV radiation.

By the way your figure for CO2 is incorrect, it is .04% or 400ppm

So for goodness sake this is a disgusting attempt to play science by numbers.

Any real science anyone?

Here is something new for you. (ie not posted before)

“Over that time CO2 in atmosphere grew by 174PgC (81.5ppmv)

This demonstrates that 40% of the CO2 caused by man has stayed in the atmosphere and 60% has gone into the oceans and terrestrial biosphere.

40% of 441.5 = 174 PgC

60% of 441.5 = 265.9 PgC” <http://cdiac.ornl.gov/faq.html#Q7>

Also yourself and Richard may find this interesting. It has atmospheric lifetime figures as well as global warming potentials for different elements of the atmosphere.

“Because the decay curve depends on the model used and the assumptions incorporated therein, it is difficult to specify an exact atmospheric lifetime for CO2. Accepted values range around 100 years. Amounts of an instantaneous injection of CO2 remaining after 20, 100, and 500 years, used in the calculation of the GWPs in IPCC (2007), may be calculated from the formula given in footnote a on page 213 of that document.”

http://cdiac.ornl.gov/pns/current_ghg.html

Also I realise why you guys hate me quoting from actual science sources so much, you don't have any. Again, any ACTUAL science anyone?

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02{Brian G Valentine} #52.3.1.2.1
 July 13, 2013 at 2:29 pm +3 -0

Again, any ACTUAL science anyone?

Yes, indeed. The consensus view around here is that you are a pathetic know-

nothing troll with little competence for anything but regurgitation.
 Since this is the consensus, it is established as scientific fact

02{Mark D. } #52.3.1.2.2
 July 14, 2013 at 12:48 am +1 -0

This could be fun:

By the way your figure for CO2 is incorrect, it is .04% or 400ppm

Oh, so you believe the entire quantity of atmospheric CO2 is human caused?

Dumbass, my figure was for what you attribute to man's input not the total percentage. The difference from 150 years ago to what is measured today, you know?. A tiny number: .00012 of the atmosphere.

So for goodness sake this is a disgusting attempt to play science by numbers. Any real science anyone?

Yes, I'm sure you know nothing about science and certainly nothing about numbers.

So it is you that present a disgusting failure to comprehend. Good luck in your AGW career. With talent like this you'll go far, especially interpreting papers and understanding “Peer review”.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.2.3
 July 14, 2013 at 1:31 am +0 -1

That I misunderstood your question does not change the fact that you consider small numbers science. That is not science. Try and find some actual science for your claim. Clearly as can be seen in my post the world revolves around the effect of small amounts. Silly meaningless argument.

02{Mark D. } #52.3.1.2.4
 July 14, 2013 at 2:10 am +1 -0

You didn't answer either of my questions, they relate to why you resort to propaganda (40%) rather than “small numbers”. Your whole team uses propaganda very predictably. Reliance on propaganda is a certain indicator of politics over science. Shameful really. You indoctrinate children with fear for their lives over .00012. SHAMEFUL!

“Silly meaningless argument”

No, very telling because you misunderstood an easy point and avoided answering my questions. How many others do you miss? You accuse me of meaningless argument right after you type a list of absolutely unrelated “small numbers”? By the way you really should give credit to wherever you cut and pasted that from. (I'm guessing a back room at Craptical Seance?)

The elephant in the room, THE REALLY LARGE NUMBER is water in all forms. Your team has completely failed to demonstrate how .00012 of CO2 could overwhelm a natural cycle that is responsible for transporting huge

amounts of energy. They can't even quantify the amount of energy moved by water.
Idiotic really.

02 {Michael} #52.3.1.2.5
July 14, 2013 at 1:42 pm +0 -2

they relate to why you resort to propaganda (40%) rather than "small numbers".
I don't think you quite understand the term 'propoganda'. Propoganda is when you present only one side of an argument. Thats what you guys do when you misrepresent the carbon cycle by only taking into account what the planet emits and not what it absorbs. This is why your argument of .00012 is the one that is propoganda and shameful. I present children with science, and let them decide, unlike what you are doing for your pocket while you throw your kids and future generations under the bus of deteriorating climate.
Let me explain. For the thousandth time, there is a CARBON CYCLE (open your ears this time), which means that carbon is cycled through the oceans, terrestrial biosphere and atmosphere and stays in rough balance with what is absorbed and emitted. **THEREFORE WHAT WE EMIT** is on top of and in addition to the natural carbon cycle and adds to it. This is why the 40% that we have increased a crucial greenhouse gas in the atmosphere **is a huge number**. It is also huge that as a race we have been able to change a global parameter by 40%. Also considering that in science small numbers are irrelevant, it is the size of the effect that counts your misuse of .00012 is propaganda, as you ignore the effect.

As to my sources, maybe you should read some, I almost always quote from actual peer reviewed science (obviously foreign to you since you think sizes of numbers is science), like this one that says that long lived greenhouse gases are the control knob and that water vapor (with its lifetime of a couple of weeks) just reacts to changes.

"Ample physical evidence shows that carbon dioxide(CO2) is the single most important climate-relevant greenhouse gas in Earth's atmosphere. This is because CO2, like ozone, N2O, CH4, and chlorofluorocarbons, does not condense and precipitate from the atmosphere at current climate temperatures, whereas water vapor can and does. Noncondensing greenhouse gases, which account for 25% of the total terrestrial greenhouse effect, thus serve to provide the stable temperaturestructure that sustains the current levels of atmospheric water vapor and clouds via feedback processes that account for the remaining 75% of the greenhouse effect. Without the radiative forcing supplied by CO2 and the other non condensing greenhouse gases, the terrestrial greenhouse would collapse, plunging the global climate into an icebound Earth state."

http://pubs.giss.nasa.gov/docs/2010/2010_Lacis_etal.pdf

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/330/6002/356/DC1>

"CO2 is a well-mixed gas that does not con-dense or precipitate from the atmosphere. Water vapor and clouds, on the other hand, are highly active components of the

climate system that re-pond rapidly to changes in temperature and air pressure by evaporating, condensing, and precip-itating."
"Furthermore, the atmospheric residence time of CO2 is exceedingly long, being measured in thousands of years."

02 {Backslider} #52.3.1.2.6
July 14, 2013 at 3:05 pm +2 -0

I don't think you quite understand the term 'propoganda'.
Well, he can actually spell it, so that's a start... you can't and you wish to lecture on it?
We only present one side? Where is YOUR null hypothesis for CAGW??

02 {Michael} #52.3.1.2.7
July 14, 2013 at 4:01 pm +0 -1

So sad, I have proved my point beyond a shadow of a doubt, and so you are trying to change the argument. Nice try. Are you happy to admit now that the reason the CO2 has increased by 40% in the atmosphere due to mans emissions?

02 {Mark D.} #52.3.1.2.8
July 14, 2013 at 4:19 pm +1 -0

You have proven nothing. Your links do not quantify how much energy is moved by water.

You quote:

Water vapor and clouds, on the other hand, are highly active components of the climate system that re-pond rapidly to changes in temperature and air pressure by evaporating, condensing, and precip-itating."

Own goal there dumbass, right in front of your nose: "highly active" doesn't that make you think?

Naw you don't think, just parrot

Your understanding of propAganda is severely lacking as well.

02 {Michael} #52.3.1.2.9
July 15, 2013 at 3:04 pm +0 -2

"highly active" doesn't that make you think?

Yes, it means it reacts quickly to changes in temperature in ways that don't last long, that was the whole point, or didn't you get it? Seriously if you are not willing to read and understand the peer reveiwed science then you really should not comment on it.

02 {Mark D.} #52.3.1.2.10
July 16, 2013 at 1:09 pm +1 -0

Michael, you are the one not getting the point. Water actually MOVES huge

amounts of heat. It moves it from the surface (that would be cools to stupid people like you) to the upper atmosphere. Last long? Tell me how the heat lifted vertically (by water) returns to the surface? Tell me the formula used by your warmist Gods to quantify the total effect on a global scale? Go ahead find some links.....

02{Michael}

#52.3.1.2.11

July 16, 2013 at 5:40 pm

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Water actually MOVES huge amounts of heat. It moves it from the surface (that would be cools to stupid people like you) to the upper atmosphere
Actually I provide peer reviewed science links or links to scientific sites for the majority of my claims. How about you PROVE YOUR statements on what effect on energy and the greenhouse effect water vapor has.
Apart from that I agree that water has a huge effect, the point all the science is saying is that water REACTS to temperature, on short lifetimes which is caused by increasing CO2. The point you keep missing is that WAter VApor, is a feedback, an effect, not the cause.

DIVERSION: ~14-pager ended here, but another carbon cycle diversion started on July 10 as well and continued through July 16, for ~6 pages. Although some occurred logically in Stage(2), no attempt was made to mark each page. Little attention was paid to Salby-vs-MQ anyway.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.3
July 10, 2013 at 2:56 pm · +7 -0

Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere
How many tonnes of CO2 are in the atmosphere... do tell.
By the way, its CO2, not "carbon".

02{Heywood} #52.3.1.3.1
July 10, 2013 at 3:07 pm · +5 -0

"By the way, its CO2, not "carbon"."
350 billion tonnes of carbon would be a lot of soot!

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.3.2
July 10, 2013 at 3:14 pm · +0 -0

Yeah... these warmist freaks always like to conjure up images of that "awful black stuff"... *choke* *choke*

02{crakar24} #52.3.1.3.2
July 10, 2013 at 3:21 pm · +4 -0

Nice if it was a lot of diamonds

02{Gee Aye} #52.3.1.3.3
July 10, 2013 at 3:51 pm · +1 -5

No Heywood, the cycle is the carbon (the element) cycle and when talking about the carbon cycle it is not incorrect to talk about where the carbon is located: whether that be dissolved in water, as part of a large carbon based life form or in a gaseous atmospheric compound. It may not be emitted into the air in the form of pure carbon, but nonetheless the compound called carbon dioxide contains the element C and it is one of the main ways by which carbon cycles through the atmosphere.

02{Heywood} #52.3.1.3.2
July 10, 2013 at 4:09 pm · +6 -0

Thanks Gee, but I do know that. Maybe, just for you, next time I'll add a disclaimer stating that my comment was tongue in cheek...

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.3.1
July 10, 2013 at 4:26 pm +5 -0

it is not incorrect to talk about where the carbon is located
Bullshit. Its correct to be accurate, which Michael happens to nag others about. The fact is that warmists deliberately say "carbon" because of the images it conjures in people's minds.

crakar24 #52.3.1.3.3
July 10, 2013 at 4:46 pm +5 -0

Its interesting
A search of "Hydrologic cycle" gives us
► noun: the branch of geology that studies water on the earth and in the atmosphere: its distribution and uses and conservation
So here we have the name of the molecule not one of the two atoms that make up the molecule.
However a search of "Carbon dioxide cycle" we get (see carbon cycle) and a search of carbon cycle gives us
► noun: a thermonuclear reaction in the interior of stars
► noun: the organic circulation of carbon from the atmosphere into organisms and back again
The two are the same thing but only "carbon" which is the name of one of the two atoms that make up the molecule therefore a misnomer gives us the desired result.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.3.4
July 10, 2013 at 6:08 pm +2 -5

Bullshit. Its correct to be accurate, which Michael happens to nag others about. The fact is that warmists deliberately say "carbon" because of the images it conjures in people's minds.

Actually I was the one who said CO2, **YOU WERE THE ONE INSISTING I** call it carbon.

02{Heywood} #52.3.1.3.5
July 10, 2013 at 7:28 pm +3 -0

Comprehension issue Michael??
Backslider was responding to Gee Aye, but pointed out that you were nagging to others about being accurate.
He never said you called it "carbon".

02{Gee Aye} #52.3.1.3.6
July 10, 2013 at 9:49 pm +1 -5

Heywood, not only that but maybe admitting you are wrong as well. I'd like to

see how your comment was tongue in cheek especially since you were implying a serious response to someone you disagreed with. Tongue in cheek does not fit with your response but maybe you have a way of explaining it away? I think you are writing crap here.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.3.7
 July 10, 2013 at 10:46 pm +1 -5

Comprehension issue Michael??

No worries, I am happy to accept it either way. In the atmosphere it is CO2 but the cycle IS the carbon cycle. Thanks Gee Aye, I see your point and I agree that sticking to carbon is more scientifically correct as in the cycle it takes on many forms.

02{Heywood} #52.3.1.3.8
 July 10, 2013 at 11:32 pm +3 -1

"I think you are writing crap here"

From you Gee... Really?

That's what you do here all the time..

02{Michael} #52.3.1.3.2
 July 10, 2013 at 6:11 pm +1 -6

How many tonnes of CO2 are in the atmosphere... do tell.

By the way, its CO2, not "carbon".

Go learn for your self backslider

Carbon budget

"Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere, of which about 55 per cent has moved into the land and oceans. Thus, identifying the mechanisms and locations responsible for increasing global carbon uptake remains a critical challenge in constraining the modern global carbon budget and predicting future carbon-climate interactions."

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v488/n7409/full/nature11299.html>

<http://www.globalcarbonproject.org/carbonbudget/12/hl-full.htm>

Carbon Cycle

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.3.1
 July 11, 2013 at 10:10 am +2 -1

Go learn for your self backslider

Why am I not surprised that you do not actually know? How then can be sure that your figures are correct?.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.3.2

July 11, 2013 at 12:57 pm +4 -1

Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere,

There you go again, repeating yourself... so I shall also:

How many tonnes of CO2 are in the atmosphere... do tell.

Do you know?..... no, I thought not.

02{Carbon500} #52.3.1.4
 July 10, 2013 at 7:23 pm +3 -0

The amount of human-generated CO2 in the atmosphere at present is a question to which I sought an answer some time ago.

From what I've read (one or two slight variations depending on the author), about 7.8 gigatonnes (Gt) of CO2 correspond to 1ppm of CO2 in the atmosphere, so in total there are about 3000Gt (3000 billion tonnes) of CO2 in the atmosphere, based on a current atmospheric CO2 concentration of 392ppm. I haven't seen anything to contradict these figures.

Trying to find out what percentage is currently attributable to fossil fuel burning hasn't however been quite so straightforward.

Norwegian geochemist Tom Segalstad, quoted by Robert Carter in 'Climate – the Counter Consensus' (p82) has estimated that 4% is due to human and fossil sources.

So, 4% of 392ppm = approx 16 molecules of CO2 per million of other gases are anthropogenic (i.e. about 125Gt).

Does anyone have any other sources or up to date figures for this value?

02{Michael} #52.3.1.4.1
 July 10, 2013 at 11:07 pm +1 -4

You are probably not looking at it right. CO2 is part of a carbon cycle that is constantly recycled through the atmosphere, land and oceans. natural sources are in rough balance with the amount it emits matching what it absorbs. Fossil fuel CO2 is added to the cycle, and since the processes that remove CO2 permanently from the cycle are quite slow, the CO2's effect is pretty much stuck in there on human time scales. Around 100 years, but some proportion will still be in the cycle for thousands of years. So mans emissions of CO2 are what is increasing the atmospheric concentration, 40% since pre industrial figures of around 280ppm(now around 400ppm).

This is taking our planet back to where it was several millions of years ago where the palnet was not as friendly to humans as it is now (or was).

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.4.1
 July 11, 2013 at 4:18 pm +2 -1

So mans emissions of CO2 are what is increasing the atmospheric concentration, 40% since pre industrial figures
 Michael. Michael, Michael, Michael... think on that one please.
 Answer this question, for yourself as much as for anybody else:
 What percentage of atmospheric CO2 is from human emissions?
 Have you ever seen a [satellite CO2 map](#)?

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.4.2
 July 11, 2013 at 4:26 pm · +2 -1

This is taking our planet back to where it was several millions of years ago where the palnet was not as friendly to humans
 Really? What proof do you have of that??
 Recent studies show that the biosphere is LOVING the extra CO2, whether human or naturally induced. They also show that food production is significantly up, while the amount of land used for food has gone down.
 I think Michael that you should be far more worried if temperatures start to go down... which some studies show is exactly what we are in for.... and it won't be anywhere near as pretty as a little warming. THEN you will see the increase in bad weather events you harp on about.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.4.3
 July 11, 2013 at 4:29 pm · +1 -1

where the palnet was not as friendly to humans
 Oh hang on.... did I misinterpret what you said (I thought it was "planet").
 So, this unfriendly "palnet", is that these peer review guys, or just rank warmists in general?

02{J Martin} #52.3.1.4.4
 July 12, 2013 at 5:24 pm · +2 -0

By "*unfriendly planet*", I assume you mean warming planet. Firstly, periods in history where it was warmer, Roman and Medieval times, human society flourished, certainly in Europe. Secondly during the Ordovician period when co2 was at 7,000ppm the planet entered a glaciation (or ice age, as most people would say).
 In short you assume that warming is harmful though historical evidence shows the opposite, and you assume that co2 has some miraculous warming power able to overrule natural cycles, even though history shows the opposite.

02{Richard} #52.3.1.5
 July 10, 2013 at 8:25 pm · +2 -0

The statement that only 55% of human CO2 emissions have been removed by the biosphere/biosphere is something you'll have to prove, which is hard

because as far as I'm aware human CO2 does not posses an isotopic signature that can be easily differentiated from natural sources – the arguments you often hear on Skeptical Science are measurements in changes of the C12/C13/C14 atmospheric mass, not individual CO2 molecules, which can be misleading. I think CO2's short atmospheric residence time coupled with Henry's law of solubility, which loosely says more CO2 must be dissolved in water than in the air, about 50:1 respectively, contradicting the Revelle Factor, is relevant, and disproves the IPCC's assumptions.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.5.1
 July 10, 2013 at 11:10 pm · +0 -3

This is a repeat, so I will repeat my response. I suggest you have another look at the carbon cycle and read it for understanding.
<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>
 Richard if humans emit 30 billion tonnes of CO2 per year and the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere increases by roughly 15 billion tonnes per year (consistently year by year), then I think logic dictates you would have to say where is mans emissions going if the increase is not from man. CO2 does have a short atmospheric lifetime in basic physics (5 years) but due to the carbon cycle being a cycle the actual effect of any extra CO2 added to the atmosphere is in the order of 100 years plus. The extra CO2 gets ADDED to the carbon cycle, the processes that permanently remove that CO2 from the cycle are quite slow.

So your comment about needing to account for individual CO2 molecules are not scientifically valid and the C12/C13/C14 proportions as well as the oxygen concentration issue are still valid and correct. You are misunderstanding the process, and the concept of the carbon cycle. Apart from the fact that due to the ocean becoming less alkaline due to it absorbing more CO2 shows the extra CO2 cannot be coming from the oceans. So again somebody needs to explain with science where Mans emissions are going and where the extra CO2 is coming from before entertaining wild theories.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.5.2
 July 10, 2013 at 11:11 pm · +0 -4

This may also help.

"Ample physical evidence shows that carbon dioxide(CO2) is the single most important climate-relevant greenhouse gas in Earth's atmosphere. This is because CO2, like ozone, N2O, CH4, and chlorofluorocarbons, does not condense and precipitate from the atmosphere at current climate temperatures, whereas water vapor can and does. Noncondensing greenhouse gases, which account for 25% of the total terrestrial greenhouse effect, thus serve to provide the stable temperaturestructure that sustains the current levels of atmospheric water vapor and clouds via feedback processes that account for the remaining 75% of the greenhouse effect. Without the

radiative forcing supplied by CO2 and the other non condensing greenhouse gases, the terrestrial greenhouse would collapse, plunging the global climate into an icebound Earth state.”

http://pubs.giss.nasa.gov/docs/2010/2010_Lacis_etal.pdf

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/330/6002/356/DC1>

“CO2 is a well-mixed gas that does not con-dense or precipitate from the atmosphere. Water vapor and clouds, on the other hand, are highly active components of the climate system that re-pond rapidly to changes in temperature and air pressure by evaporating, condensing, and precip-itating.”

“Furthermore, the atmospheric residence time of CO2 is exceed-ingly long, being measured in thousands of years.”

02{Mark D.} #52.3.1.5.1
 July 11, 2013 at 1:24 pm · +4 -0

Michael quotes:

“CO2 is a well-mixed gas that does not con-dense or precipitate from the atmosphere. Water vapor and clouds, on the other hand, are highly active components of the climate system that re-pond rapidly to changes in temperature and air pressure by evaporating, condensing, and precip-itating.”

So he must be ignoring the fact that water (especially cold water) precipitation strips co2 out of the atmosphere?

And:

“Furthermore, the atmospheric residence time of CO2 is exceed-ingly long, being measured in thousands of years.”

Well that is just bullshit.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.5.1
 July 11, 2013 at 4:21 pm +3 -0

Well that is just bullshit.

Well, it is Michael, you know?

02{Michael} #52.3.1.5.2
 July 11, 2013 at 8:34 pm +0 -02

Not my quotes Mark, they were quotes from the actual peer reveiwed science. If you would like to present some in rebuttal then please do so. Otherwise your opinion is less than useful.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.5.3
 July 11, 2013 at 5:31 pm · +3 -0

Ample physical evidence shows that carbon dioxide(CO2) is the single most important climate-relevant greenhouse gas in Earth’s atmosphere

That’s just total bullshit – water vapor is.

02{Michael} #52.3.1.5.1
 July 11, 2013 at 8:22 pm · +0 -3

Well that is just bullshit.

and Backslider

That’s just total bullshit – water vapor is.

Well I explained the mechanism and the peer reviewed science. Your opinion is off no relevance. If you have any science to back up your ignorance then provide it. By the way, you are both wrong. Typical anti science response. I provide peer reviewed evidence and explain the mechanism and you provide bullshit 😊

So basically I am very comfortable in my knowledge based on science.

02{Carbon500} #52.3.1.5.1
 July 11, 2013 at 9:41 pm +2 -0

Regarding the roles of CO2 and water:

The IPCC give this view (Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis).

‘Carbon dioxide is the most important anthropogenic greenhouse gas’ (page 2)

‘Water vapour is the most abundant and important greenhouse gas in the atmosphere’ (page 135).

02{Michael} #52.3.1.5.2
 July 11, 2013 at 10:55 pm +0 -1

Totally agree Carbon500. I think that was what my peer reviewed science said.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.5.3
 July 12, 2013 at 3:13 am +2 -0

Totally agree Carbon500

You totally agree with a clear contradiction.... why am I not surprised?

02{Michael} #52.3.1.5.4
 July 12, 2013 at 2:02 pm +1 -3

Backslider says...

You totally agree with a clear contradiction.... why am I not surprised?

No contradiction if you understand the greenhouse effect and the carbon cycle. CO2 is the control knob and water vapor reacts to the changes in temperature.

Water vapor has a lifetime in the atmosphere measured in weeks, it goes up there and it precipitates, clearly seen by the science I have provided that demonstrates a 7% increase in extreme precipitation events. When it comes down it comes down with greater intensity as the atmosphere heats and is able to hold more water.

Added CO2 to the carbon cycle has an extra effect measured in hundreds to thousands of years due to the very slow processes that remove it from the

carbon cycle. Therefore once in the cycle it has a cumulative long term effect on warming. I have said that as slow as possible, but since you don't want to understand it, because it does not reflect your confirmation bias, I don't expect you to agree. Even though I have repeatedly shown the science that proves it. There is none so blind as those that will not see.

Warning: actual published science follows.

"Ample physical evidence shows that carbon dioxide(CO₂) is the single most important climate-relevant greenhouse gas in Earth's atmosphere. This is because CO₂, like ozone, N₂O, CH₄, and chlorofluorocarbons, does not condense and precipitate from the atmosphere at current climate temperatures, whereas water vapor can and does. Noncondensing greenhouse gases, which account for 25% of the total terrestrial greenhouse effect, thus serve to provide the stable temperature structure that sustains the current levels of atmospheric water vapor and clouds via feedback processes that account for the remaining 75% of the greenhouse effect. Without the radiative forcing supplied by CO₂ and the other non condensing greenhouse gases, the terrestrial greenhouse would collapse, plunging the global climate into an icebound Earth state."

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"CO₂ is a well-mixed gas that does not condense or precipitate from the atmosphere. Water vapor and clouds, on the other hand, are highly active components of the climate system that respond rapidly to changes in temperature and air pressure by evaporating, condensing, and precipitating."

"Furthermore, the atmospheric residence time of CO₂ is exceedingly long, being measured in thousands of years."

02{Mark D.} #52.3.1.5.5
 July 12, 2013 at 3:05 pm +2 -1

There is none so blind as those that will not see.

I rather think it is more correct (and logical) to say: none so blind as those that do not look.

Michael, it is you that do not see because you quit looking. You are blinded by a irrational fear for the world. A fear for the babies, a fear OF humankind. This fear is really causing you to be irrational. Wake up before this irrational fear drives you to harm yourself or others. You are close you know, close to causing harm to untold millions by denying them the low cost energy that will make their lives easier. Keep them from starving, keep them from freezing. Michael, you are exhibiting symptoms of psychopathy, and I suppose, one step closer to irrationally justifying a violent solution to what you incorrectly perceive is harming the world.

02{Heywood} #52.3.1.5.6
 July 12, 2013 at 3:38 pm +2 -0
 Mark D.

"one step closer to irrationally justifying a violent solution to what you incorrectly perceive is harming the world."

This is my concern exactly, along with driving people into energy poverty. Michael is concerned for his children and grandchildren and I get that, but I believe there is a greater risk to humanity via outlandish policies created in the name of "saving the planet" from a problem which may or may not prove to be catastrophic. We have already heard calls from some commentators that suspension of democracy might be required., and that us a truly frightening prospect.

The world may have warmed, but we still don't know if, and by how much it will continue to warm, and whether or not any future warming will be a net beneficial or catastrophic.

02{Carbon500} #52.3.1.5.4
 July 12, 2013 at 5:26 pm +3 -0

Michael: The Lacis paper is one which surprised me when I came across it some time ago, because of its reference to calculations using computer models as 'experiments'.

Dr.Robert Carter in 'Climate – The Counter Consensus' on p116 points out that 'The models are deterministic, in that every factor that is known to influence climate significantly must be included at the start in order to allow the model to correctly determine a future climate state. Deterministic computer models therefore assume (wrongly) that we have a complete understanding of the climate system.'

The IPCC in 'Climate Change 2007 – The Physical Science Basis' also acknowledge this. On p601, they state that 'Models continue to have significant limitations, such as in their representation of clouds, which lead to uncertainties in the magnitude and timing, as well as regional details, of predicted climate change.'

As a result, my inclination is to view the conclusions of this paper with caution.

02{Backslider} #52.3.1.5.5
 July 12, 2013 at 6:10 pm +1 -0

So Michael, how many tons of CO₂ are in the atmosphere?.... you have only one day left before I expose your bullshit.

★ DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC

02 {sunsettommy} #52.3.1.5.6

July 13, 2013 at 2:55 pm ·

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michael writes:

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and,

Well I explained the mechanism and the peer reviewed science. Your opinion is off no relevance. If you have any science to back up your ignorance then provide it. By the way, you are both wrong. Typical anti science response. I provide peer reviewed evidence and explain the mechanism and you provide bullshit 😊

So basically I am very comfortable in my knowledge based on science.

Really are you sure? Here is a chart showing Three dozen published science papers showing short CO2 residence times:

<http://www.globalwarmingskeptics.info/thread-188-post-3118.html#pid3118>

I think you are completely unaware of these papers, some published from the 1950's that have been in circulation for a while.

02 {Michael} #52.3.1.5.1

July 13, 2013 at 5:55 pm

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Three dozen published science

Firstly, a chart of papers from decades ago is hardly useful. Nothing very current and no specifics. I am used to the anti science fraternity taking peer reviewed science and misrepresenting it.

Secondly the title below makes the specific reference to human CO2 when what we are talking about is the addition of fossil fuel CO2 to the carbon cycle. Once part of the cycle, all the CO2, natural and anthropogenic, cycles around the oceans, atmosphere and land ad nauseum for a very long time. The long carbon cycle, that removes the CO2 permanently from the system takes a long time, so the effect is cumulative and constant.

Thirdly it depends on what you mean and the purpose. The IPCC state that the actual residence time of an individual CO2 molecule is 3 to 5 years, that is not in question, it is its addition to the carbon cycle that is cumulative and constant in the atmosphere. I suspect you misunderstand the carbon cycle and the concept. Its not surprising, most of you clearly only get your science from blog sites (like you did). So I suspect most of those papers are referring to individual CO2 molecules or have been misrepresented.

02 {sunsettommy} #52.3.1.5.7

July 13, 2013 at 3:07 pm ·

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“CO2 is a well-mixed gas that does not con-dense or precipitate from the atmosphere. Water vapor and clouds, on the other hand, are highly active components of the climate system that re-pond rapidly to changes in temperature and air pressure by evaporating, condensing, and precip-itating.”

Some of the CO2 in the air is converted to Carbonic Acid and more of it in the waters of the planet:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=6KT12tOU9jEC&pg=PA78&lpg=PA78&q=co2+in+the+atmosphere+conversion+to+carbonic+acid+in+raindrops&source=bl&ots=x5MCwXLfd3&sig=7bCcaNkRpmXzxZfcWHiHM-Zf6WU&hl=en&sa=X&ei=3t3gUabhF4isiAKUwIGgCA&ved=0CFUQ6AEwCA#v=onepage&q=co2%20in%20the%20atmosphere%20conversion%20to%20carbonic%20acid%20in%20raindrops&f=false>

02 {Michael} #52.3.1.5.1

July 13, 2013 at 5:44 pm

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Some of the CO2 in the air is converted to Carbonic Acid

Yes, it is called the carbon cycle. I have explained it many times and pointed to resources to learn it. Perhaps you could refer yourself to those and learn something.

02 {Mark D.} #52.3.1.5.2

July 16, 2013 at 1:22 pm

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Yes, it is called the carbon cycle. I have explained it many times and pointed to resources to learn it. Perhaps you could refer yourself to those and learn something. Carbon? I thought it was just CO2 and methane that caused the AGW scare. Now you claim it is the “carbon cycle”? All carbon causes warming? No you haven’t “explained” it very well.

Hmmm. Just how low on the IQ scale will you go?

02 {Michael} #52.3.1.5.3

July 16, 2013 at 5:43 pm

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Carbon? I thought it was just CO2 and methane that caused the AGW scare

Sigh 😊

Maybe I have not taught it well. carbon is part of CO2 and through the cycle takes on many different forms. Perhaps you need to go learn it yourself.

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>

DIVERSION ENDS 2nd diversion (~6 pages) started July 10 ends here.

02{Andrew McRae} #52.3.2
 July 10, 2013 at 6:47 pm · +4 -0
 Dammit I hoped that wouldn't happen, now you've all gone off on the tangent of rehashing the carbon arguments. I only mentioned it to highlight that even a critic has to support the guy.
 No, I'm not arguing the science here, it distracts from the issue. What's important right now in this thread is that Salby got wrongfully sacked. It's like a soccer game where Murray Salby is trying to guard David Karoly who is getting close to kicking a goal, then suddenly a giant hook comes down from the astrodome and yanks Salby off the field.
 Okay that's a poor choice of opposition for the example, but no matter which side you're barracking for it is no fun for the players or the spectators to have one side being insta-benched randomly like this.

02{Drapetomania} #53
 July 10, 2013 at 6:56 am · +4 -0
 Heywood
 July 9, 2013 at 3:29 pm ·
 No comment on the treatment he received by Macquarie university? That is the subject of this thread after all...
 Your kidding right..??
 Its a truly mindless troll that appeals(bows) to authority and the lowest common denominator. Did you expect it to react normally or honestly..and it tried to put the boot in later. Not one peep about the ethics of the situation. It doesnt understand how science works..or ethics..what a surprise.
 Still driving a car and connected to the grid John..oh,,thats right..Its others that have to do the right thing..

02{Sean} #54
 July 10, 2013 at 7:32 am · +9 -2
 What kind of banana republic are you Australians running down under?
 Sorry but i am now striking Australia off of my list of tourism destinations.
 Will also avoid hiring any graduates of the Australian university system.

02{John Brookes} #54.1
 July 10, 2013 at 12:26 pm · +4 -10
 You're just scared of our spiders and snakes, aren't you Sean?

02{Bernd Felsche} #54.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 1:57 pm · +10 -1

There are more dangerous pests lurking in academia.
 (Don't say you didn't ask for it.)

02{Streetcred} #54.1.2
 July 10, 2013 at 5:57 pm · +3 -0
 Damn side better than being afraid of the TRUTH ... jb !

02{Sean} #54.1.3
 July 14, 2013 at 8:34 am · +1 -0
 No. I just don't like odious cretins like you John Brookes

02{crakar24} #54.2
 July 10, 2013 at 12:59 pm · +3 -1
 Sean,
 The engineering departments have so far remained unscathed by the mind set that has gripped people like Brooks.
 Cheers
 PS Yep i agree better to go to NZ and visit RW.

02{AndyG55} #54.2.1
 July 10, 2013 at 1:52 pm · +3 -0
 Sorry, crakar24, not so.
 I know, I'm there. 😞

02{crakar24} #54.2.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 2:06 pm · +2 -0
 Where, in NZ?

02{AndyG55} #54.2.1.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 3:51 pm · +5 -0
 I was referring to the first statement about Engineering faculties remaining unscathed.
 They haven't.
 Nearly every Engineering Dept I know of has an "Environmental Engineering" branch, and .. well.. they are all very much on the AGW bandwagon.
 Thankfully most of the Civil, mechanical and chemical depts pretty much have their plates full teaching real content an real subject matter.

02{crakar24} #54.2.1.1.1
 July 10, 2013 at 3:56 pm · +1 -0
 I know, it was a joke
 Thankfully most of the Civil, mechanical and chemical depts pretty much have

their plates full teaching real content an real subject matter.
This is what i was trying to alude to
Cheers

02{Sean} (this comment is well in Stage(3)) #54.2.2
July 14, 2013 at 8:37 am · +0 -0
Oh? Has the Dean of the engineering school spoken out against his biased
Luddite peers?
No?
OK, then degrees from this uni are staying on my no-hire list.

02{Catamon} #54.3
July 10, 2013 at 1:29 pm · +2 -8
Sorry but i am now striking Australia off of my list of tourism destinations.
Happiness!! 😊

02{Sean} (this comment is well in Stage(3)) #54.3.1
July 14, 2013 at 8:40 am · +0 -0
Aren't you late for your appointment at the euthanasia clinic Catamon?

02{Gee Aye} #54
July 10, 2013 at 3:52 pm · +0 -3
woah... that will limit your movie watching.

02{reality check} #55
July 10, 2013 at 8:20 am · +1 -2
Macquarie university is over-loaded with academics at the moment. The
previous vice-chancellor hired a whole heap of "star" scientists to bolster the
uni's rankings. Many of these star recruits do little in the way of undergraduate
teaching at all which in Austrlia is the backbone of our university system.
Funding is poor relative to the USA and so there is now a problem.... Salby is
just a symptom of a much bigger problem. Get back to basics and teach.... as
getting rid of dead wood is too hard. Not to mention nepotism and cronyism
that have a great home at macquarie Univeristy. Prof salby should just move on
and be gratefull he is out of that place.

02{Ross} #56
July 10, 2013 at 8:59 am · +5 -0
After reading all the comments on this it has got me thinking again about all
these institutions who use all the modern media to push their barrows but
somehow do not really understand what changes these modern communication
methods have bought.

They just don't realise how easy and how quick it is to spread information
these days (even though they are churning out media studies grads, computer
science grads etc by the thousands each year.)
Here we have a very bad news story(for the University) spread around the
world in a day or so. We have people like Reed Coray
(from the USA) writing brilliant,damming letters to the University immediately
But the university cannot return a phone call to give the otherside of the story.
I'm sure their PR people are not on holiday. The longer they leave it, the more
widespread the email will go and the more likely people will say
" well he must be right because they have no answer to his comments". At this
stage it is probably limited to the sceptic blog community world wide (not a
small number)and a few other outlets but I'd say the twitter brigade will not be
far behind.

02{handjive} #57
July 10, 2013 at 9:26 am · +3 -0
Spot the logical fallacy:
Australian University Dumps Bob Carter, Advisor To Multiple Global Climate
Science Denial Groups –
Tue, 2013-07-09 12:55

02{John Brookes} #57.1
July 10, 2013 at 12:52 pm · +1 -12
"Climate Science Denial Groups"? Is that what you call them?

02{Heywood} #57.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 1:07 pm · +7 -0
No. That's what serial leftist, catastrophist and enviro-loon Graham Readfearn
calls them.

02{Bernd Felsche} #57.1.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 2:01 pm · +0 -0
Readfearn is unable to use the more appropriate terms "infidel" and "heretic"
to describe those who have views different to his own.

02{RoyFOMR} #58
July 10, 2013 at 9:35 am · +7 -0
Ten, or so, years ago this report would have been met with incredulity.
Clearly the Professor was delusional, had behaved badly and his employers did
'the right thing'
To me, at least, this would have been crystal clear.
Scientific Academics were incapable of anything but pristine behaviour, ergo

Salby was an exception that proved the rule!

Back to the present and the integrity and reputation of scientific institutions has been well and truly shredded.

Thanks to academic luminaries like Mann, Gleick, Hansen, Cook, LewWhatever, ... and uncle Tom Cobey and all, my default position, in this case, is that Macquarie are the baddies.

However this particular episode pans out and whatever the outcome I feel great sadness that a reputation built up over hundreds of years by the talented, that took us from poverty to prosperity, could be destroyed and so quickly, by a bunch of self-seeking, selfish hooligans.

Shame!

02{Ace} #58.1
July 10, 2013 at 10:16 am · +4 -1

NOBODY should EVER be automatically accorded that kind of “above suspicion” authority, ANYWHERE. The “shredded” reputation of such institutions merely constitutes the realisation that they are composed of human beings the same as any other body. Its a good thing.

02{RoyFOMR} #58.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:26 am · +3 -0
Yup Ace,
They shamed me once.
Never again!

02{MadJak} #59
July 10, 2013 at 10:15 am · +7 -0
The Climate Commissions statement was simply not as was meant:
What they meant was:
“...one in two thousand chance that by 2100 after the next election there’ll be no any human beings left on this planet in the climate commission and the other satellite industries”

Somehow it came out as:

“one in two chance that by 2100 there’ll be no human beings left on this planet”

Fairs fair – cut them some slack, they’re probably already working out their notice periods – assuming we don’t have yet another coup to delay the next election.

02{KinkyKeith} #59.1
July 10, 2013 at 10:59 am · +3 -0
Cool!

02{Geoffrey Cousens} #60
July 10, 2013 at 12:22 pm · +6 -3
Three cheers for Lord Monkton, if anyone can achieve justice from this dreadful scandal, it is he.

02{Macquarie University Insider} #61
July 10, 2013 at 12:47 pm · +9 -0
Yes. This is true – Power of corruption and abuse of power. These tactics are commonly used. It is hard to believe that these things are happening in Australia. Check out who are the Chancellor, political parties affiliations, governance body and senior leadership executives team at Macquarie University.

Dr. Murry Salby, stabbed in the back by Macquarie University, or the Boulderians? | The Drinking Water Advisor **DRINK.1**
July 10, 2013 at 3:06 pm ·
[...] cannot keep or will not keep, just to get them. I am reprinting below a segment from JoNova. Check that site for updates.
Thanks for [...]

02{crakar24} #63
July 10, 2013 at 3:39 pm · +4 -0
OT i know but this is gold
http://blogs.news.com.au/heraldsun/andrewbolt/index.php/heraldsun/comments/nbn_workers_say_the_billions_are_still_not_enough/#commentsmore
The sub contractors have not been paid so are now pulling the fibre out
LLLLLLLLLOOOOOOOOOOLLLLLLLLLL

02{mangochutney} #4
July 10, 2013 at 3:50 pm · +3 -0
Salby’s PhD student seems to be this lady:
<http://envirogeog.mq.edu.au/about/students/person.htm?id=etitova>
Her email address has also been closed down

02{Macquarie University insider} {University insider} #64.1
July 10, 2013 at 4:23 pm · +4 -0
They have damaged Prof Murry Salby’s career and reputation. It is now targeted his Ph.D student. Barbaric and sickness behavior!!
DIVERSION into cold fusion and insults for ~3 pages, but just a day.

02{DrJohnGalan} #65
July 10, 2013 at 5:22 pm · +5 -0

Does this episode in 1999 bear any resemblance?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=1vcPVtzbJ4o#at=180

From 1:40 to 3:10 is the relevant part.

Corruption in the world of science (not just of climate science) is rife. Bockris died three days ago.

02{Andrew McRae} #65.1
July 10, 2013 at 7:36 pm · +2 -0

I think we can say that the results obtained at Mitsubishi and NASA over the last 4 years had vindicated Bockris before he died.

If LENR can be made to work more reliably at scale, it will change the world.

02{Ace} #65.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:37 pm · +0 -1

NASA.....are you kidding, that outfits been several decades a fecking joke.

02{Ace} #65.1.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:38 pm · +2 -0

...and Mitsubishi make the fecking Prius, for feck sake.

Some authorities you rely on.

02{Heywood} #65.1.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:46 pm · +2 -0

Toyota make the Prius Ace.....



02{Andrew McRae} #65.1.1.1.2
July 11, 2013 at 2:11 am · +0 -0

Hey Ace, you jackass,

If you google for "LENR NASA" here is the FIRST hit:

<http://futureinnovation.larc.nasa.gov/view/articles/futurism/bushnell/low-energy-nuclear-reactions.html>

"NASA LaRC has begun LENR design studies guided by the Weak Interaction Theory"

If you google for "LENR Mitsubishi" here is the SECOND hit:

<http://news.newenergytimes.net/2012/12/06/mitsubishi-reports-toyota-replication/>

"Toyota's conversion rate of cesium to praseodymium was one-to-two orders of magnitude lower than that of Mitsubishi's; however, the distinction between their tests with cesium and control tests without cesium is unambiguous."

Why bother doing research when you can use intuition and false memory?

Some brain you rely on.

02{Ace} #65.1.1.1.1
July 11, 2013 at 4:22 am · +0 -1

Macrae you are the jackass...reading online shite and thinking its "knowledge" your magic-power pile is just that, a fecking pile (ofd shite).

We were being told fusion was about to "change the world" (your words dickhead so don't blame me for making you sound a twat, you do it yourself)...Sixty years ago after the first tocamak was built. If thered been an internet (noddly-box, dickhead-web) youd have been citing URLs to that too, pillock.

Even fission was assuredly going to "change the world" (your words pillock, Im not traducing you, dont need to) seventy years ago, with promise of free electricity from nighbourhood reactors and even reactor driven cars and airplanes. If you'd had the chance youd have been citing Fords web-site ...undoubtedly...touting their sales shite like you are for Mitsibushi...plomker. Gullible plonkers are always and everywhere, not just Greenies, no doubt if you had been around in 1890 and thered been an internet youd have been telling us this amazing oil made from snakes you'd read about was going to cure all disease and "change the world".

As for NASA...you ignoramus, an institution with enough failed and cancelled projects in its last twenty years you could get to the moon just by stacking them on top of each other. Its researchers will tout anything and sell any dream (or "vision") to get the grant money. It no more legitimises those dreams than the Pentagon spending millions on "remote viewing" is any evidence for clairvoyance.

Go on, quote us a shedload of URLs that "prove" your Pentagon-proven paranormal forces then. They are just as meaningful and about to "change the world" as the crap fantasism youve cited already. Big institutions on govt money breed bullshit. Big companies seeking govt money breed big bullshit. Companies trying to m'ke themselves look clever ...Mistisbushi, Toyaota, Ford, BMW, who gives a toss which...will spew any amount of bullshit in the process...to sell thir other products. remember: Durch sprung fur teknik!" Oh, BTW, before parroting crap about the ISS...dont forget that first, it was built with Russian engineering, secondly the yanks can only get to the fecking thing on Russian rockets (cos marvelous NASA aint managed to build one of their own in the 33 years since the shuttle) and...bst of all folks...in five years its going to be dismantled and scrapped.

NASA...dont make me puke.

02{DrJohnGalan} #65.1.1.1.1
July 11, 2013 at 7:42 am · +5 -0

I find it rather sad that a comment I made about a man in a similar predicament to Prof Salby, but 14 years ago, should result in the unpleasantness shown here. The man I mentioned was one of the few prepared to stand up for science (i.e. observations trump theory every time). And he is not yet cold in his grave.

02{Andrew McRae} #65.1.1.1.2
 July 11, 2013 at 9:28 am +1 -1
 Seems the “report comment” button doesn’t work at the moment.
 Never mind, we can just leave your comment there as an eternal reminder of what happens when Ace has a bad day.
 You can email the mods to remove or snip your own comment any time you like. Don’t make me do it for you.

02{Ace} #65.1.1.1.3
 July 11, 2013 at 11:21 am +2 -0
 Macrae say:
 “Seems the “report comment” button doesn’t work at the moment.
 Never mind, we can just leave your comment there as an eternal reminder of what happens when Ace has a bad day.
 You can email the mods to remove or snip your own comment any time you like.
 Don’t make me do it for you.”
 ...ooh is it offended the the lace curtain twitcher...got no answers only tut tut noises.

02{Heywood} #65.1.1.1.4
 July 11, 2013 at 11:56 am +2 -0
 Do you two need to be put in time out? 😊

02{Andrew McRae} #65.1.1.1.5
 July 11, 2013 at 5:30 pm +1 -0
 Nice trolling, Heywood.
 But at least Ace is teaching us some new vocabulary – with a British flavour to it which is always nice.

02{crakar24} #65.1.1.1.6
 July 11, 2013 at 5:37 pm +2 -1
 Trolling Andrew?
 Usually when two children behave the way you two have, time out is the standard punishment.
 Thankyou Dr John Galan for bringing the plight of this man to our attention.

02{Ace} #65.1.1.1.7
 July 11, 2013 at 10:31 pm +0 -0
 A Mcrae:
 “Nice trolling, Heywood.
 But at least Ace is teaching us some new vocabulary – with a British flavour to it which is always nice.”
 Thanks for that ...maybe you do have a sens of humour down-under after all. Ive got to say, this latest few threads I keep reacting to commnets by thinking “for feck sake lighten up”. And this is the way *real* people talk in the UK.
 ...not assholes who work in universities.

02{Ace} #65.1.1.1.8
 July 11, 2013 at 10:37 pm +0 -0
 ...but as for Cracker 42 ...do you still love the Fakestinians?

02{Heywood} #65.1.1.1.9
 July 11, 2013 at 10:43 pm +0 -0
 Trolling??
 Just an attempt at humor ’tis all m’lad.

02{Andrew McRae} #65.1.1.1.10
 July 11, 2013 at 10:47 pm +0 -0
 See that doesn’t work the second time, Crakar. It was original when Heywood said it but copying his trolling doesn’t have any effect now. There’s no shock value.
 Unless you actually believe what you just said, in which case my retort is this...
 Who was the first commentator to express sympathy by stating evidence that Bockris had been vindicated?
 Who was the first anonymous commentator in this thread to insult a real named commentator’s intelligence and claim their statements were false in a bipolar rant based on their own purely imaginary stereotypes woven into an *ad hoc* international conspiracy theory between Mitsubishi and the Pentagon, despite the original claims being easily verified on the MHI, NASA, YouTube, and ANS web sites, so turning a poignant moment into (as DrJohnGalan correctly labelled it) “the unpleasantness shown here”? Who, actually, was the first to exhibit jackassery?
 That’s a rhetorical question. I know the answer which is why I have nothing to apologise for.
 And I’m sure *you* wouldn’t take an insult laying down. You’re a fine one to tell me I shouldn’t fight back.
 Clearly I am not here to win friends! I am after the truth. That’s why when

jackasses (particularly [serial](#) offenders) tell me I'm stupid for believing in historic facts I am going to call them what they are. Maybe it will remind them not to be jackasses in the future.

DIVERSION ENDS ~3-page diversion started July 10 ends here.

02{Joshua} #66
July 10, 2013 at 5:25 pm · +9 -2

It is extremely important for the future of Australia, that the Labour party be booted out forever. I would suggest that the above case be sent urgently quick smart to Mr Abbot. ALL the people involved at MacQuarrie University with this case need to be sacked URGENTLY. Australia is rapidly becoming a third world dictatorship. If Australia votes in another labour government it is finito. (BTW I used to be a labour diehard)

02{Michael} #66.1
July 10, 2013 at 6:51 pm · +1 -8

This has nothing to do with LAbor. You are turning an internal UNI issue into a political argument. If anything it would be a state government issue, and that is Liberal, so quick lets get rid of state lib governments.

02{Dave} #66.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 7:09 pm · +5 -1

Michael.

Catamon said [here](#):

bobl, the nexus between University staff arrangements and state arrangements was broken years go. University Staff are covered under Federal, not State agreements and tribunals.

Then you say:

You are turning an internal UNI issue into a political argument. If anything it would be a state government issue, and that is Liberal, so quick lets get rid of state lib governments.

You guys have to make up your minds about this. Email your mate Catamongst about this.

Fools, both of you.

02{Catamon} #66.1.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:14 pm · +0 -5

Dave, you seem confused.

Micheal is actually correct, in a sense. My reference was specific to "University staff arrangements" which are handled in the Federal jurisdiction. However, Universities exist under State legislation, so on University

governance matters, it could well be more appropriate to go to the relevant State minister.

Objectively, since tribal groupenthunk position here is obviously that this is an action taken by Macquarie management as part of the overall campaign by the evil, unenlightened ones who have not received the wisdom of the Great Lord das Monkers with the appropriate adulation, its quite plausible (xxx MV) that a rational response would be to go for the University at a governance level, via a state based approach.

Gawd, Maquarie's VC must be terrified now das Monkers is on his case?? 😊

02{Annie} #66.1.1.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 11:53 pm · +3 -1

I'm not at all favourably impressed by your rudeness re. Christopher Monckton...you do your stance no good by it.

i don't know what's happened to Australia the last few years but it's definitely not the country I first encountered in 1984 and lived in for years.

02{Catamon} #66.1.1.1.1
July 11, 2013 at 1:39 am · +0 -4

I'm not at all favourably impressed by your rudeness re. Christopher Monckton Oh no Annie! and the only reason i come here after all is to make a favorable impression on you.....

Nah, actually its mainly for the laughs, MV (xxx), and to keep loose track of the latest outrage generating events significant to the grumpy true disbeliever demographic. 😊

02{Peter Crawford} #66.1.1.1.1
July 11, 2013 at 2:44 am · +3 -0

For the laughs? Then why don't you ever post anything amusing? Once again, words fail you.

02{ColdinOz} #67
July 10, 2013 at 6:31 pm · +7 -2

John Troll (on this site) Brookes. Would you be prepared to go head to head with Murry Salby in a public, open and fair debate?

I have read through your postings on this post, and see nothing of substance. This is in contrast with what I see in Murry Salby's presentations.

02{John Brookes} #67.1
July 10, 2013 at 9:18 pm · +0 -5

You saw Salby's presentations? Please tell me where I can see them.

02 {Macquarie University insider} University insider #67.1.1
July 10, 2013 at 10:24 pm · +2 -0
Hi John,
Here is the link. <http://hockeyschtick.blogspot.com.au/2013/07/swedish-scientist-replicates-dr-murry.html>

02 {Sonny} #68
July 10, 2013 at 7:20 pm · +6 -1
An alarmist academic debating?
They would sooner have their genitals removed with a spoon.

02 {Sonny} #68.1
July 10, 2013 at 7:29 pm · +6 -1
(Reason being – they have no balls to begin with and no spine to transmit pain signals)

Macquarie.1 10 11:00am UTC = 10 07:00pm for NOVA time
The following comments are definitely Stage(2)

02{Rob} (first mention, joannenova saw it 2 hours later.) #69
 July 10, 2013 at 10:58 pm · +0 -0
 Macquarie University have issued a statement:
<http://www.mq.edu.au/newsroom/2013/07/10/statement-regarding-the-termination-of-professor-murry-salby/>

02{KR} **Macquarie.1 10 03:49pm UTC** #70
 July 10, 2013 at 11:49 pm · +2 -1
 For what it's worth, Macquarie University has made a statement on the subject, with a very different take on matters.
 10 July 2013
 Macquarie University does not normally comment on the circumstances under which employees leave the University. However, we feel in this instance it is necessary to do so in order to correct misinformation.
 The decision to terminate Professor Murry Salby's employment with Macquarie University had nothing to do with his views on climate change nor any other views. The University supports academic freedom of speech and freedom to pursue research interests.
 Professor Salby's employment was terminated firstly, because he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach. After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take.
 The University took this matter very seriously as the education and welfare of students is a primary concern. The second reason for his termination involved breaches of University policies in relation to travel and use of University resources. The termination of his employment followed an extensive and detailed internal process, including two separate investigations undertaken by a committee chaired by a former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and including a union nominee.

02{Heywood} #70.1
 July 10, 2013 at 11:58 pm · +3 -0
 Well there you go..
 Now it's He said – She said.
 I am still willing to put a six pack on his research being a factor in his dismissal. Of course, the Uni will never admit that.

02{Catamon} #70.2
 July 11, 2013 at 1:21 am · +2 -4
 Thanks for posting that KR. Informative.

After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take. Yup that will drop you right in it.

The second reason for his termination involved breaches of University policies in relation to travel and use of University resources.

That too, big time.

Interesting that Macquarie are going public. Implies they have specifics of the referred to reasons documented and are probably comfortable with their position in an industrial sense.

02{janama} #70.3
 July 11, 2013 at 5:58 am · +2 -0
 Fine if he was hired as a lecturer – I gather he was hired as a researcher.

02{Chas} #71
 July 11, 2013 at 2:14 am · +3 -0
 So, this is Macquarie's idea of "academic freedom", and challenging society's ideas. Apparently Macquarie has hired the ghost of Trofim Lysenko to protect "academic freedom".

Public Comment Policy

This policy asserts Macquarie University's commitment to the principles of academic freedom, and its expectation that staff will challenge society's ideas and contribute to open debate by commenting publicly within areas of their professional expertise. Because academic freedom has associated responsibilities, this policy also aims to clarify the obligations of Macquarie University staff when commenting in public fora, including in the media.

The full Public Comment Policy is available from Macquarie University's 'Policy Central' website.

02{Macquarie University Insider} #72
 July 11, 2013 at 9:34 am · +0 -1
 Macquarie university has just posted statements to cover-up. Liar, liar, liar!! These the most criminal activities in university. Shame, shame, shame!! Michael Engan (Chancellor of Macquarie University) is a leader at Macquarie university. He should ask himself why these evils tactics can be used in university 'repeatedly'. Would you hire Tim Sprague as a HR director to manage your organisational culture?
 Who is the sponsor of the faceless men in Australia? This is what we have in Australia – 'very doggy people' are operating Australia.
 Dictatorial, barbaric and sickness behaviour!!

02{Macquarie University Insider} #73
 July 11, 2013 at 9:42 am · +0 -1

Macquarie university has just posted statements to cover-up. Liar, liar, liar!!
 The most criminal activity in university. Shame, shame, shame!!
 Michael Egan (Chancellor) is a leader at Macquarie university. He should ask himself why these evil tactics can be used in university 'repeatedly'. Would you hire Tim Sprague as a HR director to manage your organisational culture? Who is the sponsor of the faceless men in Australia? This is what we have in Australia – 'very doggy people' are operating Australia.
 Dictatorial, barbaric and sickness behaviour!!

02 {Ace} #74
 July 11, 2013 at 11:25 am · +0 -0

"This is what we have in Australia – 'very doggy people' are operating Australia."
 Would that be "doggy people" like the one in Spaceballs (Barf) or like the ones they've only recently banned in Germany...or like the ones we have at Crufts.
 Makes Australia sound more interesting altogether.

02 {Macquarie University Insider} #74.1
 July 11, 2013 at 12:00 pm · +1 -0

It is okay for to make funny jokes sometimes. Australia is a nice place.
 However, it is not so funny for Prof Salby and his student for these kind of treatments.

02 {Brian G Valentine} #75
 July 11, 2013 at 3:02 pm · +3 -0

Fifty years from now Macquarie University will pay for this – just as the Roman Catholic Church paid for Galileo's inquisition (and never completely recovered from, three hundred and eighty years later).
 This is unfortunately little consolation to Dr Salby in the meanwhile.

02 {hello reality} #76
 July 11, 2013 at 6:51 pm · +1 -3

Get over it! Hasn't anyone actually thought that he was at fault in the first place! Maybe he thought he was too important as often happens. Time and history may very well forget him completely as inconsequential.

02 {Macquarie University Insider} #76.1
 July 11, 2013 at 8:41 pm · +1 -1

These [snip] activities at Macquarie University, a public Australian university. It was a set-up for Professor Sadly and his student.
 It reminds me someone who is guilty to make such cover-up statement.
[lets not jump to conclusions] ED

02 {Macquarie University Insider} #76.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 10:01 am · +0 -1

I am not jumping to conclusions. These are the "weapons" (evil tactics) that they use to attack staff all the times. I just know it.

Updated:

These are [snip] activities at Macquarie University, in a public Australian university (that can exposed by public). It was a set-up for Professor Sadly and his student.

[Unsubstantiated allegations of criminal activity are not permitted. Besides that, you've spelled Salby wrong more than you've spelled it correctly. Are you a troll?] ED

02 {Macquarie University Insider} #76.1.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 12:09 pm · +0 -0

Hey Jo, Power is above the law as we have noticed. Power of corruption is a common problem.

Withdraw the statement and correct the selling. Professor Salby.

02 {Macquarie University Insider} #76.1.1.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 12:20 pm · +1 -0

The power is above the law.

Macquarie University Insider will now leave this discussion forum. Let's hope that Professor Salby can find the justice.

02 {alex} #77
 July 11, 2013 at 10:15 pm · +0 -0

Dr. Salby has been 'Galileod' by the 'popes' at Macquarie

02 {Michael} #77.1
 July 11, 2013 at 10:57 pm · +0 -2

What the? How insulting to Galileo.

02 {alex} #78
 July 11, 2013 at 10:22 pm · +2 -0

This is very similar to the way 'rogue' scientists were treated in the soviet union, except for the locking up Dr. Salby in a gulag. But then green/trougher scientists extremists have already demanded our imprisonment for what they consider to be crimes against humanity, for 'murdering tomorrow's children' when actually what we are trying to do is save today's children from being victims of the greatest scam the world has ever seen.

Tomorrow's children would not be born if we don't save today's children who are now suffering from increased poverty due to the explosion in energy costs

as a result of carbon taxes or whatever these are referred to in different continents.

02{crakar24} #79
 July 12, 2013 at 2:35 pm · +1 -0
 Oh and by the way Michael can you please stop perpetuating this myth?
 For the record (again)
 crakar24
 July 10, 2013 at 2:51 pm ·
 Here you go Michael,
<http://www.lbl.gov/Science-Articles/Archive/ice-age-sediments.html>
 “In the paper in Science, the researchers compared the geological record to the climatic cycles that would result from their theory and to that of the competing theory, first published in 1912 by Serbian scientist Milutin Milankovitch. Using a geological fingerprinting technique, Muller and MacDonald found that the climatic changes recorded in the rocks matched their theory but not that of Milankovitch.
 There you go, today you have learnt something new.
 Cheers

02{Michael} #79.1
 July 12, 2013 at 6:12 pm · +0 -1
 I read it, I commented on it. In summary their theory was a different type of orbital cycle, not really earth shattering, secondly Muller, with fossil fuel funds and now having been peer reviewed, has concluded that the rise in Temps since industrialisation is 1.5 deg c and has been largely caused by man. So your point is?
 “Global land temperatures have increased by 1.5 degrees C over the past 250 years”
<http://berkeleyearth.org/results-summary/>
 “The analysis shows that the rise in average world land temperature globe is approximately 1.5 degrees C in the past 250 years, and about 0.9 degrees in the past 50 years.”

★ DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC

02{crakar24} (Stage(3)) #79.1.1
 July 16, 2013 at 1:36 pm · +1 -0
 LOL
 It was a peer reviewed and published paper that shows not all ice ages match the M cycle theory however they all match the movement of the solar plane that the Earth orbits the sun on.

Your response?

I read it, I commented on it. In summary their theory was a different type of orbital cycle, not really earth shattering, secondly Muller, with fossil fuel funds and now having been peer reviewed, has concluded that the rise in Temps since industrialisation is 1.5 deg c and has been largely caused by man. So your point is?
 As i have said previously you do not posses the required skill sets to debate people on an adult level.

Michael (Stage(3)) #79.1.1.1
 July 16, 2013 at 5:46 pm · +0 -1
 they all match the movement of the solar plane that the Earth orbits the sun on.
 Thats what I said. None of it changes the basic fact that it is the way the earth is oriented to the sun that caused the major ice ages. None of that affects the current warming, which on these short time scales does not apply, most evidence says natural factors are cooling and Muller himself (the author of your paper) agrees the cause is mans emissions. So not really sure what point you are trying to make.

02{J Martin} #80
 July 12, 2013 at 5:45 pm · +2 -0
 Salby's case sounds to me like a classic case of constructive dismissal. In other words they maneuvered him into a position where they could dismiss him. If Australian law is strong enough and fair enough, Salby should be able to take the University to the cleaners.
 If the University had brought too many senior people in to their organisation and needed to restructure, then there are well established mechanisms for doing so. Clearly they did not pursue that path and so this casts their activities in a suspicious light in this case.
 Re the carbon cycle. It is clear that not enough is known about it to be able to establish with any confidence the residence time of co2 or the effects of mankind's contribution to co2. Given the apparent importance to the warmists of establishing the role of mankind's co2 it is surprising that so very little research is carried out into carbon sinks and sources, including the impact of agriculture and land use.
 Perhaps the carbon cycle is an underfunded area because the warmists fear the outcome of such research and would prefer to speculate and make religious proclamations about mankind's role in changes to the atmospheric composition.

DIVERSION: another carbon cycle diversion started on July 12, continued through July 16, for ~8 pages, almost all the rest of this section, with little or no more discussion of Salby, which had moved to NOVA.2.

Manual entry of post numbers and ratings mostly ends here, as low counts showed very few readers were paying attention..

02{Michael}

July 12, 2013 at 6:07 pm ·

Re the carbon cycle

“Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere, of which about 55 per cent has moved into the land and oceans. Thus, identifying the mechanisms and locations responsible for increasing global carbon uptake remains a critical challenge in constraining the modern global carbon budget and predicting future carbon–climate interactions.”

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v488/n7409/full/nature11299.html>

<http://www.globalcarbonproject.org/carbonbudget/12/hl-full.htm>

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>

http://scrippsco2.ucsd.edu/graphics_gallery/mauna_loa_record/mauna_loa_sea_s_adj_fossil_fuel_trend.html

Theres lots more but to many links gets your post held up.

02{Backslider}

July 12, 2013 at 6:12 pm ·

Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere

You know, we really do not appreciate people who come here and copy and paste the same thing over and over.

So, tell us Michael, how many tons of CO₂, in total, are in the atmosphere?

02{Michael}

July 12, 2013 at 6:19 pm ·

Well you guys keep perpetuating the same myths. I am sorry that the peer reviewed science does not change. Maybe you should read it and I wouldn't have to keep correcting you with it.

As I have proven above (link below), fairly conclusively, using a hypothesis scenario, the increase in atmospheric concentration since industrialisation of a whopping 40% is nearly entirely due to man. Go back and read and learn. Your question is just like crackers list of questions, no scientific relevance to the question of what is causing the increase in CO₂. Tell me if not man then where is mans emissions going?

<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-university-sabotages-exiles-blackbans-strands-and-abandons-murry-salby/#comment-1295191>

★ DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC

02{Backslider} (*likely not yet noticed*)

July 13, 2013 at 6:04 am ·

the increase in atmospheric concentration since industrialisation of a whopping 40% is nearly entirely due to man

You keep saying this, however you will not answer my question as to how much CO₂, in total, is in the atmosphere.

I know why you will not answer this question. You will not answer because your numbers would then be torn to shreds... something I shall do this evening.

02{Dave}

July 12, 2013 at 6:15 pm ·

Michael.

you say

as plants prefer c12, so not likely volcanos

Wrong, C4 plants account for about 30% plus of terrestrial carbon fixation (and majority of our food chain), and they do NOT prefer C12 like C3 plant species. A C4 plant (like corn, sugar cane etc) will use C13 as readily as C12.

you say

Declining c13/c12 ratio so source fossilised plant life

Wrong, the ratio is declining because 90% animal, and our 60% food crops are C4 in origin. In the US, people have a C12 to C13 ratio that corresponds to 90% of our food to be derived from C4 plants. Humans are altering the ratio though storage.

02{Michael}

July 12, 2013 at 6:26 pm ·

Not sure any of that changes my arguments, but do you have a scientific source for all that? Even if what you is correct, c3 on what you say above is still 70% so I do not see why the ratios would not change?

Secondly, they were secondary arguments to my main ones, additional evidence. Do you disagree that mans emissions are causing the increase in CO₂? If so where is mans emissions going? and do you have any scientific evidence?

02{Dave}

July 12, 2013 at 7:15 pm ·

But it should ask questions of your theory?

C4 plants developed this pathway (some 40 different times) some 300 million years ago, amazingly at the same time CO₂ levels were very low. Since this C4 pathway evolved, temperature and CO₂ concentrations have more or less

equalised and leveled out.

C4 plants account for about 30% plus of terrestrial carbon fixation (in peer reviewed papers) which were done in 1996, and today it has increased to approximately 40%. Makes you think about this aspect. The area of continents flooded has also stabilised since this period.

You're the expert, I'm just putting forward topics for you to check and relate to current day. I am not a scientist (peer reviewed) and maybe this explosion of C4 plant growth is just a secondary answer.

Also why do you think CO2 ppm can vary between 390 and 398 ppm in one 12 hour period?

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02{Backslider}

July 13, 2013 at 3:39 pm ·

Ok Michael. I have given you every opportunity correct yourself, however you do not have the courtesy even to answer a very simple question (a whole bunch in fact, but one in particular that relates directly to your harping):

How many tons of CO2 are there in the atmosphere?

Let me answer it for you:

Its generally accepted that the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere is roughly 3000 gigatonnes (2011 – 383 ppmv. I like round numbers, don't you?

You state (or agree with):

Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon have been emitted by humans to the atmosphere, of which about 55 per cent has moved into the land and oceans.

You must agree with this as you have stated it seven times just in this one thread.

That leaves us with 157.5 gigatonnes.

You also state:

CO2 has increased in the atmosphere by a whopping 40% since industrialisation and in near perfect correlation to mans emissions.

Perfect correlation, huh? Well, let's just look at the math, shall we?

40% of 3000 gigatonnes is 1200 gigatonnes – that's the increase since industrialisation, according to you.

Your 157.5 gigatonnes is only 13% of that 40% increase of CO2. Where did the rest of the CO2 come from, Michael?

Now, 157.5 gigatonnes is only 5.25% of total atmospheric CO2, or 20ppmv

Now Michael, this has been using just your own numbers.

Are you still going to argue that the "whopping" human contributed 20ppmv of CO2 that we have pumped into the atmosphere (according to you) is going to cause a catastrophe?

Or, will you sit back and think about it and finally decide to stop scaring our grandchildren?

02{Michael}

July 13, 2013 at 6:24 pm ·

So sorry poor boy, you have stuffed up and confused carbon and CO2. CO2 is heavier than carbon because CO2 is carbon and 2 oxygen, your calculations are therefore faulty, and as per previous conversations I don't generally accept back of the handkerchief calculations. Surely you have a scientific paper from one of your many skeptic climate scientists. I mean being such a crucial issue surely somebody would want to put it to bed?

amount of CO2 in the atmosphere is roughly 3000 gigatonnes...

...Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon

Let me point you to a place that have done the calculations correctly.

"Since 1850 – 2000 (figures are in petagrams of carbon)

Addition to atmosphere

Land Use 154 PgC

Fossil Fuels 282 PgC

Cement Manufacture 5.5 PgC

Adds up to 441.5 PgC

Over that time CO2 in atmosphere grew by 174PgC (81.5ppmv)

This demonstrates that 40% of the CO2 caused by man has stayed in the atmosphere and 60% has gone into the oceans and terrestrial biosphere.

40% of 441.5 = 174 PgC

60% of 441.5 = 265.9 PgC"

<http://cdiac.ornl.gov/faq.html#Q4>

Also there is good information here

"The annual growth rate of atmospheric CO2 was 1.70±0.09 ppm in 2011

(ppm = parts per million), slightly below the average growth rate of 2 ppm of the past 10 years (2002-2011). The average growth rate for the decade 1990-

1999 was 1.5±0.1 ppm, and was 1.6±0.1 for the decade 1980-1989. The

atmospheric CO2 concentration was 390 ppm in 2011 on average, 40% above the concentration at the start of the Industrial Revolution (about 278 ppm in 1750). The present concentration is the highest during at least the last 800,000 years."

<http://www.globalcarbonproject.org/carbonbudget/12/hl-full.htm>

Have you done your reading on the carbon cycle yet? You really should argue from knowledge.

02 {Backslider}

July 14, 2013 at 7:13 am ·

you have stuffed up and confused carbon and CO2

No Michael, it is you who has stuffed up. You come here ranting and raving about CO2 in the atmosphere, yet now you bleat that one of your figures is “carbon”.

Now Michael, carbon and CO2 are not the same thing. I think we are agreed on that. So, tell me exactly how you arrive at the figure of 350 gigatonnes of carbon in the atmosphere.

Then tell us exactly how much of that is CO2, in gigatonnes.

You now say that 60% is no longer in the atmosphere. Your previous figure was 55%. Why is that?

The thing is this Michael – You cannot talk about carbon and CO2 in the same breath. Not only is it confusing, but its also inaccurate. We are not interested in how much carbon has gone into the atmosphere, but rather CO2. They are not the same thing, but you talk as though they are: “This demonstrates that 40% of the CO2 caused by man has stayed in the atmosphere”. This is clearly wrong, however I will again give you the opportunity to correct your figures.

Just stick with how many gigatonnes of CO2 are in the atmosphere, how many gigatonnes have been added by man and how many gigatonnes of that remain. Then your numbers will be clear to all.

02 {Michael}

July 14, 2013 at 2:43 pm ·

you have stuffed up and confused carbon and CO2

Backslider you should quit while you are ahead and admit when you are wrong. You should also go back and look where the figure did actually come from. It is NOT MY FIGURE, it came from peer reviewed science, so read the whole article and then argue with the article being actually informed. YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GRABBED AND USED THE FIGURE.

As to your CO2 does not equal CARBON nonsense, you need to check the periodic table. CO2 is carbon and oxygen, by applying the correct conversion factor (to remove the weight of the oxygen) you can indeed just take the carbon measurement out of the CO2 (as I have done). In most scientific publications they do just refer to the carbon because it is the CARBON CYCLE that is important, when talking about the exchange of carbon through the cycle. It is quite scientifically valid and not at all confusing if you understand basic chemistry and the process.

I have, using your own calculations (corrected), proved the increase of 40% by mans emissions, and provided peer reviewed science with the calculations as well to confirm my figures. Carbon500 also proved it.

If you have any evidence that disproves them then it is up to you to provide it. Point closed, you are clearly wrong.

02 {Backslider}

July 14, 2013 at 3:40 pm

Backslider you should quit while you are ahead and admit when you are wrong. Where exactly am I wrong Michael? If anything, its your numbers that are wrong. Let me give you an example, straight from your own mouth:

In most scientific publications they do just refer to the carbon because it is the CARBON CYCLE that is important

We are not talking about the carbon cycle per se. We are talking about CO2 in the atmosphere.

Yes, when scientists talk about the carbon cycle, they correctly talk about “carbon”, even when talking about human emissions into the atmosphere.

Why is that Michael? Its because human emissions of carbon into the atmosphere does not comprise solely of the carbon in CO2. It also includes soot, ash and carbon monoxide.

Thus, it is perfectly incorrect to convert the figure for “carbon emissions” directly to CO2, as you have done.

Now, please come back with some correct numbers.

02 {Michael}

July 14, 2013 at 4:07 pm ·

Where exactly am I wrong Michael? If anything, its your numbers that are wrong. Seriously Backslider you are entirely wrong. Firstly they are your numbers, you took them and used them, you should have understood them before you did that. Secondly the numbers are correct, I will not spoonfeed you anymore, you actually have to GO AND READ SOMETHING. Read the article you got the figure from and then come back and apologise and admit your mistake. Your inability to admit when you made a mistake is getting tiring, I am embarrassed for you 😞

02 {Backslider}

July 14, 2013 at 4:43 pm ·

Firstly they are your numbers, you took them and used them

No Michael, they are YOUR numbers.

You are insisting that your CO2 calculation is correct, taken from “carbon emissions”.

It is not correct and never will be. Perhaps you THINK they are correct, however that does not make it so.

Who is spoon feeding who? Here I am trying to spoon feed to you the FACT that when scientists talk about “human carbon emissions” that it is NOT just CO2. You like to think it is just CO2, but that does not make it so.

02 {Michael}

July 14, 2013 at 5:35 pm ·

It is embarrassing that I even have to do this, but since you refuse to even look at any peer reviewed science (are you so scared that it will corrupt your confirmation bias?) and just in case somebody is falling for your excuses and desperation I will actually use some basic common sense myself. Something you could have seen quite easily with only a tiny bit of effort.

From your own quote

Since 1959, approximately 350 billion tonnes of carbon *have been emitted by humans* to the atmosphere,

So basically to make a long story short, they are only counting and have only used human emissions. Cheesh. and if you cannot accept that then ignore and use all the other published calculations I pointed to. Case closed, point proved, stop embarrassing yourself.

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<http://www.globalcarbonproject.org/carbonbudget/12/hl-full.htm>

02 {Michael}

July 13, 2013 at 6:37 pm ·

Backslider, I hope you feel privileged because I don't normally result to back of the handkerchief calculations, but hey, I was curious.

So I found a conversion factor, apparently

1 g C = 0.083 mole CO₂ = 3.664 g CO₂

<http://cdiac.ornl.gov/pns/convert.html#3>.

So, and I may do this wrong, which is why I prefer actual peer reviewed science evidence,

157.5 gt of carbon = 577.08 of Co₂

So of the 1200 GT of CO₂ increase since industrialisation 577.08 GT has gone into the atmosphere. This is 48% sonny jim. Now if I did your calculations correct I think you just shot yourself in the foot, an own goal.

I use the disclaimer that I may have done something wrong, working these things out on the fly is not normally my cup of tea, please refer to the actual scientific sources I give above for actual figures and calculations.

02 {Carbon500}

July 13, 2013 at 7:17 pm ·

Michael: your conversion factor accords closely with that given by the IPCC.

In 'Climate Change 2007; The Physical Science Basis' they state in a footnote on p26 that 1GtC corresponds to 3.67GtCO₂.

02 {Carbon500}

July 13, 2013 at 10:18 pm ·

Michael: I'm quite fond of what we here in the UK call 'back of a fag packet' calculations, so here's one I cobbled together earlier. I've rounded one or two numbers off to keep things uncluttered.

In the IPCC's 'Climate Change 2007 – The Physical Science Basis', figure 1(a) on page 513 shows the human contribution from fossil fuel burning and cement production as being 7Gt of carbon for each year from 2000 to 2005. That's a total of 35Gt of carbon over those 5 years, which equals 3.67 x 35 = 128Gt of CO₂.

The IPCC tell us on the same page that 'only 57 to 60% of the CO₂ emitted from human activity remains in the atmosphere.'

Let's call it 60%.

Atmospheric CO₂ increased from 367ppm in 2000 to 377ppm in 2005, an increase of 10ppm. Since 1ppm of CO₂ = 7.8Gt of CO₂, that's a total increase of 78Gt of CO₂ over the 5 years we're looking at.

And yes: 60% of the 128Gt humans produced during that time = 77Gt of CO₂. This lends support to the view that human activity is behind the total increase in CO₂ levels in the atmosphere.

02 {Backslider}

July 14, 2013 at 9:03 am ·

That's a total of 35Gt of carbon over those 5 years, which equals 3.67 x 35 = 128Gt of CO₂

You also are quite wrong Carbon500.

carbon != CO2

You must first ascertain how much of that carbon is in fact in CO2.

Now I see another reason why warmists like to refer to “carbon”. At first I thought it was just because of the “black awful stuff” picture it conjures up, but now I see its also to pad the numbers up.....

Let’s see... what “carbon” goes into the atmosphere? Soot, ash, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide.....did I miss something?

02{Michael}

July 14, 2013 at 2:48 pm

You also are quite wrong Carbon500.

carbon != CO2

You must first ascertain how much of that carbon is in fact in CO2.

Which is why we apply the conversion factor.

You are missing quite a lot, basic chemistry and science for a start. The calculations are correct. In science when talking about the carbon cycle it is the carbon that is important, as the carbon takes on many forms depending on where it goes, it does not stay as CO2. You REALLY NEED TO LEARN the carbon cycle. It is seriously important for this discussion.

Specifically focus on the short and long cycles as well.

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/page5.php>

While you are on a role get a better handle of the greenhouse effect too.

http://www.windowsuniverse.org/earth/climate/greenhouse_effect_gases.html

02{Backslider}

July 14, 2013 at 3:23 pm

Which is why we apply the conversion factor

You just don’t get it do you, or you like to pretend ignorance?

Carbon is not the same thing as CO2. If you are saying the X amount of carbon was pumped into the atmosphere, then you must ascertain how much of that carbon was carbon in CO2.

You cannot just convert the whole lot to CO2, because its not all CO2 carbon.

Get it??

02{Backslider}

July 14, 2013 at 3:27 pm

In science when talking about the carbon cycle it is the carbon that is important, as the carbon takes on many forms depending on where it goes, it does not stay as CO2.

I think that YOU REALLY NEED TO LEARN Michael.

You assume that ALL the “carbon” that goes into the atmosphere is CO2. It’s NOT.

This is why I have asked YOU to come up with figures in gigatonnes of CO2, not “carbon”.

If you are now saying that ALL of what you refer to as “carbon” going into the atmosphere is CO2, then its YOU who needs to learn about the carbon cycle.

02{Carbon500}

July 15, 2013 at 3:14 am

Backslider: the label on the IPCC figure I refer to states that the amount displayed is (and I quote) ‘CO2 carbon (GtC/year)’

I can only interpret ‘carbon’ in this context as referring to CO2 and nothing else.

02{Michael}

July 15, 2013 at 3:10 pm

Thanks for clarifying that for Backslider, Carbon500, but he won’t accept it.

The figure I and Backslider used (in his incorrect calculations) were also only CO2 carbon. Because he won’t go and understand the carbon cycle, and read the science he took the figure from, he does not realise that when talking about movements through the cycle everything needs to be converted to the common element carbon as it takes many forms depending on where it is.

02{Mark D.}

July 16, 2013 at 1:00 pm

Michael says:

Which is why we apply the conversion factor.

Really? but you didn’t provide the actual factor. All that science behind you and you didn’t bother a reference?

Beyond that the link you provide to NASA doesn’t mention “carbon” except in the opening sentence. Then they go on to explain the effects of water vapor and clouds but with the most incredibly shallow and frankly bizarre propaganda style, leaving out the details on what else the water cycle does. No wonder you are confused Michael!

You really need a deprogramming session.

02{Michael}

July 16, 2013 at 5:37 pm

Really? but you didn’t provide the actual factor. All that science behind you and you didn’t bother a reference?

Yes I did, on both counts. <http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-university-sabotages-exiles-blackbans-strands-and-abandons-murry-salby/#comment-1295522>

1 g C = 0.083 mole CO2 = 3.664 g CO2

<http://cdiac.ornl.gov/pns/convert.html#3>.

02{Michael}

July 14, 2013 at 12:51 am ·

Thanks Carbon 500 😊

02{Backslider}

July 14, 2013 at 7:20 am ·

157.5 gt of carbon = 577.08 of Co2

Well Michael, you are clearly wrong.

Carbon in that atmosphere is not composed solely of CO2. There is also soot and ash and there is also carbon monoxide.

When somebody says “157.5 gt of carbon has been added to the atmosphere” it must include all of these.

We are only interested in CO2, so please hurry back with some accurate figures from your peer reviewed science.

When arriving at figure from the burning of fossil fuels for example, you cannot assume perfect combustion and say that is the number for CO2. It's not.

02{Backslider}

July 14, 2013 at 8:19 am ·

Oh, a red thumb for asking for accurate numbers? My....

Also Michael, you inaccurately refer to “industrialisation” in the same breath as the date 1957, giving the impression you are talking about post war industrialisation.... but now talk about “The Industrial Revolution” (1750).

Please also stick with a single set of accurate dates.

02{Michael}

July 14, 2013 at 2:58 pm ·

Well Michael, you are clearly wrong.

I used your figure, which came from the peer reviewed science that I quoted. The figure and the calculations are correct as far as I can tell. Besides that I also provided another peer reviewed source that had done the calculations, and they come to the same conclusion. So I think the ball is in your court.

Also Michael, you inaccurately refer to “industrialisation” in the same breath as the date 1957,

Sorry, my confusion, YOU used the figure from the peer reviewed article that measures from 1957, and I used your figure. The outcomes is the same though, According to Knorr the proportion of mans emissions staying in the atmosphere is not changing, so it is basically about half regardless of the time period, also the increase in atmospheric CO2 since industrialisation in total is 40%. So I suppose the 2 figures are different even though they are related.

02{Backslider}

July 14, 2013 at 3:49 pm

The figure and the calculations are correct as far as I can tell.

Your figure for “carbon” emissions into the atmosphere converted directly to a figure for the amount of CO2 is clearly wrong, as explained above.... but, I'll say it again, since you appear rather thick in comprehending it:

When scientists talk about “human carbon emissions” this is not just CO2. It includes soot, ash and carbon monoxide.

You need to come back with some numbers for exactly how much of those “carbon emissions” are in fact CO2.

02{Michael}

July 15, 2013 at 3:12 pm

As Carbon500 and I pointed out above, the carbon used in the calculations was only carbon from CO2. Because it is a cycle the carbon takes many different forms so all calculations need to be converted to carbon to make comparisons. If you read some of the science we generously give you, you might understand.

02{Geoff Sherrington} (Stage(2))

July 12, 2013 at 9:34 pm ·

Bernd Felsche July 10, 2013 at 12:21 am wrote: “Upon reflection, if the “University” received funding from the ARC for funding research by Salby, then they should also have questions to answer about the use of research funds. But, given the current political situation, that's unlikely to happen anytime soon.”

By coincidence, I've been following similar money trails through the Cwth Dept of Climate Change & Energy Efficiency. There are several pages of emails, so I'll give just the introductory ones here.

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From: sherrol@optusnet.com.au [mailto:sherrol@optusnet.com.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2012 10:33 PM

To: enquiries@climatechange.gov.au

Subject: Due Diligence – Grants from Department of Climate Change
For the responsible person.

The Department of Climate Change provided funds to facilitate the preparation of a publication described in two earlier emails I have sent to you and send now for the third time.

Please note that the Department of Climate Change provided funds for this paper. The paper has now been withdrawn by the first-named author.

Does the Department of Climate Change have a policy of seeking a refund of monies spent on papers subsequently withdrawn?

It would be appreciated if you would answer the questions already asked of you in the recopied email below. The matter might well gain national

prominence and the Department would not, I presume, like to be seen in an uncooperative and unfavourable light.

Geoffrey H Sherrington
Scientist.

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Copy of email already sent to you twice:
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From: sherrol@optusnet.com.au

Sent: Saturday, June 02, 2012 9:51 PM

To: enquiries@climatechange.gov.au

Subject: Disclosure of information by persons under contract

Might you please describe the requirements for authors of scientific papers to make available some or all of the raw data behind a publication when the publication is funded in part or in full by the Department of Climate Change, and/or under Contract to it. If the information exists in an Act, might you please disclose it and the relevant section. If there are guidelines from the Department of Climate Change, might they please be emailed to me or referred to in a form that has reasonable access properties. If the Department of Climate Change is involved with publications that have no guidelines for data availability and archiving, might you please make this clear to me. In the event that there is a complexity caused by dates of commencement, amendment or cessation of Acts, Regulations, Contracts or Guidelines pertinent to the activities of the Department of Climate Change, Australia, you might use the specific example of Dr Joelle Gergis et al, Melbourne University. The information below is from the public source

<http://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/researcher/person203094.html>

Contracts

Title Role Funding Source Award Date ESTIMATING NATURAL CLIMATE VARIABILITY IN THE AUSTRALASIAN REGION OVER THE PAST 2,000 YEARS: DATA SYNTHESIS FOR THE IPCC 5TH ASSESSMENT REPORT Chief Investigator DEPT OF CLIMATE CHANGE 01/01/2011

This is believed to have led in part or in full to a publication – J. Gergis, R. Neukom, S.J. Phipps, A.J.E. Gallant, and D.J. Karoly, “Evidence of unusual late 20th century warming from an Australasian temperature reconstruction spanning the last millennium”, Journal of Climate, 2012.

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Answers from the Dept have slowed because no person will put a natural name to replies to me. The emails are signed “Climate Change Science Team”. They refused to divulge who they were, despite several requests.
There are some dubious works going on with funds in the climate change business. In a few months, we might start to find out who and what is at work. There is no shortage of questions to ask officials. Like, do authors refund

advances for failed papers or not?

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02 {Backslider}

[July 13, 2013 at 2:39 pm ·](#)

In a few months, we might start to find out who and what is at work

I can just imagine the money trail and favours for mates.... what a headache.

02 {sunsettommy}

[July 13, 2013 at 3:32 pm ·](#)

Michael writes this stupid impossible stuff that is easily countered by people who think rationally:

CO2 has increased in the atmosphere by a whopping 40% since industrialisation and in near perfect correlation to mans emissions. The amount matches the amount of increase in the atmosphere and estimated other natural processes. Therefore about half of mans CO2 goes into the atmosphere, nature has a slight protecting effect by absorbing the other half for us, but this is damaging the chemistry of the oceans. So if the atmosphere is increasing by half of mans emissions the oceans cannot be the source of CO2, otherwise the atmosphere would be higher than mans emissions not less. Simple logical reasoning. How do you explain where mans emissions are going? So stop this nonsense, the discussion on this page shows how deceptive, desperate and incorrect the side that denies the science of AGW is.

Carbon Dioxide: The Houdini of Gases

[LINK](#)

Selected Excerpt:

In 1750, carbon's weight in the atmosphere was 590 billion metric tons.

By 2000 it was about 790 billion.

and,

(The chart in the link) shows that mankind from 1750 to 2006 added about 9 billion metric tons.

Nature added 200 billion metric tons since 1750-2006

Mankind added 9 billion metric tons since 1750-2006

Figure it out sir!

02 {Michael}

[July 13, 2013 at 6:06 pm ·](#)

Well firstly the site for your information is nonsense, ilovemycarbon dioxide.com, seriously? another biased opinion blogger? Give me a break, do you guys ever use any ACTUAL SCIENTIFIC SOURCES for your information.

Nothing to comment on, I have provided clear and actual peer reviewed science and logic that proves mankind's emissions are the source for nearly all of the increase in CO2. The amount man emits is about half of the amount going into the atmosphere with the rest going into other natural processes. Your claim above is most likely ignoring the carbon cycle, as is the specialty here and only considering what nature emits while ignoring what it absorbs. You are continuing the tradition of all others here by never providing any actual science or logical explanations. Man emits CO2, CO2 is increasing half in the atmosphere and the oceans are increasing in CO2 as well. There is no logic for another source, otherwise as pointed out in my quote the atmosphere would be MORE than man's emissions. Smoke and mirrors again due to desperation that basic logic and actual peer reviewed science is doing you in and you have none to counter it.

02 {TonyfromOz}
 July 13, 2013 at 6:46 pm ·
 Michael,

I don't usually respond to trolls like you, but really, you must be positively blind, or stupid. You say here, and I'll leave both spelling errors in place here, because you guys are always so quick to tell us we lose the argument because of incorrect spelling etc.:
that proves mankind's emissions are the source for nearly all of the increase in CO2.
 I can't believe you can sit on your high moral perch and pretend that you think you are crapping on us, and not actually notice what is happening in front of your own eyes.
 You tell us that you KNOW positively that man made emissions are the cause, and yet you've done absolutely nothing about shutting off those emissions. If there's a Cancer, cut it out immediately, no matter how much pain that means.
 If the emissions are so bad, then stop the damned stuff from being emitted in the first place. Bloody well do something.
 Shut down the causes.
 Have you done that?
 No.
 You haven't even started.
 No one has. They pay it lip service, point at your backers and nod their heads with all seriousness, saying just the things you soooooo want to hear, and then all they do is proceed to make money from it.
 Are they shutting down the greatest source of those emissions?
 Well, no, and you know why?
 Because if they do, it would be political suicide, and they KNOW it. It's just

another way to increase revenue for them, and they throw a small proportion of that money at your backers, telling them to keep doing what they are doing, and to ensure that funding stays in place, then just keep saying what you are saying.

Talk talk talk. That's all you've got, and all of it garnered from someone who tells you what it is you need to say.

Go away and preach to the already converted. We use our brains here. We think for ourselves.

Tony.

02 {Heywood}
 July 13, 2013 at 6:58 pm ·
 So to sum up....

In order to save your children from the evil fossil fuel industries who pay copious amounts of money to this blog to spread misinformation, you spend hours of your own time astroturfing this blog with post after post demanding peer reviewed answers to all your questions whilst ignoring anything directing you to what you think is an opinion blog (unless it's "proof" of fossil fuel funding, then blogs are apparently OK) just to convince us that man emits CO2 and the world has warmed since industrialisation?? I don't know too many here that doesn't agree that man emits CO2, or that it has warmed for that matter. Do you actually have a life?

02 {Michael}
 July 13, 2013 at 7:17 pm ·

I don't know too many here that doesn't agree that man emits CO2, or that it has warmed for that matter.
 lol, you could have fooled me. Feel free to scroll up and see how many people are debating those very topics, and considering the amount of people and how many post repeatedly you could say the same thing of many posters here.
 So your point is?
 I am glad though to find someone who accepts the overwhelming evidence that man's emissions have increased CO2 atmospheric concentration by 40%. I was despairing of anybody here accepting any science.

Late additions, with strong opinions, if little evidence of having read much or having much to say.

02 {OMSJ}
 July 16, 2013 at 9:20 am ·
 Disgusting!

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July 16, 2013 at 8:04 pm ·

[...] leading scientists apparently lost their job for not supporting the global warming narrative. See here and here from Australia's JoNova [...]

02{the real truth}

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July 17, 2013 at 4:41 pm ·

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The last few decades have seen a decline in standards in research to the extent that the PhD “bubble” is about to burst. Too many very average scientists produced whose real contribution to worldly knowledge is marginal. I thought they all were at Macquarie university BUt it seems by this blog that they are all over. Maybe its time to pull your heads in and start making a real difference in science.

02{R.J.Greem}

July 28, 2013 at 10:20 am

What is that Institution, which seems to go by the name of Macquarie University? Is it in Siberia?

It seems to publish rubbish that is all:

Cons

Spin

Irrelevances

Rorts &

Obfuscations.

Z.03 09 05:40am WUWT.1 Anthony Watts

Professor Murry Salby who is critical of AGW theory, is being disenfranchised, exiled, from academia in Australia

www.webcitation.org/6ICEssQbO 03{Anthony Watts}

LOCAL TIME: UTC-7, thus Sydney time = WUWT + 17 hours

“The world's most viewed site on global warming and climate change”

POST

‘People send me stuff.

Just last week we heard that [Dr. Robert Carter had been blackballed at his own university](#) where he served as department chair, and now we have this from Dr. Murray Salby, sent via email.

Between John Cook, Stephan Lewandowsky, Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, plus Mike Marriot and his idiotic ideas, I’m beginning to think Australia is ground zero for AGW crackpottery.

This email’s accusations (if true I have independent confirmation now, title changed to reflect this – Anthony) is quite something, it illustrates the disturbing lengths a university will go to suppress ideas they don’t agree with. So much for academic freedom at Macquarie University.

From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 2:25 PM

To: [redacted]

Subject: From Murry Salby’

(Copy of [Salby.email](#))

The *Powerline* reference seems to imply an original email to Steven F. Hayward, but perhaps the same email was copied to many people. Salby also mentioned articles in *Climate Depot*, *The Sydney Institute* and several articles in *The Australian* and *The Herald Sun*.

COMMENTS

376 Responses to Professor Murry Salby who is critical of AGW theory, is being disenfranchised, exiled, from academia in Australia

□ 03 {*Peter Wilson*} says:

[July 8, 2013 at 10:44 pm](#)

How often do we hear the sarcastic comment that, if any sceptical scientist could actually come up with evidence that CAGW was wrong, he would be hailed as a hero and celebrated for saving humanity.

This is what actually happens.

□ 03 {*The Gray Monk*} says:

[July 8, 2013 at 10:45 pm](#)

Find a good contract lawyer, and sue them out of office. As individuals, and as a corporate body. This is disgraceful behaviour in a public body, and the fact they think that as it is possible to pull it off without repercussions is presumably because they are dealing with “foreigners” makes it all the more dispicable.

□ 03 {*Ashby*} says:

[July 8, 2013 at 10:50 pm](#)

Wow. I’ve been following Salby’s work. I guess we know why he hasn’t made more progress - active institutional resistance. Hard to believe it’s this blatant. Will be interested in hearing how this unfolds.

□ 03 {*Mike Bromley the Canucklehead*} says:

[July 8, 2013 at 10:53 pm](#)

Holy Farck. This is the pinnacle of madness. “Do as we wish”. All of it executed in a slippery and cowardly....and premeditated....fashion. Dr. Salby, you have all of our sympathy....and even more of our rage at the petty machine that you attempted to counter. I call Bullsh*t. Who else?

□ 03 {*Alan the Brit*} says:

[July 8, 2013 at 10:53 pm](#)

Thoroughly shameful conduct by a public taxpayer funded body!! Atrocious behaviour!! And these people expect respect when they show none whatsoever?

□ 03 {*Paul Callander*} says:

[July 8, 2013 at 11:00 pm](#)

As an Australian I am ashamed but, unfortunately not surprised, by such conduct from one of our universities.

□ 03{*highflight56433*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:00 pm

Typical university bad behavior. Happens because universities continue to be funded for bad behavior. Quit donating to their foundations!

□ 03{*michael hart*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:01 pm

Between John Cook, Stephan Lewandowsky, Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, plus Mike Marriot and his idiotic ideas, I'm beginning to think Australia is ground zero for AGW crackpottery.

It must be the heat. They've turned troppo.

□ 03{*Eric Worrall*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:03 pm

Its a modern day version of Deutsche Physik – the lunatic parody of science set up in the 1930s by a country which couldn't accept that the world's greatest living physicist was a Jew. A systematic attempt to eliminate academic dissent, by removing academics whose views deviate from the accepted groupthink.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsche_Physik

□ 03{*A.D. Everard*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:06 pm

What has happened to Professor Salby is shocking! Absolutely he should sue, AND get it into the public eye. I hope the Professor not only contacts a good lawyer, but also newspapers, blogs, whatever and whoever will run with it. What an appalling way for a university to act! I never thought I'd be ashamed to be Australian.

□ 03{*joannenova*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:06 pm

I too have posted this but after several hours of phone calls and many emails have been unable to confirm anything except that Salby is definitely not employed any longer at Macquarie University.

It is an extraordinary email. Scandalous if true.

<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-university-sabotages-exiles-blackbans-strands-and-abandons-murry-salby/>

I need confirmation. I have left many messages. If anyone has a phone number for Salby please contact me (joanneAT joannenova.com.au) His uni phone rings out. No one has returned my emails.

□ 03{*Londo*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:10 pm

The purpose of climate science is becoming quite evident, to extort money from the gullible public. Too many people enjoy the good life by keeping the general public in the dark.

If Eisenhower was around, an "I told you so" would be quite in order.

□ 03{*sirboabtree*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:11 pm

Very shoddy work by the university but not I fear an isolated incident with Prof Bob Carter also being effectively sacked by my home town university (James Cook University) dropping him for his stances on Climate Change. See

http://www.townsvillebulletin.com.au/article/2013/06/28/384514_news.html

Pretty sad when you see this sort of stuff happening in Australia, I am ashamed as an Australian to see anyone being treated this badly by a university.

□ 03{*TomRude*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:12 pm

[fixed, thanks -mod]

This proves again beyond any doubt the totalitarian nature of these people. Shame, deep, deep shame... And of course, it is a fairly clear indication that Salby's work is ready to blow up their carefully crafted lie.

□ 03{*Janice Moore*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:19 pm

Dear Dr. Salby,

As Monk suggested above, **hire an attorney and sue Macquarie.**

You clearly have claims under: contract law (both using promissory estoppel — you reasonably relied on their promise and acted to your detriment — and strict breach of K provisions) and administrative law (clear violation of due process (no notice and no hearing (with you present!)) and possibly tort (interference with contract performance). Only someone well-versed in Australian law could know the likelihood of success (he or she will likely say, no matter what, "50-50," lol). The attention and publicity your lawsuit (whatever its chance of success) would bring to the underlying scientific facts (AND the clearing of your reputation!) gives it value even if you are not "made whole" by any damage award (as if they could EVER fully compensate you for all the distress they have caused you (head shake)).

You deserve the financial support of everyone on the side of Truth in Science who can afford to do so. **IS THERE A LEGAL DEFENSE FUND FOR MR. SALBY?** There ought to be. **If anyone has the ability to set one up and publicize it here and elsewhere, please help this fine science hero.**

He deserves our wholehearted support!

I'll be praying for you, Dr. Salby. Already started.
Keep looking up. GOOD is going to come out of this! Hang in there.
Grateful for all you have done for truth,
Janice

□ 03 {*Tim Spence*} *Tim Spence at Climatefraudwatch* says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:23 pm

Professor Salby needs to get legal, first thing is to take out an injunction preventing the loss of his research and equipment. I hope he has a work permit and is registered as living there, if so, he should join up with his assistant and take legal remedy to its conclusion.

□ 03 {*Patrick*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:25 pm

Not one bit surprised. The AGW driven climate change drum is beating continuously here in the "Lucky" country. Well, it has to, Rudd (Erless) wants to take an ETS to the election. In a recent poll, 65% of those interviewed believed emissions of CO2 were driving the climate to change in a bad way and we should "de-carbonise" our economy. It's rather funny as I'd imagine most of those polled would have been contacted by mobile phone or online.

□ 03 {*Berényi Péter*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:25 pm

Heh, I thought Australia was a Constitutional State, with Rule of Law & all. Apparently not.

□ 03 {*thingodonta*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:27 pm

I have one theory as regards to Australia becoming 'ground zero for AGW quackpottery', that it's a relatively small country that is also relatively rich, especially in mineral and energy resources, but also agriculture, and a large amount of taxpayers money made from these has been routinely diverted towards environmental agendas-particularly within academia-for many years (because these usually don't make any money on their own), but which has resulted in a whole lot of opportunistic academics who don't have to answer to reality, so they just get more and more out of touch and corrupt as time goes on. Australian greens get around 5-10% of the vote, but the proportion of academics and journalists who vote green is much higher. They have learned that there is good money to be made out of siphoning off other people's hard earned money, such as the farming, mining and oil and gas industries.

□ 03 {*jorgekafkazar*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:28 pm

Eric Worrall says: "Its a modern day version of Deutsche Physik – the lunatic parody of science set up in the 1930s by a country which couldn't accept that the world's greatest living physicist was a Jew. A systematic attempt to eliminate academic dissent, by removing academics whose views deviate from the accepted groupthink."

It's interesting and possibly instructive that the Nazi hierarchy, once their agenda had been achieved, kicked Herren Dr. Professor Stark and Lenard under the bus.

□ 03 {*Janice Moore*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:30 pm

@ All You Wonderful WUWT Australians –

Macquarie is not Australia. Hold your heads high, all you liberty-loving Aussies. Those of us on the side of truth can clearly see who the real Australians are. Envirostalinists have invaded every agency of every major country in the free world. They will not win.

Now, hum a few bars of "Waltzing Matilda," think of all those Australian WWII heroes, and PERSEVERE. Truth WILL win.

It is only a matter of time.

□ 03 {*Thomas*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:31 pm

This is one side of the story, it would be interesting to hear what Macquarie University has to say, although they probably have more restrictions on what they are allowed to say about their staff, or if there is any independent verification. If Murry's version is even remotely correct this is likely to end up in court meaning more information should become public. In fact, it seems very strange that if he found out in 2008 that he didn't have a proper contact and did not get resources to do any research, he still hung around for five years.

One thing to note is that according to Murry this conflict started immediately when he arrived back in 2008, and as far as I know he had said nothing controversial about AGW at that point, so whatever caused this, it's doubtful it has got anything to do with his current eccentric views on the carbon cycle. Checking the history of the web page for the department staff I noticed that professor Rob Harcourt also just disappeared so there may have been some larger cutbacks.

□ 03 {*DaveA*} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:36 pm

Australian unis are just degree factories. Salby should be proud he's offside

with these sellouts at MQ

□ 03 {alex 2} alex says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:37 pm

Hey, guy, what did you expect?

They would pay you for your denial?

For your denial tour Europe?

You are silly.

The only thing I do not understand – why they hired you at all.

Or you were not a denier at that time?

Of course, you got a tenured job and thought you be safe.

Now you know it better.

Gotcha!

03 {Anthony Watts} **REPLY:** so does Heinrich-Heine-Universitaet in Duesseldorf condone such use of their network to write such drivel, or are you “tenured” and thus above the law? – Anthony

□ 03 {Alexander Fehrt} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:38 pm

Well, continue to believe in democratic institutions.

They will save everything and everybody, wouldn't they?

Especially lawyers...

□ 03 {Don} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:38 pm

Amazing what can happen under the cover of Godwin's Law! None dare call it you-know-what. (See what I mean?) C.S. Lewis wrote about an unholy alliance between the academy and government in his fabulous novel, *That Hideous Strength*. Dr. Salby's story is strongly reminiscent of the evil machinations it describes. This kind of insitutional evil should become the nucleus of the next John Grisham blockbuster!

Kudos to Anthony for helping to expose the “deeds done in darkness”.

□ 03 {Yesir thats the way it is} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:39 pm

NOT surprised. Macquarie University excluded me from my own invention, filed a provisional patent application without informing, gave my intellectual property to others to commercialise (+ a research grant) who seemingly only attempted too modify the invention for personal gain (and completely failed), Eventually denied any wrongdoing and returned the IP to me as that was all OK now and I should have nothing to complain about. This university has a lot to be ashamed about. I am sure there are many who have been treated just this

way.

□ 03 {Bernd Felsche} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:41 pm

Whatever you do; preserve the original email thought to be fro Murry Salby; with all its headers. Message headers tell an important story. They contain important forensic information for further investigation.

□ 03 {Grumpy} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:43 pm

This leaves a very nasty taste in the mouth. 5 years of this man's life made a misery (not to mention that of his poor phd student) by deliberate obstruction and breaking of the law. Why did they take him on in the first place if they were so anti his views? It sounds as though it was a strategy evolved to silence dissent. I know we are mocked for conspiracy theories, but why would they lure Dr (Murry, by the way – typo in heading) Salby to Oz, then not come up with the funds for his research and not register his contract? From then on it seems downhill all the way. And five year's of research lost, five year's of this man's life deliberately made unpleasant following a massive move and change of lifestyle embarked upon with enthusiasm. And, having been so systematically stymied, what chances has he now of re-employment in academia?

Sue the socks off them. It's outrageous behaviour and should not go unpunished.

□ 03 {Nick Stokes} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:43 pm

Murry Salby was apparently professor for five years. Does anyone know of any scientific papers that he wrote (published or not) in that time?

03 {Anthony Watts} **REPLY:** Nick, sometimes I think your head is up your arse. This is one of those times. How could he publish in that sort of environment? – Anthony

□ 03 {Indigo} says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:47 pm

I couldn't resist having a vent at Macquarie University – pity I didn't have the Chancellors address.

Childish I know, but made me feel better!

lyn.danninger@mq.edu.au;

Dear Lyn,

Is that man, Tim Flannery, who said people would leave Perth because they would run out of water, that our dams would never be full again, who caused

hundred of millions of dollars of taxpayers money to be wasted on desalination plants, who warned of catastrophic sea level rise and then bought a water front home, who engineered the totally despicable treatment of a real climate scientist, Murry Salby, still working at Macquarie?

If so, shame on you all. I hope Murry Salby sues the pants of the university. As it is, Macquarie is a worldwide laughing stock.

□ 03 {*Ferdinand Engelbeen*} says:

[July 8, 2013 at 11:48 pm](#)

It is a shame how Macquarie university did handle this case. One may have differences in opinion, as is often the case for academic topics, but the way they handled this is as unacademic as possible: pure dictatorial, suppressing any disagreement with the so called “consensus”.

Not that I agree with point 7 of the long list, as the current increase is unprecedented in the past 800 kyears. Salby’s opinion on ice cores is based on a purely theoretical occurrence of CO2 diffusion in ice cores which in reality doesn’t exist.

□ 03 {*stan stendera*} says:

[July 8, 2013 at 11:48 pm](#)

They are entering stage four, where they actively suppress dissenting views, However problematic it is for the hero Murry Salby, it is a plus for us dedicated anti warmists. People, the punters in OZ speak,, will see it for what it is. It’s not a very pleasant Is.

□ 03 {*temp*} says:

[July 8, 2013 at 11:59 pm](#)

Nick Stokes says:

[July 8, 2013 at 11:43 pm](#)

“Murry Salby was apparently professor for five years. Does anyone know of any scientific papers that he wrote (published or not) in that time?”

Try reading... his whole research project was stoped by the move and then blocked from starting back up again. He states this in the letter. Then goes on to state he is writing and book.... reading its for kids.

□ 03 {*Louis Hissink*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 12:04 am](#)

AIg News is going to be interesting this quarter – and as I’m an alumni of Macquarie University, this is also their Rubicon.

□ 03 {*Steve C*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 12:05 am](#)

I don’t think “crackpottery” is quite the word for what Macquarie appear to be doing. Crackpottery means harmless eccentricity, and presents no threat to anyone, at least not knowingly. Macquarie, on the other hand, appear to be carrying out deliberate, targeted, vicious attacks on the academic freedom of Dr. Salby and his Russian student – possibly other individuals too, who knows?

We shouldn’t be so accommodating of this sort of behaviour on behalf of the Macquaries of the world. The cheap politicking of these intellectual dwarves should be blogged LOUDLY all over the net, and organisations supporting truth – Heartland, GWPF, whoever – need to swing in and offer full support for Dr. Salby in suing Macquarie for as many as possible of their uneducational activities. Drag them into the spotlight and shred them.

□ 03 {*lapogus*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 12:06 am](#)

Irrespective of the science, this is a disgraceful way for a university to treat any academic, let alone a guest of the country. I sincerely hope that McQuarrie’s attempt to silence and exile Dr Salby will back-fire, and his ground breaking research gets the attention it deserves. Salby’s scientific approach and findings obviously scared the crap out of the alarmist establishment, such that they had to thwart him at every opportunity and prevent publication. I hope first that he can secure access to his data, and then find employment and a good base to continue his work and get it published. There must be some universities left where they still practice science with integrity and have a genuine ethical approach to their employees? Or as it seems the case with McQuarrie, have they all been taken over by dogmatic cult psyientists who can’t even contemplate the possibility that AGW is not a serious problem after all?

□ 03 {*Txomin*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 12:09 am](#)

I sympathize, Murray. I do because I am familiar with situations such as these and, sadly, far worse. Mobbing in the workplace is common place in the academia and I have direct experience regarding universities in four continents. Sabotaging classes, using students as weapons, personal harassment, etc. There are those that recommend legal action and I too think it is the correct way to proceed. However, it demands a degree of self-sacrifice that few can muster. Don’t put yourself in that position unless you are confident you can go the distance. You’ve already paid for the mistake of accepting a fraudulent contract and have been made to waste years of precious research. Are you sure you can take more damage? The awful truth is that, even if you can find the actual person(s) behind this, they will hide behind the institution and nothing whatsoever will come to them, no matter what. Protected by that

impregnability, they will be formidable enemies. Best of luck.

□ 03 {Thomas} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:11 am

Nick, Anthony and temp, did any of you bother to actually check if Salby has published any articles? As a matter of fact he did publish some papers on the ozone layer such as

“Rebound of Antarctic ozone”, GRL, Volume 38, Issue 9, 16 May 2011

“Changes of the Antarctic ozone hole: Controlling mechanisms, seasonal predictability, and evolution”, JGR Volume 117, Issue D10, 27 May 2012.

03 {Anthony Watts} **REPLY:** According to his summary at McQuarrie, his last publication was 2008.

<http://envsci.mq.edu.au/staff/ms/pubs.html>

That’s what I was basing it on. – Anthony

□ 03 {Tim Spence} *Tim Spence at Climatefraudwatch* says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:11 am

Another possibility is that rather than being obstructed for five years, he was played along.

@stan stendera, if this is stage four please don’t tell me what stage five is.

□ 03 {A.D. Everard} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:12 am

Indigo says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:47 pm

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I think your letter was brilliant, Indigo. Well done!

□ 03 {Steve B} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:14 am

Berényi Péter says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:25 pm

Heh, I thought Australia was a Constitutional State, with Rule of Law & all. Apparently not.

Only a Part Constitution as such but we are supposed to have rule of law but again, Australia is a Marxist left wing totalitarian country after six years of Rudd – Gillard – Rudd. We were halfway Marxist even while Howard was Prime Minister but it has nearly gone all the way now. Universities are as

Marxist as you can get, I bet they even put USSR Uni’s of the 80’s to shame. Government – Uni’s hand in hand leads to corruption and shenanigans like this story.

If anyone wants to review history they should look at the days of Rum Economy and Rum Rebellion of over 200 years ago. Nothing has changed.

□ 03 {Kevin Begaud} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:16 am

This outrage is being taken up at the highest political level here in Australia. An influential section of the media has also been informed. It is a blight on the proud history of Australian scientific integrity and, if all the facts are as stated, cannot be allowed to stand.

□ 03 {Nick Stokes} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:16 am

“Nick, sometimes I think your head is up your arse. This is one of those times. How could he publish in that sort of environment? – Anthony”

At least for the first three years, the complaint seems to be that the Uni didn’t provide technical assistance for “converting” (whatever that means) a program of some hundreds of thousands of lines to work in Australia. We don’t actually speak different computer languages here. But anyway, that should not leave him unable to write anything at all. He was on a full-time salary.

It’s actually a real question. One of my puzzles about the Salby theories, is that I’ve seen nothing recent from him in writing at all – not even a blog post. I’m always being told to listen to a podcast to a political group, or lately a DVD.

□ 03 {Typhoon} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:18 am

Macquarie Uni is not the only Australian research institution enveloped in scandal and and accused of dirty dealings:

CSIRO: the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation is the national government body for scientific research in Australia.

CSIRO is supposed to be the leading research organization in Australia.

Analogous to, say, Riken [Japan], NRC [Canada], the National Laboratories [LBL, FNAL, . . .] and the NIH [USA], etc.

However,

1/ Climate Change Censorship: Spash Scandal

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commonwealth_Scientific_and_Industrial_Research_Organisation#Climate_Change_Censorship:_Spash_Scandal

[Most relevant to this blog. Also . . .]

2/ The treatment meted out to an eminent entomologist by the CSIRO

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/technology/sci-tech/csiro-accused-of-more->

[shabby-tactics-20130413-2hs51.html](http://www.shabby-tactics-20130413-2hs51.html)

3/ CSIRO duped global drug firm with generic chemicals as 'secret formula'
<http://www.theage.com.au/technology/sci-tech/csiro-duped-global-drug-firm-with-generic-chemicals-as-secret-formula-20130410-2hlt9.html>

4/ Science second in toxic CSIRO work culture
<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/sci-tech/science-second-in-toxic-csiro-work-culture-20130412-2hqv0.html>

[I had once planned to retire to Australia based on my travel experiences, now several decades ago. However, seeing as how the country has changed, I think I'll stay put or retire to elsewhere.]

□ 03 {charles nelson} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:18 am

Australia has its own unique climatic cycles, (which have course have been noted for the two centuries since Anglo-Saxon settlement) but these cycles are slow and the recent long, dry period was played perfectly by the Warmists who could point to heatwaves, forest fires, and drought on a daily basis to reinforce their Scare Story.

Of course that cycle ended a couple of years back, the rivers are full and the area in drought is very much reduced, but you won't hear much about that... yesterday Western Australia had its coldest spell in 50 years and today Tasmania recorded an 'all time' record of Minus 12 C.... but the state sponsored ABC will keep that pretty quiet.

□ 03 {sandy mcclintock} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:19 am

Please feel free to send messages to the Dean of Science
 I have copied my email to him below for inspiration ;)

@Nick Stokes – Do you want 3 abstracts

BTW I have an original email from Salby if there are any forensic checks to be done.

to dean.science@mq.edu.au

Dear Sir

I would like you to be aware that a large number of my friends and colleagues are outraged by the way Murry Salby claims that he has been treated by the University. If his claims are true you should take action to remedy the situation without fear or favour.

Universities have to stand up against political bullying.

Even if you do not believe Prof Salby's conclusions, there is no excuse for this sort of treatment.

I am reminded of how Galileo was treated by the Church

Dr (Redacted) B.A. M.Sc. Ph.D.

□ 03 {Merovign} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:20 am

Seems like pretty normal academic behavior to me.

The most callow thugs in the world are the thugs that think they're saving the world.

□ 03 {mobihci} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:22 am

this reminds me of this story from a few years ago-

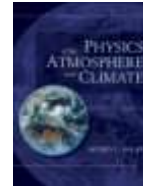
<http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/clive-spash-resigns-from-csiro-after-climate-report-censorship/story-e6frku0-1225806539742>

□ 03 {WAM} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:22 am

@Nick

Look at this



Physics of the Atmosphere and Climate

Probably does not count in your rank of achievements.

Imagine yourself having received the described treatment...

□ 03 {Steve B} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:26 am

Grumpy says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:43 pm

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That is an old trick. Macquarie were probably contacted by an overseas

institution. They agreed to take Salby and set him up then leave him hanging. The Russian student is collateral damage. Hope the right people can get on this and sue them for millions. However that will be difficult also since the justice system is full of Marxists also in cahoots with the government and universities. Sad state of affairs in this once half decent country.

□ 03{*alex 2*} *alex* says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:31 am

REPLY: so does Heinrich-Heine-Universitaet in Duesseldorf condone such use of their network to write such drivel, or are you “tenured” and thus above the law? – Anthony

Tony, nicht gut!

My comment was anyway very sarcastic.

Sorry, if you did not get it.

Alex.

□ 03{*Pedantic old Fart*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:32 am

to Janice Moore thank you. I am in shock.

□ 03{*Mike Borgelt*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:33 am

Completely operations normal for Australia. This sort of behavior is common at all levels of Australian society from small sporting organisations to the Federal government. There is no rule of law, just what the people running things want it to be at the time.

We used to be a rich country with a relatively small population, but Argentina, here we come!

□ 03{*Lewis P Buckingham*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:38 am

This looks really bad but may not be. Perhaps Macquarie Uni Admin would like to comment.

An opinion from a QC and straight to equity would be a path. This would ensure the examination of all the claims in a fair and honest manner.

As members of my family have been to this Uni, I would not like their qualifications devalued by lack, or the appearance of lack, of probity and fairness in treatment of one of their staff.

□ 03{*ThinkingScientist*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:41 am

I pre-ordered his book when he announced it and have a copy that I am trying

to find time to read. I am sure legal action is probably the right way to go, or possibly tribunal, but it is expensive to take legal action and Prof. Salby may not have enough funds to do so. You could all help by BUYING HIS BOOK. Lets make it the worlds first technical book to become a best seller!

FWIW, I would contribute to a legal fund if it can be setup. His research may turn out to be wrong, or it may turn out to be ground-breaking. Either way, it needs to continue to a conclusion. My ire was originally raised around 2000 because of the “consensus” and “science is settled” nonsense. It is only by rejecting the kind of closed minds that persecuted Galileo that science and man-kind will progress.

□ 03{*jimmi the dalek*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:43 am

Professor Salby will have to take this up with MacQuarie University. There are procedures in any University for handling grievances. It would be unwise though to assume it is entirely a consequence of his views on climate change – Australian Universities have been under budgetary pressure for several years and even the top rank ones like Sydney and Melbourne have been shedding staff.

I must say though that I find one part of his letter less than convincing. He stated that he needed technical support to convert computer program to run in Australia. I am familiar with Australian computer centers as I have to use them myself. Their machines are all absolutely standard, with standard hardware and standard operating systems. If his codes ran on a machine in the USA, then they would run on machines in Australia. So the resources he was expecting must have been something else, which he has not detailed.

However if his contract was not registered properly, then MacQuarie’s admin screwed up badly somewhere, so that sound like an avenue which could be followed.

□ 03{*Alexander Feht*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:46 am

In one of his last letters to Max Born, Einstein wrote (in German, translated here):

“Earning a living should have nothing to do with the quest for knowledge.”

Government funding perverts, corrupts, and ruins everything it touches, including science.

Imprison bureaucrats now, or prepare for catastrophe.

□ 03{*DirkH*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:48 am

Well, the statistis paid for a theory that justifies a total power grab.

They don't pay for criticism of that theory.

□ 03{*Huub Bakker*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 12:55 am

I've seen enough of university politics to advance the opinion that Salby's original woes regarding funding probably had nothing to do with his views on anything. What's far more likely is that the offer was originally made to him without the department in question having properly allocated and ring-fenced the funding. All that is needed then is for the money to be needed elsewhere and for senior staff to have a callous attitude to 'stars' that they have already 'captured'. (I've seen this happen for real.)
After his 'journey to the dark side' was probably when things turned nasty.

□ 03{*tallbloke*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 12:56 am

This is a watershed moment in the climate debate. Salby has clearly been thwarted by the bad faith (and probably actionable) behaviour of Macquarie university.

I think we should give Murray Salby some practical financial support to assist him in fighting Macquarie University and helping him relocate to a more suitable academic environment. Perhaps Dick Lindzen still wields some influence in MIT?

Or will we find all academic institutions will abandon principles of scientific enquiry and run scared before the interests of those who control funding streams?

Scientia weeps.

□ 03{*tallbloke*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 1:03 am

Meanwhile the Royal society hands big funding to Stephan Lewandowsky and a prominent UK university appoints him to a professorship. This stinks. Strong proof that academia has abandoned serious scientific enquiry into the strong uncertainty surrounding the physical processes which affect the carbon cycle. The ghost of Lysenko stalks the corridors of academia.

□ 03{*Thomas*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 1:06 am

Anthony, lots of people only update their online publication list when they get to a new place and are introduced to its website, then they forget all about it. Now that search engines like google scholar are free to use they are much better.

□ 03{*Larry Huldén*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 1:10 am

It looks to me that the University is deliberately cutting off Salby's publication list.

□ 03{*janama*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 1:18 am

It's pretty well explained in the Macquarie University Profile on their website where they state:

"All our hard work is paying off: since 2007 we have consistently moved up the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Rankings of World Universities. In the recent Excellence in Research for Australia exercise performed by the Australian Government, five of our research areas – Earth Sciences, Physical Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, and Psychology and Cognitive Sciences – were noted for their "outstanding performance well above world standard". Macquarie was also recently named as the top university in Australia for research in environmental science and ecology based on the number of citations per researcher. "

□ 03{*Pat Michaels*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 1:21 am

Jeez, this must be the first time a university has done this over global warming! –Pat Michaels, University of Virginia, 1979-2009.

PS: The first time this happened to me I was informed by the Provost's office to "stop saying you were fired. We're just not going to pay you anymore!"

□ 03{*Swiss Bob s*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 1:28 am

A quick search for 'alex Heinrich-Heine-Universitaet' leads me to two Alex at the university, perhaps it's this one:
University of Bristol, 2010, PhD in Philosophy of Psychology and Cognitive Science. Dissertation: 'Back to Our Senses: An Empiricist on Concept Acquisition'.

□ 03{*Jimbo*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 1:32 am

Nick Stokes says:
July 8, 2013 at 11:43 pm

Murry Salby was apparently professor for five years. Does anyone know of any scientific papers that he wrote (published or not) in that time?
Did you read the article? Let me put you in the driving seat of a moving car with your hands tied behind your back and see how well you do.

PHIL JONES – Cru Emails

"...I can't see either of these papers being in the next IPCC report. Kevin [Trenberth]

and I will keep them out somehow, even if we have to redefine what the peer-review literature is!”

<http://www.masterresource.org/2013/06/revisting-climategate-climatism-falters/>
Michael Mann

“This was the danger of always criticising the skeptics for not publishing in the “peer-reviewed literature”. Obviously, they found a solution to that—take over a journal! So what do we do about this? I think we have to stop considering “Climate Research” as a legitimate peer-reviewed journal. Perhaps we should encourage our colleagues in the climate research community to no longer submit to, or cite papers in, this journal.”

Tom Wigley, UCAR

Mike’s idea to get editorial board members to resign will probably not work — must get rid of von Storch too, otherwise holes will eventually fill up with people like Legates, Balling, Lindzen, Michaels, Singer, etc.

This is why Calamatologists despise sceptics – sceptics are exposing their corruption of science to keep their massive funds flowing. I think I’m going to be sick.

□ 03 {*Louis Hissink*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:38 am

Just ordered a copy of his text from Amazon. Sigh, more reading.

And I have to be careful as a sibling works for the University, which sort of limits anything I might want to vent on a blog.

(*)!@&!(&*&%)!(&*& (expletive deleted)

□ 03 {*Brian H*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:42 am

accusations (if true) ~~is~~ are quite

This is the real function of “consensus”, to provide mutual CYA immunity for any abuse of process or law. Simply by refusal to act according to public mandate.

That Salby has managed to survive this and actually put out his landmark work is miraculous and astonishing.

□ 03 {*Peter Lang*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:52 am

The Australian Minister for Science and Industry, Kim Carr, has form on this. Leading up to Copenhagen Conference he caused CSIRO to force a leading academic to resign because he had written a paper which implicitly criticized the economic analyses behind the Government’s climate change policies.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/health-science/climate-expert-clive-spash-heavied-by-csiro-management/story-e6fgr8gf-1225793717744>

Climate expert Clive Spash ‘heavied’ by CSIRO management

A CSIRO economist whose research criticising emissions trading schemes was

banned from publication said last night he had been subjected to harassment by the senior agency management.

Clive Spash also accused the agency of hindering public debate and trampling on his civil liberties by preventing the research being published in British journal New Political Economy.

Dr Spash defended the paper, The Brave New World of Carbon Trading, saying it was a dispassionate analysis of ETS policies and was not politically partisan.

He was told in February he could publish the work if it were peer reviewed. But in July, CSIRO management said it could not be published after it was cleared for publication.

This month, he was informed he could not publish it even in his private capacity, because it was “politically sensitive”. Within 24 hours, he also received a letter outlining a list of trivial instances in which he was accused of breaching CSIRO policy, for example not completing a leave form properly.

Dr Spash said he believed the letter was intended to, and did, intimidate him and denied him due process. None of the matters were raised with him prior to the letter being sent and each of the alleged misdemeanours could be explained.

“We are not members of the Defence Department, we are scientists who are supposed to be discussing research in an open forum. How do you advance knowledge if you stop people from publishing their work?”

“I am totally happy to have my work criticised and debated but I’m not happy to have it suppressed.”

Dr Spash said it was impossible to publish research in his field that did not have an impact on government policy. “The idea that you cannot discuss something like ETS policy when you’re working on climate change as a political economist seems ridiculous,” he said.

The gagging of Dr Spash’s work is embarrassing for Science Minister Kim Carr, who defended academic freedoms in opposition and last year trumpeted a new CSIRO charter he said would give scientists the right to speak publicly about their findings. Yesterday, Senator Carr told The Australian he supported the publication of peer-reviewed research, even if it had negative implications for government policy. He said he had not tried to gag the research.

Last night CSIRO chief executive Megan Clark said the organisation would work with Dr Spash on his paper.

“There is some important science in the paper and we will now work with Dr Spash to ensure the paper meets CSIRO internal review standards and the guidelines of the Public Research Agency Charter between the CSIRO and the federal government,” she said.

“I encourage CSIRO scientists to communicate the outcomes and implications of their work and one of the underlying core values of CSIRO is the integrity of our excellent science.”

□ 03 {*Peter Lang*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:53 am

A month later (just 4 days before the start of the Copenhagen Conference), the article below reports Dr. Clive Spash was forced to resign from CSIRO.

Clive Spash resigns from CSIRO after climate report 'censorship'
SCIENTIST Clive Spash has resigned from the CSIRO and called for a Senate inquiry into the science body following the censorship of his controversial report into emissions trading.

Dr Spash has lashed out at the organisation which he said promoted self-censorship among its scientists with its unfair publication guidelines.

He said he was stunned at the treatment he received at the hands of CSIRO management, including boss Megan Clark, and believed he was not alone.

"I've been treated extremely poorly," he said. "There needs to be a Senate inquiry. "The way the publication policy and the charter are being interpreted will encourage self-censorship.

"It's obviously happened before at the CSIRO – and there's issues currently."

Last month, Dr Spash accused the organisation of gagging him and his report – The Brave New World of Carbon Trading – and restricting its publication.

The report is critical of cap and trade schemes, like the one the federal government is seeking to introduce, as well as big compensation to polluters.

Dr Spash advocates a direct tax on carbon.

The CSIRO said the report was in breach of its publication guidelines, which restrict scientists from speaking out on public policy.

But it provoked accusations the CSIRO was censoring research harmful to the Government.

Under intense pressure, Dr Clark publicly released the report on November 26 but warned Dr Spash would be punished for his behaviour and his refusal to amend it.

"I believe that internationally peer-reviewed science should be published or, if Dr Clark wishes to have her own opinion, then she should publish her own opinion," Dr Spash said, who has been on sick leave.

"I've been to the doctor under extreme stress."

He had been ordered not to speak to the media while working for the CSIRO, which originally headhunted him for the job.

<http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/clive-spash-resigns-from-csiro-after-climate-report-censorship/story-e6frku0-1225806539742>

□ 03 {four-of-them} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:02 am

If I wanted to describe Australian science in 2013, I would write something like this :

"the state provided scientists with funds, resources, and great public prestige. In turn, the scientific community gives the state expertise and legitimacy in industry, agriculture, and medicine. Each develop various tactics to deal with its partner. The state establishes strict administrative control over institutional structures, scientific personnel, research directions, and scholarly communications. For their part, the scientists cultivate patrons among the highest bureaucrats and skilfully play upon their constantly changing policies and objectives".

But wait ...it's not Australia, that's Russia in the 1930's and those are the words of Nikolai Kremmentsov (from the University of Toronto, <http://individual.utoronto.ca/kremmentsov>) describing Stalinist Science under

Russian Communism.

Oh well..... Here we go again.

Go Comrades!

Welcome to Soviet Australia.

□ 03 {Brian H} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:10 am

I sincerely hope Salby isn't ultimately martyred over this. His persistence and achievements in the face of lawless duplicity are astonishing.

□ 03 {Brian H} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:13 am

Note that his conclusions and studies are as fatal to lukewarmism as warmism. A-GHG is minuscule and of trivial import and impact.

□ 03 {orson} Orson Olson says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:15 am

Incredible. Call me stunned. Then outraged.

□ 03 {NikFromNYC} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:21 am

He is Rosa Parks. He is Timothy Leary. He is Murry Salby.

□ 03 {En Passant} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:27 am

When Oz gets rid of its execrable Fabian Left Government sometime this year some of us have been calling on the incoming government to hold an enquiry into the whole scam and the \$Bns wasted.

We now have the necessary five members of the realist and unbiased Commission on the Religion of Climate Pseudo-Science:

Chairman – Professor Bob Carter

Deputy – Professor Murry Salby

Members – Clive Spash, Monckton of Brenchley & me (I have been doing this too long without getting my share!)

Terms of Reference: 1. Is there any evidence that the alarms have any substance?

2. Did anyone financially gain from promoting dud science? In doing so were they simply incompetent (and therefore unemployable in any academic institution) or did they commit a deliberate fraud for which they can be prosecuted (such as by committing 'identity fraud')?

3. Which less than useful grants should be cancelled immediately?

□ 03 {Konrad} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:29 am

I just sent a quick email to the Dean,
Att. Dean of Science, Macquarie University
Dear Sir/Madam,

As you will no doubt be aware, claims concerning the treatment of Dr. Salby by your university are now spreading rapidly across the Internet. These claims should significantly increase the circulation of this video -

Allow me to extend my congratulations to your staff for their efforts in discrediting the post normal pseudo science of global warming.

Regards,
Konrad.

□ 03 {Christopher Monckton} *Monckton of Brenchley* says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:31 am

Professor Salby should consider the criminal as well as the civil route. The university has defrauded him and has attempted to pervert the course of justice.

□ 03 {Andrew} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:38 am

"I'm beginning to think Australia is ground zero for AGW crackpottery."
You're BEGINNING to think that?? How many years of Flanneryism (and in fact the creation of an entire govt department of Flanneryism, with Flannery as the Flannery-in-chief) was it going to take before you're sure that we're ground zero?

□ 03 {Fel flames} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:42 am

Perhaps it is time for a few FOIA requests to a certain university.
P.S. As an Australian, it sickens me to think our centres of "higher" learning may have descended to levels of behaviour more in line with third world dictatorships.
Time to shine a very bright light under some dark rocks, and to see what crawls out.

□ 03 {Gerry O'Connor} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:44 am

Australia is a mess at presentAustralian intellectual elite are so precious about what they see as their lofty standing in the community that they don't see the derision with which they are held by many of us.....they see themselves as the determinants of "the right thing to do" i.e they are moralists but they are

without a moral base to work from except the world of symbolism, seeming and self-congratulation (shadows)....meanwhile the rest of us watch as Australian society unravels into the harsh, sneering and totalitarian world that Salby and Carter etc are experiencing

□ 03 {Kasuha} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:50 am

I'm great fan of Dr. Salby and his work but I think we should listen to what the other side has to say, too.

In any case I hope Dr. Salby will be able to find a different place to continue his research.

□ 03 {Ceetee} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:52 am

@alex at 11.37pm. Vee haff vays und means of keeping you shtum ja?. Plonker!

□ 03 {mycroft} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:54 am

Absolute shits the lot of them, utterly disgusting way to treat a man shame on Australian academia for allowing this to happen

□ 03 {dbstealey} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:56 am

Agree with the remedy of legal action. Such action should be taken under U.S. jurisdiction, where there is a better discovery process. Prof Salby was enticed from the U.S.; actions were taken within this country, by agents of Macquarie. Dr. Salby suffered subsequent financial loss and damage to his professional reputation, which the university must be forced to explain. There are ongoing damages being incurred.

As always, if financial support is required to right this wrong, I will contribute. Others here have indicated they will help, too. This is a battle worth fighting.

□ 03 {SamG} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:58 am

What do you expect. Universities are a breeding ground for left wingers, useless arts degrees and government funded moral hazard.

□ 03 {Patrick} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:01 am

"Andrew says:
July 9, 2013 at 2:38 am"

Flannery is a disgrace, along with the likes of Karoly, Cook et al, maybe we should pay him more than the \$180k/pa (On top of his regular salary) for his 3 days per week job as Climate Commissioner? He, like Gore, warns us of catastrophic sea level rise and then buys a sea front property. Then, the icing on the cake, an old ex-Australian Naval Officer is wheeled out on national alarmist MSM newscasts and tells us we're doomed if we don't "do something" by 2020. Unfortunately far too many voters obtain their "science" from the ABC, SBS, the BBC, the BoM and the CSIRO.

In Australia, we used to have cattle stations/farms. Now we have carbon stations/farms. Australia passed the tipping point sometime in 2007.

□ 03 {ozspeaksup} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:04 am

We have a pro warmist watermelon leadership, this is about the usual sorry standard we now expect from our so called science leaders.

CSIRO once..was a trusted institution, however the more I learn of them past and present show our trust seriously MISplaced then and now.

I am so sorry for Prof Salby. hes not alone but that doesnt make it better.

the utter crap promulgated unhindered by ABC broadcast media is enough to make one cry, in shame and Rage!

we are teetering on the brink of a big Fail financially right now, and yet?

our present KRuddy leader is now going to push an ETS that will place a tax on diesel fuel to finish wiping out our indusry transport and rural sectors in one hit.

fuel prices for petrol alone are tipped to hit 1.70 a litre soon. presently I am paying 1.48. and cant afford to go out to shop from my rural town, whos prices are also far above elsewhere due to freight etc.

the only "lucky" thing about Aus right now?

umm, thinking...still thinking.. nope!

until this crew is OUTED! we dont have much chance.

roll on the elections!

and I Have forwarded this page link to 4~ politicians

□ 03 {Ian W} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:09 am

Ferdinand Engelbeen says:

July 8, 2013 at 11:48 pm

It is a shame how Macquarie university did handle this case. One may have differences in opinion, as is often the case for academic topics, but the way they handled this is as unademic as possible: pure dictatorial, suppressing any disagreement with the so called "consensus".

Not that I agree with point 7 of the long list, as the current increase is unprecedented in the past 800 kyears. Salby's opinion on ice cores is based on a purely theoretical

occurrence of CO2 diffusion in ice cores which in reality doesn't exist.

Ferdinand perhaps you should read this and other research into CO2 diffusion before you are so hasty in saying 'it doesn't exist'.

CO2 diffusion in polar ice: observations from naturally formed CO2 spikes in the Siple Dome (Antarctica) ice core

Journal of Glaciology, Vol. 54, No. 187, 2008

ABSTRACT. One common assumption in interpreting ice-core CO2 records is that diffusion in the ice does not affect the concentration profile. However, this assumption remains untested because the extremely small CO2 diffusion coefficient in ice has not been accurately determined in the laboratory. In this study we take advantage of high levels of CO2 associated with refrozen layers in an ice core from Siple Dome, Antarctica, to study CO2 diffusion rates. We use noble gases (Xe/Ar and Kr/Ar), electrical conductivity and Ca²⁺ ion concentrations to show that substantial CO2 diffusion may occur in ice on timescales of thousands of years. We estimate the permeation coefficient for CO2 in ice is $4 \times 10^{-21} \text{ mol m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$ at -238°C in the top 287m (corresponding to 2.74 kyr). Smoothing of the CO2 record by diffusion at this depth/age is one or two orders of magnitude smaller than the smoothing in the firn. However, simulations for depths of 930–950m (60–70 kyr) indicate that smoothing of the CO2 record by diffusion in deep ice is comparable to smoothing in the firn. Other types of diffusion (e.g. via liquid in ice grain boundaries or veins) may also be important but their influence has not been quantified

□ 03 {John Bills} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:13 am

Nick Stokes

You tend to leave a bad taste in my mouth (self snip).

□ 03 {Andrew} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:22 am

'REPLY: so does Heinrich-Heine-Universitaet in Duesseldorf condone such use of their network to write such drivel, or are you "tenured" and thus above the law? – Anthony'

LOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOL!!

□ 03 {Keitho} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:34 am

Wow. What a great presentation Murry Salby gave. How can anyone argue against such logic and mathematical evidence. Well the answer seems to be "nobody" so instead they just cut him out of their world.

□ 03 {Charliewww} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:46 am

What do you expect from a "University" that has chiropractic studies as part of

its curriculum?

□ 03{*Alleagra*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:48 am

It is important at times like this to look on the bright side. There is evidence of progress since 1600. At least Professor Salby hasn't been "burned at the stake, hanging upside-down, gagged, and naked" as poor Giordano Bruno was for supporting Copernicus's model of the solar system with the sun at its center. Seriously though, one wonders how some 'centers of conspiracy' otherwise known as university departments manage to continue to exist, payrollled by taxpayers.

□ 03{*King of Cool*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:51 am

One of the two staff of Macquarie University who are members of the 6 member Australian Climate Commission is Tim Flannery. Professor Flannery holds the Panasonic Chair in Environmental Sustainability at Macquarie University. He is also the chairman of the Copenhagen Climate Council. In February 2011 he was appointed Commissioner of the Australian Climate Commission on a salary of \$180,000 a year for his part time participation. In 2005, Flannery predicted Sydney's dams could be dry in as little as two years because global warming was drying up the rains. Less than 2 weeks ago Warragamba Dam, Sydney's main source of water was overflowing, closing some of the bridges across the Nepean River that connect the city from the west. In June 2007, Flannery prophesied "Brisbane's water supplies are so low they need desalinated water urgently, possibly in as little as 18 months" On 01 Jul 2013 Brisbane Catchment was 84.3%, Wivenhoe Dam 99.2%, Somerset Dam 100%, North Pine 88.4%.

And so the story continues for other predictions including that in 2008 he stated "this may be the Arctic's first ice-free year".

The Climate Commission's latest featured report states that:

"Two years ago the Climate Commission warned that 2011-2020 is the 'Critical Decade' for tackling climate change. In particular, this is the Critical Decade for turning around rising emissions of greenhouse gases and putting us on the pathway to stabilising the climate system. One quarter of the way through the Critical Decade, many consequences of climate change are already evident"

<http://climatecommission.gov.au/report/the-critical-decade-2013/>

The Australian Climate Commission according to The Australian Newspaper: "...is part of a \$1.6 billion-a-year climate change behemoth in place to administer the government's carbon tax. It also includes the Clean Energy

Regulator, the Climate Change

Authority and the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator.

The sprawling bureaucracy is centred in Canberra (see URL for picture below), with departmental staff housed in the six-star energy-rated Nishi building, which is under a 15-year lease worth \$158m. Departmental figures given to the Senate last year revealed that 1094 staff members also work from offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Samoa – in a rental space located about 5km from the beach and a nearby golf course.

<http://resources2.news.com.au/images/2010/04/29/1225859/695862-climate-change.jpg>

Questions HAVE been asked about the cost of this model of pretension and waste and Opposition Leader Tony Abbott will scrap it if elected but the political climate has also changed recently here. Kevin Rudd is back on the throne and will be forever quoted as proclaiming climate change as the greatest moral challenge of our time – so I hardly imagine that he will take Tim's away little empire away.

So what chance does Professor Salby have? But then again Michael Caine and Stanley Baker did alright against the Zulus.

(I am sure that you will all agree that any connection between the views and opinions of the Climate Commission and Macquarie University are purely co-incidental.)

□ 03{*joannenova*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:03 am

UPDATE: I hear from Christopher Monckton that he has spoken to Salby and the situation is indeed outrageous. So it's very likely the email is legit. Of course we have not heard Macquarie Uni's point of view. But the email — if accurate — suggests appalling behaviour on their part.

□ 03{*mogamboguru*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:11 am

After point #5, I would have handed the case over to a lawyer to sue Maquarie University for damages and compensations, and would have left the country long since.

What kept him there?

□ 03{*msadesign*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:21 am

Gotta be more to this story. I admit I'm committed to the notion of AGW. It means I disagree with those of you here (most?) who have a different view. Nonetheless, this is just plain wrong.

I'm compelled to point out that this is only one side to the story. In fact, the

behavior of the University, as reported by the Professor, is so egregious one wonders if there aren't some facts missing.
I look forward to a fuller explication. More:if he has the smoking gun, I'm anxious to see it.

□ 03 {*Solomon Green*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 4:32 am](#)

Thomas says:

"This is one side of the story, it would be interesting to hear what Macquarie University has to say..."

Lewis P Buckingham says:

"This looks really bad but may not be. Perhaps Macquarie Uni Admin would like to comment.

An opinion from a QC and straight to equity would be a path. This would ensure the examination of all the claims in a fair and honest manner."

If there is anything in Professor Salby's email that is false one would expect Macquarie to sue him for defamation. He has accused Macquarie of breach of contract, obstructing research, lying, harassment and acting with malice. Since the university is a publicly funded body he has also effectively accused those responsible of malfeasance in public office.

No university with aspirations to be considered in the top 1,000 let alone the top 100 can afford to have its reputation sullied in this manner without recourse to the courts. If, as I expect, Macquarie takes no legal action against Professor Salby this will amount to an admission of guilt and whatever reputation the university previously enjoyed will be permanently damaged.

□ 03 {*son of mulder*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 4:33 am](#)

If true then the "No win, no fee" lawyers must be queuing up. On the face of it this is unbelievable.

□ 03 {*mogamboguru*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 4:35 am](#)

I was contemplating relocating to Australia.

Actually, I am having second thoughts about that....

□ 03 {*Malcolm Roberts*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 4:39 am](#)

Anthony, your question as to whether downunder is ground zero for crackpottery understates the situation.

Suggest you check page 13 of my review of a report by taxpayer-funded national 'science' agency, CSIRO. It'll give you a feel for the linkages of the

Aussie climate 'industry'.

Note that David Karoly is arguably the most senior UN IPCC academic pushing the unfounded and unscientific claim that HUMAN CO2 controls Earth's global climate.

Four common characteristics among these people:

1. None have any empirical scientific evidence for their claim;
2. None have any logical scientific reasoning for their claim;
3. They all contradict empirical scientific evidence;
4. ALL are government funded.

More here on the two academics at Macquarie University who are members of the highly discredited government-funded Climate Commission to which Prof Murry Salby's purported email refers:

http://www.conscious.com.au/docs/new/9_appendix.pdf pages 26-41 (Tim Flannery) and pages 48-53 (Lesley Hughes)

and

http://www.conscious.com.au/docs/new/10_appendix.pdf

Both appendices are part of my review of CSIRO including main report of 25 pages together with 780 pages of supporting details in 32 appendices:

<http://www.conscious.com.au/CSIROh!.html>

Note that this reaches into senior levels of UN IPCC. Or should I say, it extends from senior reaches of the UN IPCC?

Malcolm Roberts

<http://www.conscious.com.au>

and

<http://www.galileomovement.com.au>

□ 03 {*el gordo*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 4:41 am](#)

Carter and Salby need jobs on the Climate Change Authority, so they can advise the PM that CO2 doesn't actually cause global warming.

At the moment the CCA is full of dills.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 4:44 am](#)

For what reason should one believe a single word that comes out of the mouth of Salby?

03 {Anthony Watts} *assumed* [wouldn't your keyboard time be better spent pointing out his lies rather than asking, even rhetorically, for others to prove he is telling the truth? . . . mod]

□ 03 {*Antonia*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:49 am

Having totally caved into their governmental overseers' decrees, once proud universities in Australia have become just another tier of mass education to delay young people entering an ever-shrinking labour market. That vice chancellors have no shame in bruising their graduates' 'generic attributes' in their absurd mission statements proves that universities have indeed passed their use-by dates because they should be ashamed they produce well-schooled clones instead of educated individuals! I used to think that at least the hard sciences were still pure in their search for knowledge unlike the Yarts which are almost totally corrupted by the ideologies of feminism, queer studies, deep green environmentalism, Marxism, etc.

But no. Dr. Bob Carter recently got the boot from James Cook University though he is in his intellectual prime. And now we have this story about Murray Salby's appalling treatment at Macquarie University in Sydney. Like so many Australians here, I'm ashamed.

□ 03 {Robin} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:53 am

I knew Macquarie was on my radar already and I thought it was where the promoter of the Big History, Marxist Interp of World History without using the M word, had relocated.

<http://worldhistoryconnected.press.illinois.edu/6.3/christian.html> shows that David Christian is there. The Big History Project globally is a big deal. Not only with Gates and MS sponsorship but also Moscow State. It is to be the new way history is to be taught all over the world. Reinterpreting the past around the perceived problems of the present. And the desire for a paradigm shift to a differently structured society in the future.

I have written this before but the perception of an AGW crisis is vital for the Metamorphosis of the State (as Ulrich Beck and Anthony Giddens call it) that has always been the post Berlin Wall plan for the West. US, UK, Australia. China obviously is already there. These political scientists and historians and sociologists may admit in their writings that it doesn't matter if AGW is true or not, the political and cultural and economic changes are the real point, but it will not do for that to now become well known. Before the transformation has occurred.

The Big History Project, just like what are being called Understandings of Consequence about other complex systems that also has NSF financial backing, are designed to create what I call influential guiding beliefs. They are to impact daily behavior in the future. The fact that they are false is irrelevant to the planners and funders.

But none of these carefully laid plans over decades, that are well documented if

you know where to look, can come to fruition once a large segment of the voting public knows the crisis does not factually exist. Salby's research, like the no warming for 17 years that is still not widely enough known, threaten the fundamental Transformation excuse Big History is a high priority for this University now. This is an important angle to this story.

□ 03 {Bill Illis} says:

July 9, 2013 at 5:03 am

This is what climate science is all about now.

It should come as no surprise to anyone no matter how outrageous it actually is. It has already happened in thousands of individual cases which you have not heard of and dozens of cases you might have heard of.

The scientists, academics and the followers think they are acting from the moral high ground. They are more than convinced of this fact. But it is clearly against everything humanity and science and academia stands for. It is also simply irreconcilable with being a proper person.

This movement has to destroy itself eventually as the contradictions in science and fact and uncivilized behavior mount. Will they turn on each other? They have already shown a history of being vindictive people. Will it just slowly fade away? More likely.

□ 03 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} says:

July 9, 2013 at 5:03 am

Ian W says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:09 am

CO2 diffusion in polar ice: observations from naturally formed CO2 spikes in the Siple Dome (Antarctica) ice core

The theoretical result of this research is an increase of the resolution from 20 to 22 years at medium depth and from 20 to 40 years for full depth (70 kyrs back in time). Not a big deal at all. That is for a relative "warm" (-23°C) coastal ice core. The migration in the much colder (-40°C) inland ice cores like Vostok and Dome C is orders of magnitude slower and unmeasurable. If there was substantial migration, then the glacial/interglacial ratio of 8 ppmv/°C would fade for each 100 kyrs step back in time.

I have commented on Prof. Salby's speech in Hamburg at:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/06/21/nzclimate-truth-newsletter-no-313/>
June 25, 2013 at 5:35 am and following.

□ 03 {CG in BOS} says:

July 9, 2013 at 5:05 am

Just sent a missive to the Dean of Science at Macquarie, with a cc to peter.nelson@mq.edu.au

are not one of the favored few or a brown noser, there is no ‘justice’ for you. ...Our ruling class’s agenda is power for itself. While it stakes its claim through intellectual-moral pretense, it holds power by one of the oldest and most prosaic of means: patronage and promises thereof....

By taxing and parceling out more than a third of what Americans produce, through regulations that reach deep into American life, our ruling class is making itself the arbiter of wealth and poverty.

While the economic value of anything depends on sellers and buyers agreeing on that value as civil equals in the absence of force, modern government is about nothing if not tampering with civil equality. By endowing some in society with power to force others to sell cheaper than they would, and forcing others yet to buy at higher prices — even to buy in the first place — modern government makes valuable some things that are not, and devalues others that are. **Thus if you are not among the favored guests at the table where officials make detailed lists of who is to receive what at whose expense, you are on the menu.** Eventually, pretending forcibly that valueless things have value dilutes the currency’s value for all.

Laws and regulations nowadays are longer than ever because length is needed to specify how people will be treated unequally....

Nowadays, the members of our ruling class admit that they do not read the laws. They don’t have to. Because modern laws are primarily grants of discretion, all anybody has to know about them is whom they empower.

By making economic rules dependent on discretion, our bipartisan ruling class teaches that prosperity is to be bought with the coin of political support.....

In America ever more since the 1930s — elsewhere in the world this practice is ubiquitous and long-standing — government has designated certain individuals, companies, and organizations within each of society’s sectors as (junior) partners in elaborating laws and administrative rules for those sectors. The government empowers the persons it has chosen over those not chosen, deems them the sector’s true representatives, and rewards them. They become part of the ruling class....

Sound familiar?

□ 03 {londo} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:30 am

Some people wonder what Salby was doing at Macquarie in the first place. Looking at this publications list, I find Trenberth there. Maybe he used to be one of the guys so to speak who had the time to think things over. An epiphany of sorts which brought him over to the “dark” side and he became excommunicated. Bill Maher will often ridicule people calling climate science a religion. Though I’m on the other side of the political fence, I often listen to

him, his not all wrong but it is amazing now he could fail to see the log in his own eye.

□ 03 {Patrick} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:30 am
“Gail Combs says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:26 am”
There is no rule of law, or justice. Just a legal system, whoever pays (The most), wins.

□ 03 {Gary} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:33 am
I’ll reserve judgement until I see all the evidence. Hang around academia long enough and you will find as many misbehaving professors as there are misbehaving administrators. This post lists a string of offenses with little explanation of why they occurred, especially at the beginning of employment. Universities rarely if ever recruit people only to ignore them. What’s the rest of the story?

□ 03 {harrydhuffman (@harrydhuffman)} says
July 9, 2013 at 5:36 am
The System Is Broken: Incompetent Science and Insane Politics
I rest my case.

□ 03 {Patrick} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:37 am
And while Australia is being distracted with various issues such as boat arrivals, the political pantomime going on in Canberra and a looming election, all eyes seem to be turned away from the ensuing situation in Egypt (Not wanting to hijack the thread). Watch what happens with Suez Australia!

□ 03 {Richard111} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:39 am
Can anyone turn out a DVD of Professor Salby’s video?
I’d happily put up a tenner for a copy. Might help his funds.

□ 03 {Gail Combs} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:40 am
Andrew says:
July 9, 2013 at 2:38 am
..... How many years of Flanneryism (and in fact the creation of an entire govt department of Flanneryism, with Flannery as the Flannery-in-chief) was it

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I always thought it was the BP and Shell funded Climate Research Unit of East Anglia.

□ 03 {*Ryan*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 5:45 am

Can't really blame them. Who wants to be recorded in history as the Univeristy where research attempting to show the source of CO2 rise was natural? It would make them a joke.

03{WUWT} mod [perhaps you could expand this comment to show why
research you disagree with would be considered risible. . . mod]

□ 03{*Paul Vaughan*} says

July 9, 2013 at 5:58 am

I wouldn't advise wasting any time on administrative battles.

This sort of thing is not uncommon in the university system. It would not be appropriate for me to disclose some of the things I've seen, so let me just put it like this:

Institutional inertia sometimes overwhelms individuals:

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/lac-megantic-before-after>

I wish strength & courage to those who have to rebuild.

□ 03 {*Robin*} says

July 9, 2013 at 6:01 am

Big History is committed to a convergence of the natural sciences and the humanities into a single conceptual framework. Which means so is Macquarie since they have been the sponsor of this effort for many years.

There's no room for objective science or an independent, rational human being in that framework of man the species. No wonder Salby ran into trouble.

□ 03{*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 6:02 am

Salby claims:

13. In April, The Australian (the national newspaper), published an article which grounded reckless claims by the so-called Australian Climate Commission:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/opinion/last-summer-was-not-actually-angrier-than-other-summers/story-e6frgd0x-1226611988057> (Open access via Google News)

To promote the Climate Commission's newest report is the latest sobering claim: "one in two chance that by 2100 there'll be no human beings left on this planet"

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/opinion/if-you-want-to-know-about-climate-ask-the-right-questions/story-fni0ffxg-1226666505528>

This is the pdf-file of the report “The Angry Summer”:

<http://climatecommission.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/130408-Angry-Summer-report.pdf>

This is the pdf-file of the report “The Critical Decade 2013”:

http://climatecommission.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/The-Critical-Decade-2013_Website.pdf

None of the reports contains any statements whatsoever that says anything like “one in two chance that by 2100 there’ll be no human beings left on this planet”. And the reference, provided by Salby is not a reference to any original source for such a statement. It’s an article by someone who makes claims about it and who is obviously biased. It’s biased hearsay.

Salby claims:

7. The preliminary findings seeded a comprehensive study of greenhouse gases.

Despite adverse circumstances, the wider study was recently completed. It indicates:

(i) Modern changes of atmospheric CO₂ and methane are (contrary to popular belief) not unprecedented.

Contrary to whose popular belief? And how is this something new? It is well known in climate science that greenhouse gas mixing ratios are not “unprecedented”, and at times in the geological past, greenhouse gas mixing ratios were at the same levels, or even multiple times higher than today. Who is supposed to have said differently?

Apparently, Salby does not present here correctly what is said in scientific studies about this topic.

Salby claims:

(ii) The same physical law that governs ancient changes of atmospheric CO₂ and methane also governs modern changes.

These new findings are entirely consistent with the preliminary findings, which evaluated the increase of 20th century CO₂ from changes in native emission.

These “findings” could only be valid, if basic physical principles like mass conservation did not apply to carbon dioxide. Currently, about 32 Gt carbon dioxide are emitted by human activities every year. This would cause an increase in the atmospheric mixing ratio of carbon dioxide of about 4 ppm every year, if none of this carbon dioxide was removed from the atmosphere. However, the actual increase is about 2 ppm per year, currently. Since there are no substantial anthropogenic sinks of carbon dioxide, it follows from mass conservation and basic mathematical logic that Nature can’t be a net source in the carbon dioxide cycle of the planet under the present day conditions. It must be a net sink, where the difference in the mass equivalent to an increase of the other 2 ppm per year is sequestered. (1. It’s actually about 60% of the CO₂ from human activities that is being sequestered in natural sinks. 2. That the efficiency of the natural sources and sinks of the carbon dioxide cycle also varies with atmospheric conditions, e.g. with the annual cycle, and with the climate state, and that there are feedbacks possible due to this, is another matter.) Otherwise, if Nature was a net source for the carbon dioxide increase in the atmosphere, where did all the human carbon dioxide go then? Does

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Plonker!

Well, actually, my comment on Salby was rather sarcastic. Certainly, I did not support what Macquarie's were doing with him. But when I am reading the comments...

□ 03 {*Michael Palmer*} says
July 9, 2013 at 6:26 am

Absolutely shocking. Whether his theory of the CO2-temperature relationship is right or wrong, Salby is clearly a profoundly original thinker and an outstanding scientist. Here is hoping that he will find a position commensurate with his level of achievement, in a partially sane environment, if these even still exist.

I like the idea of setting up a support fund for him – maybe Anthony or Joanne could do it, since they reach a large audience?

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says
July 9, 2013 at 6:37 am

It is interesting to watch how almost all of the “skeptic” crowd here just accept all those claims by Salby he makes in this email as true at face value w/o being a bit skeptical. Why is that?

03 {Anthony Watts} **REPLY:** probably because climate science has a history of intimidation like this. – Anthony

□ 03 {*cynical_scientist*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 6:44 am

Note that the reaction of the academics who hang out here has generally been a raised eyebrow, especially at the rather excessively nasty business with the plane ticket, but no real surprise. This kind of stuff happens. We all know that it happens. We mostly hope that it doesn't happen anywhere near us. I expect this sorry saga will now end up in court.

Academic life isn't all peaches and cream. You survive on your reputation and live or die based on the respect of your peers. Lose that respect for whatever reason and they can give you a very brutal ride to the exit indeed. After this rather pointed reminder of the harsher realities of academic life, I think I'll pull my horns in for a while and go back to using a pseudonym.

□ 03 {*Jimmy Haigh.*} says
July 9, 2013 at 6:54 am

Shocking but nothing surprises me with warm-monger.

Gandhi's quote is often posted here: “First they ignore you, then they ridicule

you, then they fight you, and then you win.”

I think they are at the fighting stage now. And they are getting worried: not for the planet but for their wealth, fame and prestige.

□ 03 {*Kelvin Vaughan*} says
July 9, 2013 at 6:55 am

My newspaper headlines said this morning, and I quote, “THE KILLER HEATWAVE Boy 17 drowns and girl, 14, missing as UK swelters in 30C sunshine.” The problem is, yesterdays maximum temperature in London, the hottest part of the UK was only 27C. It was only 18.6 where I live. We are all being brainwashed by these people and if you disagree you are shut out.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says
July 9, 2013 at 6:56 am

Anthony Watts writes:

REPLY: so does Heinrich-Heine-Universitaet in Duesseldorf condone such use of their network to write such drivel, or are you “tenured” and thus above the law? –

Anthony

Now, this is something I really like.

Mr. Watts ones again outs the IP network from where a commenter writes for an unliked comment. I suspect the purpose is to intimidate the commenter.

Mr. Watts also insinuates the commenter has broken the law with this comment, even though Mr. Watts doesn't have any evidence for such an accusation against the commenter.

I don't think any of this is very ethical.

03 {Anthony Watts} **REPLY:** And I don't think it is ethical to use taxpayer funded resources to taunt people, but it apparently doesn't bother you in your “anything goes” world of publicly funded hate of skeptics. But see here's the thing Mr. Perlwitz, I don't care what you think. Read the policy page. – Anthony

□ 03 {*observa*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 7:08 am

“I'm beginning to think Australia is ground zero for AGW crackpottery.”

Unfortunately in Australia we have a taxpayer funded, public service type university sector and you know how Eisenhower warned us about that. Back in the 1970s it was the Whitlam Labor Govt that flung open the doors of our sandstones to all and sundry and thus began the long march of leftists through our higher institutions, their job made much easier by the weak minds with which they had to work and here we all are. Our Macquaries are no different to

the East Anglians in that regard, but the ordinary bloke has given up listening to their doomsday drivel which is of course driving the Flannerys, Cooks and Lewandowskys increasingly lunar in their attempts to convince said ignorant masses that they are the light and the way.

Despite what you may hear to the contrary, PM Gillard was just knifed by her own Labor Party after catastrophic poll numbers, principally stemming from her promise not to introduce a carbon tax last election and then doing a complete about face deal with Greens. She never recovered from that and when she began to go loopy like Cook, Lew, Flan to try and land a blow on the Opposition she was rolled to be replaced by the previous dweeb. Kevin Rudd is despised by his own colleagues, which is why they sacked him for Gillard but he is a media savvy empty suit in the Obama mould. Basically a clever campaigner with appeal to the Twitterverse and the attention deficit crowd but you work out fairly quickly he's all talk and no outcomes. Like most Western countries nowadays you don't judge a people by their covers, particularly when they've got recent letters after their names.

□ 03 {Gerry O'Connor} says

July 9, 2013 at 7:08 am

Alex – do you think for yourself or care more about what others think ..?
...investigate the matter and then make an opinionat present you are lazy and copping out ...

□ 03 {Stephen Wilde} says

July 9, 2013 at 7:29 am

From a UK lawyer's perspective I find that legal process is being made more complex by new systems that on the face of it were supposed to make it simpler and moreover the risk involved for all, including the lawyer, is being steadily magnified over time.

The net result is to increasingly put legal process beyond the reach of more and more of the population.

People blame lawyers as a group but those responsible are entirely in the public sector bureaucracy as it increasingly builds unsustainable empires from within our political system.

□ 03 {Steve Oregon} says

July 9, 2013 at 7:30 am

With sympathy for Salvo, this is all very good news as it exposes in true living color the scurrilous ethics and outrageous behavior of academia . This will get much more attention, be distributed worldwide, lead to court action and mushroom into what may be a catastrophe for those involved and the AGW movement at a large.

This wildly brazen treatment of Salvo reaches a level of recklessness produced by desperation and panic.

It's like a desperate and out of work transient who's hit bottom, resorted to robbery to feed his drug habit and is about to be arrested and imprisoned.

When a person or institution hits bottom things happen to them.

Let's hope there is much pain inflicted upon Macquarie's hierarchy..

□ 03 {Phil.} says:

July 9, 2013 at 7:33 am

Larry Huldén says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:10 am

It looks to me that the University is deliberately cutting off Salby's publication list. Their research online page shows 6 papers and one book, with two papers as recently as last year so apparently not. Only those last two appear to be about work at Macquarie, apparently with the Russian grad student. That's rather disastrous output for an academic if correct! I assume that he's a US citizen so will be able to return to the US but it will be difficult to find a position. The grad student I hope will be taken care of, I recall having to deal with a similar situation many years ago where a grad student was left in the middle of her studies by her advisor, several of us were able to help her find a new advisor but she was in limbo for about six months (also far from home).

<http://www.researchonline.mq.edu.au>

□ 03 {Steve Oregon} says

July 9, 2013 at 7:45 am

Jan P Perlwitz says: July 9, 2013 at 6:37 am

"It is interesting to watch how almost all of the "skeptical" crowd here just accept all those claims by Salby he makes in this email as true at face value w/o being a bit skeptical. Why is that?"

You're imagining things. People are responding to what is indicated while awaiting more information from inquiries being made.

The enormous difference between skeptics and the other camp is the skeptics want to get to the bottom of the issues through whatever means are necessary. In stark contrast this Salvo incident demonstrates yet again how alarmist academia obstructs efforts to discover a better understanding.

Consistent with their dubious approach you have invented what you assert.

The "crowd" has not "just accepted all those claims on face value".

Concern, curiosity, suspicion, questions and inquiry abound.

Would you, Jan, prefer that everyone just shut their pie hole?

That Watts should mind his own business?

□ 03 {Ryan} says:

July 9, 2013 at 7:47 am

[perhaps you could expand this comment to show why research you disagree with would be considered risible. . . mod]

It's not "research I disagree with". It's research that the greater atmospheric community thinks is a joke. Not a threat like most of the comments here suggest, but an utter and complete joke.

The first part of my undergrad in bio was from a university where creationism was taught in genbio. There's a stigma attached to activities like that, and it taints the whole university and all of its science grads to potential employers. A professor that tries to deny the anthropogenic origin of the rise in CO2 is no different. It doesn't matter what I think or what you guys think. That's what the scientific community thinks. The university is acting in its own best interests.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 7:53 am

mod replied to me in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359126>

[wouldn't your keyboard time be better spent pointing out his lies rather than asking, even rhetorically, for others to prove he is telling the truth? . . . mod]

It's not my tasks to disprove anything what Salby claims in his email without any evidence. It's just his words. My question is why should I just believe anything what Salby claims at face value? I don't. Obviously, unlike most of the commenters of the "skeptic" crowd here. The burden of proof is on the ones who make assertions and state accusations against others regarding the alleged misconduct, i.e., on Salby, and on everyone who claims his assertions and accusations were true. That's how it works in my world, at least.

03 {*Anthony Watts*} **REPLY:** I have independent confirmation now. The story checks out. You see, your AGW friends really ARE that nasty. I've experienced that nastiness firsthand myself on many occasions. You should be denouncing this behavior against Salby and Carter. Will you? Or is AGW too important to you that crushing people and ideas is worth "the cause"? We all await your position on the matter Mr. Perlwitz – Anthony

□ 03 {*Taphonomic*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 7:58 am

Nick Stokes says:

"Murry Salby was apparently professor for five years. Does anyone know of any scientific papers that he wrote (published or not) in that time?"

Yes.

Did you try doing a Google Scholar search on Salby before you ask?

http://scholar.google.com/scholar?as_ylo=2009&q=salby&hl=en&as_sdt=0,29

□ 03 {*G. Karst*} says

July 9, 2013 at 8:07 am

One of the most common themes, I hear from people these days, is how "educating" the world's masses will save us all. This seems to be a reasonable premise until one realizes just how corrupt our education systems are and how covert agendas, bias, and political correctness, has made such fine ideas improbable. Education systems are undermined and corrupted and cannot provide the required relief. Education is just another vehicle for propaganda. It is very discouraging. How can it ever be realistically cleaned up, when funding is political? It all seems too entangled in the "condition of man" for solution. /whine off – GK

□ 03 {*Patrick*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 8:11 am

"Ryan says:

July 9, 2013 at 7:47 am

A professor that tries to deny the anthropogenic origin of the rise in CO2 is no different."

No he does not!

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 8:13 am

Mr. Watts replied to me in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359284>

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We all await your position on the matter Mr. Perlwitz – Anthony

My position is that a claim by you that you had "independent confirmation", according to which things were true in the way as presented by Salby is also just a claim. Am I supposed to just believe you now at face value, Mr. Watts, instead of just believing Salby? For what reason should I, or anyone else, do this?

03 {*Anthony Watts*} **REPLY:** Well that's just the response I expect from you. Note that I mentioned Bob Carter whose story is confirmed by a news organization. You simply are unable to believe that your friends in the AGW movement are capable of being that nasty. You suffer from the same sort of

the 30's blackballing (or worse) those scientists who believed in "Jewish Physics" who didn't toe the Nazi party line. God help us from these fools who claim to be climate scientists. When this finally blows up and the public realizes how badly they've been had you might want to invest in pitchforks and torches and tar and feathers.

□ 03 {*Phil.*} says: : ★ Salby publications, GoogleScholar 09 03:41pm UTC
July 9, 2013 at 8:41 am

Taphonomic says:

July 9, 2013 at 7:58 am

Nick Stokes says:

"Murry Salby was apparently professor for five years. Does anyone know of any scientific papers that he wrote (published or not) in that time?"

Yes.

Did you try doing a Google Scholar search on Salby before you ask?

The link you gave pulls up all papers which include the word 'salby' anywhere in the paper, that produces a very large number of hits but doesn't give a count of his publications. If you limit the search to Salby as an author you get a reasonable list (with some duplications) which matches the Macquarie online source.

http://scholar.google.com/scholar?as_ylo=2009&q=salby&hl=en&as_sdt=0,29

□ 03 {*janama*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 8:48 am

The non academic staff in Universities in Australia can be absolutely lethal – they can't be fired, they are all at their peak in Peter's Law (incompetent) and the don't really give a (Snip) about anyone. I've dealt with them and can imagine all the trauma Salby has been through. Unfortunately they all know the rules backwards and all the loopholes (because they created them) and will back each other up to the hilt.

□ 03 {*RichardLH*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 8:51 am

I believe that a scientist who treats the data as science rather than as a believer or non-believer should always be supported.

□ 03 {*janama*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 8:52 am

Maybe this is where he's created a problem.

□ 03 {*janama*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 8:53 am

and here's part 2

□ 03 {*Patrick*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 8:58 am

"Allencic says:

July 9, 2013 at 8:39 am"

We're not far off that in Aus IMO. Given it was a Polish female Jew who proved Einstein ($E=MC(\text{squared})$) correct, just before WW2.

□ 03 {*DirkH*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 9:01 am

Jan P Perlwitz says:

July 9, 2013 at 7:53 am

"It's not my tasks to disprove anything what Salby claims in his email without any evidence. It's just his words. My question is why should I just believe anything what Salby claims at face value? I don't."

Perlwitz, does that mean that you don't believe that skeptics are a well organized sinister force paid by Big Oil?

Careful, don't let your bosses hear that.

□ 03 {*klem*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 9:03 am

Australia truly has become ground zero for AGW crackpottery. The proof is their carbon pricing scheme has set carbon at \$23 per ton when carbon is priced around \$3 in the rest of the world. With their population at only 23 million, they actually think they can save the world. What conceit. And they seem to be such nice people when you meet them.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 9:04 am

Mr. Watts replied to me in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359298>

REPLY: Well that's just the response I expect from you.

Thank you for already expecting from me higher standards beforehand than you apparently apply yourself.

Note that I mentioned Bob Carter whose story is confirmed by a news organization. What news organization is supposed to have confirmed the story as presented by Carter? How can a news organization even confirm the truth of these kind of accusations as made by Carter? Are you referring to the reporting that was linked in your article above? This one?

http://www.townsvillebulletin.com.au/article/2013/06/28/384514_news.html

There, the claims by Carter are presented. It is also shortly reported that the

that has sent industry (Without subsidy) offshore!

□ 03{DCA} says:

July 9, 2013 at 9:13 am

Though I hated to add to Jan's traffic (which increased significantly with my visit) I noticed he only had a handful of comments in the last 6 months. Most of his posts were nothing but complaints about Anthony's moderation policy and claims he's been banned here. Too funny.

□ 03{Jan P Perlwitz} says

July 9, 2013 at 9:22 am

Patrick wrote in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359335>

We're not far off that in Aus IMO. Given it was a Polish female Jew who proved Einstein ($E=MC^2$) correct, just before WW2.

And what is the analogy to Salby supposed to be? Is he soon going to prove that conservation of mass does not apply to carbon dioxide, refuting the "hoax" created by the AGW crowd about the carbon dioxide increase in the atmosphere due to human activities?

□ 03{dp} says:

July 9, 2013 at 9:43 am

It's time to play hardball Anthony, bare knuckles and all that. How about those Climategate 3 emails? Set them free.

Yes – anyone with the password is encouraged to scrawl it on craphouse walls, on sidewalks in chalk, on napkins in fast food restaurants, and in the sand at beaches. Be creative.

This can be done anonymously. At that point the password belongs to the world with no trail to follow. Do leave your cell phone at home, though, and rfid shields are a must-have in your wallet.

□ 03{Bob_G} says:

July 9, 2013 at 9:43 am

to Jan P Perlwitz:

Salby claimed: "To promote the Climate Commission's newest report is the latest sobering claim:

"one in two chance that by 2100 there'll be no human beings left on this planet"

After researching this, I find Salby's claim is correct. To launch the "Climate Commission's report, Retired admiral Chris Barrie appeared with Will Steffen to launch a new report from the Climate Commission on ABC television. Chris

Barrie did in fact make the claim. The claim did in fact occur in order to help promote the Climate Commissions report. The reason for Retired admiral Chris Barrie to appear with Will Steffen was in order to help promote the Climate Commissions's report.

Salby quote: "(i) Modern changes of atmospheric CO2 and methane are (contrary to popular belief) not unprecedented.

Jan P Perlwitz wrote: "Contrary to whose popular belief? And how is this something new?"

The statement was an opinion by Salby. It is a common claim that changes in atmospheric CO2 and methane are unprecedented as are changes in temperatures. I know from discussions with people that it is a popular belief that changes in CO2 and methane are unprecedented. Hence, I find the opinion by Salby to be reasonable and I believe correct.

Salby quote: "(ii) The same physical law that governs ancient changes of atmospheric CO2 and methane also governs modern changes.

These new findings are entirely consistent with the preliminary findings, which evaluated the increase of 20th century CO2 from changes in native emission."

Jan P Perlwitz wrote: "These "findings" could only be valid, if basic physical principles like mass conservation did not apply to carbon dioxide."

When he discussed this, he was showing the correlation between changes in CO2 and temperature on the scale of changes between interglacial to glacial conditions. He discusses human emissions of CO2 and changes in CO2 in detail. In other words, you have taken his statements out of context. Buy his book and you will be able to understand what he is talking about.

□ 03{Rhys Jaggard} says

July 9, 2013 at 9:51 am

If the laws of Australia don't permit this poor man to sue Macquairie University for a minimum of \$10m, then it's national anthem should have the words 'Australia Fair' removed immediately.....

□ 03{mpainter} says:

July 9, 2013 at 9:53 am

Jan Perlitz used to defend James Hansen here. Interesting that he should jump to the defense of Macquerie U of Oz in their sabotage of Salby's career there. Perlitz's method of defending Macquerie is to insinuate that Professor Salby is dishonest and deserved what ever evil that Macquerie U could devise against him. So Nick Stokes and Perlwitz team up to heap further calumny and injury on Professor Salby, thus supplementing the efforts of Macquerie U to injure Salby. Interesting.

□ 03{barn E. rubble} says

July 9, 2013 at 9:57 am

RE: Nick Stokes says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:16 am

"... But anyway, that should not leave him unable to write anything at all."

I'm wondering how Nick missed this:

6. During the protracted delay of resources, I eventually undertook the production of a new book – all I could do without the committed resources to rebuild my research program.

Anthony offers a potential answer:

"Nick, sometimes I think your head is up your arse."

Race Horse indeed ...

□ 03 {gary henderson} says

July 9, 2013 at 9:59 am

Silly me thinking that universities were the last bastion of unbiased science and thought.

□ 03 {Pat Frank} says: ★ **Salby publications, WoS 09 05:00pm UTC**

July 9, 2013 at 10:00 am

According to Web of Science, Murry Salby has had 87 papers since 1979, with his latest in 2012:

Title: Changes of the Antarctic ozone hole: Controlling mechanisms, seasonal predictability, and evolution

Author(s): Salby, Murry L.; Titova, Evgenia A.; Deschamps, Lilia

Source: JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH-ATMOSPHERES

Volume: 117 Article Number: D10111 DOI: 10.1029/2011JD016285

Published: MAY 26 2012

Times Cited: 2 (from Web of Science)

His WoS record shows a good rate of publication up through 2008, then a hiatus until 2012. The 3-year 2009-2012 paper drought is consistent with the related history of problems imposed by Macquarie University. Presumably, co-author Evgenia Titova is the Russian Ph. D. student of whom Salby wrote.

□ 03 {Michael Palmer} says

July 9, 2013 at 10:01 am

@ Jan Perlwitz

"It is interesting to watch how almost all of the "skeptical" crowd here just accept all those claims by Salby he makes in this email as true at face value w/o being a bit skeptical. Why is that?"

Being sceptical about someone's scientific hypothesis is always fair, regardless of whoever turns out to be right in the end. It is a central part of scientific ethos. On the other hand, being "sceptical" about another man's assertion of

simple fact means to assume that he is a liar. This is usually done based only on prior evidence of untruthfulness. Do you have such evidence? Put up or shut up.

□ 03 {Michael Palmer} says

July 9, 2013 at 10:04 am

Pat Frank says:

"His WoS record shows a good rate of publication up through 2008, then a hiatus until 2012."

He wrote a textbook, for crying out loud. Did you ever try that? I did. It took me about five times longer than I had planned, and it very significantly impacted my rate of paper output, too.

□ 03 {Anthony Watts} says:

July 9, 2013 at 10:09 am

@ Jan Perlwitz what Michael Palmer said. PUOSU.

□ 03 {johnrobertson} says

July 9, 2013 at 10:16 am

I am sorry to see the empty face of academia exposed again, Pointmans quip, of how amazing, that such tiny brains can produce such planetary size egos, is right on the money.

This rot of ethics free groupthink is rampant in our bureaucracies, universities are just the easiest window into the mindset of our "intellectual superiors."

Govt worldwide is in breach of contract, long promised services are denied, but the money has already been forcibly extracted from the taxpayer.

Promise made, money taken, promise not kept. Yet our bureaucracy insist we must provide the extravagant rewards and pensions they promised themselves.

This treatment of Murry Salby is business as usual for modern bureaucrats, ethics and laws are only for the "little people".

As usual it escapes the attention of these parasites, that society as a whole may be better off without their "help".

□ 03 {Jimmy Haigh} says

July 9, 2013 at 10:17 am

Maybe there are some computing gurus here who could help Prof. Salby with his code?

□ 03 {thelastdemocrat} says

July 9, 2013 at 10:18 am

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/07/09/after-a-tense-year-nyu-and-chen-guangcheng-part-ways.html>

That Australian experience is going about as well as human rights forced-abortion opponent Chen Guangcheng at NYU. The blind guy with the trademark glasses, whose plight eventually had to be acknowledged by Sec of State Clinton.

I don't know what motivated NYU to accept Chen in the first place; We NYU-educated elitist totalitarians are totally jealous of the way China controls fertility, and we will be doing the same as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

Hopefully another university picks up Dr. Salby.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 10:25 am

Michael Palmer wrote in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359397>

Being sceptical about someone's scientific hypothesis is always fair, regardless of whoever turns out to be right in the end. It is a central part of scientific ethos. On the other hand, being "sceptical" about another man's assertion of simple fact means to assume that he is a liar. This is usually done based only on prior evidence of untruthfulness. Do you have such evidence? Put up or shut up.

Following this logic, if someone accused someone else of a crime, and I didn't have any knowledge about prior untruthfulness of the accuser, I should believe the accusations to be true at face value, and I would be the one at fault, if I said the burden of proof for the accusations was on the accuser, and I didn't believe anything before the accusations to be proven true.

□ 03 {*davidmhoffer*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 10:46 am

pressed for time so some quick notes:

Computer code conversion – I presume that Dr Salby is talking about HPC code (High Performance Computing) in which case there would very likely be major conversion issues that require trained resources to undertake, and these are a different skill set than the researcher's in most cases, so yes, he may well have needed considerable help.

Fact checking – yes we haven't heard the other side of the story yet, but if they are guilty as charged we never will. The plane ticket is the smoking gun. It should be possible to independently verify that the claims is true, that they cancelled a non-refundable return ticket. If so, that's a remarkable level of spite and lends credence to the balance of Salby's story.

Jan P – Having debated him on other issues before, his rushing to the defense of Macquarie makes me all that much more sympathetic to Salby. Jan P has a history on this site that in my experience suggests a smokescreen to hide the

fire.

□ 03 {*Kasuha*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 11:00 am

Michael Palmer says:

July 9, 2013 at 10:01 am

On the other hand, being "sceptical" about another man's assertion of simple fact means to assume that he is a liar.

That's not true. I have no reasons to doubt that what Dr. Salby wrote is truth, but I have many reasons to believe that it's not the whole truth. That's why I believe we should wait for reaction from Macquarie and compare the two versions before we start judging anyone.

Not only almost everyone here accepts provided information with no doubts but many people are mindlessly jumping on a conspiracy bandwagon. Dr. Lewandowsky would sure be pleased.

If we want to call ourselves skeptics we should be first of all skeptical to our own conclusions based on insufficient and incomplete evidence.

□ 03 {*Justthinkin*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 11:00 am

They have "academia" in OZ? Dementia, maybe, like a lot of the so called scientists in the rest of the world.

□ 03 {*Ronald Pate*} says

July 9, 2013 at 11:11 am

This is the shameful extent to which the 'establishment' will go to thwart any questioning of the global-warming/climate-change orthodoxy. Dr. Salby's findings threaten to under- mine the claims of 'consensus science.'

I thought I had read the most outrageous, possible, scaremongering promulgated by the increasingly desperate warmists; but, even the most fanciful, anti-scientific, claims are exceeded by that of Item 13. It takes my breath away.

"one in two chance that by 2100 there'll be no human beings left on this planet"

Surely, even warmists must henceforth question their association with institutions willing to use such an unabashed application of naked power to frustrate the evolution and present-ation of new scientific research. This action, at last, exposes...for all to see...the fraudulence of the claims to science made by the 'consensus scientists.'

They should be ashamed and embarrassed!

□ 03 {*Bob_G*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 11:13 am

Jimmy Haigh says: "Maybe there are some computing gurus here who could help Prof. Salby with his code?"

Well, the email indicated there were "several hundred thousand lines of code" to convert.

To me, this implies that the code base is a monster that was not written over time to work on hardware/software operating systems that are no longer common at every University. It probably goes along with an older unique or non-commercial database instead of using for example an Oracle database.

That would have been typical years ago.

Therefore, I would speculate he needed help getting his models to work properly on PC based server platforms or Linux based platforms instead of whatever older hardware it was working on previously (probably Unix boxes of some kind). Such a task would require a bit of research to determine if there are any relatively efficient ways of doing it. If there isn't, then it would possibly require quite a bit of work. But it should be work that they could hire for example computer science students at the University to work on.

□ 03 {Bart} says:

July 9, 2013 at 11:14 am

Jan P Perlwitz says:

July 9, 2013 at 6:02 am

"Since there are no substantial anthropogenic sinks of carbon dioxide, it follows from mass conservation and basic mathematical logic that Nature can't be a net source in the carbon dioxide cycle of the planet under the present day conditions."

Idiotic statement. It does not follow.

□ 03 {Ric Werme} says

July 9, 2013 at 11:15 am

Jan P Perlwitz says:

July 9, 2013 at 6:37 am

It is interesting to watch how almost all of the "skeptic" crowd here just accept all those claims by Salby he makes in this email as true at face value w/o being a bit skeptical. Why is that?

This is my first comment on this article. When I read it this morning, I checked out Joanne Nova's article, the Bishop Hill's. The latter gave me confidence the Email was authentic. I do have some troubles with Salby's claims in his CO2 views, but they're minor enough to ignore until I have time to look at things in detail. (Suffice it to say that the IPCC projections vs. observations and also the decade + of warming followed by a decade + of plateau is enough to raise significant questions.)

I did wish I had the University's view on the events and especially their rationale for cancelling a non-refundable ticket. That seems to be either utter

incompetence, utter vindictiveness, or perhaps the Univ can suggest something a bit milder.

Then you came along and reminded me of the sort of people I'd hate to have to rely upon. Anthony, please keep Dr Perlwitz around, we need to be reminded of the personality of some people in the climate change community. Until we hear more from the University, Dr Perlwitz makes a good stand-in.

□ 03 {steve richards1984} says:

July 9, 2013 at 11:17 am

I can fully understand the actions of the Australian University to do what they have allegedly done, if they believe fully, in the CAGW theme.

The only way that they could excuse such behaviour is that they genuinely believe/fully accept what I and many others believe to be nonsense.

Around the world, bureaucracies are implementing policies which are reverting their countries years of development by the use of poorly understood concepts, without any proof.

Being a WUWT reader, it appears that Australia wants to take the lead in acceptance of and the implementation of these policies.

Like any efficient organisation, if you have a senior member of the team who does not play ball, you 'let them go'.

I just hope that a reader here who has the 'C3' password will now release it. The Australian Universities, being such key players within the team will have many critical mentions within the 'C3' posts that will surely be helped by being aired.

□ 03 {Phineas Fahrquar} says

July 9, 2013 at 11:20 am

Reblogged this on [Public Secrets](#) and commented:

This terrible. I've read Carter's book, "Climate, the Counter-Consensus," and it's a masterpiece of intelligent skepticism, just what good science should be.

And now another academic is being ostracized for not going along with the dominant dogma? What the Hell is going on Down Under?

□ 03 {Kasuha} says:

July 9, 2013 at 11:25 am

Michael Palmer says:

July 9, 2013 at 10:01 am

On the other hand, being "sceptical" about another man's assertion of simple fact means to assume that he is a liar.

We should be first of all skeptical about our own conclusions, especially if they are based on incomplete evidence. I have no doubts that what Dr. Salby wrote is true, but I have serious doubts it is the whole truth.

Based on this mail, we are fully entitled to pity Dr. Salby and organize help for him.

But we are in no position to judge Macquarie or accuse them of wrongdoing without even hearing their side of the truth. That's just plain wrong.

□ 03 {Kon Dealer} says

[July 9, 2013 at 11:32 am](#)

Clearly academic freedom is under attack at Macquarie university by the high priests and political masters of AGW.

This is a very worrying situation which has disturbing parallels with Lysenkoism which flourished under the state patronage of Stalin.

□ 03 {mpainter} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 11:33 am](#)

Did you see that, Perlwitz? PUOSHU means put up or shut up. If you have any substantiation of your smears against the honesty of Salby you need to put them here.

□ 03 {julianbre} says

[July 9, 2013 at 11:36 am](#)

This news comes as no surprise. Here in our own country physics professor Eric Hedin at Ball State University is under attack by University of Chicago biologist Jerry Coyne for teaching a honors course on the "Boundaries of Science," In the approved class, Dr. Hedin suggested texts favorable to and critical of intelligent design. For this heresy, his career at Ball State might be over.

Also under attack is astrophysicist Guillermo Gonzalez, who was recently hired at Ball State University. Guillermo's specialty is finding and writing about exoplanets. But because of his view that the design of the universe is not an accident triggered attacks once again by Jerry Coyne. Dr. Gonzalez has never taught ID in class, but by merely holding that view is enough to put your job in jeopardy.

Expect to see more stories like Professor Murry Salby's here in America as the NCSE exerts more pressure on Universities teaching climate change "science". This is about academic freedom and people should stand up for what is right!

□ 03 {mpainter} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 11:42 am](#)

Macquarie's failure to register the contract may not have been an accident- it may have been deliberate. If there was a deliberate attempt to defraud and injure Salby, then this could be criminal, as Moncton pointed out. There will be a new government in Oz in a short while. This could be another

Climategate, or bigger, if it all spins out. Someone should see that it does spin out.

□ 03 {Mark Bofill} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 11:50 am](#)

Perlwitz,

What's your interest in the matter? Is it just that you have a hard on to try to catch somebody in a logical fallacy, are you looking for more 'what got me snipped' material for your ridiculous blog, or are you going someplace with this?

BTW, thanks for providing an amazing ironic spectacle by actually having the cajones to come here and imply Dr. Salby is lying and then accuse people of *confirmation bias*. I don't get to see people mock themselves to that degree often.

As always, best regards.

□ 03 {norah4you} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 11:52 am](#)

Answer regarding Professor Murry Salby's publications:

Fundamentals of atmospheric physics / Murry L. Salby Salby, Murry L. (författare)

ISBN 0-12-615160-1

San Diego : Academic Press, cop. 1996

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Physics of the Atmosphere and Climate [Elektronisk resurs]. Salby, Murry L. (författare)

ISBN 9781139159173

2nd ed.

Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Engelska 1 online resource (718 p.)

□ 03 {Robin} says

[July 9, 2013 at 12:00 pm](#)

Numerous people are commenting on the rot in the ed system. It is global with the dominant drivers being the UN, the OECD, and, believe it or not, the accreditation agencies. What Salby is running into, what I have tracked back to the Soviet Union and forward to 2013, and what made me think of David Christian and the Big History Project that has been troubling for a while, ALL have one thing in common.

A coordinated effort to create a common belief system that unifies like a cosmology and is believed like dogma and that reality does not shake. It was developed as a philosophy around 1960 in a nerdy expression Ascending from

the Abstract to the Concrete. But the officially supplied beliefs—the Generative Metaphors or Filtering Lenses to use two common expressions act as the guide for how the world is perceived. The purpose is to push Statism and prevent unauthorized technological innovation and basically get most of us behaving like serfs without really seeing it that way.

Think of all the stories as attempts to prevent Unapproved Personal Knowledge. It's also the reason no one teaches reading properly anymore. One more point, research universities did not independently all start pushing these Bad Ideas. Apart from accreditation, higher ed administrative conferences now push the idea that governments run the economy and work together with Big Business and the research universities. We are all just the passengers that exist for the sake of the ship. I have seen the docs from decades ago laying out this as a global political strategy and I have listed to Presidents of major universities make it clear they know this strategy well. "And Governments Must Facilitate Everything" was a direct quote.

□ 03 {*kramer*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:05 pm

I'm going to download Salby's latest video on this. Just in case...

□ 03 {*Hockey Schtick*} says

July 9, 2013 at 12:05 pm

Perlwitz claims the mass balance argument proves Salby is wrong about the source of CO₂

If Perlwitz watched Salby's lecture, he would understand why **the mass balance argument in fact proves nothing**, as it involves a single equation with two unknowns, insufficient to determine a unique solution.

<http://hockeyschtick.blogspot.com/2013/06/climate-scientist-dr-murry-salby.html?showComment=1370978113222#c1094879382476014584>

□ 03 {*Pat Frank*} says

July 9, 2013 at 12:12 pm

Michael, under typical academic conditions, professors who write textbooks have graduate students and post docs doing the research and writing the first drafts. The rate of paper production doesn't fall.

The fact that Salby's publication rate fell indicates that he wasn't getting the grad students and post docs. He seems a good guy who would attract students. His publication hiatus began after 2008, the same year he went to Macquarie. This hiatus is then consistent with the story of getting trouble from Macquarie, rather than support.

□ 03 {*Alan Millar*} says

July 9, 2013 at 12:25 pm

Let us concentrate on verifiable facts.

A key one is the failure to register his contract. This has been stated to be a fact and evidence provided to back it up.

Now this has deprived Salby of certain employment rights under Australian law, that the University assured him he had when negotiating with him.

He needs to follow this up to see if this was just pure oversight or a deliberate action. If deliberate and more than one person was involved in the decision, then that is Conspiracy to deny someones lawful rights and that is an illegal act.

Should be a starter for ten in this case. He needs to put the allegation to them and if he does not get a satisfactory response a complaint to the Police should follow.

Alan

□ 03 {*M Courtney*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:27 pm

"I'm beginning to think Australia is ground zero for AGW crackpottery."

Nope. That's UEA in Norfolk, England. This just shows that cultural links are geographically more important than physical miles in the modern world.

Interesting.

Also, Ferdinand Engelbeen ... I disagree with your assumptions about constancy of CO₂ reservoirs but I may be wrong (this isn't the post for that).

However to everyone else, I want to emphasise that **Ferdinand Engelbeen, throughout this thread has shown how a real scientist disagrees with another.**

He may be right or he may be wrong but this is how to challenge another's ideas without silencing another's ideas.

□ 03 {*Steve from Rockwood*} says

July 9, 2013 at 12:28 pm

If true that's just sickening.

□ 03 {*M Courtney*} says

July 9, 2013 at 12:31 pm

Antiactivist says at July 9, 2013 at 5:12 am

Ban "Thomas" from WUWT!

No, do not.

Challenge his arguments.

Disprove his assertions.

Mock his prejudices (it can be funny).

But do not censor him.

□ 03 {Andrew Parker} says

July 9, 2013 at 12:40 pm

mpainter says:

July 9, 2013 at 11:42 am

“Macquarie’s failure to register the contract may not have been an accident- it may have been deliberate.”

I love a good conspiracy theory. I’ll take it a step further and propose that Macquarie may have lured Salby to Australia for the express purpose of isolating him, and silencing him if he went off the farm. Let us not forget the Team and the lengths they can go to to protect their ideology.

□ 03 {M Courtney} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:41 pm

Ryan says July 9, 2013 at 5:45 am

Can’t really blame them. Who wants to be recorded in history as the University where research attempting to show the source of CO2 rise was natural? It would make them a joke.

Actually it would advance the debate.

The Medieval Warm Period is just about 800 years ago. CO2 ice-cores from Antarctica show that CO2 follows temperature by about 800 years. I have argued for years that that is a confounding factor for the theory of Catastrophic Anthropogenic Global Warming.

The only counterpunches have been that:

A) The MWP didn’t exist (ha ha, even Michael Mann is embarrassed by that blunder)

or

B) No-one has published that research and it would change the whole paradigm if they did – which everyone would love (Nobel prizes, glory and pretty girls/boys etc.)

Yet now we see that option B is not true. Self-interest expressed through institutional politics trumps science.

Why doesn’t that anger you, Ryan?

It peeves me, somewhat.

□ 03 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} says

July 9, 2013 at 12:47 pm

Hockey Schtick says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:05 pm

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If Perlitz watched Salby’s lecture, he would understand why the mass balance

argument in fact proves nothing, as it involves a single equation with two unknowns, insufficient to determine a unique solution.

If the natural circulation was the main source of the increase in the atmosphere, as Salby – and Bart – claim, then there would be an upspeed in ratio with the CO2 emissions by humans, which more than doubled over the past 50 years. That would more than halve the residence time of CO2 in the atmosphere, but we see the opposite: the residence time increases in more recent estimates, which points to rather stable circulation in a growing reservoir.

Moreover if the oceans were the source, that would give an imprint on the 13C/12C ratio’s in the atmosphere which is not observed:

[http://www.ferdinand-](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/deep_ocean_air_increase_290.jpg)

[engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/deep_ocean_air_increase_290.jpg](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/deep_ocean_air_increase_290.jpg)

But that is a reason for discussing things out, not a reason to behave like the university did.

□ 03 {WTF} says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:48 pm

As Kate over at SDA says

“What is the opposite of Diversity.....University”

□ 03 {dbstealey} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:00 pm

In his numerous, ongoing posts written during his taxpayer-paid work day, Perlwitz asks:

“It is interesting to watch how almost all of the ‘skeptic’ crowd here just accept all those claims by Salby he makes in this email as true at face value w/o being a bit skeptical. Why is that?”

Apparently Perlwitz has never heard of the principle: “Silence is concurrence”.

Macquarie U. has not responded — not even with a general, boilerplate comment that Dr. Salby is wrong in his facts.

Scientific skeptics have been all over Perlwitz’ runaway global warming beliefs from the get-go; they have answered with alacrity and facts — verifiable facts that easily deconstruct Perlwitz’ climate alarmism. But by contrast, Macquarie has posted *no* rebuttal of any kind to Dr. Salby’s very serious accusations of wrongdoing.

Silence is concurrence.

□ 03 {Bart} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:01 pm

Ferdinand Engelbeen says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:47 pm

“...then there would be an upspeed in ratio with the CO2 emissions by humans, which more than doubled over the past 50 years.”

No, the human inputs are simply negligible with respect to the natural flows, and the evolution is essentially what it would have been regardless of the human inputs. This is obvious in the data.

□ 03 {*Billy Liar*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 1:05 pm](#)

alex says:

July 9, 2013 at 12:31 am

Alex, do you watch ‘The Big Bang Theory’? You know the trouble Sheldon has with sarcasm ...

There are many Sheldons in this world!

□ 03 {*Lars P.*} says

[July 9, 2013 at 1:07 pm](#)

This is a very sad and disturbing story.

And as we have seen it fits the pattern of Climategate emails, of warmista behaviour throughout the whole CAGW story. It reminds me of the case of prof. Jaworowsky and many other. Will be interesting to learn how this particular case will evolve in the future.

Obviously the universities in Australia have enough money to throw on Gergis studies or for Lew papers, however behave so badly with skeptics scientists.

The problem resides maybe ironically with too much money available for universities from public teats which this way fed an unproductive, useless university bureaucracy very much dependent on government money.

So what do they do? They please the masters, there is no competition for science.

Maybe a significant reduction in money spend on various “research” might improve the quality.

“If it disagrees with observations its wrong” – so very clearly stated. Of course such call to reality and science could not be tolerated by the climate church.

03 {janama} says:

July 9, 2013 at 8:53 am

Thank you for posting the 2 videos. Very instructive.

□ 03 {*M Courtney*} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 1:07 pm](#)

If the natural circulation was the main source of the increase in the atmosphere, as Salby – and Bart – claim, then there would be an upspeed in ratio with the CO₂ emissions by humans, which more than doubled over the past 50 years. That would more than halve the residence time of CO₂ in the atmosphere, but we see the opposite: the residence time increases in more recent estimates,

which points to rather stable circulation in a growing reservoir.

Sounds reasonable (no reference but I have seen your record and you wouldn’t make the statement without being able to back it up). I’ll accept that.

Moreover if the oceans were the source, that would give an imprint on the 13C/12C ratio’s in the atmosphere which is not observed:

Ok the imprint is not observed but should it be? Really?

You know the source of Oceanic CO₂? How much is from undersea volcanoes or evolutionary changes in the lifespan of biota? And what is the C12:C13 ratio in the deep underground or photosynthesising microorganisms?

Also, (very speculative this) if the reservoirs change then do the periods of inflow and outflow change?

But actually, this is not the post to discuss this.

This post is about academic policy and the search for knowledge. If you don’t feel it right to reply let no-one think you in anyway the lesser. Quite the reverse, perhaps.

□ 03 {*Ferdinand Engelbeen*} says

[July 9, 2013 at 1:14 pm](#)

Bart says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:01 pm

No, the human inputs are simply negligible with respect to the natural flows, and the evolution is essentially what it would have been regardless of the human inputs. This is obvious in the data.

Not the right place to discuss these thing out – again – but if the residuals in the atmosphere doubled over time (in ratio with human inputs) and natural inputs are to blame, the whole circulation must double in speed...

□ 03 {*Hockey Schtick*} says

[July 9, 2013 at 1:15 pm](#)

Ferdinand says “the residence time increases in more recent estimates”

If the residence time was increasing, the CO₂ airborne fraction would not be decreasing

http://ej.iop.org/images/1748-9326/8/1/011006/erl459410f3_online.jpg

Ferdinand says decrease in 13C proves man is the source of increased atmospheric CO₂

Salby’s lecture shows natural sources of 13C such as vegetation and plankton in the oceans [leaner in c13 vs. c12 just like fossil fuels] vary due to temperature changes. Observations show atmospheric 13C varies according to temperature, not man-made emissions. Thus, 13C/12C is also a false argument in support of the assumption that man-made CO₂ controls atmospheric CO₂.

□ 03 {*Ant*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:18 pm

Jan P Perlwitz, LMAO, Keep digging that hole in your credibility.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 1:32 pm

Hockey Schtick wrote in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359504>

Perlwitz claims the mass balance argument proves Salby is wrong about the source of CO₂

If Perlwitz watched Salby's lecture, he would understand why the mass balance argument in fact proves nothing, as it involves a single equation with two unknowns, insufficient to determine a unique solution.

The claim that there were two unknown variables in the mass balance equation is false.

One can write the differential balance equation of the total carbon dioxide mass C in the atmosphere in a simple form,

$$dC(t)/dt = F_n(t) + F_a(t),$$

where F_n is the total of the fluxes between natural sources/sinks and the atmosphere, and F_a is the flux from anthropogenic sources (anthropogenic sinks are negligible), and t is time. This balance equation must always be fulfilled, at any point in time. The mass must always be balanced. It's a first principle in physics. In this equation, $F_a(t)$ averaged over time is sufficiently known, and $dC(t)/dt$ averaged over time is sufficiently known. There is only one unknown term in this equation, the total of the fluxes between the atmosphere and natural sources/sinks $F_n(t)$ averaged over time. Since $F_a(t)$ has been greater Zero on average since pre-industrial times, and $dC(t)/dt$ has been greater Zero on average since pre-industrial times, but $dC(t)/dt$ has been smaller than $F_a(t)$ on average since pre-industrial times, $F_n(t)$ must have been without violation of the mass balance equation. When 32 Gt carbon dioxide is emitted in a year due to human activities, with some variability around this value, equivalent to a yearly increase of the carbon dioxide mixing ratio in the atmosphere of about 4 ppm a year, and the atmospheric mixing ratio of carbon dioxide increases only by about 2 ppm on average every year, currently, there is a difference in the mass balance of about 2 ppm a year of carbon dioxide that comes from human activities, which must go somewhere. Mainstream climate science's answer is it goes into the natural sinks, which take in more carbon dioxide than it is emitted from natural sources. Salby doesn't have any answer where the carbon dioxide mass from human emissions goes. He basically claims something like $4+2=2$.

One could split the natural sources/sinks into two terms, or in even more terms for different sources and sinks. And one can study how those sources and sinks respond to short-term changes in various meteorological variables, or also to longer-term changes of climate. Then one would formally have more than one unknown term in the equation. But this doesn't change anything about the sum of all natural flux terms. The sum must be smaller than Zero on average to fully account for the total of the carbon dioxide mass change in the atmosphere and the fluxes, under the condition of the presence of the perturbation in the carbon dioxide flux that comes from human activities.

And I don't care about video clips on "skeptical" opinion website. Those are not scientific references. I care about what published science says, because this is the place where scientists present their evidence and open their hypotheses and theories to the scrutiny of other scientists. There is a reason why Salby's claims about the cause of the present day carbon dioxide increase since pre-industrial times are not published in the specialist journals of the field. And with all the journals that exist today, and with the open-access journals that compete with each other, it is just not believable it was because of the acting of sinister forces that suppressed the publication of his "findings". Instead, he travels around and gives speeches to willing audiences where he spreads his claims.

□ 03 {*Chad Wozniak*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:36 pm

@Janice Moore, Lord Monckton, Allencic -

My sentiments exactly, well said by all. What a gross miscarriage of justice, and a prostitution of "science." Unfortunately, I think Dr. Salby will have an uphill battle in either civil or criminal action, as the courts are surely packed with the satraps of climatism. Here in the US, even our supposedly "conservative" Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Roberts, saw no problem with ignoring the 4th and 5th Amendments and allowing that hate group known as the EPA to declare CO₂ a pollutant. I would not think Australian courts would be any different in this.

What a tragedy this is for Australia, which used to be that other beacon of liberty shining upon the world, America's Down Under counterpart. Hopefully the September elections there will start the process of unraveling the tyrannical kleptocracy that now rules the country and its educational system.

@Rhys Fair -

Maybe, if Australia reverted to its ancient, real anthem, "Waltzing Mathilda," spirits might be revived somewhat. I have never quite understood why WM wasn't chosen, if "God Save the King/Queen" had to be abandoned ("O Canada" certainly isn't any better either). How sad, that nations abandon their heritage. I'm waiting for "The Star-Spangled Banner," "America the

Beautiful,” “Hail Columbia,” “Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean,” “America (to the tune of ‘God Save the King’)” (in that regard, have any British Commonwealth people ever heard Charles Ives’s superfragilisticexpialidocious “Variations on ‘America’” for organ? It rocks!!), “Stars and Stripes Forever,” “God Bless America” and such to be banned from the schools, universities and other public fora of all kinds.

As for Jan P Perlwitz – to respond properly to this gastropod’s idiocy, I would need to use language too strong even for this relatively tolerant and indulgent website. In fact, I don’t think there is any word in the English language that is filthy and obscene enough to describe people like him, or what they purvey in the name of “science.”.

□ 03 {*Bebben*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:40 pm

This isn’t about whether Salby is “right” or not. It’s about independent research and academic freedom, as opposed to Lysenkoism and the global warming thought police.

If one adds two and two, the obvious interpretation is that the University is trying to prevent Salby publish his findings in the scientific literature. (They probably have a whole bunch of lews and cooks sitting on them, too.)

□ 03 {*TimC*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:45 pm

Jan P said: “Michael Palmer wrote “... On the other hand, being “sceptical” about another man’s assertion of simple fact means to assume that he is a liar. This is usually done based only on prior evidence of untruthfulness.”

Following this logic, if someone accused someone else of a crime, and I didn’t have any knowledge about prior untruthfulness of the accuser, I should believe the accusations to be true at face value.”

An accusation of crime is not an “assertion of simple fact”, to which Michael Palmer referred. A crime necessarily has two components: (a) the “actus reus” (the physical act, perhaps taking away another person’s property) and (b) the “mens rea” (dishonest intent, such as permanently to deprive the rightful owner of the property).

So if I were say “that man has taken my coat” I would indeed expect you to accept what I say (unless/until you have reasonable grounds for disbelief); if I were to say “that man has stolen my coat” I would again expect you to believe that he has taken my coat but you could properly point out that his reason for his taking it (whether it was just accidental, or actually dishonest) must be considered before he can be taken to have committed the crime of stealing it. Your (attempted) rebuttal conflates two different concepts, and is inapt.

□ 03 {*metamars*} says

July 9, 2013 at 1:47 pm

Why not crowd-fund Salby and his Russian student/assistant? And double their salaries, in the process. This may not work for his Russian assistant, as she was seeking a degree from an accredited university, but funding a credible offer for her, as well, would still be an impressive response to Macquarie’s insults.

□ 03 {*Ferdinand Engelbeen*} says

July 9, 2013 at 1:47 pm

Hockey Schtick says:

July 9, 2013 at 1:15 pm

If the residence time was increasing, the CO2 airborne fraction would not be decreasing

I was talking about the period 1960-current when everything doubled: emissions, increase/year in the atmosphere...

Observations show atmospheric 13C varies according to temperature, not man-made emissions.

On very short term (seasons), yes. Not on longer term, as the whole biosphere (land and seaplants, microbes, insects, animals) is a net producer of oxygen, thus a net absorber of CO2 and preferentially 12CO2, leaving relative more 13CO2 in the atmosphere. But we see a steady decline of the 13C/12C ratio in the atmosphere and ocean surface... See:

http://www.bowdoin.edu/~mbattle/papers_posters_and_talks/BenderGBC2005.pdf

Thus Salby is wrong on this point.

But let’s leave this discussion for a another time. Now it is about Salby and the university...

□ 03 {*J Martin*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:00 pm

Universities ought to be a broad church of differing opinion and discourse, otherwise they become stagnant pools of political correctness that no longer serve to expand human development and push back the boundaries of science and knowledge.

One thing is certain, weather and climate both go up and down. All the signs are there that cooling to at least 2020 and more likely 2030 are highly possible. Lucky University (it’s easier to spell), may have made a mistake of momentous proportions. They have traded long term respect for short term financial gain. If, and more likely when, the climate moves into a colder spell, if they had Kept Salby they would have been in a stronger position, able to demonstrate that they held the high ground by encourage innovative thinkers to their

University and that they were actively researching all aspects of climate, both the conventional wisdom of co2 and other viewpoints.

They have gambled by putting all their eggs into one basket, the belief that rising co2 means rising temperatures to dangerous levels. A risky strategy if temperatures fall as widely predicted and for which there are an increasing number of indications.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:04 pm

[snip - accusations of lying -mod]

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 2:18 pm

TimC wrote in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359581>

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The claim is that Salby had been deliberately wronged by the university, because of his “skeptical” views. Is it not?

So if I were say “that man has taken my coat” I would indeed expect you to accept what I say (unless/until you have reasonable grounds for disbelief);

Well, too bad for you in this case. Whatever you expect from me, I nevertheless wouldn’t just accept your claim to be true at face value. Why would I? Just because you make such a claim? I don’t know you and I don’t know anything about you.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 2:20 pm

Anthony Watts wrote in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359341>

REPLY: Of course the university is going to deny it. I’ve spent 25+ years in TV and radio news, this is just standard boilerplate response. I’ve seen the same sort of response from our own university here in similar situations that later turned out to be true. Its an institutional thing.

If this is supposed to support your assertion that Carter and Salby had presented the matter correctly, then this is logically a non-sequitur.

If Carter and/or Salby have been administratively wronged by their universities they can go to court. If they are successful with that I will accept that. But I am not going to take their word at face value, when claim stands against claim.

“your people” means your people at GISS, in the building you work at, the place you have previously refused to acknowledge you work for, even though you are listed in the GISS directory, have a GISS phone number, and have a NASA GISS email address.

<http://www.giss.nasa.gov/staff/jperlwitz.html>

Your denial is epic. – Anthony

I don’t know whether Salby is lying about his matters with the university. But I know that it is not true what you claim here and now, Mr. Watts. I have never said that I didn’t work at the GISS institute. Instead, what I said is that I am not employed by NASA, contradicting your repeated assertions about this matter. And I said that I work at GISS as a Columbia scientist based on a collaboration between NASA and Columbia. Everyone who can read should be able to see under the link you have posted here with what institution I am affiliated. Nothing has changed regarding this. My statements about this are still the same as back then.

03 {*Anthony Watts*} **REPLY:** The University is doing wagon circling, we’ve seen it all before. You’ve said in the past, that you don’t work for NASA GISS in NYC, with excuses that you aren’t a federal employee, but some sort of special circumstance employee in some specially funded relationship between Columbia and NASA, that has blurred lines to the outsider looking in. To solve the issue, simply say “I am a Columbia employee working at NASA GISS in NYC” and the matter is settled. Anything else is just more pointless obfuscation.

Does the money Columbia pay you come from federal funding or state funding, or something else, and is it 100% Columbia or some mixture? Or, is it some NGO like Greenpeace that is funding you? Since so many AGW activists (like your former boss Hansen) claim that skeptics are in the pay of big oil, big coal etc, I think it is a germane question. – Anthony

□ 03 {*Allencic*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:27 pm

This Salby incident seems to be the opposite of the old academic joke, “The reason academic arguments are so nasty is because the stakes are so low.” The stakes could hardly be higher if AGW is proven to all that it is totally false. Lots of heads should roll. I retired from academe in 2001 after 37 wonderfully enjoyable years of teaching geology. The politically correct BS just got so intolerable and so unscientific that I was lucky that my retirement could happen just as the crap got too deep.

□ 03 {*davidmhoffer*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:29 pm

Jan P

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Perlwitz says “One could split the natural sources/sinks into two terms, or in even more terms for different sources and sinks. And one can study how those sources and sinks respond to short-term changes in various meteorological variables, or also to longer-term changes of climate. Then one would formally have more than one unknown term in the equation.”

Of course one has to split the sources and sinks into [at least] two terms.

Anthropogenic sinks are a third unknown in the single equation. It is a dynamic system, not static. Human sources are insignificant in comparison to the natural flows. The uncertainties on both natural sources and sinks greatly exceed the tiny human contribution.

“And one can study how those sources and sinks respond to short-term changes in various meteorological variables”

Salby has clearly shown that the huge natural sources AND sinks respond to short-term changes in temperature, not man made emissions.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 3:03 pm

Davidmhoffer wrote in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359612>

So it must upset you greatly then that Phil Jones talked about working to get properly peer reviewed papers excluded, even if it meant changing the definition of peer review? It must bother you greatly then when the editor of Remote Sensing is forced to resign because he allowed a paper to be published despite it passing peer review and by his own assertion not having any problems with it? So you must be upset then about professors being denied promised resources and even their jobs to prevent their work from becoming part of the body of peer reviewed work?

These are all rhetorical question that presume and contain assertions without evidence or proof of source.

For about the ninth time btw, you never answered my question from many threads ago as to what in Briffa's paper could not be understood by someone with good math skills and entry level stats? Remember you refused to answer my question until I answered yours? Then when I answered yours you refused to answer mine?

No, I don't remember that this was the case how you present it here. Please back up your claims with according links and proof of source.

Why should I have the burden to answer your question “what in Briffa's paper could not be understood by someone with good math skills and entry level stats?” I do not recall to have claimed that this was the case. Without me having claimed such a thing your question presumes an assertion about me, which is a falsehood. It's called a loaded question. I do not see any reason why I should have to answer your loaded question.

You also never answered other tough questions I asked you. When asked the tough

questions you either run away and hide, or whine about what is and isn't in the peer reviewed literature. The fact is that you cannot or will not deal with the facts, and you are just fine with suppressing papers that disagree with your position from being published.

Since you do not back up your claims about me with anything, and the claims are unspecific, they are objectively not refutable by me. It's a rhetoric trick by you.

Ferdinand Englebeen set an excellent example in this thread, disputing the facts of Salby's position without trying to silence it. If you actually believed what I quoted from you above, you would be doing the same.

So what? I am not Ferdinand Englebeen. He apparently has chosen to believe the claims by Salby about the university matter at face value, without knowing all the facts, or at least heard all sides in this case. This is his choice. I have made a different one. I do not believe anything that comes without the evidence that the assertions were true. And this is not in contradiction at all to what you quoted from me. It is exactly the same approach I take toward scientific questions. Nothing should be accepted to be true without evidence.

□ 03 {*Mike Jonas*} says

July 9, 2013 at 3:04 pm

In line with comments by some others, and in view of the shellacking being dished out here to MacQuarie University, I suggest that Anthony should formally contact MQ and invite them to defend themselves here.

And that really is a serious suggestion, not a sarc.

□ 03 {*JR*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:07 pm

@JanPPerlwitz, you said:

“Following this logic, if someone accused someone else of a crime, and I didn't have any knowledge about prior untruthfulness of the accuser, I should believe the accusations to be true at face value, and I would be the one at fault, if I said the burden of proof for the accusations was on the accuser, and I didn't believe anything before the accusations to be proven true.”

And yet you want to blindly follow computer models in the face of empirical data to the contrary? Hypocrisy much?

□ 03 {*Magic Turtle*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:13 pm

When criticising Salby's statements about CO2 Jan P Perlwitz (July 9, 2013 at 6:02 am) accuses Salby of ignoring the consequences of the mass-conservation law of basic physics. He writes:

These “findings” could only be valid, if basic physical principles like mass conservation did not apply to carbon dioxide. Currently, about 32 Gt carbon dioxide

are emitted by human activities every year. This would cause an increase in the atmospheric mixing ratio of carbon dioxide of about 4 ppm every year, if none of this carbon dioxide was removed from the atmosphere. However, the actual increase is about 2 ppm per year, currently. Since there are no substantial anthropogenic sinks of carbon dioxide, **it follows from mass conservation and basic mathematical logic that Nature can't be a net source in the carbon dioxide cycle of the planet under the present day conditions.**

and he concludes with the questions:

Otherwise, if Nature was a net source for the carbon dioxide increase in the atmosphere, where did all the human carbon dioxide go then? Does carbon dioxide mass from human activities just mysteriously vanish?

No, Mr Perlwitz, it is not Murry Salby who is ignoring the mass-conservation law; it is you (and the multitude of your fellow warmists) who are ignoring *Henry's law* that governs the dissolution of gases in liquids. This well-established law of physical chemistry determines a fixed *partitioning ratio* between the amount of CO₂ gas that the earth's oceans will absorb and the amount that will remain behind in the atmosphere at equilibrium.

The value of the partitioning ratio varies inversely with the water-temperature, ie. the warmer the water, the less it will absorb. At the current global mean ocean temperature of under 15°C the partitioning ratio is greater than 50:1. In other words, over 98% of all CO₂ released into the atmosphere from whatever sources will ultimately be dissolved permanently in the oceans and less than 2% will be left behind in the atmosphere as a permanent addition to the resident CO₂ greenhouse. Hence, Henry's law deems that less than 2% of the approx. 4ppmv of CO₂ that Perlwitz says is emitted annually by global industrial civilization will stay permanently in the atmosphere and the rest will go permanently into the oceans. Now 2% of 4ppmv is just 0.08ppmv. I do not see how any claim of a looming man-made global warming crisis can be justified rationally with that trivial annual greenhouse-increment of human-sourced CO₂.

So to Perlwitz's simple question '*...if Nature was a net source for the carbon dioxide increase in the atmosphere, where did all the human carbon dioxide go then?*', we can answer with a high degree of confidence that effectively at least 98% of it has gone into the oceans, leaving less than 2% behind in the atmosphere. It follows too that the remaining 1.92ppmv of atmospheric CO₂ required to make up the total annual increase of 2ppmv (assuming that this estimate is correct) must have come from natural sources, Perlwitz's views notwithstanding.

The bottom line is that Henry's law blows a massive hole in the alarmist AGW theory below the water-line. No wonder AGW-enthusiasts studiously avoid acknowledging it and are effectively in denial about it.

□ 03 {*Michael Palmer*} says

July 9, 2013 at 3:14 pm

@ Jan P

"Following this logic, if someone accused someone else of a crime, and I didn't have any knowledge about prior untruthfulness of the accuser, I should believe the accusations to be true at face value, and I would be the one at fault, if I said the burden of proof for the accusations was on the accuser, and I didn't believe anything before the accusations to be proven true."

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That is just pathetic. Did you read the assertions made by Salby? Did you notice his painstakingly accurate language, sticking strictly to factual, provable assertions and abstaining from any hyperbole, insults and allegations of crime? Also notice that we are not here in a court of law, in which indeed the burden would rest with the accuser; we are not awarding damages or meting out punishment, but just trying to understand a situation. In doing so, we are free to rely on our common sense and experience; if we have any, of course, which obviously lets you out.

BTW I happen to know that Salby's Macquarie email address had been disabled by the university a few weeks ago (I attempted to email him, wishing to thank and congratulate him for his presentation then posted here on WUWT). The mail was rejected by the university mail server, without any further explanation or updated contact information. To me, that seems of a piece with the Macquarie's hostile stance implied by Salby's letter.

□ 03 {*tallbloke*} says

July 9, 2013 at 3:19 pm

dbstealey says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:56 am

Agree with the remedy of legal action. Such action should be taken under U.S. jurisdiction, where there is a better discovery process. Prof Salby was enticed from the U.S.; actions were taken within this country, by agents of Macquarie. Dr. Salby suffered subsequent financial loss and damage to his professional reputation, which the university must be forced to explain. There are ongoing damages being incurred. As always, if financial support is required to right this wrong, I will contribute. Others here have indicated they will help, too. This is a battle worth fighting.

Good man yerself.

get in touch.

Rog Tallbloke

□ 03 {*Fraiser*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:21 pm

Atlas Shrugged was published in 1957. It could have been written yesterday.

□ 03 {*Billy Liar*} says

July 9, 2013 at 3:29 pm

Who opened Jan P Perlwitz's box?

□ *norah4you* says

July 9, 2013 at 3:29 pm

While I don't vouch for the link [Volcanic CO2 caused ancient episodes of global warming, climatesentral.org](http://climatesentral.org) I can confirm that that's a true statement but that it doesn't hold the complete truth. Volcanic CO2 which cause more than 90% of all CO2 'leakage' (human less than 1%) the volcanoes of this earth, on land and in sea, also is involved when we study ancient episodes of global cooling especially on Northern Hemisphere.

I take it that most of you are aware not only that the temperature in Arctic and Greenland was at least 1 degree Celsius sometimes 3 degree Celsius higher between 980 AD and 1341. Or at least I do hope that Scientist are aware of this?

Even those who like *Cook, Bradley, Stoner and Francus, P. 2009. Five thousand years of sediment transfer in a high arctic watershed recorded in annually laminated sediments from Lower Murray Lake, Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, Canada. Journal of Paleolimnology 41: 77-94.* give the figure to 0.6 degrees at the peak seems to understand that it was warmer then. That figure goes for Ellesmere Island.

The actual figure for Greenland is what I referred to above.

Most of the Viking expansion took place during what scientist refer to as the climatic optimum of the Medieval Warm Period dated ca. A.D. 800 to 1200 (Jones 1986; McGovern 1991); a general term for warm periods that reached their optimum at different times across the North Atlantic (Groves and Switsur 1991). During this time the mean annual temperature for southern Greenland was 1 to 3°C higher than today." Julie Megan Ross, Paleoethnobotanical Investigation of Garden Under Sandet, a Waterlogged Norse Farm Site.

Western Settlement. Greenland (Kaiiaallit Nunaata), University of Alberta, Department of Anthropology Edmonton. Alberta Fall 1997, page 40

More to read: [P. C. Buckland, Bioarchaeological and Climatological Evidence for the Fate of Norse Farmers in Medieval Greenland, Earth Science 1-1 1995 the University of Maine](#)

What's especial with 'Garden under Sandet'? Well from mid 1300's up to 1990's that farm was under permafrost due to the many huge volcano eruptions from 1341 to 1400. Garden under Sandet had been a large farm even compared with same period in Scandinavia.

You can't use any measured date from any area closer a volcano than 1000 km as it was or could be used to indicate CO2 levels rising due to human activity. The same goes for the so-called heating in atmosphere – one need to take all involved variables into consideration. And they are more than 43..... Never

seen anyone of the AWG-'priests' of this world using half of them....

Btw. on one of the channels here in Sweden earlier today there was a Science program from BBC giving the information that the cold winters in for example US, Canada, and places here in Europe is due to the temperature on the northern hemisphere cooling down the last 50 years caused by volcano eruptions. Haven't had time, as you might imagine, to go to the University Library here in Gothenburg checking the sources they referred to. But one thing is certain – the weather on Earth isn't as easy to understand as some using mathematic formulas from Physics laws or Chemical reactions believes them to be.....

□ 03 {*Nick Stokes* says: ★Colorado 09 10:54am UTC
July 9, 2013 at 3:54 pm

dbstealey says: July 9, 2013 at 2:56 am

"Agree with the remedy of legal action. Such action should be taken under U.S. jurisdiction, where there is a better discovery process."

Still, it **doesn't always succeed**

□ 03 {*tango*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:01 pm

I am sad to say that I am a Australiana BLOODY DISGRACE they all have their noses in the trough while shooing away the pigs and don't forget we have a labour Gov't who supports the actions by these geese

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:03 pm

03 {WUWT} mod (Snip. You will **not** label as "dishonest" everyone who disagrees with you. ~mod.)

□ 03 {*WR Xavier*} says

July 9, 2013 at 4:05 pm

I have done a couple of university subjects with Macquarie Uni, I plan on doing further ones, but I think I will forget it now, I really don't want to be associated with a University of this calibre. Why stop at the Dean of Science? Of course if people really want to, rather than email the Dean of Science you can always go directly to the Chancellor's Office:

<http://universitycouncil.mq.edu.au/members.html>

Contact for the Council is below:

Contact the Secretary

Emma Lawler

University Secretary

Office of the Vice-Chancellor

self-serving government drones. Honest scientists demand solid evidence of cause and effect, but as usual Perlwitz comes up empty-handed. He cannot show that the rise in CO₂ is any more than a coincidental correlation: CO₂ only appeared to lead temperatures from around 1980 to 1997. The rest of the time, CO₂ followed temperature. But the climate alarmists trot out those few years as proof that CO₂ causes global warming. That is not evidence, that is only the unscientific assertion of a short term coincidence. *Most* of the time, CO₂ has followed temperature. CO₂ is not the cause; it is the *effect* of rising temperature.

Perlwitz is a mere government bureaucrat, who is terrified that the general public will lose interest in the runaway global warming nonsense he promotes. But that is exactly what is happening. The public is getting wise to Perlwitz' pseudo-science. They are learning what WUWT readers already know.

□ 03{*davidmhoffer*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:45 pm

I don't want to hijack this thread with the discussion between me and JanP, so I'll take this moment to make a point.

If the accusations leveled at McQuarie are false, then we should expect a swift and blunt counter response. After all, who is going to take a job at the kind of institution that fires you and cancels your return flight when you are on another continent? That accusation alone is sufficient to make first rate researchers think twice about working there, and failing to refute it and other simple to check facts (such as offering a contract and then not registering it) speak as loudly as the accusations themselves.

I'm waiting for the other side of the story, and will listen when it is told, change my mind if the facts warrant it. But so far all we have is the sound of silence which speaks volumes.

□ 03{*TomR,Worc,MA*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:46 pm

Anthony Watts says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:45 pm

Per davidmhoffer above, I'm going to hold Mr. Perlwitz to answering those questions before he gets to comment further on other topics

Please don't ban him. People that disagree with the skeptical view is what makes WUWT so great to read. Maybe just a little reminder to him about those pesky questions he won't answer, when ever he posts and you get that itch. What were the questions BTW?
Keep up the good work.!

□ 03{*kevstest*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:53 pm

Prof. Salby can't expect justice under the Australian legal system nor will he get it by seeking to use extraterritorial courts which would have to have their judgement enforced in Australia! The processes favour those who can afford all the costs and can absorb the stress to which they will be exposed while all the appellate actions take place over the future years. It is a game played by lawyers and there is always another untested or uncertain legal issue which can be teased out of any judgement. It's point against point: the last respondent standing on the court gets its name on the judgement leader board. Macquarie must win and Salby if he takes them on will find he has all the costs as their outlays are not personal. Even a win will not recoup costs, then there's another appeal... Been there...

The good news is that so much political action has now been mandated that people are beginning to question why they can't afford heating or do they really need a fart tax on cows or a hundred other things driven by grreenist AGW lunacy. The best way to fight back is to preserve a livelihood somehow and turn the heat of publicity on the issues. I'm only a layman in this arena but but even I can see the AR5 chart shows a mismatch between observations and aspirational models: 17-23 years without warming is not a compelling justification to increase my power bill. Feynman is much missed at a time like this.

□ 03{*TimC*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:55 pm

@ Jan Perlwitz: you said "Whatever you expect from me, I nevertheless wouldn't just accept your claim to be true at face value. Why would I? Just because you make such a claim?"

Answer – simple humanity: that it is wise to be inclined to accept a statement of fact (which the maker knows can and probably will be independently verified) even from a stranger, until the contrary is clear.

And in this actual case the truth will inevitably come out and Prof Salby has considerably more to lose than gain (financially and reputationally) if he has mis-represented the facts of this bizarre affair.

□ 03{*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 4:57 pm

[Snip.]

I can't find the comment by me under the link you provided, where I allegedly said what you are asserting.

[Snip.]

03{WUWT} mod (The comment was easy to find in the link provided:

davidmhoffer says

October 30, 2012 at 5:28 pm (Edit)

For the record, as this thread shows, I have asked climate scientist Jan Perlwitz two questions. One in regard to what aspects of the Briffa paper above cannot be understood by someone outside of the climate research field, and the other in regard to the cause of late springs in years with little or no snowfall.

Having been repeatedly asked these questions, and having had ample time to respond, he has not. We are left to draw our own conclusions as to why.

My expectation is that he will not answer the first question because there is nothing in that paper that would require any knowledge specific to climate research to understand, and the second because he doesn't know.

Note that Mr Hoffer referred to his own questions that Mr Perlwitz avoided, not to what Perlwitz wrote.

~mod.)

□ 03 {*Andres Valencia*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 4:59 pm

Professor Murry Salby is an honest man and a good scientist that has contributed to the understanding of Earth's climate. This is a great, self-inflicted loss for Macquarie University.

Over the last two years he has been looking at C12 and C13 ratios and CO2 levels around the world, and has come to the conclusion that man-made emissions have only a small effect on global CO2 levels. It's not just that man-made emissions don't control the climate, they don't even control global CO2 levels. See Blockbuster: Planetary temperature controls CO2 levels — not humans (Jo Nova, August 2011), at

<http://joannenova.com.au/2011/08/blockbuster-planetary-temperature-controls-co2-levels-not-humans/>

Also see The Emily Litella moment for climate science and CO2? (Anthony Watts, August 5 2011), at <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2011/08/05/the-emily-litella-moment-for-climate-science-and-co2/>

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 5:02 pm

(Snip.

Anthony wrote:

Per davidmhoffer above, I'm going to hold Mr. Perlwitz to answering those questions before he gets to comment further on other topics.

No further comments until you answer the questions.

~mod.)

□ 03 {*tumetuestumefaisdubien1*} says

July 9, 2013 at 5:06 pm

This academic bullying is simply disgusting. showing how pathetically desperate the CAGW camp became. I anyway hope bright minds as professor Salby will prevail over this accelerating desperation.

□ 03 {*Nick Stokes*} says

July 9, 2013 at 5:29 pm

"But so far all we have is the sound of silence which speaks volumes."

This post appeared about 3.30pm Tuesday Sydney time. It is now 10.24am Wed. I doubt if someone at MacQ is constantly monitoring WUWT.

But MacQ will not be able to say much. Employers here are quite constrained in talking about personnel matters. There are appropriate venues (like misconduct hearings).

□ 03 {*Bruce*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 5:30 pm

As a retired scientist who is living in Australia, I agree with the perception that Australian scientists are prostituting themselves to support the political climate change agenda. I have an ex-friend who now refuses to speak to me because I have suggested that climate change might not be completely human induced. He is a private consultant making his money from environmental freshwater flow programs that assume Australia will be gripped in permanent drought because of human induced climate change. I have another academic friend that remains friendly as long as I don't question human induced climate change because his major research funding is now focused on how fish recruitment is impacted by changes in the East Australian current due to climate change.

The Australian Government has made some very strange choices of people they put in influential consultative positions. Nobody seems to think that Dr Tim Flannery, who has no qualifications in the field of Climate Science, is a strange choice as head of the Australian Commission on Climate Change. He is a Paleontologist who did his PhD thesis work on prehistoric kangaroos and why the largest Australian mega fauna disappeared about the same time that Aboriginal people first arrived in Australia. To everyone's amazement he proposed that Aboriginals killed and ate the mega fauna. The government appointed another academic, this time an economist named Professor Ross Garnaut, to design a carbon tax for his fellow Australians. Professor Garnaut was held up as our great environmental saviour. Nobody has ever mentioned that he was previously CEO of the largest, most polluting gold mine in Papua New Guinea.

We are bombarded daily with information from CSIRO and the government media (ABC radio and TV) indicating that 99% of scientists agree that carbon is pollution (suggesting our carbon based life form is pollution) and human

induced Climate Change is going to cause us to perish on a burned out cinder of a planet if we don't fork over our life savings immediately. From my Australian perspective, I have no problem believing everything Prof Salby is saying.

□ 03{dbstealey} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:32 pm

Nick Stokes,

Personnel matters aside, nothing precludes Macquarie from stating that it has done nothing wrong or improper.
But they don't say that, do they?

□ 03{Jan P Perlwitz} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:34 pm

(Snip. Anthony sets the rules here. You are not the first person he has told to answer questions, there have been several others. So enough with your complaining. Answer the questions, and you are free to comment. That's the deal. ~mod.)

□ 03{manicbeancounter} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:49 pm

Before you come down too hard on one side, first look at the evidence from Jo Nova's posting on Salby's claims [two years ago](#). When Macquarie University hired Salby it was on the basis of

- "Salby was once an IPCC reviewer"
- "He's been a visiting professorships at Paris, Stockholm, Jerusalem, and Kyoto, and he's spent time at the Bureau of Meteorology in Australia."

In appointing Murray Salby as Chair of Climate Science at Macquarie University, the authorities thought they would get a prestigious believer in the AGW theory, who would enlarge the department through attracting more funding and prestige to the climatology department. Instead they were lumbered with a maverick, who fundamentally undermined their funding by becoming an apostate. As Jo said

According to Salby, science is about discourse and questioning. He emphasized the importance of debate: "Excluding discourse is not science".

What were Macquarie University to do?

A couple of more examples of prestigious institutions being lumbered with mavericks might help them with their plight.

In the early 1980s, the Royal Perth Hospital (in Jo Nova's home city) experienced a couple of maverick doctors who challenged the scientific consensus on bacteria in the gut, called Barry Marshall and Robin Warren.

Embarrassingly for the hospital, they received the Nobel Prize for [medicine in](#)

2005. To continue the embarrassment, Nobelprize.org have a photo of these mavericks backing their link to the "Announcements of the 2013 Nobel Prizes". Naturally, The Royal Perth Hospital [tries to hide this](#).

In my home city of Manchester UK, a couple of Russian mavericks were awarded the [2010 Nobel Prize in Physics](#). Their maverick credentials were confirmed in the citation:-

Geim and Novoselov extracted the graphene from a piece of graphite such as is found in ordinary pencils. Using regular adhesive tape they managed to obtain a flake of carbon with a thickness of just one atom. This at a time when many believed it was impossible for such thin crystalline materials to be stable.

They used adhesive tape to challenge well-established beliefs! The audacity of the fellows! That graphene may replace silicone in computer chips is besides the point. Further, my children's high school backs onto the main Manchester University Campus. For two years running at the annual school awards, my wife, my little babes and I, have had to listen to speeches trying to inspire the youth of today to follow the lead of these people. My favorite [quote](#) is from Professor Martin Rees, then president of the UK's Royal Society "It would be hard to envisage better exemplars of the value of enabling outstanding individuals to pursue 'open-ended' research projects whose outcome is unpredictable."

That would be the same Royal Society who will, no doubt, deeply sympathize with Macquarie University's predicament with their maverick scientist.

□ 03{Allencic} says:
July 9, 2013 at 5:56 pm

Chad Wozniak,

It pains me to say that my degrees are from the same university where Lonnie Thompson is on the faculty. Each month I get an email newsletter that nearly always has a short item of Lonnie sitting at the Right Hand of God. You can immediately tell how politically correct and f... up a former geology department is if they've changed their name to something like "Earth Systems Science". This is much like departments that add "Studies" after their name. Unfortunately that applies to both my college education and the university where I taught for so many years. The big difference in when I started teaching and when I left was that at the beginning all the faculty had practical experience in the oil, mining, materials science, the USGS or geological engineering game. In other words, they knew what they were talking about. I'm forever grateful to have worked and learned from those who were genuine mentors to me in the best sense of the word. By the time retired in 2001 all of those great teachers and geologists had retired to be replaced by those whose main goal was to produce publications that no one bothered to read but looked good on their CVs. Something like, "How many trilobites can dance on the

head of a pin.”

□ 03 {Amanda P} says
[July 9, 2013 at 6:13 pm](#)
 @julianbre

We are discussing the importance of freedom of ideas on a scientific matter. Intelligent Design is not science it is religion. You are free to express your feelings on a religious blog. Jerry Coyne is right to be concerned about the teaching of crackpot philosophy as if it was hard science, we are having enough trouble getting science done and published as can be seen from this thread. Kia Kaha Dr Salby, as we say in NZ (which roughly means “fight on”)

□ 03 {Ox AO} says
[July 9, 2013 at 6:18 pm](#)
 Has anyone started a list of names of those that have been burned by the church of CAGW?
 Murry Salby needs to be put on the list
 Thank you

□ 03 {Amanda P} says
[July 9, 2013 at 6:21 pm](#)
 @TominFlorida
 What an inane comment. What have guns got to do with rational thought and scientific endeavour. NOTHING. Large parts of the world live their lives quite successfully without owning guns.

□ 03 {David L. Hagen} says
[July 9, 2013 at 6:27 pm](#)
 At WND’s Right to , Lord Christopher Monckton writes:
[Academic Freedom? Not if you Question Climate Change](#) Exclusive: Lord Monckton tells 7 stories about professors shut down for their views

□ 03 {get real} says
[July 9, 2013 at 6:35 pm](#)
 Was Prof Salby worth his salt at Macquarie University. A single PhD student in 5 years seems paltry! What about undergraduate teaching.. was he pulling his weight there... what about external funding ... did he manage to get any. Look at the other side of the coin. If he was that good he would have attracted funding. Don’t get caught up in the hysteria without considering every aspect of his university career.

□ 03 {dbstealey} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 6:43 pm](#)
 get real,
 Yes, and while we’re asking those questions, let’s ask them of *everyone*. Does that sound fair?
 Or are you just trying to muddy the waters?

□ 03 {John CleanupCowboy McCormick} says
[July 9, 2013 at 6:43 pm](#)
 To whom do the BIS payments go?

□ 03 {lasvegascorvin} says
[July 9, 2013 at 6:45 pm](#)
 To whom do the BIS payments go?

□ 03 {dbstealey} says:
[July 9, 2013 at 6:52 pm](#)
 Amanda P,
 If I had a gun, I would be happy to get rid of it...
 ...just as soon as I had proof that everyone else had done the same.
 I should also point out that without exception, U.S. States that allow concealed carry have seen their murder rates decline substantially. The problem is like Bastiat’s ‘things seen and things not seen’. The people who are alive because guns are allowed don’t see that as the reason they are alive. But it is a very real effect, nonetheless.

□ 03 {Allencic} says:
[July 9, 2013 at 7:24 pm](#)
 Get Real,
 I think without realizing it you’ve described what’s wrong with the modern university system. Salby didn’t crank out a bunch of PhDs who won’t be able to get jobs? Fire him. No external funding for trivial research? Fire him. He won’t grovel and beg for grants.? Fire him. The quality of his work? Screw that, how hard does he push the silly hoax that is AGW. If he can push that crap make him department head or dean. Or maybe he can be a grifter like Al Gore and Barack.

□ 03 {jimmi the dalek} says:
[July 9, 2013 at 7:31 pm](#)
 The Australian newspaper has an opinion piece today on Bob Carter and climate change,
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/opinion/why-nobody-ever-calls-the-weather-normal/story-e6frgd0x-1226676712911> , though that might

be behind a paywall for some.
I expect The Australian could be persuaded to do an article on Salby.

□ 03 {*Bob Carter*} says

July 9, 2013 at 8:00 pm

The article about Carter et al.'s new book, *Taxing Air*, is a review by Matt Ridley, and can be found posted in full here:
<http://www.climatechangedispatch.com/11406-why-nobody-calls-weather-normal.html>

□ 03 {*Wayne Delbeke*} says

July 9, 2013 at 8:18 pm

Ric Werme says:

July 9, 2013 at 11:15 am

Jan P Perlwitz says:

July 9, 2013 at 6:37 am

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Ah Anthony, let him post. He continues to break the first rule of hole digging: "First thing do do when you are in a hole is to stop digging." Surely by now, no one takes him seriously? It is like having comments from Hansen or Mann – just confirms all your suspicions. Ok, first post or two might get some folks attention but after repeatedly shooting himself in the foot, it just becomes Keystone Cops. Let him post, it just gets funnier the more he posts. (OK, maybe my humour sensors are broken – the seriousness of the Salby issue aside.) Maybe you could have moderators simply append the unanswered question to all his posts until you get a satisfactory answer. It would create a neat inside joke. □

□ 03 {*Reg Nelson*} says

July 9, 2013 at 8:30 pm

Jan P Perlwitz says:

July 9, 2013 at 2:18 pm

An accusation of crime is not an "assertion of simple fact", to which Michael Palmer referred. A crime necessarily has two components: (a) the "actus reus" (the physical act, perhaps taking away another person's property) and (b) the "mens rea" (dishonest intent, such as permanently to deprive the rightful owner of the property).

Well, too bad for you in this case. Whatever you expect from me, I nevertheless wouldn't just accept your claim to be true at face value. Why would I? Just because you make such a claim? I don't know you and I don't know anything about you.

And sadly, this is what is expected of the general public. We are expected to take Climate Scientists (outrageous) claims at face value –despite no

scientifically, verifiable, replicable proof to substantiate their theories. Not one, not some, not many, but all of their models/predictions/projections have been laughably inaccurate.

To make matters worse the key players in this corruption of science were exposed (in their own words) in the Climate emails, to be **morally and ethically bankrupt**.

You raise a great point though, why would any intelligent person believe this nonsense?

Why would I?

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says

July 9, 2013 at 9:08 pm

What an absurd situation. Anthony Watts and his moderators want to enforce that I answer some question they demand me to answer. And if I don't they won't allow any comment by me regarding any other issue anymore. That means, if they are consequent, they can't allow any other comment by me forever, since they are asking me to answer a question of the type, "What is your reasoning for your claim you should be allowed to beat your wife?", which I refuse to answer, since the presumption in the question is already a falsehood.

Unless Watts and Co. retract their demand, it means, bye, bye once more. It was a short new visit here. It lasted about a couple of days, after Watts' retraction of the previous announcement on his blog that I was a "persona non grata" here.

03 {*Anthony Watts*} **REPLY:** Oh don't be ridiculous.

I just wanted you to answer the questions – Anthony

□ 03 {*Janice Moore*} says:

July 9, 2013 at 9:16 pm

@julianbre

... You are free to express your feelings on a religious blog." [Amanda P. 6:13PM, 7/9/13]

In citing the two examples of American professors Hedin and Gonzalez, who are suffering professional harassment **merely for 1) mentioning** (Hedin) and **for 2) merely holding the view that what he sees through his telescope reveals intelligent design** (Gonzalez), I believe Mr. Bre's point was that intellectual freedom is under attack in the U.S.A. as well as in Australia. Neither of the two above-mentioned professors were teaching Intelligent Design theory:

... physics professor Eric Hedin at Ball State University ... teaching an honors course on the "Boundaries of Science," ... suggested texts favorable to and critical of intelligent design. ...

astrophysicist Guillermo Gonzalez, ... never taught ID in class, but ... merely hold[s] th[e] view [that the universe was not an accident]
[Julian Bre 11:36AM 7/9/13]

Julian Bre did not promote Intelligent Design theory in his post. For all we know, he does not even agree with it.

Why did Mr. Bre's merely mentioning I.D. offend you to the point that you felt compelled to write such a sharp rebuke? You overlooked a lot of other nonsense in other posts above your comment, your addressing of which would have been worthwhile.

□ 03 {*Janice Moore*} says
July 9, 2013 at 9:22 pm

@ **M. Courtney**

— Please tell your dad (Richard Courtney is your father, I understand?), that this WUWT blogger misses him. Yes, he at times flew off the handle, but his enthusiastic defense of truth in science was usually far more a help than a hindrance to understanding. Tell him that I have been concerned for his well-being and, thus, prayed for him. If A-th-y did not permanently ban him (and I completely respect our host's right to do that), please tell him to not be a stranger.

Janice

□ 03 {*Chad Wozniak*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 9:27 pm
@allencic -

Yes, it was bad enough at UCSB even when I was there. The atmosphere seemed to change abruptly with the onset of the Vietnam War, right about the time I first matriculated in 1963, and the resultant taking of sides by the faculty (mostly they went to the enemy side, and even encouraged some of the violence committed by "anti-war," i.e., pro a tyrannical, brutal, amoral enemy, student radicals). But I'm sure it's a whole lot worse now. I guess I should consider myself lucky that the university library hasn't destroyed or thrown away their copy of my dissertation, which was full of heresies about how goos American institutions (in this case the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, which established the process for admitting new states to the union) are.

I has a colleague at one of the institutions where I taught who was forever pontificating about how the Soviet system was so much more efficient, so much more humane than ours in the US. When I confronted this nematode (also a history Ph.D.!) with the 80 millions murdered by Lenin and Stalin, his reply was, "Well, that was a necessary step in reforming society." Unbelievable ignorance, but worse than that, utter heartlessness – and unfortunately that seems to characterize academia in too many settings today. And it certainly is

reflected in today's global warming alarmists.

I fear that the only solution may come to be that we must physically expel these people from their positions.

□ 03 {*Jan P Perlwitz*} says
July 9, 2013 at 9:31 pm

Allencic had a wet dream in <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1359319>

God help us from these fools who claim to be climate scientists. When this finally blows up and the public realizes how badly they've been had you might want to invest in pitchforks and torches and tar and feathers.

If you are dreaming about pitchforks and torches, tar and feathers against climate scientists, bring it on. I shoot you dead.

□ 03 {*Janice Moore*} says
July 9, 2013 at 10:07 pm

Hi, Chad Wozniak,

What a resilient, persevering, seeker of truth you are. That was REALLY TOUGH, having your fine scholarship, designed to honor the truth of what Thomas Jefferson believed instead of his human frailties, completely disrespected by your colleagues. GOOD FOR YOU to go on, taking that unjust treatment as a door closed and an OPPORTUNITY to do something else. Hope all is well and that you and your wife are enjoying lots of good music, laughter, and that fact that, when you sit down to dinner, your dearest is sitting across the table, smiling (well, most evenings, hm? (smile)) back at you. Take care of yourself.

Janice

□ 03 {*Janice Moore*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 10:09 pm
correction: "... instead of **exposing** his human frailties..."

□ 03 {*Mike McMillan*} says:
July 9, 2013 at 10:33 pm
Bart says: July 9, 2013 at 11:14 am

&

Hockey Schtick says: July 9, 2013 at 3:02 pm

"... Also, as Bart pointed out above, your claim above that there are no significant anthropogenic CO2 sinks is a non sequitur. ..."

I believe Prof Salby made that claim, not Perlwitz. Agriculture might be termed an anthro sink and thus not negligible, but that's stretching it.

attacks Real Climate Science:
 Uni Rescinds Contract, cancels air ticket
 of “Denier” Climate Scientist,
 Dr. Murry Salby – while he is
 overseas; stranding him in Europe!”
 The Uni heads need to be fired for such anti-scientific behavior.
 Its a dark day, but I am sure Murry will go on to bigger and better things.
 His book on the “Physics of the atmosphere and climate” is a masterful work
 in the field.
 Robert Holmes

□ 03 {Eliza} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 12:53 am](#)

As I have repeatedly stated here Australian Higher Science Education has become very very very third world rate under the Labour Government. Moves initiated by Hawkins and Keating in the 80's have basically destroyed all higher science achievement. They haven't produced ANY major Scientific endeavour since ie Nobel prizes/inventions etc etc in SCIENCE. Do not send your kids to an Australian University.

□ 03 {julianbre} says
[July 10, 2013 at 1:09 am](#)

Hi Janice Moore,
 Thank you so much for your kind post. You made my point more succinctly than I did.
 Just read the post about Dr. Robert Carter being blackballed at his own university. Outrages!
 People need to wake up. We are seeing this more and more across the whole spectrum of the Sciences and it is very frightening. This really is about academic freedom, even if it's about subjects you find objectionable. I don't agree with Edward Witten about string theory or Andrei Linde about multiverses but I would never call for them to be fired for their belief in these theories. And that what it is, a belief. That would be sheer madness. Instead, let the best ideas win, not be bullied into submission by lobbying groups and megalomaniacs.
 That's why I enjoy reading post at WUWT. People here are not afraid to go against the consensus looking for the truth.

□ 03 {Eliza} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 1:14 am](#)

From reading the J Perlitz fellow comments above its about time that an “eye for an eye” starts to permeate the skeptical community. That Guy Perlitz does

not deserve an hearing here.. well done. Its an extreme case rarely done. Hope other AGW believers can continue to comment here though....

□ 03 {Allencic} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 2:06 am](#)

Dear Mr. Watts,
 My comment about pitchforks and torches was of course, only a joke. In my minds eye I imagined the peasants in a Gary Larson “Far Side” cartoon going after the monster. I may have used a bad choice of words (it did seem an obvious joke to me) but I still think that when the general public wakes up to how badly and expensively they have been bamboozled by all the AGW nonsense it will not be pretty for the scientists and politicians who promoted this idea and gained power and fortunes based on a lie.

□ 03 {jimmi_the_dalek} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 2:17 am](#)

Eliza says “They haven't produced ANY major Scientific endeavour since ie Nobel prizes/inventions etc etc in SCIENCE. ”
 You mean apart from Brian Schmidt (2011) , Elizabeth Blackburn (2009) , Barry Marshall and Robin Warren (2005), Peter Doherty (1996)

□ 03 {Jan P Perlwitz} says
[July 10, 2013 at 3:15 am](#)

Mr. Watts, since when is the announcement of armed self-defense, in the case that motivated anti-science fanatics among your devote follower herd becomes violent against me and my colleagues is a threat? Isn't the right to armed self-defense one of the basic principles of your country? You are growing a quasi-religious cult here. I consider it very possible that some “skeptic” fanatics are going to use violence against people and institutions, equally motivated, for instance, as religious fanatics are attacking abortion clinics. It has not been the first time that someone expressed his wish of violence against me or my colleagues on your blog. One example in the past, for instance, was someone named Robert E. Phelan. But be happy, you have your pretext now to make the ban finally official, after you and your intellectually challenged moderator friends hadn't really found any good one before, so that you had to retract your previous one, combined with your pathetic attempt to blame me for it. So, bye, bye, then. I have played enough with you and the other science haters on your junkscience blog.

□ 03 {John Whitman} says
[July 10, 2013 at 3:24 am](#)

I am very saddened the Salby situation. I support efforts for him to achieve

better circumstances.

A SIDE NOTE: Sayonara Perlwitz-san, I won't be visiting your site. I am sure there will be fading shades of memories of your past here @ WUWT . . . but surely CSRRT's Mandia will assign someone to replace your passionate fanatical defense of sacred CAGW gospel here @ WUWT. So no loss with your banning can be presumed.

John

□ 03 {Thomas} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:31 am

Allencic I hope you see the irony that in a thread denouncing the supposed (we as yet only have one side of the story) mistreatment of Murry Salby because of his opinions you suggest "tarring and feathering", however metaphorically, people who dissent with your opinion.

□ 03 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} says

July 10, 2013 at 3:39 am

Magic Turtle says:

July 9, 2013 at 3:13 pm

At the current global mean ocean temperature of under 15°C the partitioning ratio is greater than 50:1

and

Henry's law deems that less than 2% of the approx. 4ppmv of CO2 that Perlwitz says is emitted annually by global industrial civilization will stay permanently in the atmosphere

A few assumptions which are not completely correct...

The 50:1 is correct in quantity, but Henry's Law is about (partial) pressure difference of CO2 between air and seawater at the surface, no matter how much CO2 is in the oceans.

If you shake a 0.5 or 1.0 or 1.5 liter bottle of Coke (closed of course), you will measure the same pressure for the same temperature for the same batch fill.

Any increase in temperature of the surface will increase the outgassing from and decrease the uptake by the oceans. That is based on the increase of pCO2 of the oceans of ~16 microatm for an increase of 1°C in temperature per Henry's Law. An increase of 16 ppmv in the atmosphere will fully compensate for the 1°C increase in temperature, effectively restoring the previous fluxes of CO2 in/out the atmosphere of before the increase in temperature. The total amounts of CO2 in the (deep) oceans don't play any role in this...

There is a ~0.8°C increase in temperature since the LIA. Good for ~12 ppmv increase in CO2 in the atmosphere. The observed one is over 100 ppmv...

□ 03 {Sam the First} says

July 10, 2013 at 5:08 am

Prof Salby would appear to have been horribly wronged, and it may be impossible for him to get his career back on track. The position of his PhD student Evgenia Titova is possibly even more serious since she lacks Prof Salby's academic standing which may provide him with some resources for a fightback. I hope the univeristy can be forced to recompense these two researchers but don't hold out much hope: Dr Mann is still supported by Penn State after all, and CRU at Univ of Norwich protects Phil Jones et al. There does seem to be a worldwide move in academia to shut down debate, which is appalling and depressing – blacklisting of Israeli academics is another example. What else should a university be for, but pure and unbiased research and debate? They were not founded to shore up the prevailing political whims of the moment. But this skewing of academia towards the liberal agenda has been going on for a very long time now, and will be almost impossible to reverse.

□ 03 {Edim} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:11 am

"There is a ~0.8°C increase in temperature since the LIA. Good for ~12 ppmv increase in CO2 in the atosphere. The observed one is over 100 ppmv..."

Ferdinand, the change in atmospheric CO2 is correlated with global temperature, not change in temperature. So constant temperature is associated with the CO2 change.

I hypothesise that it's the seasonal temperature cycle that's pumping CO2 out of the oceans. CO2 doesn't necessarily return to its starting point after one seasonal cycle is over – the exchange coefficients may be different for outgasing and uptaking seasons. The annual change is temperature dependent and at sufficiently low temperatures it's negative.

□ 03 {Edim} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:17 am

"The 50:1 is correct in quantity, but Henry's Law is about (partial) pressure difference of CO2 between air and seawater at the surface, no matter how much CO2 is in the oceans."

It does matter Ferdinand. You think it would be the same if the ratio was 1:1?

□ 03 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} says

July 10, 2013 at 5:27 am

Edim says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:11 am

Ferdinand, the change in atmospheric CO2 is correlated with global temperature That is the disagreement I have with Salby (and Bart): a constant temperature increase against a baseline initially increases the output of the oceans and decreases the uptake. But as the CO2 levels in the atmosphere increase, the

opposite happens. CO₂ releases from and uptake into the oceans are in ratio with the pressure difference between ocean pCO₂ and atmospheric pCO₂ (~ppmv).

Thus any sustained temperature increase is compensated by an increase of CO₂ at 16 ppmv/°C per Henry's Law, mostly in a few years time.

The huge CO₂ movements over the seasons are huge temperature change related movements over the seasons. Without a temperature change over the full seasonal cycle, there is no temperature related change in CO₂ release/uptake...

□ 03 {*Ferdinand Engelbeen*} says

July 10, 2013 at 5:37 am

Edim says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:17 am

It does matter Ferdinand. You think it would be the same if the ratio was 1:1?

It would be nearly the same (the loss of CO₂ from the oceans to increase the CO₂ pressure of the atmosphere gives some difference). Once the pressure (~ppmv) in the atmosphere equals the average pCO₂ at the ocean's surface, no net exchange between the oceans and the atmosphere is happening. That means that the (equatorial and seasonal) inflows and (polar and seasonal) outflows of CO₂ are equal.

The current pCO₂ difference between atmosphere and oceans is ~7 microatm, thus there is a net uptake by the oceans:

<http://www.pmel.noaa.gov/pubs/outstand/feel2331/exchange.shtml>

□ 03 {*Edim*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:41 am

"Without a temperature change over the full seasonal cycle, there is no temperature related change in CO₂ release/uptake..."

You don't know that. If the exchange coefficients are different for the seasonal release and uptake, then there could easily be some net annual change in CO₂, even at constant (annually averaged) temperatures. Seasonal changes are huge and fast. Slight differences in the release/uptake 'efficiencies' could cause a net annual change.

□ 03 {*Edim*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:43 am

"the loss of CO₂ from the oceans to increase the CO₂ pressure of the atmosphere gives some difference"

Yes, that's the difference.

□ 03 {*Peter F Kemmis*} says

July 10, 2013 at 5:44 am

Murry Salby's Hamburg address last April is well worth the hour's listening and watching. I can't judge whether or where he is correct or not, but if he is largely correct, the import is massive. His analysis of there being an integral relationship between temperature and carbon dioxide, where it is not the temperature itself but the rate of change in the temperature that is the determining factor, would appear to me to contradict the fundamental assumptions in climate models about climate sensitivity. (This is quite apart from the fairly well accepted fact that carbon dioxide changes follow temperature changes.) This might explain why the climate models have such a poor record of prediction (see Fig 1.4 of AR5, for a quick picture). Further, as I understand it, a major implication of his analysis is that our carbon dioxide emissions are not at all significant in the global energy budget.

As an Aussie living in Canberra, I am well aware of the "group think" about CAGW that prevails among many of the well-educated. I rub shoulders also with many who are not tertiary trained, the man and woman in the street. Many of them are quite sceptical about the CAGW claims and dire forecasts. For the most part, the media here parrots the official line. Our ABC, our government-sponsored broadcaster, is one of the worst offenders. Yes, I heard the report on the ABC's lunchtime news, that there was a 50% chance there's be no human life remaining on the planet by 2100, unless we substantially limit our carbon dioxide emissions, etc. (No, I didn't choke on my sandwich, fearing for my great-grandchildren!) The report came across as emanating from our Climate Commission. This is what people hear much of the time, this persistent drip of misinformation. My confidence in two friends with whom I've had many a solid discussion over some years (and over some good Aussie reds, I must say), has been lessened because they will not even look at some of the key data and countervailing arguments. In my view they have abrogated to others their right to investigate and make up their own minds. Others have written above of similar personal disappointments.

The climate debate is more than a very important issue about the planet and human activity. It has become an issue about intellectual integrity and proper scientific investigation, analysis, discussion and discourse. Determining that the Earth revolved about the Sun was a very important issue, the recognition of which didn't have much immediate impact on how people lived – but it became pretty handy to understand a little bit later. At the time the really big issue was intellectual integrity and open discussion and debate. That was the elephant in the room.

It is the denial of that elephant that tramples over people like Murry Salby, that is so petty as to withdraw Bob Carter's honorary status at his own University that he has served so well, and that is so petty as to cancel a non-refundable return air ticket from overseas for Murry Salby.

We will need a cleansing; by that I do not mean a wholesale purging. Perhaps

we need in due course a Desmond Tutu to chair a Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Science. But certainly, those scientists and other key players who have been recklessly making wild predictions, or mindlessly parroting what they have been told, should be put out to pasture. I am sure there are a lot of genuine scientists who cannot speak up, but they will. Give it time. For I know the reputation of science will recover. But we can't say in 20 years time about all this, that it didn't matter, or that it didn't happen.

□ 03 {Rob} says: **Macquarie.1 10 12:59pm UTC**
 July 10, 2013 at 5:59 am

Macquarie University have issued a statement:

<http://www.mq.edu.au/newsroom/2013/07/10/statement-regarding-the-termination-of-professor-murry-salby/>

□ 03 {george h.} says: **Macquarie.1 10 01:20pm UTC**
 July 10, 2013 at 6:20 am

Macquarie responds, 'had nothing to do with his views on climate change nor any other views.'

<http://www.climatedepot.com/2013/07/10/update-murry-salby-and-macquarie-university-university-replies>

□ 03 {Mark Bofill} says: **Macquarie.1 10 01:50pm UTC**
 July 10, 2013 at 6:50 am

Looks like Macquarie has a statement up:

<http://www.mq.edu.au/newsroom/2013/07/10/statement-regarding-the-termination-of-professor-murry-salby/#ixzz2YeI60VXN>

Gist of it is they claim:

1. Termination had nothing to do with Climate Science views
 2. Termination was because Prof. Salby did not fulfil obligation to teach (refused to show up to teach a class he was scheduled to teach)
 3. Termination was because Prof. Salby breached policy with respect to travel and use of University resources.
- ~shrug~ Make of it what you will.

□ 03 {Patrick} says:
 July 10, 2013 at 7:00 am

"Mark Bofill says:

- July 10, 2013 at 6:50 am
2. Termination was because Prof. Salby did not fulfil obligation to teach (refused to show up to teach a class he was scheduled to teach)"

I have not worked in the Australian academic space, but in the private sector.

If he was under as much pressure (To conform) as I was just in the number of hours alone, then I would imagine we both felt similarly. I (we?) dreaded going to work! I don't know of anyone working 110rs in a week and being paid only for 37.5. I resigned too!

They are attempting smear!

□ 03 {Magic Turtle} says:
 July 10, 2013 at 7:03 am

Ferdinand Engelbeen (July 10, 2013 at 3:39 am) tells me that some of my

assumptions about Henry's law are "*not completely correct*". I am at a loss though to understand why he thinks so.

He says:

"The 50:1 is correct in quantity, but Henry's Law is about (partial) pressure difference of CO₂ between air and seawater at the surface, no matter how much CO₂ is in the oceans."

I know. The 50:1 partitioning ratio applies at the ocean surface where the global mean temperature is slightly less than 15°C. If you take the cooler deep oceans into account as well the partitioning ratio rises to over 60:1. So the 50:1 ratio that I stated is conservative.

"Any increase in temperature of the surface will increase the outgassing from and decrease the uptake by the oceans."

Again, I already knew this. However it is only the net balance of outgassing versus uptake that decreases with an increase of water temperature and the decrease in that balance is small for a small increase in ocean temperature. Consequently the partitioning ratio will remain greater than 50:1 so long as the mean ocean surface temperature does not exceed about 17°C.

"There is a ~0.8°C increase in temperature since the LIA. Good for ~12 ppmv increase in CO₂ in the atmosphere. The observed one is over 100 ppmv..."

I can concur with this, although I think it is making a different point to the one that I was making. My point was that over 98% of human CO₂ emissions must be going into the oceans because of Henry's inexorable law. Ferdinand's point seems to be that ocean outgassing is not sufficient by itself to account for the estimated rise in atmospheric CO₂ since the LIA. There is no conflict between these two different points that I can see.

□ 03 {Mark Bofill} says:
 July 10, 2013 at 7:13 am

Patrick,

My suspicion certainly runs that way as well. I'm still quite interested to hear the explanation regarding the canceled non-refundable ticket. It's hard to imagine a plausible justification for that, if the claim is true. Unlike some GISS climate scientists, I prefer to take people at their word unless there is some specific reason to doubt them.

□ 03 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} says:
 July 10, 2013 at 7:36 am

Magic Turtle says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:03 am

The conflict is here:

we can answer with a high degree of confidence that effectively at least 98% of it has gone into the oceans, leaving less than 2% behind in the atmosphere.

You didn't take into account the time frame: the deep oceans – atmosphere

exchanges are limited in quantity which makes that only a small part of the excess CO₂ is removed out of the atmosphere. The same applies to the more permanent storage of carbon in vegetation.

That makes that only about 4 GtC/year of the extra 210 GtC (100 ppmv) in the atmosphere is removed into the deep and vegetation. That is about 50% of the human emissions (again in quantity) not 98%... The relaxation time of this removal is over 50 years, the half life time a little less than 40 years.

Ultimately the extra CO₂ will be redistributed over the other reservoirs, leading to about 1% overall increase, but that will need several hundred years of time...

□ 03 {*Alpheus*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:39 am

I've been around academia for a long time, and Macquarie's statement sounds pretty fishy to me. The key sentence is this: "After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his [Salby's] refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take."

What does this mean? He canceled a few classes? He "failed to arrive" at *one* class? Who scheduled him to "take" (strange choice of words) this class? Macquarie could easily have been more specific, but for some reason they've chosen to be ambiguous.

University administrations (and individual academic departments) can make life pretty rough for instructors by screwing with their teaching assignments in weird ways: inconvenient classroom locations, classrooms inappropriate to the class size and/or the subject being taught, sudden changes in class schedules, demands that someone teach new classes every semester, refusal to provide TAs for excessively large classes.... The list is endless, and this sort of petty harassment is not that uncommon.

Watts posted WUWT.2 around this time, 1st comment @7:56am PDT, and most of the remaining discussion moved there.

□ 03 {*davidmhoffer*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:00 am

this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties

I read their whole statement which actually fails to address a single substantive issue raised in Salby's email. One of the issues he raised was being assigned drudge work like marking papers for junior assistants, and if true, small wonder that he resisted. That and other complaints amount to constructive dismissal, and they refuted none of them. Nor did they deny cancelling his return ticket, an action that stands alone as an atrocious way to treat any human being, an accusation that they failed to deny.

The whole thing stinks and macquarie is doing little or nothing to wash the stench from themselves.

□ 03 {*Anthony Watts*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:08 am

Note: above Mr. Perlwitz makes an exit statement at 315AM:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia/#comment-1360237>

I decided to allow it, because he's blaming our deceased moderator Robert Phelan who cannot defend himself while at the same time suggesting all manner of derogatory labels for skeptics.

Ask yourselves: "is this the behavior of a professional scientist"?

□ 03 {*Mark Bofill*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:15 am

Anthony,

I wasn't going to comment further, but since you mention it, Jan fascinates me because he's such a caricature of someone's who's completely lost touch with objectivity and is oblivious to it, and he's such an unusually venomous commentator. In a perverse and childish way I *will* miss Jan around here, obstructive and spiteful as he was. I'd have been happier if he'd actually care to argue substance once in a while instead of derailing tactics. ~shrug~ Professional scientist? If somebody had just described Jan Perlwitz to me without my having read it for myself, I wouldn't have believed it in a million years. :)

□ 03 {*steveta_uk*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:31 am

Ask yourselves: "is this the behavior of a professional scientist"?

Unfortunately, the answer is evidently 'yes'.

□ 03 {*johanna*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:57 am

Attacking Rob Phelan arouses the most primitive instincts in me. Advice to Mr Perlwitz – you are not fit to scrub the mud off his shoes.

A – you know who I mean – any chance of establishing a scholarship in his name?

□ 03 {*KenB*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 9:22 am

I am too disgusted with the misuse of Universities in Australia by left wing activists of the Fabian variety, and Mr Knit one Perl one of GISS has

convinced me it is time I reached into my pocket and used my funds (not the taxpayers funds that have been so grossly wasted!!) in the defence of scientists and the truth of science in this country I love.

I am happy to pledge these funds to finance a legal challenge by Murry Salby scientist and I encourage other true dedicated Australians to give generously as we always do to right wrongs. If Jo or Anthony want to set up a funding account I will be happy to assist.

WE need to show idiots like Perlwitz that enough is enough, the world is NOT their playground to plunder. Climategate was revealing enough, we need to show other scientists that they cannot and will not stand alone when attempts are made to intimidate and bully them in crass attempts to silence or suppress truth.

Mann up folks and contribute!!

□ 03 {pat michaels} says

July 10, 2013 at 9:49 am

I believe your problem was caused by Ann Henderson-Sellers, who is a powerful climate extremist at Macquarie and in the Oz government. Murry, why don't you name names?

□ 03 {G. Karst} says

July 10, 2013 at 10:04 am

Would the "missed" class be a result of his return ticket being pulled...? GK

□ 03 {Bart} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:40 am

Mike McMillan says:

July 9, 2013 at 10:33 pm

"I believe Prof Salby made that claim, not Perlwitz. Agriculture might be termed an anthro sink and thus not negligible, but that's stretching it."

Nooooo... This is very simple, really.

The sinks we are concerned with, the most significant ones, are natural sinks.

But, that does not mean that they only react to natural sources.

Let me say that again.

But, *that does not mean that they only react to natural sources.*

The sinks are *dynamic*, not *static*. They expand in response to increased forcing. They contract in response to decreased forcing. Any forcing, natural or otherwise.

You can only assign in the "natural" column those portions of the *natural* sinks which are responding to *natural* forcing.

Those portions of the *natural* sinks which respond to *anthropogenic* forcing represent *artificial sinks*.

That capacity is induced, created, maintained, sustained, indeed exists *because of anthropogenic forcing*. It is artificial sink capacity.

This is how dynamic systems work. Static analysis applied to a dynamic system gives the wrong answers.

The "mass balance" argument is flawed because it assigns all natural sink activity to the "natural" column. But, not all the natural sink activity is there because of natural forcing.

□ 03 {Magic Turtle} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:10 am

@Ferdinand Engelbeen (July 10, 2013 at 7:36 am)

You say:

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You didn't take into account the time frame: the deep oceans – atmosphere exchanges are limited in quantity which makes that only a small part of the excess CO2 is removed out of the atmosphere. The same applies to the more permanent storage of carbon in vegetation."

I didn't take the time-frame of the exchanges between the atmosphere and the deep oceans into account because I was not talking about the exchanges between atmosphere and the deep oceans. The 50:1 partitioning ratio and the 98+% of human CO2 emissions that Henry's law deems must go into the oceans are conservative estimates that just apply to the exchanges between the atmosphere and the surface waters. If you take the deep oceans into account as well then both figures become bigger – much bigger.

"That makes that only about 4 GtC/year of the extra 210 GtC (100 ppmv) in the atmosphere is removed into the deep and vegetation. That is about 50% of the human emissions (again in quantity) not 98%..."

We appear to be talking about two different things. You appear to be talking about the amount of CO2 that has gone from the atmosphere into the deep oceans since the Little Ice Age. But I am talking about the amount of human CO2 emissions that are ultimately destined to go into the surface waters of the oceans when equilibrium is reached irrespective of time-frames. That is what Henry's law defines under specific conditions of water-temperature.

Are you denying that Henry's law applies to this case? If so, why?

□ 03 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:36 am

Magic Turtle says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:10 am

The 50:1 partitioning ratio and the 98+% of human CO2 emissions that Henry's law deems must go into the oceans are conservative estimates that just apply to the

exchanges between the atmosphere and the surface waters.

The oceans surface contains about 1000 GtC, somewhat more than the atmosphere, currently around 800 GtC. Thus far from the 50:1 ratio, which is mainly for the deep oceans:

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/CarbonCycle/>

Moreover, a 100% change in the atmosphere is followed by a 100% change of free CO₂ in the ocean surfaces (Henry's Law at work), but only a 10% change in total carbon (CO₂ + bicarbonate + carbonate), as the buffer factor (the Revelle factor) comes in, which influences the equilibrium reactions of CO₂ in seawater.

Thus the 30% increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere did result in a 3% increase of total inorganic carbon (DIC) in the ocean surface layer, a (observed) change of 10:1, far from the 1:50 you expected.

□ 03 {Nick Stokes} says

July 10, 2013 at 11:45 am

dbstealey says: July 10, 2013 at 10:54 am to ICU

"Also, two of your 3 links are worthless without passwords."

Well, I posted the actual judgment in his Federal case against the University of Colorado. That was apparently a Civil Rights claim – there is reference to a suit under state law.

It does underline Steve McIntyre's point about avoiding litigation. But the university grievance option would be complicated by his absence from the misconduct hearing.

□ 03 {Steve McIntyre} says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:32 pm

Nick Stokes' link gives no information Salby's actual claim. it shows that the University of Colorado asserted "sovereign immunity" as a defence – something that says nothing about the merit or lack of merit of Salby's case. It's hard for me to understand why a university should be entitled to sovereign immunity, but that's another story. However, if universities are entitled to claim sovereign immunity in what was presumably an employment-related incident, then that is one more reason why grievance procedures should be pursued.

Stokes observed that Salby's apparent non-attendance at a misconduct hearing would be weighed against him in a grievance. Perhaps. We don't know anything about the notice provided to Salby. But that would not necessarily excuse university failures to carefully observe their own procedures. That's what Salby should be focussing on.

He should also put all AGW issues out of his head pending a grievance hearing, as should commenters here. Of course his opponents will be delighted

if Salby doesn't meticulously comply with procedures. So Salby's job 1 should have been to avoid handing his opponents such opportunities. And in the present situation where he's already behind, he should be working hard to do the best with the procedures that he still has left.

□ 03 {Matthew R Marler} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:18 pm

Anybody working for a university should have his or her computer work continuously backed up at home. Same as you would with paper work such as letters and contracts. Universities are great institutions, but they are also extremely vigorous and effective at asserting their rights in cases of conflicts. At least if you have everything backed up at home you can review the whole history and see whether/when you misstepped, and whether/when the University made what seemed like a promise but have been contingent. Despite their pretensions to the contrary, universities are not different from private companies in the matter of hiring double-talk and then acting in pure self-interest.

As to the case of Murray Salby, I only know what I have read here. But people should not leave themselves open to attack from universities. In this case, the university surely feels that it is the wronged party, and surely feels morally impelled to take the course that it is taking.

□ 03 {Blagula Flaggan} says

July 10, 2013 at 1:23 pm

[snip - off topic, crazy rant -mod]

□ 03 {Matthew R Marler} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:47 pm

Michael Palmer: Did you read the assertions made by Salby? Did you notice his painstakingly accurate language, sticking strictly to factual, provable assertions and abstaining from any hyperbole, insults and allegations of crime?

It is still possible that he is wrong. He may have omitted reference to repeated reminders or reprimands from the university administration, for example, and he may have omitted reference to the fact that some of the "promises" were contingent on this or that. I have been on both sides of a few of these disputes (none so important as this dispute!) and I am confident that no one should be believed before publication of all relevant documents.

This is a professional tragedy for sure, but I am not confident that we have sufficient evidence to call ourselves a jury.

□ 03 {Janice Moore} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:26 pm

Hi, Julian Bre,

It was my pleasure. You summed up your point quite nicely. That woman mischaracterized your post. Whether it was because she was blinded by her visceral reaction to a perceived promoting of “religion,” or intentional, I do not know. I DO know that she attacked you unfairly and in a such a fierce manner that I felt compelled to jump to your defense (you didn’t really need me, though).

I know how it feels to be attacked like that and to have no one stand up, walk over, put his or her arm across your shoulder, and say on your behalf, “That was out of line.” GLAD to do that for you.

Take care,
Janice

□ 03 {*Janice Moore*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:35 pm

“Blagula Flaggan says [some goblin gibberish]: July 10, 2013 at 1:23 pm [snip - off topic, crazy rant -mod]”
LOL, that person’s NAME is a crazy rant.

HURRAH FOR OUR MO-DE-RA-TORS!

Reading all that FILTH, so we don’t have to, they are **deserving of our heartfelt gratitude.**

□ 03 {*Ox AO*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:39 pm

Peter F Kemmis says:

“Murry Salby’s Hamburg address last April is well worth the hour’s listening and watching.”

The Youtube video is off line. Any suggestions where we can watch it?

Thank you

□ 03 {*Janice Moore*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:12 pm

Ox AO,

You can find it here: <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/06/10/dr-murray-salby-on-model-world-vs-real-world/>

It is working right now; I am listening to it as I type this.

WELL WORTH watching!

Janice

□ 03 {*Peter F Kemmis*} says

July 10, 2013 at 3:13 pm

For Ox Ao (July 10, 2013 2.29 pm)

Here is the link provided by Murry Salby in an email he sent – I am obviously on an extensive email list of persons intrested in his research.

<http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2013/06/another-nail-in-the-climate-change-coffin.php>

Happy listening and viewing!

□ 03 {*Ox AO*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:18 pm

Thank you very much Janice I see it must be watched on Youtube. That was my mistake.

□ 03 {*Magic Turtle*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:47 pm

@Ferdinand Engelbeen (July 10, 2013 at 11:36 am)

I think I can see where you are coming from and while I respect your right to hold the position on CO2 that you do I do not agree with it and hold a different one myself. Under other circumstances I would pursue our differences further in the spirit of open and impartial truth-seeking but I feel that to do so here would be in poor taste and a distraction from the serious and important subject of this blog – the plight of Murry Salby. So with respect I shall cease discussing this off-topic subject herewith.

□ 03 {*Phil.*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:43 pm

There are some comments in Salby’s email which seem contradictory:

11. In February 2013, Macquarie then accused me of “misconduct”, cancelling my salary. It blocked access to my office, computer resources, even to personal equipment I had transferred from the US.

12. **Obligations to present our new research on greenhouse gases (previously arranged), had to be fulfilled at personal expense.**

14. While I was in Europe presenting our new research on greenhouse gases, Macquarie undertook its misconduct proceedings – with me in absentia.

Macquarie was well informed of the circumstances. It was more than informed.

15. Upon arriving at Paris airport for my return to Australia, **I was advised that my return ticket (among the resources Macquarie agreed to provide) had been canceled.**

If the presentation of the results were fulfilled at personal expense why was the ticket provided by Macquarie? Surely they wouldn’t have been able to cancel the ticket otherwise?

The latest chapter in a pattern, this action left me stranded in Europe, with no arrangements for lodging or return travel.

The ticket that had been cancelled was non-refundable.

Why the comment about non-refundable, the university would be able to use it

to buy another ticket with the payment of a fee?
This doesn't make sense to me.

□ 03{Christopher Monckton} *1000frolly Utube* says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:50 pm

I have been following the Murry Salby story and have posted a series of 5 videos containing his defining speech in Hamburg, Germany last April, the first is; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpc8UL5bwik>

□ 03{David Cooke} says

July 10, 2013 at 10:27 pm

As Tallbloke and others have said, Macquarie University's actions are in the tradition of Lysenko. Coincidentally, until a week ago Australia had a head of government who was justly described as a Stalinist as well as a believer in 'global warming'.

A famous Pravda editorial at the time of the Lysenko affair stated that the many scientists who opposed Lysenko "had forgotten the most important principle in science – the Party Principle!" But successful academics in Australia never forget the party principle. They show the commendable spirit of flock loyalty that has made this nation great, huddling together for mutual benefit in this country that still rides on the sheep's back.

□ 03{Ox AO} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:44 pm

Phil. usually those kind of presentation and business trips the traveling costs are paid for well in advance. But notice the University canceled the ticket even though they received no refund. Thus it was out of spite.

□ 03{Phil.} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:51 pm

Ox AO says

July 10, 2013 at 10:44 pm

Phil. usually those kind of presentation and business trips the traveling costs are paid for well in advance. But notice the University canceled the ticket even though they received no refund. Thus it was out of spite.

Yes but this was back in Feb. and Salby says that he'd used personal funds. Cancelling a non-refundable ticket usually only costs about \$50.

□ 03{Lance of BC} says

July 11, 2013 at 12:26 am

Jan P Perlwitz says:

July 9, 2013 at 9:08 pm

"Unless Watts and Co. retract their demand, it means, bye, bye once more"

Well then, don't let the Internet hit you in the butt on the way out, because it never forgets....EVA!

Answer the questionsor just stick out your lip and complain about being persecuted and pick up your toys and go home like a CAGW scientist when confronted with the truth.

Oh.... and please explain the 17 years without any significant temperature change?

Of course without using imaginary aerosols proxies or a unicorn fart hypothesis.

03{WUWT mod} (: Mr Perlwitz will no longer be commenting on this site, following his explicit death threats against others here. ~mod)

□ 03{P Ingleby} says

July 11, 2013 at 9:06 pm

What I tell you three times is true, said AAMilne. This is how government works these days, and this is how universities get cosy with their political support. Hence the science is settled, and the money goes to the fastest talkers, who are generally good at chairing committees or commissions,(the latter better paid).

DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC

□ 03 {*VicDiesel*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 4:02 pm **NSF 12 11:02pm UTC**

“The NSF reported in a bulletin on the investigation into Dr Salby:

Our investigation revealed that the subject (Dr Salby), consistently and over a period of many years, violated or disregarded various federal and NSF award administration requirements, violated university policies related to conflicts and outside compensation, and repeatedly misled both NSF and the university as to material facts about his outside companies and other matters relating to NSF awards.”

Clearly a smear campaign.....

□ 03 {*dbstealey*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 5:39 pm

P Ingleby, exactly right.

I haven't yet made up my mind 100% regarding the Salby issue. But I have made up my mind that Macquarie behaved unprofessionally, at the very least. It would take a lot of new evidence to convince me to change my mind and accept their accusations at this point. I am willing, but they will have to be very convincing. Their past actions do not give much cause to trust them.

Canceling a ticket in order to strand someone at an airport, and then holding a kangaroo court in which the accused cannot be present are two very serious charges. Maybe there is a reasonable explanation; maybe not. So Macquarie must explain fully what was done, by whom, and why. Public opinion will then decide if their explanations are sufficient.

I regularly observe how those in favor are coddled by the “.edu” establishment in general. For example, Michael Mann is the ‘rainmaker’, bringing in \$millions. Therefore he is untouchable, and the university has bent over backward to whitewash his wrongdoing. Phil Jones is another example. Actually, the list is quite long. You can just about get away with murder if you are on the uni’s ‘good guy’ list. But step off the reservation, and any pretext is good enough to attack you with.

Dr. Salby stepped off the reservation by not giving his full-throated support to the catastrophic AGW narrative. Worse, he is an apostate — and all religions attack their apostates the most viciously of all. Thus, the burden is on Macquarie to justify its questionable actions.

It is clear that after the uni’s actions, the preponderance of any evidence of wrongdoing rests entirely with the university at this point. But so far, I have seen nothing except vague, un-signed accusations, made after the fact. They have dug themselves a pretty deep hole, and it will not be so easy to climb out of it.

□ 03 {*Margaret Hardman*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 4:44 pm

Following the revelations that Salby double dipped into US tax payers funding before he went to Aus, and the self-incrimination of his own email (even allowing for what it leaves out) I am surprised anyone still supports him. Macquarie sound as though they tolerated him for as long as they could while he petulantly did as little as he could.

References to lynchings seem to be fine. Perhaps carrying a concealed weapon does reduce lynchings.

Spartacus P

□ 03 {*Ox AO*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 6:05 pm

DeSmogBlog.2 14 00:05am UTC

@Margaret Hardman

Trying to figure out what you are talking about did a web search found this blog (honestly don't know who they are other then their title):

<http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/12/murry-salby-galileo-bozo-or-p-t-barnum>

I see nothing tangible in any of those cases. Having a subcontracting business isn't criminal. They found no wrong doing but fired him for not disclosing all his financial records to the NSF.

The IRS didn't have a problem with him why did the school?

The worst thing I see there was that he had a divorce in 2002. I really am sorry to hear that. Did he get any speeding tickets? Come on, you need something substantial against him for a good smear.

Galileo was hit with heresy for implying that the Pope was a Simplicio (simpleton).

Today we must turn over all our records and if we don't it is excommunication. We are so much more advanced today.... /s

□ 03 {*Ox AO*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 6:14 pm

Margaret Hardman says: “Perhaps carrying a concealed weapon does reduce lynchings.”

What does that supposed to mean?

It can mean two things:

1. The armed assassin finding his target before the lynching
 2. The armed victim might avoid a lynching.
- Either way it sounds like a theat.

□ 03 {*Margaret Hardman*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 10:44 pm

Two earlier commenters, which I leave it to you to find, Ox AO, spoke of lynchings and carrying concealed weapons. If you think that what I wrote was a threat you are particularly thin skinned or lack a basic understanding of the language. On both I fear you are not alone on this thread. I have demonstrated that misreading is easy to do if you want to take offence.

Spartacus P

□ 03 {Margaret Hardman} says:

July 13, 2013 at 11:22 pm

I forgot something – taking the tax dollar twice. It's there at desmogblog, who just do what real skeptics do – don't believe the hype. I'm sure the NSF really debarred Salby on the basis that he was about to out himself as a "skeptic".

□ 03 {Ox AO} says:

July 14, 2013 at 12:41 am

Margaret Hardman says: "Perhaps carrying a concealed weapon does reduce lynchings."

Obviously you are by far a superior person that I. Please humble me and enlighten me for my frailty on the English language is extremely poor. Thank you my great.

Margaret Hardman says: "taking the tax dollar twice. It's there at desmogblog" Oh my great and ever so powerful Margaret Hardman please give us your great wisdom on the difference between the IRS and the NSF? Why does he need to turn over his financial records to the NSF?

□ 03 {Connolly} says:

July 15, 2013 at 9:04 pm

On the face of it he has been denied procedural fairness and the termination of his contract is substantively unfair. And then there is the issue of retaliation and victimization. If I can be of any use I offer to assist without fee. Perhaps this can be passed on. The Australian university system is currently an incubator of bullying and management by fear. By the way the success rate for employment reinstatement under the ALP Fair Work legislation and tribunal is 1% . Party of te workers.

□ 03 {Connolly} says:

July 15, 2013 at 9:06 pm

Apart from appearing as a complete illiterate – the above post was written in haste, anger and sans spectacles. Mods could you please assist an outraged Aussie?

□ 03 {Janice Moore} says:

July 15, 2013 at 9:53 pm

Connolly — This American understood you completely. Your typos only underscored how deeply you care. You, unlike an amazing number of posters above, have a healthy heart – as well as a fine mind (your vocabulary and the substance of what you said demonstrate that). And what a generous offer of your services!

The mods will not likely edit your post, so, I wanted you to know that your intelligence sparkled brilliantly, only enhanced by the compassion-driven scriveners errors.

I've done much worse!

Glad you are in the world, Connolly!

□ 03 {Ox AO} says:

July 15, 2013 at 10:56 pm

Connolly: In my opinion forums that can not be edited by the poster are good it does exactly what Janice Moore was saying it shows how you really feel about the issues. Typos sometimes not always shows the level of feeling and thought one puts into a post. Your post is a classic example of it.

□ 03 {Janice Moore} says:

July 15, 2013 at 11:04 pm

OX Ao — I am SO GALD that you 'GOT' WHAT I wmeant! LOL, people likely thing I don't proofread — well, as sthis post shwos, I UEUALLY do! #[:)]

I agree. Not only for the preservation of the author's genuine emotional content, but, for the HUMOR it provides, too. (I should really leave more of mine in, but, too prideful, I guess). There are plenty I don't catch, though. BTW, I did not manufacture the above typos, just typed faster than my speed-limit!

One more appeared a week later.

03{*daveburton*} says

July 22, 2013 at 8:50 am

Dr. Salby wrote, “Macquarie would provide... technical support to convert several hundred thousand lines of computer code, comprising numerical models and analyses (the tools of my research), to enable those computer programs to operate in Australia.”

davidmhoffer commented at [July 9, 2013 at 10:46 am](#), “Computer code conversion – I presume that Dr Salby is talking about HPC code (High Performance Computing) in which case there would very likely be major conversion issues that require trained resources to undertake...”

That might be so, but Dr. Salby’s claim still seems odd to me. No program should be dependent upon HPC extensions for specialized hardware, merely to “enable the program to operate” at all. How could he be able to write hundreds of thousands of lines of code, yet not be able to make it operate at all in a different country, for years?

Z.04 09 07:50am BISHOP.1 Andrew Montford**Climate of fear**

<http://www.webcitation.org/6PDNVZu2V> 04{Andrew Montford}

LOCAL TIME: UTC+1

POST

'I'm still off duty, but this is too important to leave for later. I've been having some correspondence with Murry Salby in recent weeks regarding a BH reader's research. Prof Salby copied me in on this email, which needs to be widely disseminated.' {Andrew Montford}
(followed by text of *SALBY* email, with no other commentary.)

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'Reader Comments (221)

Outrageous on the face of it.....but we do only have one side of the story?
Caution advised!! I shall wait a bit before I make my judgement.

(Not that anyone cares what I think!)

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:52 AM | 04{Jack Savage}

I mentioned this on the previous thread. Jonova has the story.
After UWA and Llewellyndosky (as the Welsh locals affectionately know him).I didn't think Australian universities could sink any lower. However, if true, this is truly appalling. I'm not a letter writer but I think I might put pen to paper over this and encourage everyone I know to do likewise.
Jul 9, 2013 at 8:58 AM | 04{GrantB}

Like Jack Savage I feel we ought to avoid a rush to judgment but past events tell me that Macquarie's behaviour is 'consistent with' ("I thank thee, Mann, for teaching me that word" - M of V Act 4 scene 1 — or very nearly!) normal standards of behaviour in climate departments of universities.
Am I shocked? Yes. Am I disappointed? Yes. Am I saddened? Yes. Am I surprised? Am I hell!
Jul 9, 2013 at 9:11 AM | 04{Mike Jackson}

Why did Macquarie appoint him in the first place, if (as appears from his version of events) they intended to hinder his work from the outset?
Jul 9, 2013 at 9:20 AM | 04{Turning Tide}

If true, this is a desperate piece of manipulation to correct their first 2 mistakes

of employing the Russian lady and Murray.

It sounds very much as if someone employed without the 'appropriate authority'.

Jul 9, 2013 at 9:21 AM | 04{Stephen Richards}

German immigrants played a large role in setting up the excellent Australian wine industry. However I'm certain they're not responsible for this apparant move to [1930's physics](#) at Macquarie University.

Jul 9, 2013 at 9:21 AM | 04{GrantB}

Johanna is also on the case, being cautious about checking the facts. Politics gets everywhere, unfortunately. It is a human condition. But the powers-that-be in academia have many strings to their bow. If the face doesn't fit, there are many ways a university can make working life so difficult for an academic that they are effectively neutered and/or forced out by seemingly innocent mechanisms.

Why do they do it? Because they can. I've seen it in action; things that are generally not so well tolerated today in large corporations who are afraid of damaged reputations and lost profits.

Jul 9, 2013 at 9:28 AM | 04{michael hart}

The Australian Government Minister for Science and Industry, Kim Carr, has form on this. Leading up to Copenhagen Conference he caused CSIRO to force a leading academic to resign because he had written a paper which implicitly criticized the economic analyses behind the Government's climate change policies.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/health-science/climate-expert-clive-spash-heavied-by-csiro-management/story-e6frg8gf-1225793717744>

Climate expert Clive Spash 'heavied' by CSIRO management

A CSIRO economist whose research criticising emissions trading schemes was banned from publication said last night he had been subjected to harassment by the senior agency management.

Clive Spash also accused the agency of hindering public debate and trampling on his civil liberties by preventing the research being published in British journal New Political Economy.

Dr Spash defended the paper, The Brave New World of Carbon Trading, saying it was a dispassionate analysis of ETS policies and was not politically partisan. He was told in February he could publish the work if it were peer reviewed. But in July, CSIRO management said it could not be published after it was cleared for publication.

This month, he was informed he could not publish it even in his private capacity, because it was "politically sensitive". Within 24 hours, he also received a letter outlining a list of trivial instances in which he was accused of breaching CSIRO policy, for example not completing a leave form properly.

Dr Spash said he believed the letter was intended to, and did, intimidate him and denied him due process. None of the matters were raised with him prior to the letter being sent and each of the alleged misdemeanours could be explained.

"We are not members of the Defence Department, we are scientists who are supposed to be discussing research in an open forum. How do you advance knowledge if you stop people from publishing their work?"

"I am totally happy to have my work criticised and debated but I'm not happy to have it suppressed."

Dr Spash said it was impossible to publish research in his field that did not have an impact on government policy. "The idea that you cannot discuss something like ETS policy when you're working on climate change as a political economist seems ridiculous," he said.

The gagging of Dr Spash's work is embarrassing for Science Minister Kim Carr, who defended academic freedoms in opposition and last year trumpeted a new CSIRO charter he said would give scientists the right to speak publicly about their findings. Yesterday, Senator Carr told The Australian he supported the publication of peer-reviewed research, even if it had negative implications for government policy. He said he had not tried to gag the research.

Last night CSIRO chief executive Megan Clark said the organisation would work with Dr Spash on his paper.

"There is some important science in the paper and we will now work with Dr Spash to ensure the paper meets CSIRO internal review standards and the guidelines of the Public Research Agency Charter between the CSIRO and the federal government," she said.

"I encourage CSIRO scientists to communicate the outcomes and implications of their work and one of the underlying core values of CSIRO is the integrity of our excellent science."

Jul 9, 2013 at 9:32 AM | 04 {Peter Lang}

Macquarie University won't like the publicity this generates. It's one thing to fire someone, but the dirty tricks displayed in this instance are something else again. Someone acted shamefully. I hope they get named.

Jul 9, 2013 at 9:34 AM | 04 {A.D. Everard}

A month later (and just 4 days before the start of the Copenhagen Conference), the article below reports Dr. Clive Spash was forced to resign from CSIRO.

Clive Spash resigns from CSIRO after climate report 'censorship'

SCIENTIST Clive Spash has resigned from the CSIRO and called for a Senate inquiry into the science body following the censorship of his controversial report into emissions trading.

Dr Spash has lashed out at the organisation which he said promoted self-censorship among its scientists with its unfair publication guidelines.

He said he was stunned at the treatment he received at the hands of CSIRO management, including boss Megan Clark, and believed he was not alone.

"I've been treated extremely poorly," he said. "There needs to be a Senate inquiry.

"The way the publication policy and the charter are being interpreted will encourage self-censorship.

"It's obviously happened before at the CSIRO - and there's issues currently."

Last month, Dr Spash accused the organisation of gagging him and his report - The Brave New World of Carbon Trading - and restricting its publication.

The report is critical of cap and trade schemes, like the one the federal government is seeking to introduce, as well as big compensation to polluters.

Dr Spash advocates a direct tax on carbon.

The CSIRO said the report was in breach of its publication guidelines, which restrict scientists from speaking out on public policy.

But it provoked accusations the CSIRO was censoring research harmful to the Government.

Under intense pressure, Dr Clark publicly released the report on November 26 but warned Dr Spash would be punished for his behaviour and his refusal to amend it.

"I believe that internationally peer-reviewed science should be published or, if Dr Clark wishes to have her own opinion, then she should publish her own opinion," Dr Spash said, who has been on sick leave.

"I've been to the doctor under extreme stress."

He had been ordered not to speak to the media while working for the CSIRO, which originally headhunted him for the job.

<http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/clive-spash-resigns-from-csiro-after-climate-report-censorship/story-e6frku0-1225806539742>
Jul 9, 2013 at 9:37 AM | 04 {Peter Lang}

Why did Macquarie appoint him in the first place, if (as appears from his version of events) they intended to hinder his work from the outset?
Jul 9, 2013 at 9:20 AM | Unregistered Commenter 04 {Turning Tide}

Need the facts from both sides but if you wanted to stop some research from appearing is not this the easiest way.
Jul 9, 2013 at 9:46 AM | 04 {Breath of Fresh Air}

Who are behind this? Their names!
Jul 9, 2013 at 10:10 AM | 04 {John Silver}

With the usual caveats of seeing just one side, if this is as portrayed, then it does suggest that there is something even more insidious than mere academic incompetence and fear of being found out to be wrong behind the whole AGW scam. Which makes me seem like a loony "conspiracy theorist"; how soon before this is the charge laid against sceptics?
Jul 9, 2013 at 10:34 AM | 04 {Radical Rodent}

On the face of it, more skullduggery by the "Team" but I agree with earlier

posters that we may not have the full story. It seems odd that it has taken so long for this to become public and it is not clear when the lack of a formalised contract was discovered. Without his material and the promised resources, what was he doing for 5 years?

Jul 9, 2013 at 10:34 AM | 04{MikeH}

One the face of it, this appears appalling, but I retain my scepticism in all things, and will withhold outrage until we have full confirmation.

The Clive Spash case is somewhat different. I agree with his argument in the contentious paper (a tax is preferable to cap-and-trade), but he was working for the CSIRO (a government research agency), not a university where one might expect a commitment to academic freedom. Such does not exist at CSIRO and its employees - rightly or wrongly - are prohibited from criticising government policy. So his argument was right, but he gave up his right to express it by accepting employment from CSIRO.

Jul 9, 2013 at 10:36 AM | 04{aynsleykellow}

@Breath of Fresh Air "Need the facts from both sides but if you wanted to stop some research from appearing is not this the easiest way."

Shouldn't have thought so: after all, Prof. Salby could simply have moved on to some other institution when it became obvious Macquarie were not going to supply the promised "resources" to enable him to rebuild his research programme.

BTW: I'm puzzled as to why the computer code detailed in his point 1 couldn't simply run in Australia too anyway. And if it couldn't, why would he accept a position that necessitated a hiatus in his research while this technical work was carried out?

Jul 9, 2013 at 10:55 AM | 04{Turning Tide}

MikeH "Without his material and the promised resources, what was he doing for 5 years?"

Well, he wrote some papers. In addition, as he says in the email above, he also wrote a book entitled "Physics of the Atmosphere and Climate". I pre-ordered it and have a copy of it on my desk at work as write this.

If you want to support Murry Salby, why not buy his book?

As regards the back story to this, it is early days. But the statements provided by Murry Salby are very concerning. There may be another side to the story, but on the face of it something very disturbing is going on. I hope that Murry has the financial means to keep going (either with a legal action, although a tribunal will be much cheaper) and that Murry can find a new tenure at an open-minded research establishment. Perhaps Carlsberg or another international brewer can step in and provide support?

Jul 9, 2013 at 10:59 AM | 04{ThinkingScientist}

Murry was also working on a revolutionary new hypothesis related to CO2 and temperature:

"7. The preliminary findings seeded a comprehensive study of greenhouse gases.

Despite adverse circumstances, the wider study was recently completed. It indicates:

(i) Modern changes of atmospheric CO2 and methane are (contrary to popular belief) not unprecedented.

(ii) The same physical law that governs ancient changes of atmospheric CO2 and methane also governs modern changes.

These new findings are entirely consistent with the preliminary findings,

which evaluated the increase of 20th century CO2 from changes in native emission."

With those findings completed, he went on a world wide lecture tour...only to find his return ticket had been cancelled by his employer.

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:04 AM | 04{thinkingscientist}

"On the face of it" can anyone name a lying cheating warmist "scientist" who has been sacked for their appalling climatology, from CRU, UEA, NASA, or other enlightened dump? No, they get more funding and more accolades because that is what their political masters want. I think Dellingle has the answer call them out for the scum they are

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:11 AM | 04{Peter Whale}

Doesn't Australia have any organisations concerned with academic freedom? If so, are they taking up this case or are they run by a bunch of lefties who think freedom of speech means simply freedom to agree with them?

What about the press? If the office of the university's vice-chancellor/principal/president (whatever they call them in Australia) was getting lots of phone calls from journalists then the university would probably have to put out some sort of statement giving its side of the story.

I suspect that the university would try and avoid the subject of the cancellation of Professor Salby's return ticket. It would probably be very hard to come up with a legitimate excuse for that action.

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:26 AM | 04{Roy}

Turning Tide wrote:

Shouldn't have thought so: after all, Prof. Salby could simply have moved on to some other institution when it became obvious Macquarie were not going to supply the promised "resources" to enable him to rebuild his research programme.

Moving to another institution would not be a simple solution. How many universities have climatology departments or departments where similar research could be conducted? How often do jobs at a senior level come up in such places? If a vacancy occurred at the University of East Anglia do you

think Salby would make the short-list?

If funding for research in climatology is driven by fear of the dangers of climate change then any institution will probably think twice before employing a researcher acquires a reputation for questioning the "consensus."

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:36 AM | 04 {Roy}

"With those findings completed, he went on a world wide lecture tour...only to find his return ticket had been cancelled by his employer."

Well, the lecture tour happened to coincide with a misconduct hearing, that he seems to regard as of lower priority. But the odd thing to me about this grand new theory, is that he never seems to have found the time to write it up for publication, or even a blog post. You have to listen to a podcast or watch a DVD.

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:38 AM | 04 {Nick Stokes}

Isn't it obvious? Murry Salby was coming up with the "wrong answer" which did not support the CAGW orthodoxy. Perhaps it is not coincidental that two members of the Australian Government's "Climate Commission" - a euphemism for a mouthpiece for Government propaganda on CAGW - are also based at Macquarie University. One of the two is none other than Professor Time Flannery, the Chairman of the Climate Commission whose many proclamaations on global warming in a book ('The Weather Makers') have been rebutted in a 400 page book titled 'The Weather Makers Re-examined'. As a graduate of an Australian University (MB BS 1971 University of Sydney) I am thoroughly DISGUSTED, APPALLED AND HUMILIATED by the actions of Macquarie University.

I have exactly the same sentiments about the University of Western Australia and their defence of an atrocious paper which appeared recently in a journal titled 'Psychological Science'.

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:49 AM | 04 {Patrick Purcell}

"odd thing to me about this grand new theory, is that he never seems to have found the time to write it up for publication"

In lieu of journal articles, these links might help:

http://scholar.google.co.uk/scholar?as_q=&as_epq=&as_oq=&as_eq=&as_occ t=any&as_sauthors=salby&as_publication=&as_ylo=2013&as_yhi=&btnG=&hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Physics-Atmosphere-Climate-Murry-Salby/dp/0521767180>

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:52 AM | 04 {Philip Richens}

For the benefit of those not familiar with Murry Salby, it should be noted that

he has been working in this field for some 35 years and has recently published a textbook in which, inter alia, he explains the scientific basis underpinning his views based on the available data. Personally, I find his arguments more compelling than those of the CAGW proponents who are permanently attached to the government funding teat who seem to have an infinite capacity to ignore any 'inconvenient truths' which disagree with their hypothesis.

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:58 AM | 04 {Patrick Purcell}

"In lieu of journal articles, these links might help:"

The first two are just abstracts of talks. The textbook is AFAIK, an update of his 1994 text, not an exposition of new theories.

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:04 PM | 04 {Nick Stokes}

Re: Jul 9, 2013 at 11:11 AM | Peter Whale

""On the face of it" can anyone name a lying cheating warmist "scientist" who has been sacked for their appalling climatology, from CRU, UEA, NASA, or other enlightened dump?.No, they get more funding and more accolades because that is what their political masters want."

Precisely - just think of the plaudits, funding and appointments received by the likes of Gleick, Lewandowsky and Mann to name but a few.

(And then there are the policital appointments in the UK of course where it seems a vested interest is almost a requirement for the job!!! So we get the likes of Yeo, Deben and co.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2338255/Tim-Yeo-MP-paid-400-000-green-firms-slams-climate-change-peer.html>)

Thank you Murry Salby for highlighting all the problems you've encountered in your search for the truth and how publice funds are being deliberately manipulated in this way to suppress it!

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:05 PM | 04 {Marion}

aynsley kellow

I understand your point and there is no doubt that the restrictions normally placed on government employees (or any employee whose employer is funding his research) are perfectly proper.

But why would anyone employ a researcher to carry out research only then to tell him that he came up with the "wrong" answer which is more than evidently what happened in this case?

If a tax is preferable to cap-and-trade ("preferable" in this context presumably meaning better for the people/country/economy which is what governments supposedly care about) why would an employer attempt to squash debate on the subject?

I know I tend to be a bit of a naïf sometimes, for all my advancing years, but

this sort of behaviour makes no sense — unless, of course, the government concerned is corrupt.

And I use that word quite deliberately.

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:11 PM | 04{Mike Jackson}

Nick Stokes - if the lecture tour coincided with a known misconduct hearing, why did MQ pay for the return ticket in the first place. Prof Salby would have had to provide an itinerary to get funding approval. Logic fail Nick. [snip. Manners].

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:13 PM | 04{GrantB}

Looking him up on Web of Knowledge it's clear that something happened in 2008: up till the end of 2008 he was publishing about four papers a year, and generally looking like a very solid, but not stellar, research scientist. After that he has one paper in 2011 and another in 2012. The fall is obvious and dramatic and while writing the second edition of his book would explain some of it it seems too large to be just that.

Changing institution and moving half way wound the world is a bad idea if you're undergoing a Damascene conversion in your views. There seems to be more going on here than either side is saying.

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:14 PM | 04{Jonathan Jones}

Nick Stokes

Have you suddenly become an arbiter of how scientists should behave?

Perhaps you could tell us where Salby's **facts** are wrong instead of picking holes in his method of disseminating them.

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:17 PM | 04{Mike Jackson}

Lysenkoism is alive and well, I see

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:19 PM | 04{c}

"Nick Stokes - if the lecture tour coincided with a known misconduct hearing, why did MQ pay for the return ticket in the first place. Logic fail Nick."

Payment was probably approved at a relatively low level. MS may even have had authority to buy the ticket himself.

On the other hand, if you don't turn up to a misconduct hearing, more senior people may get annoyed.

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:23 PM | 04{Nick Stokes}

Bullshit Nick unless MQ are incredibly slack with travel funding. You were a PRS (maybe SPRS) I believe at CSIRO. I was a PRS at DSTO. Prof Salby was not a department head, neither were we. Whenever I went overseas my Chief

of Division made sure my absence was covered and he went over my itinerary with a fine toothcomb. Then HE signed my approval to travel, not some friggin' underling.

If MQ operate differently, then as an Australian taxpayer, all I can say is that they should have their arses kicked until their noses bleed.

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:42 PM | 04{GrantB}

Mike Jackson:

I can't really answer your question as to why CSIRO would hire Clive Spash and then prevent him from publishing - I was simply explaining the context.

Not many governments like the discomfort of supporting social science research (and sometimes natural science research): for all their claims to wanting evidence based policy, they too often insist on policy based evidence.

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:52 PM | 04{aynsleykellow}

GrantB,

In fact, I was a CRS and effectively a department head - I had a budget. But we had credit cards, and could pay for tickets on our own authority - in fact, budget management was complicated by the fact that staff could thus spend my budget without my direct approval. That's been tightened since.

There were forms to fill out etc, but no more senior staff were involved. Of course, you'd normally want to be sure they knew, but it sounds like that may be a lesser concern here.

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:56 PM | 04{Nick Stokes}

The only surprise here is that anyone should be surprised. AGW is political, not scientific. By any objective standards it's been falsified many times over, and even at the very least has been revealed to be nothing approaching 'dangerous', 'catastrophic' etc.

There's simply too much financial, professional, political and reputational investment already placed to allow AGW to be revealed as the utter nonsense it is. We've got this baby for years to come, effectively for as long as it takes for the current generation of advocates to leave politics.

Scientists are paid huge sums to drive the politics; should they offer up opinions at variance from the accepted (and desired) line, their funding vanishes, as do their lucrative posts and any nice professional awards, too. So everyone stays on message, the lie is perpetuated, backs are slapped and funds flow. As you were, gentlemen, as you were.

Jul 9, 2013 at 12:57 PM | 04{cheshirered}

★ Colin Prentice refutation, 09 03:41pm UTC

Mike Jackson, Nick Stokes

If you do a "publications" search on Salby in the Macquarie website you find at least one rather odd reference. It is a paper in pdf format entitled "How we know the recent rise in atmospheric CO2 is anthropogenic." It is written by Colin Prentice, a professor in the same department. Prentice acknowledges Ann Henderson-Sellers, another professor climate scientist, and Sara Mikaloff Fletcher (somebody I couldn't trace). The document is dated August 2011 and is quite a scholarly rebuttal of something apparently written, spoken, or at least believed by Salby (about using carbon isotopes to fingerprint CO2). All familiar stuff, but written very forcefully - very definitely somebody wanted to get something off his chest. The odd thing is that although Salby is the focus of the paper, and the paper cites several other references, there is no reference to anything actually by Salby. Apart, that is, from being littered with comments along the line "contrary to what Salby claims ..." It assumes that whoever read the document was well aware of the background. Odd that internal disagreements about science, or even personal animosity, should have led to such well worked up rebuttals prepared presumably for circulation, although that's not clear. It does suggest levels of disagreement in the department of fairly titanic proportions.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:00 PM | 04{[alan Kennedy](#)}

Sounds like a rant from someone who didn't even bother to check that they had legal employment status to me. Maybe I'm just judging by the language used, but it seems very convoluted...

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:01 PM | 04{[Sean Houlihane](#)}

Nick,

He had informed (apparently more than informed, which I like to imagine means tattooed the dates on someone's forehead...) the university of his dates of absence, and as they had the authority to cancel his ticket, they must have brought this. We do not have their side of the story (and I doubt we will - I can't see how they can come out of this well) - but cancelling a return ticket and leaving an employee (as he was at the time) stranded alone seems to be more than irresponsible to me.

If you have worked in academic environments, then you will know that cliques can take control of things, especially in small areas. It may be that, assuming there is nothing we have not been told here, it could simply be something as simple as this. But do you not find it odd that every time a story like this comes out it is those who challenge the AGW 'consensus' that have suffered?

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:06 PM | 04{[Watchman](#)}

I've come across quite pedestrian behaviour from CSIRO folks, but of course, in the fine service of the orthodox position. No doubt fully defensible as

'outreach', 'communication' and the like.

I've had almost the same experience, luckily enough however, with my car! I can imagine Salby to be simply going about his business while forces move behind his back.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:10 PM | 04{[shub](#)}

Alan Kennedy,

I assume that Prentice paper is a rebuttal of [this talk](#) at the Sydney Institute, 2 Aug 2011. That's what I was referring to - for a long time podcasts from this talk, and some later ones in the same forum, were the only reference cited. The Sydney institute is a very well connected conservative forum, so that is probably why the rebuttal effort was made.

Mike J invites me to rebut the theories and not worry about the mode of dissemination. It's actually hard to rebut a podcast. But for here, I'm focussing on why the University might be unhappy with this as the return on their considerable expenditure.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:19 PM | 04{[Nick Stokes](#)}

I know it will be just a small drop in the ocean, but I've ordered his book - to hell with Macquarie University and their disgraceful antics

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:21 PM | 04{[cicero](#)}

Nick Stokes - fine, so you delegated overseas travel for SRS, PRS and SPRS applicants to a senior tech, the travel clerk or "someone at a relatively low level" as you are suggesting is the SOP at MQ. A few beers and a few words in their shell like ears after work, wink, wink, nudge, nudge. Well at least that's cleared up. It appears the practice is not just confined to academia.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:27 PM | 04{[GrantB](#)}

"Nick Stokes - if the lecture tour coincided with a known misconduct hearing, why did MQ pay for the return ticket in the first place. Logic fail Nick."

Payment was probably approved at a relatively low level. MS may even have had authority to buy the ticket himself.

-But cancelling it was almost certainly not a low level decision.

On the other hand, if you don't turn up to a misconduct hearing, more senior people may get annoyed.

-I don't think I'm pushing the boat out in suggesting that both sides knew in advance what the "more senior people" had decided the result was going to be. I think we both know that Nick. When someone is going to be "let-go", some preparations are both necessary, and sometimes not disguised. He probably decided to not go quietly, for which he earns my respect.

-Regarding historic maximal absolute atmospheric CO2 levels, I'm not yet entirely convinced by his ice-core diffusion arguments, but I don't regard them

as convincing either way. But it is plausible.

-The kinetics of the time lags on the temperature-CO₂ response data cannot be so easily wished away without a more complex explanation. If you have some literature on how IPCC models have predicted this aspect of the carbon cycle in detail then I would be pleased to read it, Nick.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:28 PM | 04{[michael hart](#)}

Michael hart

I was particularly struck by how accurate estimates for natural sources of C12 and C13 don't exist. Is this true?

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:36 PM | 04{[shub](#)}

By coincidence, very recently, I posted a summary of some of Murry Salby's conclusions as a discussion thread here on BH.

[Murry Salby: Relationship Between Greenhouse Gases and Global Temperature](#)

At the start of my posting, I said:

I think, in times to come, it will be seen as a turning point and its significance will be great. He shows how the "climate science", that led to the belief in fossil-fuel use causing global warming, is simply wrong, being contradicted by observations. His reasoning is simple and straightforward and presents evidence obtained directly from observations.

By the way, he is not a crackpot by any measure whatever. He has a record of work with NASA and his new textbook "Physics of the Atmosphere and Climate" (~650 pages) provides a good measure of his stature.

I think it is not an exaggeration to state that he puts climate science on to a rigorous footing, where things are confirmed by comparison with observation. This is something it has lacked previously, even leading some people to question whether it should be accorded the term "science", because of its reliance on unvalidated models as "evidence".

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:40 PM | 04{[Martin A](#)}

GrantB (Jul 9, 2013 at 12:42 PM):

Beware. People may make light of your logic if you cannot get basic English right. I know of no teeth that need combing, so doubt any fine, splendid, or even coarse or derisory toothcombs exists. I suspect you actually meant "fine-tooth (or fine-toothed) comb".

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:41 PM | 04{[Radical Rodent](#)}

Shub, if Salby said this then he is completely wrong. We have very good measurements of the carbon isotopic composition of the sources and sinks for atmospheric CO₂. We also have a good knowledge of the fractionation factors

involved during photosynthesis, respiration, combustion, dissolution, hydration etc. all processes that involve the CO₂ molecule.

I've not listened to Salby's presentations and am not in a position to critique them. However, I did read the Prentice note referred to above and am in broad agreement with what he (Prentice) says about anthropogenic contributions to atmospheric CO₂,

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:45 PM | 04{[Paul Dennis](#)}

Sean Houlihane

You may be right which is why I suggested up-thread that getting the other side of the story would help. The longer we **don't** get that, of course, the more we are likely and entitled to believe that if Salby's account is not 100% accurate it is probably accurate enough.

The puzzle is why Macquarie appeared to have head-hunted him (and his Russian sidekick) in the first place. They must have known the likely outcome. Or maybe not. Martin A's post above (copied from a discussion thread) makes one very crucial point, namely that Salby has put climate science onto a rigorous footing which I very strongly suspect is itself enough to damn him. There doesn't seem to be any doubt left (was there ever?) that AGW is a political beast. Scientific rigour is the **last** thing either governments or universities want.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:48 PM | 04{[Mike Jackson](#)}

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Radical Rodent - apologies. English is not my first language. I speak a variant.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:53 PM | 04{[GrantB](#)}

H'mmm

Seems to me that there are a lot more stones to be uncovered here. Prof. Salby appears to have been remarkably supine over a long period if his testimony tells the full story.

Some questions I'd ask.. Why did he choose to relocate? Why go through all the hassle? Did Salby approach McQuarrie or vice versa? Who (by name) hired him? What were the circumstances? Who from the uni signed his contract of employment? What position? What were the terms? What conversion or rehosting was needed for his programs? What was so non-standard about them that such an exercise was needed at all? What were the excuses..... and so on.

It may be that Prof. Salby has indeed been badly treated as others here have concluded. But the version of events he has given so far is pretty sparse and lacks a lot of confirmatory detail. It doesn't strike me as the whole story...

Maybe I watch too many real crime shows on telly, but I think I'll withhold judgement quite yet.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:56 PM | 04{[Latimer Alder](#)}

GrantB - take no notice. "fine toothcomb" is accepted usage *almost* everywhere.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:57 PM | 04{[splitpin](#)}

Paul

Salby's point in the talk was about estimates for absolute amounts of CO2 emissions from natural sources. For eg, do we have absolute numbers on how much CO2 is emitted from the oceans, with error bars?

What he has to say is about 35 min into the Hamburg talk. Poor transcription: "measurements of native surface flux [of CO2], namely the rate at which CO2 is coming into the atmosphere do not exist."

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:01 PM | 04{[shub](#)}

(A) "Prof. Salby appears to have been remarkably supine"

(B) "I think I'll withhold judgement quite yet."

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:56 PM Latimer Alder

So, Latimer, do you stand by your "A" or your "B"?

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:03 PM | 04{[Big Oil](#)}

I was fired--officially, my research associate position was "terminated due to funding cuts"--way back in 1994, for daring to submit articles for peer-review publication over the objections of my boss, a Ph.D. physicist with the National Park Service (cf, Huffman, H.D., "Atmospheric Environment", Vol 30-1, Jan. 1996, pp. 75-99). That ended any hope I had of an academically-sanctioned career, but taught me all I needed to know about the criminal behavior of those in power over those without recourse. Amazingly, on my own I then made, within 3 years, the greatest scientific discovery in history (which even other "independent", alternative researchers have been unwilling or unable to give serious consideration). So my view is that there are higher powers at work than just the petty designs of tyrannous "authoritative" institutions like academia, or again, even the ruling prejudices and beliefs of the majority of people, both learned and unlearned. I have pointed to my present position in the climate wars on several other sites in the last 2 days:

[The System Is Broken: Incompetent Science and Insane Politics](#)

As I just added at wuwt (wattsupwiththat.com), I rest my case.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:03 PM | [Harry Dale Huffman](#) 04{[harrydhuffman](#)}

My} own apologies to you, if you can forgive my chippyness – there are many

for whom English is the first – and, therefore, only (to my shame, my hand is up, here) – language, who still make such errors. Like the country itself, the language is under assault from those whom many consider to be its bastions, such as the BBC (much to my irritation), so “outsiders” may easily get confused by its convolutions. Some day, I may make a list of some of the cringeworthy errors that do occur.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:04 PM | 04{[Radical Rodent](#)}

Give heed to commenter John Silver: We need names. Who is the Macquarie Chancellor, who the Dean of Students, who is Salby's Department Head? If this is not criminal fraud, a felony misdemeanor under Australian statutes, then what is? Macquarie's excrescent Thought Police get away with this only by scuttering like roaches from any ray of sunlight.

Academia, you call this? Pol Pot would be proud.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:09 PM | 04{[Lloyd Martin Hendaye](#)}

Radical Rodent - I was being a prat. (Oz) English is my first and only language. When travelling Europe with my wife I only memorised how to say "two beers please" in a variety of languages. If she was off shopping I had to drink both of them.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:16 PM | 04{[GrantB](#)}

Nick Stokes:

"The Sydney institute is a very well connected conservative forum, so that is probably why the rebuttal effort was made."

Not quite true.

The Sydney Institute is, indeed, a very well-connected forum. Its directors, Gerard and Anne Henderson, are conservative, but the forum itself is anything but. One is every bit as likely to hear radical leftists there as anyone else. But for the sort of people likely to be employed at Macquarie University, eg Flummery and his clique, the connection of the Institute with the Hendersons would alone be sufficient to trigger their immune response causing them to go into extreme damage control mode and, thus, to reject Salby.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:18 PM | 04{[Mique](#)}

Getting back on-topic, Murry Salby may be as ingenuous as I am; he accepted what appeared to be an exciting post, relocating for it, and muddled along in academic naivety until those in whom he might hold too much awe for him to question or hassle provide him the wherewithal to continue. In the process, his science, views or opinions became more obvious to those in charge, and they elected to negate his offerings by reducing his access. When that didn't work, they sharpened their knives, awaiting the opportunity to plunge them into his

back.

Of course, I could be wrong, and he is as duplicitous as those at MQ appear to be. I shall leave it to those more able to sift through this plethora of information for a more accurate assessment.

GrantB - Ah! now I know (and thank heavens for "Preview Post").

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:22 PM | 04{[Radical Rodent](#)}

Paul Dennis:

Looking in section 1.6.2 of Salby's textbook (where he discusses these issues), I can't find any suggestion that accurate estimates for natural C12 and C13 don't exist. Somewhat related, he does suggest that "The dependence of [natural] CO2 emission on temperature is poorly understood." Do you agree with that one?

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:23 PM | 04{[Philip](#)} [Richens](#)}

@big oil

'So, Latimer, do you stand by your "A" or your "B"?"

Both.

Would like to understand *why* he was so supine. Or to find out the bits of the story that haven't been told.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:32 PM | 04{[Latimer Alder](#)}

Can thoroughly recommend this:- [Prof. Salby's Presentation in Hamburg 18th April 2013](#) Long, detailed and fascinating.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:32 PM 04{[alleagra](#)}

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Michael hart

I was particularly struck by how accurate estimates for natural sources of C12 and C13 don't exist. Is this true?"

Shub, I am not as persuaded as Paul Dennis. Salby, I recall, described them as not well known/described, and I concur. Whatever the uncertainties in the non-isotopic carbon fluxes (which are significant), isotope-fractionation processes are harder still to accurately measure/predict. There is of course a good theoretical physical grounding of, say, temperature dependent isotopic mass effects in evaporation, but I know from working with chemical separations that unexpected fractionations can occur before they reach the mass-spectrometer. The biochemical aspects are even less sure. For example isotope fractionation ratios have been found to vary significantly by some. For example: Tortell, Philippe D., Greg H. Rau, François M. M. Morel *Limnol. Oceanogr.*, 45(7), 2000, 1485-1500

http://aslo.org/lo/toc/vol_45/issue_7/1485.html

I don't claim that to be definitive, but I not remotely persuaded by those who claim carbon isotope fraction is definitively explained in the biosphere. There

is so much out there. It's a skeptics-thing.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:45 PM | 04{[michael hart](#)}

Shub and Philip Richens,

It's true that we don't have the complete picture on fluxes to and from CO2 sinks and sources. In this context anthropogenic emissions are an order of magnitude lower than the natural fluxes between sources and sinks and one might be led to suggest that small fluctuations in the strength of natural emissions, or the size of natural sinks might be the main factor in controlling atmospheric CO2 levels. However there is good evidence to suggest that it is the anthropogenic emissions that are the primary cause of the increase in atmospheric CO2 levels. Neglecting the isotopic data one could consider the O2/N2 ratio of the atmosphere. This is modified by different processes including combustion, respiration, photosynthesis etc. If one plots the decrease in O2/N2 ratio as a function of atmospheric CO2 concentration it is possible to determine the relative contributions of combustion, photosynthesis, dissolution in the ocean etc. Using such an approach one finds that ca 50% of anthropogenic emissions are taken up by (a) terrestrial photosynthesis (so called greening of the planet) and (b) dissolution in the oceans.

I don't want to second guess Murry Salby's hypothesis having not had the time to either listen to his talk, or read the relevant section of his book. He is of course right to suggest that we do need more data on natural variability of CO2 emissions from different biomes etc. and the effect of temperature has on this. However I suspect this will not change our overall understanding of the CO2 cycle, rather it will allow us to fill in a lot more of the detail.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:50 PM | 04{[Paul Dennis](#)}

Michael Hart,

I don't think I claimed that isotopic fractionation in systems, especially biologic systems, was definitively explained. I said we had good knowledge of the fractionation factors. For example in the paper you quote Figure 10 shows a compilation of fractionation factors as a function of pCO2. There is a good agreement between these different studies at low CO2 concentrations and the data are consistent with a diffusive transport model for CO2. At higher concentrations there appears to be a different mechanism operating. Whilst we don't understand the mechanism the apparent fractionation factors are known and have been measured.

It is not definitive but neither is it a stab in the dark.

Jul 9, 2013 at 3:04 PM | 04{[Paul Dennis](#)}

Also, Shub, you may wish to consider the PTOX pathway in various photosynthetic organisms, where

"The ratio of electron transfer and oxygen production to carbon fixation is flexible, ranging from O₂ production to CO₂ fixation ratios of ~1 to 1.6 or greater..."
 -Photosynthesis in the Open Ocean Jonathan P. Zehr and Raphael M. Kudela Science
 13 November 2009: Vol. 326 no. 5955 pp. 945-946
<http://www.sciencemag.org/content/326/5955/945.short>
 Jul 9, 2013 at 3:20 PM | 04{[michael hart](#)}

Hi Nick Stokes, you said:

"Well, the lecture tour happened to coincide with a misconduct hearing, that he seems to regard as of lower priority."

Where in Salby's statement were you able to conclude that he regarded a misconduct hearing as of lower priority? Do you know something we don't? Or are you just making it up?

Salby states that his lecture schedule was known to the univeristy. I have conducted a similar type of lecture tour (in my case as a Distinguished Lecturer). Once the dates are accepted it is unreasonable to cancel them - many organisations will have reserved a slot on a regular lunchtime or evening lecture occasion, published schedules and so forth. This would have been a high profile lecture, and controversial (and therefore interesting).

Salby states: "14. While I was in Europe presenting our new research on greenhouse gases, Macquarie undertook its misconduct proceedings – with me in absentia. Macquarie was well informed of the circumstances. It was more than informed."

If Salby's statement is true, then for the University to undertake misconduct proceedings in absentia is extremely underhand. Unless you, Nick Stokes, have evidence that a date was agreed or proposed and then Salby either decided to ignore it or be a "no show" then your argument is simply an invention. Why am I not surprised?

Jul 9, 2013 at 3:26 PM |04{[thinkingscientist](#)}

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I mentioned this on the previous thread. Jonova has the story.

After UWA and **Llewellyndosky** (as the Welsh locals affectionately know him), ...

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:58 AM | Registered Commenter 04{[GrantB](#)"

How} disappointing a term...

'**llewellin setters**' are my favorite breed of dogs by far! Best dogs I've ever owned or met; the person who said "a dog is a man's best friend" must've owned a llewellin setter. IMO

Does llewellyn have a different meaning in Welsh?

Jul 9, 2013 at 3:52 PM | 04{[ATheoK](#)}

Nick Stokes provides no information contrary to the account offered by Salby,

yet feels able to assert that Salby casually skipped a misconduct hearing as some kind of a "lower priority."

In fact, Salby's points 14 - 16 indicate that officials at Macquarie scheduled the proceeding while Salby was on the other side of the planet and acted to prevent his timely return. IF this is the case (none of us here "knows" anything more than that Salby has made these assertions) then Nick Stokes has misrepresented the facts.

IF Nick Stokes has some contrary evidence he should provide it now.

Otherwise he is smearing Salby without knowledge of the case and without substantiating his (Nick Stokes') assertions.

Jul 9, 2013 at 5:01 PM | 04{[Skipphil](#)}

Macquarie University supplies two of the six members of Australia's egregious "Climate Change Commission" including the Chief Commissioner, Tim Flannery:

[Macquarie University profs dominate Australia's national Climate Change Commission](#)

This announcement was from Feb. 10, 2011. One may wonder about politics and pressures both within and without Macquarie University, as alarm about alleged "catastrophic" climate change became the official orthodoxy in recent years. People like Flannery find it unbearable to be questioned or contradicted, and independent minds pursuing robust scientific debate may get crushed underfoot by the herd stampede.

Jul 9, 2013 at 5:06 PM | 04{[Skipphil](#)}

"My Russian student was prohibited from speaking with me."

How does that work? I thought Stalin was dead.

Jul 9, 2013 at 5:51 PM | 04{[son](#)} [of mulder](#)}

I guess Academic Freedom at Macquarie University is a concept that applies only to those who toe the party (in this case AGW) line?

A very sad state of affairs.

Jul 9, 2013 at 6:41 PM | 04{[Don Keiller](#)}

Nick "Hit and Run" Stokes strikes again. Nick Stokes once more defending the indefensible. Unsubstantiated slur comment on Salby and then disappears. I am starting to think Nick Stokes is not much different to a troll.

Jul 9, 2013 at 7:57 PM | 04{[ThinkingScientist](#)} [2:57am for Stokes in Perth](#)

The end game in Lysenkoism was vicious as those who had obtained their power and position through slavish adherence to the Communist Party line sank their talons into those who posed a threat to their hegemony.

In the UK the retreat from our version of Hansenkoism is more advanced. This is because there is a core of scientists who have not come under the control of the eco-fascist or like David King, have seen the writing on the wall so have developed a new position. It's only the dim like Beddington who remain true and have been reward by the non - exec posts. I suspect Nurse will go down with the ship because he never allowed the science to mcloud his political judgement!

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:10 PM | 04{[AlecM](#)}

Salby based his theory that atmospheric CO2 levels were not related to human emissions on the Mauna Loa records and on officially accepted human emissions figures. I have never seen anyone dispute the accuracy of those figures.

Salby has put his whole story in print for all to see, not the action of a man with anything to hide.

The reactions on this blog are totally different to reactions that would follow any opinion/pronouncement from Steve McIntyre (for example). The conclusion is that somehow Salby is not to be trusted.

I watched Salby's podcast and since I am a lot deaf read a transcription and I have been a fan of his ever since.

Until Macquarie post (and substantiate) a credible reply I am 100% behind Salby.

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:19 PM | 04{[Dung](#)}

@ Paul Dennis

One of the supports for Salby's grand unifying theory of climate change rests on the explanation of the C13 ratio of atmospheric CO2. Conventional wisdom is that the increased burning of fossil fuels which are demonstrably depleted in C13 is the most likely explanation for increasingly negative delta 13C of atmospheric CO2 (look at around minute 33 in the Salby talk circulating on the internet (<http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2013/06/another-nail-in-the-climate-change-coffin.php>) Presumably this is what colleagues Colin Prentice and Ann Henderson-Sellers were objecting to in their response – see Alan Kennedy comment at Jul 9, 2013 at 1:00 PM.

Here's the question to you: as an establishment isotope geochemist, what do you think of Salby's argument refuting what on the surface appears to be a reasonable explanation for the increasingly negative delta 13C of atmospheric CO2? That is, Salby suggests the uncertainty in the natural fluxes are so much larger than known human emissions and the likelihood that somewhere in these fluxes could be an alternative source of depleted 13C.

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:19 PM | 04{[nvw](#)}

[nvw](#)

If you really believe that we have anything approaching a complete understanding of sources and sinks of CO2 (of whichever isotope) then you are a dangerously deluded scientist.

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:28 PM | 04{[Dung](#)}

[nvw](#), there are several lines of evidence to suggest that the increase in atmospheric CO2 is largely the result of anthropogenic combustion of fossil fuels. As you indicate the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ record is consistent with an increased contribution of isotopically depleted CO2 which is consistent with the isotopic composition of fossil fuels which are depleted in ^{13}C . You are also right to point out that there are other possible sources of ^{13}C depleted CO2, for example that derived from plant respiration. This might leave room for the hypothesis that given the order of magnitude difference between the known anthropogenic inventory and the ocean-terrestrial biosphere-atmosphere fluxes then there may be an increased natural flux with an isotopically light composition that could account for the increasing depletion in ^{13}C in atmospheric CO2 that we see. Superficially this might look a reasonable proposition. However we do have a good grasp of the anthropogenic inventory and the depletion in ^{13}C is consistent with this. We don't need to postulate an increased flux from natural sources.

Having said this I don't want to discount the need for more detailed flux measurements so we can better constrain all components in the system. However, we shouldn't look just at the isotopic evidence, persuasive to me that it is. If we look at how the overall atmospheric composition is changing in terms of O2/N2 ratio and CO2 concentration then we can begin to disentangle some of the effects. Over the past 10 to 15 years we have had access to very high quality O2/N2 ratio measurements that document the small decrease in atmospheric O2 concentration. If we plot this as a function of increased CO2 level in the atmosphere we find a decrease in O2 and an increase in CO2 with time. More importantly we find that the increase in CO2 is about 50% that we would expect from the anthropogenic inventory, also that the decrease in O2 is less than we might expect for stoichiometric combustion. Both the trend and end points can be accounted for by (i) dissolution of CO2 into the ocean, and (ii) increased oceanic and terrestrial photosynthesis.

I don't think it's possible to explain the observed trends using natural respiration fluxes.

I hope this answers your question. I welcome the fact that Murry Salby has taken a look at this problem. It's complex and though I think we have a reasonable overview we certainly don't have all the details to hand. I briefly skimmed through his talk and was intrigued by some of his analysis and impressed by his relationship between CO2 and the integral of the temperature

anomaly. I haven't, however, had a chance to think about it more deeply and how it might fit with other data relevant to the CO2 system in the land-ocean-atmosphere system.

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:49 PM | 04{[Paul Dennis](#)}

@ThinkingScientist

I've noticed Steve Mosher employs similar tactics on WUWT. One or two posts then nothing, perhaps it's a new methodology when the facts don't support your argument?

Jul 9, 2013 at 9:13 PM | 04{[SandyS](#)}

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:01 PM | Unregistered CommenterSean Houlihane

Yes.

It sounds convoluted.

And the Russian PhD student was under the same misapprehension too. Do you think that Selby went looking for young Russian girls rather than continuing to publish papers as he used to do?

And was the Russian PhD student actually an idiot too?

Careful.

Or is "convoluted" a synonym for "bureaucratic politics"?

The University has backed one school of thought. If that turns out to be 'neo-phlogiston' then the 'carbon-oxidisers' will be side-lined in every way except the one that matters.

No-one has challenged his scientific hypotheses.

Jul 9, 2013 at 9:42 PM | 04{[M Courtney](#)}

Unbelievable.

Jul 9, 2013 at 9:52 PM | 04{[Robinson](#)}

Paul Dennis

You appear to be a great scientist with knowledge not yet available elsewhere in the scientific community. Could I ask you as a fellow BH poster; to contact the Met Office and explain why CO2 levels are rising merrily while temperature is not doing a great deal?

Jul 9, 2013 at 10:30 PM | 04{[Dung](#)}

Sounds like a rant from someone who didn't even bother to check that they had legal employment status to me.

Or, perhaps, who didn't know that they *had to check* - the article describes Salby has having received a contract. Unless I was familiar with Australian requirements, I would assume that to be all the documentation I needed. If told by an apparently-reputable employer that any required registrations had been

completed, I would take it on faith that they had done so.

Jul 9, 2013 at 10:32 PM | 04{[dcardno](#)}

EXACTLY, dcardno - this is how an American would think about it. And Salby is an American.

Jul 9, 2013 at 10:35 PM | 04{[Orson](#)}

The tale of Murry Salby has all the hallmarks of a stitch up job by the goons in management at Macquarie who obviously reckon like all the best bureaucrats - that they're untouchable..

Not Macquarie but still in NSW I think it was - a government hydrographic surveyor sacked for volunteering that he hadn't measured any sea level rise at all - nada - zip...

Who's been up to no good?

Well, start I suppose at the [Faculty of Science management team...](#) but my bet would go on somebody higher up and politically connected to the Labour Party...

Any Newspaper fans recognised in there?

They've got an [Academic honesty policy](#) that looks like it might need extending / rewriting - but most likely just enforcing :-).

From the "[Executives](#)" - it would seem that [Kim Sprague](#) has a number of questions to answer about all this since he must have been directly and personally involved in all this dishonest and cowardly backstabbing - and should be the first to go...

Right bunch of charmers eh?

Jul 9, 2013 at 10:40 PM | 04{[tomo](#)}

I realise this is a slight digression from the main point and possibly a bit nitpicky, but as a software engineer this caught my eye.

Included was technical support to convert several hundred thousand lines of computer code, comprising numerical models and analyses (the tools of my research), to enable those computer programs to operate in Australia.

Any idea what this means? Why did the code need converting to run in Australia? Does he actually mean that slightly different algorithms were required to solve a different problem in an Australian context, perhaps? I'd add that although "several hundred thousand lines" sounds a lot, that's not that large for a software project.

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:02 PM | 04{[throg](#)}

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:56 PM | Latimer Alder ([reply to him by Paul Dennis](#))

It certainly reads as though Professor Salby has been badly treated but think it wise to be cautious at this stage re the motives and actions of Macquarie

University until the full details are known. If the situation is as Professor Salby writes then action via the courts would seem to be appropriate. Professor Salby has experience here with a previous employer:

<http://dockets.justia.com/search?q=Murry+L+Salby>

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:11 PM | 04{Paul Dennis} ★ Colorado 09 10:21pm UTC

Skipphil,

Salby's points 14 - 16 indicate that officials at Macquarie scheduled the proceeding while Salby was on the other side of the planet and acted to prevent his timely return."<?i>

He says:

"11. In February 2013, Macquarie then accused me of "misconduct", cancelling my salary."

and

"12. Obligations to present our new research on greenhouse gases (previously arranged), had to be fulfilled at personal expense."

I think that means that MacQ U had made the charge of "misconduct" before he left, and suspended his status in some way. A proceeding could be expected to be imminent.

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:13 PM | 04{Nick Stokes} Jul 10 06:13AM in Perth

Which means they cut off his salary but expected him to be at their beck and call (and managed to get ticked off that he left to fulfill his lecture obligations, which they knew about)

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:17 PM | 04{shub}

from Stokes:

"Well, the lecture tour happened to coincide with a misconduct hearing, that he seems to regard as of lower priority"

The point of surreptitiously cancelling the return plane ticket was to PREVENT Salby from returning in time for the hearing.

Note also, Nick baby, that Salby's Uni credit card was also surreptitiously cancelled - he was unable to purchase another return flight with it. Sometimes, one tires of Stokes' Quisling, malicious snideness, tediously predictable as it is

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:46 PM | 04{ianl8888}

Nick Stokes (over many posts) -

That he seems to regard...

He never seems to have found...

Payment was probably approved...

MS may even had...

I assume that...

Why the University might be unhappy...

I think that means...

Suspended his status in some way...

A proceeding could be expected...

That he seems to regard...

Is "Precision" your middle name?

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:52 PM | 04{GrantB}

Macquarie.1 10 11:00am UTC - 10 12:00am Local, not seen for hours.

SandyS : "I've noticed Steve Mosher employs similar tactics on WUWT."

Except Mosher seems these days to talk in cryptic riddles, as though he has some secret inside knowledge no-one else is privy too, presented in a way as to make anyone else who doesn't follow his argument appear thick. Mosher seems to have become pretty condescending and arrogant, too previously I had a lot of time for his comments, but he seems to have become quite closed mind in his thinking. Nick Stokes just seem to have a knee jerk reflex to defend, indirectly, AGW come what may.

I think Salby has an interesting hypothesis, but I don't know whether it will pan out or not. I am a sceptic and would like to think he is right - a lot of what he says makes sense. But I know I have to try and be rational about his ideas, sceptical even. Similarly, I think that the story he tells in the email smells very bad, but we know nothing more at this stage and it is difficult to tell whether there is any spin in there or not. Some of the paragraphs are quite carefully worded and the timeline of events is not entirely clear, so there maybe a spat within a spat. Time will tell.

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:02 AM | 04{thinkingscientist}

"Is "Precision" your middle name?"

Who has precise facts here? Do you? But there's plenty of MacQuarie bashing going on, on a very poor factual knowledge basis.

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:07 AM | 04{Nick Stokes}

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:49 PM | Paul Dennis

Over the past 10 to 15 years we have had access to very high quality O2/N2 ratio measurements that document the small **decrease in atmospheric O2** concentration.

OMG! We're running out of oxygen!

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:27 AM | 04{Billy Liar}

Who has precise facts here? Do you?

My first comment said **if true**. Your sum total effort is a string of tortuous

drivel containing a host of "seems", "probablys", "coulds", "mays", "I thinks", "I assumes" and other inanities.
 If it wasn't so puerile it would be hilarious.
 Jul 10, 2013 at 12:38 AM | 04{GrantB}

Paul Dennis,
 Thanks for your considered yet conventional reply, still I note the geologic record is riddled with carbon isotope excursions well before the arrival of humans. That still leaves the O₂/N₂ combustion argument, but a little removed from isotope geochemistry.
 Kudos on your sleuthing of Dr. Salby's history of suing his employers, without success it seems.
 To all,
 As Jonathan Jones mentions earlier in the thread "...something happened in 2008" to Salby's academic career. He has put forward a non-orthodox view of climate change. For which it appears he has been pilloried by his employer and colleagues at Macquarie University. It seems there are two "end-member" possibilities – he is a genius who has single-handedly defanged anthropogenic climate change for which powerful establishment forces have conspired to punish and/or prevent him from publishing his results, or he has gone the scientifically equivalent of barking mad and his employers want to fire him for cause. The truth, as in most cases, likely lies between the extremes.
 Why has Salby not produced more scientific publications in these past five years pointing out where he is right and they are wrong. In his line of work publications are the measure of accomplishment, and he must know it.
 Then we have the behavior of Macquarie University. Was it really necessary to cancelled a return ticket when the guy was out of the country? It appears that Australian academics are forgetting their own history. In the 1960's there was a vigorous debate in the geologic community over continental drift. A well-known Australian geoscientist Warren Carey, held the unorthodox view that much of the features being cited by advocates of plate-tectonics could be explained by an expanding earth model. I think it fair to say that most geologists don't consider an expanding earth model tenable, or to present a paper today advocating Carey's position would risk being labeled the scientific equivalent of barking mad. But Warren Carey was never fired from his university job or denied the opportunity to make his case to the community.
 But then again Salby is not an Australian working as a tenured faculty member. He is the modern equivalent of an indentured servant, not too different from the hordes of Asian post-docs shuffling around American centers of learning. True he had a little more cache but he forgot the lesson you are supposed to learn while standing in the immigration line for non-nationals - you are in our country at our pleasure, do what you are told or its back to

where you came from.
 But then again, again we have the curious history of Dr. Salby suing his employer. University of Colorado and likely Macquarie. Perhaps this release of information is part of the legal strategy.
 Until the results of his scientific work are fully presented and further details on his employment are verified, judgment should be reserved.
 Jul 10, 2013 at 1:18 AM | 04{nwv}

Salby does not strike me as being an idiot (unlike some in this thread) he wrote as follows:

In 2008, I was recruited from the US by "Macquarie University", with appointment as Professor, under a national employment contract with regulatory oversight, **and with written agreement** that Macquarie would provide specified resources to enable me to rebuild my research program in Australia. Included was technical support to convert several hundred thousand lines of computer code, comprising numerical models and analyses (the tools of my research), to enable those computer programs to operate in Australia.

I have no idea why lines of a program would need converting but I believe Salby has a document that would explain it.
 Jul 10, 2013 at 1:19 AM | 04{Dung}

Paul Dennis,
 The problem with the isotopic evidence is that it can only provide estimates of the current flows, it can't tell you anything about the dynamics of how they affect one another, and it is on the latter that the case for an anthropogenic cause lies. While I think an anthropogenic cause is the most likely explanation, I don't think the isotopic evidence is the justification, and I think it's a considerably more difficult question than some people claim.
 I'll offer a thought experiment to explain what I mean. Suppose that the CO₂ level is subject to a strong damped restoring force that pushes it back to an equilibrium level C, and that C depends on a number of additional factors related to biological factors, ocean chemistry, and ocean currents. We add some CO₂, and simultaneously some of those biological factors shift, increasing C. Perhaps an invasive species of algae carried by modern shipping has colonised some new area and affected the balance. So you see CO₂ being added, and you see the level of CO₂ going up. But if the equilibrium level C had not shifted, the added CO₂ would not have had any detectable effect on the level. It would push it off a little, but the strong restoring force would maintain equilibrium. It is only because the equilibrium level itself has shifted that the CO₂ level has changed so significantly. The isotopic ratio would shift just the same, but all it tells you is that anthropogenic CO₂ is being mixed into the system. It doesn't tell you about the dynamics.
 To be able to ascribe a cause to the rise in CO₂, you need to model the causal

relationships between the various sources, sinks, and reservoirs of CO₂. How does the increased CO₂ level affect ocean uptake, or photosynthesis, or plankton density/dissolution? Now so far as I know the current best models of the carbon cycle do also posit dynamics in which added anthropogenic CO₂ would increase CO₂, with no known strong equilibrium control to override it. I have no knowledge of any proposed mechanism or evidence to the contrary, and therefore I don't - currently - believe there is any. I'm using Occam's razor. But it is a weak conviction, that could be easily overturned by new ideas or evidence. The isotopic evidence is certainly not any reason against it. It's an area worth looking into, and not getting locked into dogma on. I haven't looked into Murry Salby's ideas, I'm not saying he's right. But I don't see that there's anything wrong with thinking about it and suggesting alternatives. It's not settled science, and science is all the stronger for being challenged.

Jul 10, 2013 at 1:26 AM | 04{Nullius in Verba}

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I hope that Salby's case will receive a fair hearing from the University, and if not that, from the public. If he has written agreements which were not fulfilled by the University, then he probably has legal recourse to recover damages. The larger issue is that what Salby has been saying about CO₂ (although not through publication) is contrary to even the most basic understanding of the carbon cycle, and contrary as well to a broad range of evidence, ranging from ice core CO₂ records to basic physical chemistry. I have no doubt that Salby's public comments on CO₂ upset and embarrassed people at the University; I honestly find them almost comical. That the University may not have handled the situation appropriately does not take away from the reality that Salby is almost certainly mistaken about atmospheric CO₂.

Jul 10, 2013 at 2:12 AM | 04{Steve Fitzpatrick}

Having listened to Murry Salby's talk in Germany I am left with the impression that he has overreached himself. Many of his ideas sound plausible but he does not seem to recognize that even if 25% of what he says is true it would still completely undermine the orthodox view of AGW. Even if 25% of the extra CO₂ in the atmosphere does not come from the burning of fossil fuels this casts serious doubt on the outlandish climate sensitivity of 3C for the doubling of atmospheric CO₂ -- a view defended by the IPCC for many years. Macquarie university's handling of the whole affair seems far too cloak and daggerish. After I listened to Salby's talk I wanted to write to him to thank him and make some comments. So I did the obvious thing and went to the MacQ web site and found his email address without any trouble. I then sent off my email but it was returned with a message saying something like: address

unknown. So I contacted one of the deputy deans at MacQ and she tried to send an email to the same email address with the same result. She then wrote back to explain what had happened -- indicating that she would contact me once she had managed to get to the bottom of what was going on. Shortly thereafter she sent a second email indicating that MS was no longer in the employ of MacQ (no reason given) but did not give me a contact email address -- despite my having asked for it. All very fishy. If everything is above board why does MacQ not tell us their version of the story.

I must say I find MS's story about the difficulty of getting his code working at MacQ rather strange. I have ported code from university to university many times with nothing more than minor (overcomable) hitches.

Jul 10, 2013 at 2:25 AM | 04{Ted Swart}

Sounds like a rant from someone who didn't even bother to check that they had legal employment status to me.

Australian immigration procedures being what they are, he would not have received a visa to enter Australia in the first place without legal employment status.

Jul 10, 2013 at 6:11 AM | 04{David Chappell}

Salby's PhD student seems to be this lady:
<http://envirogeog.mq.edu.au/about/students/person.htm?id=etitova>
 Her email address has also been closed down

Jul 10, 2013 at 6:43 AM | 04{mangochutney}

There must be a Macquarie side to this case. One would assume that there are instructions from the University to Prof Selby which he has ignored, leading to him being dismissed. We need to see these before jumping to judgement. FOI requests at the ready.

Jul 10, 2013 at 6:46 AM | 04{geronimo}

@dung

You say

'.....but I believe Salby has a document that would explain it.'

Sorry to be cynical, but this just one example of an awful lot of stuff that Salby has not so far explained about this tale. His self-described actions do not strike me as those of a rational cautious man. Nor do his descriptions of McQuarrie's actions ring true.

He was 'given excuses' - .OK - but which excuses? Show them. He went to Europe and his ticket was cancelled. OK - where was he? who paid for it? and who cancelled it? What did he do to get home? What was McQuarrie's

reaction? He had a russian student - great. What was her name? Where is her description of the story? and so on and so forth. All the way through there are no checkable details presented.

It may be that Salby is a true prince among scientists and will be revered by future generations as climatology's Einstein. It may be that his theories are the things that bring us from the darkness into light. Or it may not - I make no comment on those things.

But in terms of presenting convincing evidence about his employment history to this observer, he has a lot of catching up to do.

PS Paul Dennis has observed (above) that Salby has already had two failed attempts to sue his previous employer at University of Colorado...at about the time he upped sticks to Oz. I hope I do him no injustice when I say that this is beginning to look like serial behaviour.....

Jul 10, 2013 at 7:48 AM | 04{[Latimer Alder](#)}

With the best will in the world I always have a problem taking umbrage on someones behalf on hearing a story of grievance from just one side, no matter how convincing.

Although more so in this case I see disturbing patchy instances that would make me want to hear more from a third party. For instance I sense a lot of time and events are missing between:

With those contractual arrangements, I relocated to Australia.

And....

Upon attempting to rebuild my research program, Macquarie advised that the resources it had agreed to provide were unavailable.

Those two sentences are butted together almost implying a breaking of a contract without cause but I suspect it wasn't that simple...

Jul 10, 2013 at 7:58 AM | 04{[The Leopard In The Basement](#)}

nvw and Nullius in Verba,

of course you are right that there have been carbon isotope excursions in the past, some of which have been very much larger than that which we observe at the present day. These have often been interpreted as major perturbations to the carbon cycle such as increased rates of burial of organic matter and their subsequent removal from the active carbon cycle.

One could postulate that we might be at the start of a modern day perturbation. However, as I've indicated there are other lines of evidence. First we know that we've increased anthropogenic outputs of CO₂ since the industrial revolution. Knowing this the expected change in atmospheric d13C is to decrease as observed. This in itself doesn't prove that the rise is a result of anthropogenic outputs. However, add in the 14C data, O₂/N₂ measurements etc. all of which can also be explained by anthropogenic CO₂ then a clearer picture is emerging.

I'd say that applying Occams razor our most parsimonious explanation is that anthropogenic CO₂ is the cause of the modern day rise.

Nullius in Verba, the C cycle is under determined if one wants to use isotopes to constrain sources, sinks, feedbacks etc. That's why it's important to take an overall view of all the data available relating to the signatures of different contributing sources/sinks and measured fluxes where they are available.

Jul 10, 2013 at 8:00 AM | 04{[Paul Dennis](#)}

Nullius in Verba,

I agree completely with your philosophy and I think that if you read back on my comments above I explicitly stated that I welcomed Murry Salby's hypothesis. It adds a new dimension to the debate and gives us reason to re-examine the data and how they might be interpreted. It certainly isn't settled science but applying Occam's razor I'd suggest that the most parsimonious and coherent explanation of the modern rise in atmospheric CO₂ is that we are perturbing the system by adding an anthropogenic component.

Jul 10, 2013 at 8:08 AM | 04{[Paul Dennis](#)}

Stephen Hayward - an environment and American Studies scholar with Washington, DC think tank and now the Professor in conservative political thought at the University of Colorado at Boulder - whose recent writing is linked to by Salby himself, [he now reports on the subject of these developments](#).

Hayward sums up Salby's account (above) with

Macquarie "apparently regretted its hiring of Salby and reneged on its commitment of support for his research, is penalizing one of his graduate students, and has used technicalities to dismiss him."

"It is likely that Tim Flannery, one of the leading climate campaign thugs who is also at Macquarie, is behind this purge."

Genuine dissent is very difficult to have in the PC-science university today. Hayward ways he's "still convinced that I was correct when I said in my post on Salby last month that 'I suspect there are a lot more Salbys out there in the sciences in academia.' But his treatment shows how hazardous it can be to challenge the "consensus" if you aren't tenured."

Bu not all hires are created equal in the new, PC-university. Even - or possibly especially - in the sciences.

Jul 10, 2013 at 8:27 AM | 04{[Orson](#)}

I'm afraid I have to throw my lot in with the "hold your horses" camp here. We don't know the full story, just because he's anti-IPCC doesn't mean he's one of the good guys.

If he can support his case with documentation then he should take legal recourse. In most countries, undertaking the obligations of a contract is the same thing as accepting its terms, even if it doesn't exist on paper - so he has real legal recourse. Let's see it.

Jul 10, 2013 at 8:45 AM | 04{[TheBigYinJames](#)}

... I think I'll withhold judgement quite yet.

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:56 PM | Unregistered CommenterLatimer Alder

...Nor do his descriptions of McQuarrie's actions ring true.

Jul 10, 2013 at 7:48 AM | Unregistered CommenterLatimer Alder

So "quite yet" has time-expired and judgment time has arrived.

Jul 10, 2013 at 8:59 AM | 04{[Big Oil](#)}

That's a bit unfair Big Oil. What he's saying is that he doesn't have enough info to judge BUT that some of things said don't sound right. Both things can exist simultaneously. Salby might have a legal case at the same time as being mistaken about some of the details

From the description given it does sound like an innocent being treated shabbily by a powerful institution, but as any policeman or lawyer will tell you, sometimes what's omitted from a description is just as relevant. There's probably a few details which might explain the university's behaviour a bit better, in fact I'd say likely.

We just don't have the full story yet, so although our sympathies go to Salby, if we are skeptical, we must hear both sides.

Jul 10, 2013 at 9:11 AM | 04{[TheBigYinJames](#)}

iirc Steven Hayward is the "token conservative" at Boulder Uni

Jul 10, 2013 at 9:27 AM | 04{[Jack Hughes](#)}

Despite my reservations expressed in my previous post, I am in agreement with Dung (Jul 10, 2013 at 1:19 AM) and suspect I may have been closer to the truth in my post: Murry Salby appears to be an ingénue, innocently unaware of the political machinations that can exist in large establishments, whatever they may be. It could be that the AGWists became alarmed with his research getting dangerously close to the "tipping point" of their own credibility and took him on with the intention of silencing and, ultimately, discrediting him (one scenario that is plausible with the information given so far.) The lack of response from McQuarrie is prodding our own inherent cynical scepticism into action – *"we're only hearing one side of the argument!"* – so the tactic appears to be working.

Steve Fitzpatrick (Jul 10, 2013 at 2:12 AM): Salby does come over as a genuine scientist (they do exist, probably outnumbering the charlatans, despite

other human failings) who would admit an error on his part, and could accept proper correction; your comments would be better if you had demonstrated the former and provided the latter. Explain in what way he could be mistaken?

Jul 10, 2013 at 9:44 AM | 04{[Radical Rodent](#)}

@Big Oil

I don't think you read my comments very carefully. I have not made any judgements on the case overall.

I'm quite happy to reserve that until we have heard the full story from both sides.

So far we have only heard Salby's - and pretty thin fare it is. I have questions about it. No doubt if and when the Uni. responds I will have questions about their version of events too.

Being sceptical works both ways and, so far the account given by Salby does not have me leaping to his defence and denouncing McQuarrie. I think that this story has a few miles left in it yet.

Jul 10, 2013 at 9:53 AM | 04{[Latimer Alder](#)}

While I am also inclined to reserve judgement, universities do have form for treating scientists who do not conform shabbily. It is odd, however, that he apparently went along with breaches of his terms of employment for so many years.

At least one of his points is questionable. He claims that because the university did not register his employment contract, it is deemed to be invalid. This is simply untrue. A contract is a contract - as long as it was duly executed, it is enforceable. It may make it harder to take his dispute to the employment tribunal, but they have in the past ruled that an employer's failure to register a contract is no excuse for not complying with its terms.

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:17 AM | 04{[johanna](#)}

If even a quarter of what Salby says is true, he's been treated badly - possibly disgracefully. Macquarie is Tim Flannery's university, and I doubt there'd be much argument on here about his status!

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:27 AM | 04{[jamesp](#)}

"So far we have only heard Salby's - and pretty thin fare it is. I have questions about it."

Me too LA. What strikes me is that this took place over a five year period, yet not once over that period does Professor Salby mention what was communicated to him by Macquarie University, nor does he say what the misconduct was about. He may well be a victim, but just because he's "on our

side" doesn't mean we should accept his word without seeing all the evidence.
Nullius in verba.

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:42 AM | 04{[geronimo](#)}

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Jul 10, 2013 at 11:19 AM | 04{[michael hart](#)}

..or even University of Colorado, Boulder.

Jul 10, 2013 at 11:21 AM | 04{[michael hart](#)}

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Jul 10, 2013 at 11:30 AM | 04{[Nick Stokes](#)}

I was going to add a comment to RR's post when I happened on BigYin's post on the 'Hall of Fame' discussion which makes the point about as succinctly as you can get.

IF what we are getting is right than it looks pretty much as if the Macquarie establishment (ie Flannery) knows or very strongly suspects that it is wrong and Salby is right.

In which case a lot of desperate little people are going to be running round trying to re-arrange the deckchairs. "No, that's not an iceberg. Figment of the imagination, sir. Come and sit down in the comfy chair!"

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:02 PM | 04{[Mike Jackson](#)}

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Jul 10, 2013 at 11:30 AM | [nick stokes](#)

...And The University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) is a nonprofit consortium of more than 75 universities manages the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
Trenberth is head of NCAR.

Seventy five universities.

No wonder Wolfgang Wagner editor of Remote Sensing resigned after Trenberth phoned him up to complain about him publishing a scientific paper

to which Trenberth took exception.

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:21 PM | 04{[michael hart](#)}

Jul 10, 2013 at 9:44 AM | Radical Rodent:

There is no need to repeat all the evidence; Paul Dennis Jul 10, 2013 at 8:00 AM, above has summarized the basics. There is more of course, including profiles of CO2 in the ocean, especially in areas of (cold) deep convection, and ice core records showing previous interglacials with warmer temperatures than today yet much lower atmospheric CO2.

But having having already had this discussion more than once, it is plain to me that some will simply not ever accept, in spite of the evidence, that the simplest explanation is adding quite a lot of CO2 to the air ought to raise the concentration, and Salby probably is in that group, as it appears you are. That adding CO2 to the air increases its concentration is about as basic an expectation as adding sand to a bucket will make it heavier, and is the least credible 'skeptical argument'. There actually are very credible arguments that global warming and its consequences have been grossly overstated, and that a reasoned cost/benefit analysis on mitigation efforts needs to be done based on more realistic projections of warming and its consequences. Insisting that rising CO2 concentration in the air is not due to emissions is so obviously mistaken that it discredits good skeptical arguments about the need for more realistic projections and a more prudent and rational course of action... or inaction, if that is the least harmful.

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:30 PM | 04{[Steve Fitzpatrick](#)}

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Jul 10, 2013 at 7:58 AM The Leopard In The Basement

No, there is obviously a lot of history over a period of years that can't be covered in one email so we really have no more than a glimpse of one side of the story.

However, I have observed myself, from the sidelines, that universities (and other organisations) keen to recruit someone are quite free with promises, particularly those not put in writing.

Once the recruit is in the new job, having had the kids change school, sold and bought houses etc etc, the promises are 'clarified' or even forgotten about -

"The HR department had no authority to say that - I'll have a word with them";

"Yes, your salary is reviewed each year as we said - but of course you should

not expect an increase until you have been in post for at least three years", and so on.

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:34 PM | 04{[Martin A](#)}

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:21 PM | michael hart

"Trenberth is head of NCAR."

[Here](#) is the organizational chart of NCAR. If you look under NESL, you can see an entity CGD. Trenberth is in the Climate Analysis section (one of five) of CGD. I think he has been section head, but isn't currently.

And what has this to do with Salby?

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:55 PM | 04{[Nick Stokes](#)}

Perhaps some elaboration of the disciplinary complaints about Dr Salby's behaviour might not go amiss in all this - perhaps the publication of a letter or several from the Macquarie University HR department who must have figured extensively in the whole carry-on.

I think it's pretty disingenuous of people here to address Prof Salby's actual work when really what's actually at issue here - is the way he's been treated.

There's plenty of differences of opinion out there about lots and lots of academic work - agreeing to differ and carrying on to resolve conflicts seems the reasonable way to go - here we seem to have somebody who's been attacked and done down by the zealots - I didn't realise that the utterly ghastly Flannery was on the staff....

In Oz - from what I've seen - there is clear precedent for the career - assassination of purveyors of inconvenient observations in the climate game. Somebody should put [Kim Sprague](#) on the spot - and the sooner the better!

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:57 PM | 04{[tomo](#)}

"not once over that period does Professor Salby mention what was communicated to him by Macquarie University"

Presumably because he was under contract to them then - or so he thought!

Jul 10, 2013 at 12:58 PM | 04{[jamesp](#)}

Neither the d13 nor carbon 14 argument make any sense when put into the context of our CO2 being a mere 3% of nature's input/output. Clearly it is clear nonsense to suggest that nature rejects our 3% in favour of its own. In fact the "overflowing bathtub" analogy of the IPCC even utterly contradicts their own carbon isotope arguments and in any event the error margins totally dwarf any signal in either carbon budget calculations, d13 or carbon14 analyses. The latter two have in any event been well debunked in the literature and the former has the hilarious "missing sink" problem plus a presumed sink (the sea) that should actually be a source in a warming world according to basic chemistry.

Frankly it's quite amazing how so many scientists can see that the manmade warming theory does not stack up in their own field of expertise but somehow all this other "evidence" from other fields nevertheless convinces them of it. The trouble is that every researcher is doing exactly the same. If they'd bother to use their noggin and a little bit of effort to investigate the circular reasoning, bad methods and sheer innumeracy of the other "evidence" they'd become skeptics too. But then they'd be blackballed too...

And I haven't even mentioned the evidence from plant stomata that says the notion of a pre-industrial CO2 level is just plain wrong. Of course the IPCC didn't bother to mention it either, despite many papers published in prestigious journals by eminent scientists on the subject. We get our idea about pre-industrialised CO2 from Callander throwing away most of the data to present a rising trend - a methodology totally debunked at the time, particularly by Slocum, plus yet another faked-up hockey stick from a single low-res ice-core with a high res CO2 count from an entirely different location tacked onto the end. They didn't even match up until someone invented the idea of the trapped CO2 being of a different age from the ice that surround it; problem dissolved! Take away all the assumptions, contradictory and circular reasoning, contradictory evidence, bad methodology and sheer innumeracy and you end up with nothing at all.

Jul 10, 2013 at 1:10 PM | 04{[JamesG](#)}

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Jul 10, 2013 at 12:55 PM | 04{[Nick Stokes](#)}

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Jul 10, 2013 at 1:27 PM | [michael hart](#)

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"It is evidence that he works, or worked, in a field where people can lose their job for publishing scientific papers that ruffle the feathers of other scientists in positions of power and influence"

How on earth is the fact that he once worked in the same city as Trenberth evidence of that?

But Salby didn't publish any such papers at MacQuarie. It isn't even clear that he wrote any.

Jul 10, 2013 at 2:02 PM | 04{[Nick Stokes](#)}

JamesG says it all: "Take away all the assumptions, contradictory and circular reasoning, contradictory evidence, bad methodology and sheer innumeracy and you end up with nothing at all." And James, when you say "And I haven't even

mentioned the evidence from plant stomata that says the notion of a pre-industrial CO2 level is just plain wrong" don't forget to mention the work of Beck, that also disputes the CO2 hockey stick...Like Martin A I was very impressed by Salby's lecture - if there is a major flaw in his thesis I have been unable to find it.

But the real question of this thread is what happened to Salby. Like others, I think that there are questions to be answered by both sides, but the horrible suspicion is that he has fallen foul of Mann, Jones, et al, whose climategate memos told of their determination to silence dissenters.

Jul 10, 2013 at 2:03 PM | 04{[Roger Longstaff](#)}

Jul 10, 2013 at 1:27 PM | michael hart

"It is evidence that he works, or worked, in a field where people can lose their job for publishing scientific papers that ruffle the feathers of other scientists in positions of power and influence"

"How on earth is the fact that he once worked in the same city as Trenberth evidence of that?"

Jul 10, 2013 at 2:02 PM | 04{[Nick Stokes](#)}

You are evading the issue which is that he is a controversial scientist in a politicised environment, which necessarily has a geographical aspect to it in terms of locations of individuals and institutions

"But Salby didn't publish any such papers at MacQuarie. It isn't even clear that he wrote any."

He is claiming that his work was impeded.

Jul 10, 2013 at 2:19 PM | 04{[michael hart](#)}

And if the Team or anyone else did scupper a dissenting voice, you can be sure we won't ever find evidence of it now, after Climategate. So the only course of action is for Salby to pursue the case through employment courts or take it on the chin.)

This isn't really the thread for discussing the actual science (there is already a Salby thread on Discussion)

Jul 10, 2013 at 2:20 PM | 04{[TheBigYinJames](#)}

Macquarie University have issued a statement:

<http://www.mq.edu.au/newsroom/2013/07/10/statement-regarding-the-termination-of-professor-murry-salby/>

Jul 10, 2013 at 2:22 PM | 04{Rob} -**Macquarie.1 10 01:22pm UTC**

So the Uni are claiming he breached the terms of his contract by not teaching (and otehr more minor expenses breaches), and that it has been through two separate disciplinary proceedings with nominated union representation.

This explanation still suffers from the same problems Salby's does - why wait five years?

At the same time, it does sound as if they have a paper trail which might be used in their defence. The union rep present at these committees - if he was independent and nominated - is a definite blow for his case.

It seems to be a bit less one-sided than it appeared at first. As usual when you only hear one side presented by the one who considers themselves the injured party.

Again, if Salby thinks they have acted badly, he has legal recourse. Unless he did breach the contractual terms himself, and then he's on a sticky wicket.

Jul 10, 2013 at 2:34 PM | 04{TheBigYinJames}

Publicly-funded universities are always secretive and hence corrupt - as we saw with Climategate the the coverups that were run.

What needs to happen, is that Freedom of Information legislation needs to be massively strengthened, so that exemptions require vastly higher standards. In this case, for example, a full background with names should be forthcoming from the university - with failure punished with say a fine of £10000 per week, deductible from the salary account.

Jul 10, 2013 at 3:03 PM | 04{Tomcat}

This seems to be a "killer blow":

"...he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach. After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take"

If Salby's contract included teaching duties, which he refused to undertake, it seems the University was justified in sacking him. I wonder if this is accurate?

Jul 10, 2013 at 3:10 PM | 04{Roger Longstaff}

Roger,

Although organisations can be underhanded, it would seem rash of a public institution to tell a blatant fib if Salby can contradict it - in court - by showing that his contract did not require him to teach. They would not risk libel unless they had a very firm paper trail to back this up - especially since it's gone so

high profile.

If true, it could be that they let it slip a few years, and now he's becoming a nuisance they had it as a get-out clause to bump him. Unfortunately, if they have a paper trail showing the requests for him to teach, then this would mean little scope for him to sue.

Moral of the tale : hold your horses.

All of this is quite separate to the validity (or other) of his theories.

Jul 10, 2013 at 3:15 PM | 04{TheBigYinJames}

Is that the contract that wasn't properly registered?

Jul 10, 2013 at 3:23 PM | 04{rhoda}

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My role was then reduced to that of a student teaching assistant: Marking student papers for other staff - junior staff. I objected, pursuant to my appointment and provisions of my contract.

As soon as I read that I was inclined (no more than that) to believe this was a move by the university to get rid of a nuisance.

Macquarie's press release, which is a classic piece of news management with obfuscation the primary aim, in fact goes some way to support this.

To be sure I would like to see what Salby's contract actually said but placing a senior member of staff into a humiliating position vis-a-vis his colleagues is a ploy so ancient it's got whiskers. The object is to get him to resign hoping that there enough people prepared to lie should it come to an action for constructive dismissal.

Note that there is no mention or any serious attempt to rebut any of the accusations he makes about an ongoing lack of co-operation since the time when he was recruited.

It looks on the face of it as if they engineered his dismissal by giving him work that would just about have fitted a new post-grad.

Jul 10, 2013 at 3:25 PM | 04{Mike Jackson}

Mike,

I find it very curious that the university can just unilaterally change his contractual duties, my little company deals with contracts all the time, and they universally say that the terms can't be amended without the explicit written agreement of all parties. If some company tries to fob one on me without such a term I always make them add it in, although I think it's implicit in contractual law that the contract itself describes the entire relationship.

The only thing I can take is that he was actually working without contract (as he says), when all bets are off. He should have left or complained at that point

instead of accepting reduced terms. Once he did that he was leaving himself open to action if he didn't comply with those terms. Surely by not registering his contract with the authorities they have breached their own contractual terms? Was he not working there illegally?

Unfortunately, it's up to the individual to ensure they are covered under contract.

There's more to this than meets the eye,

Jul 10, 2013 at 3:41 PM | 04{[TheBigYinJames](#)}

BigYin

I agree but there are a large number of contracts where the employee or customer is faced with conditions which are very much 'take it or leave it'. (Or perhaps that should be simply 'take it or leave it')

Try this (possible) scenario.

Salby is not happy where he is for whatever reason. (There seems to have been some indication that this might be the case.)

Macquarie gets wind of this, likes what they have seen of his work, and recruit him. "Don't worry about a contract; we'll sort all that out when you get here."

Salby arrives in Oz, goes along to Macquarie and starts work as agreed (or so he thinks).

Meanwhile — and I am now definitely in the realms of conjecture — someone mentions casually to a senior member of the university staff (no names but let's call him TF for want of better) that they have recruited Salby.

The reaction is: ***You've done what!?!? Are you mad?***

Write your own ending.

Salby thinks he has a contract — maybe he does; maybe he doesn't.

Macquarie eventually (after trying most other tricks to get him to leave voluntarily) finally "demote" him to scullery maid knowing that he will either (a) leave or (b) refuse to scrub floors in which case they can fire him.

Plausible.

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:08 PM | 04{[Mike Jackson](#)}

Yes, plausible indeed. Just goes to show that people working in this sort of environment have to be very careful.

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:11 PM | 04{[TheBigYinJames](#)}

Also plausible there was an idea of "putting him somewhere he can't do any damage" by offering a tempting deal and then stalling on it for years, wasting a lot of valuable research time during those vital "50 months to save the planet". Either way he'll never prove it, I'd guess, and it should serve as a lesson to aspiring non-AGW researchers to be very VERY sceptical of offers from certain institutions who may be trying to bury your work by tie-ing you in. Get

a contracts lawyer is my advice!

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:18 PM | 04{[TheBigYinJames](#)}

Now that MacQ has provided their version of the Murry Salby story the only reasonable conclusion is that the truth about his treatment by MacQ lies somewhere between the two stories. If it is true that his contract involved the obligation to teach and he reneged on this obligation then he is to a large extent responsible for his own downfall. Judging from his talk in Germany he seems like someone who could be a good teacher and, if I was in his shoes, I would have grabbed the opportunity to teach with both hands.

The really sad thing is that his ideas cannot simply be rejected outright and probably have enough validity to merit publication after thorough review.

But the chance of this happening is close to zero.

Unravelling the secrets of the Earth's climate is a massively complex exercise and our ability to do this -- to the extent that it is possible -- has been substantially slowed down by the vilification of those who have perfectly valid doubts about the hypothesis that the extra human caused CO2 in the atmosphere is responsible for a dangerous rise the earth's temperature.

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:22 PM | 04{[Ted Swart](#)}

Mike, you speculate:

"Salby arrives in Oz, goes along to Macquarie and starts work as agreed (or so he thinks)."

In which case there was a verbal contract, which is legally binding (at least in England, I don't know about Oz). Were teaching duties included? If there was a signed contract (it matters not a jot if it was "registered") the situation would be clear. If it was verbal it could be a matter of dispute.

I can not see Salby moving half way round the world without something in writing, and the paper trail will be important evidence. A written offer of employment could form the basis of the initial contract of employment. If as Salby says, the University tried to change the contract (to include teaching, for example) then the situation becomes more complex...

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:26 PM | 04{[Roger Longstaff](#)}

The Mike Jackson scenario seems pretty plausible to me, with one small change: contracts for senior academics are by commercial standards astonishingly vague as to the duties to be undertaken and the nature of "satisfactory performance". When the university is playing nicely this suits everyone; when it is not things get very messy. So I would assume that Salby had a written contract, but one vague enough to be open to reinterpretation.

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:31 PM | 04{[Jonathan Jones](#)}

@ Nick Stokes:

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@ Nick Stokes

But Salby didn't publish any such papers at MacQuarie. It isn't even clear that he wrote any.

For once, I must agree with Nick Stokes. Talk about drawing a long bow, this verges on 'conspiracist ideation'.

In passing, I have never seen so many misspellings of "Macquarie" in so few posts by people pontificating on the issues - which they can't even spell the name of. That includes Nick, who is supposedly is right in tune with tertiary education in Australia - but can't even spell the name of the university under discussion.

I am guessing that Salby was never going to be Employee of the Month, given his record previously. He legally engaged with his previous employer as well. What matters in the end is his work. I am not competent to comment on it, but it seems to have created a lot of interest in his field.

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:36 PM | 04{[johanna](#)}

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Yes, that one has crossed my mind also, but Mrs J tells me I'm only allowed one attack of paranoia a week!

Roger

Again, I agree. My life has been bound up with contracts one way or another and I have been on both sides both as employer and employee.

More than once I have started work with a written contract "to follow". It always has. Twice an employee started work for me without the written contract though we were both fully aware that that contract existed from day one.

On the other hand I have zero experience of how these things would work in the upper echelons of academia. I agree that the contract would exist from the very beginning but would a couple of phone calls and an email or two be enough to get your man to up sticks and travel halfway round the world? I suppose it could depend on how much you (thought you) could trust each other. Jul 10, 2013 at 4:40 PM | 04{[Mike Jackson](#)}

Need to see the signed contract otherwise this is all conjecture. Even with the contract in hand need to see/hear the respective parties interpretation of the

contract.

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:42 PM | 04{[Old Mike](#)}

Sounds to me like there was a contract clause that required he does some teaching but it was only recently invoked; probably the sort of thing that most teachers would recognise, that there is a clause that they may be required to stand in for others as needed, but it could be used to "punish" someone by forcing them to do this to the detriment of their proper work.

But if there isn't a contract in place anyway, as previously claimed by the university (via Murry) then it's all a bit moot anyway.

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:45 PM | 04{[steveta_uk](#)}

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Jul 10, 2013 at 4:36 PM | [johanna](#)

I might have said the same johanna, before I read the "climate-gate" emails. But in this matter, my trust has evaporated.

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:55 PM | 04{[michael hart](#)}

For once, I must agree with Nick Stokes. Talk about drawing a long bow, this verges on 'conspiracist ideation'.

Except it was brought up to correct a misunderstanding which was somewhat more relevant, that he had worked directly for the institution that employs Trenberth. Nick Stokes, with his usual mastery of (possibly deliberate) misunderstanding, took that correction (which recognized that there was no real professional connection between the two) as an assertion that this negligible connection was part of some master plot (Oh, and look at the silly "deniers" and their paranoia). Nick has missed the plot on this point, and I find it difficult to understand how an obviously intelligent commentator could miss it in this way. Jul 10, 2013 at 5:10 PM | 04{[dcardno](#)}

Well, after CG, we are wired to smell wrongdoings in academia, perhaps sometimes where none exists. It might well have been "constructive" but it may well have been for reasons other than ideology, perhaps he was a complete PITA! We don't really know.

I think he should have consulted a contract lawyer before "going to the press" with this.

Jul 10, 2013 at 5:32 PM | 04{[TheBigYinJames](#)}

dcardno - I call things as I see them. If Nick Stokes is right about something, who he is makes no difference to me.

It is true that there is plenty of form about universities making life hard for people who are 'out of step' with the current fashion. The case of Dr Carter, of JCU, was a classic example. However, the facts in this case are murky. Let's hope that we see them soon

Jul 10, 2013 at 5:40 PM | 04{[Johanna](#)}

From University of Boulder to MacQuarrie University...

I see a pattern.

Jul 10, 2013 at 6:49 PM | 04{[sHx](#)}

TBYJ,

"I find it very curious that the university can just unilaterally change his contractual duties, my little company deals with contracts all the time, and they universally say that the terms can't be amended without the explicit written agreement of all parties." This is rather OT, but I'd be very interested to hear more about this, as my employer (the National Trust) does this all the time. My "Role Profile" changes at a whim. Frequently. I was employed as a labourer. I have never sought promotion, but yet I am now expected to write reports and generally faff about doing the kind of work I was trying to get away from in the first place. This probably isn't the location for discussion of that - but if anyone has any comments or advice I would be very happy to hear them at - thrib at btinternet dot com

Jul 10, 2013 at 6:54 PM | 04{[James Evans](#)}

Jul 10, 2013 at 4:45 PM | [steveta_uk](#)

"But if there isn't a contract in place anyway, as previously claimed by the university (via Murry)..."

As Johanna says, that is simply wrong. The University would not have paid his salary without a recognised employment agreement. I'm surprised that individual University contracts were registered with Fairwork (if that is what he is referring to) at all, but a failure here would not affect contract validity.

Jul 10, 2013 at 7:22 PM | 04{[Nick Stokes](#)}

Completely off-topic;

Mehdi Hasan's interview with Richard Lindzen at the Oxford Union will be broadcast on the 13th:

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/headtohead/2013/06/201361311721241956.html>

Jul 10, 2013 at 7:46 PM | 04{[FergalR](#)}

Jo Nova has now heard from Macquarrie Uni.

If that's all they've got to say it's truly staggering!

Jul 10, 2013 at 8:12 PM | 04{[toad](#)} **-Macquarie.1 10 01:22pm UTC**

<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-uni-responds-to-murry-salby-what-they-dont-say-speaks-volumes/>

Jul 10, 2013 at 8:16 PM | 04{[toad](#)}

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If true, that would look very much like an attempt at 'constructive dismissal' in the UK.

The employee terminates the contract under which he is employed (with or without notice) in circumstances in which he is entitled to terminate it without notice by reason of the employer's conduct. [Employment Rights Act 1996 s95 (1)]

Jul 10, 2013 at 9:00 PM | 04{[Billy Liar](#)}

Off topic, but I just wanted to say how refreshing it is to see most posters here remaining both neutral and level-headed on this subject... you display what I believe to be the true mark of a sceptic and earn both yourselves and this blog a great deal of credit!

Jul 10, 2013 at 9:20 PM | 04{[Dave Salt](#)}

I think we can all agree that Maquary's statement brings us to the end of Act One of this saga. And we've had a few tantalising glimpses of how the story may develop.

But what is also clear is that the Fat Lady hasn't even started her pre-concert exercises, let alone given us her big numbers. There is a long way to go and ..like all good whodunnits ..it would be unwise to place one's bets too early. Personally I think the perp was Mr. Mann in the WonkyStats Department with a Hockey Stick, but that may just be wishful thinking.....

Jul 10, 2013 at 9:44 PM | 04{[Latimer Alder](#)}

According to Salby's account, when trying to enforce his entitlement to resources, etc he discovered that his contract had never been formally registered and was therefore not enforceable (his point #5).

That cuts both ways.

Surely, if the contract was never established, Macquarie cannot invoke its terms as the basis for expelling him?

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:01 PM | 04{[MikeH](#)}

MikeH

Cuts both ways.

If it was never registered and not enforceable then they can do what they damn well like. Arguably, at least.

Salby's mistake (in my limited opinion) was in leaving Oz on a Macquarie ticket but then it's easy to be wise after the event.

James Evans

Contracts are always agreements, which by definition means two parties. But if A wants to change the contract and B doesn't like the new look and A is in a better position than B then you're back to my comment above "take it or leave (it)".

You can always try an industrial tribunal but I will quote "exigencies of the business" and I will (probably) win.

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:18 PM | 04{Mike Jackson}

He has written a textbook and got it published by CUP, which presumably means that he could easily cobble together some very good lecture notes based on the book itself and on all the material he probably had to leave out. The videos show that he is a good speaker. I believe he would enjoy teaching this work. Why should he object?

However, as expressed by MQ, he was repeatedly *directed* to teach, which might be seen as a rather insensitive choice of words to use to a senior professor. What if he was in fact ordered *not* to explain his own work to students but to present lectures prepared by other members of staff and he found that he could not agree with their technical content? Would he be within his rights to refuse to teach what he considered to be erroneous work?

In point 20 of the email he refers to "Climate Experts", which might well indicate that there was some disagreement concerning "expertise".

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:35 PM | 04{Mark Well}

I call things as I see them. If Nick Stokes is right about something...

Which was my point: Nick is wrong (and you are too). The exchange went something like this:

First Comment:

> "Wow - Salby worked for Trenberth at U of Colorado Boulder

Correction:

> "No, Trenberth is at NCAR, which happens to be in Boulder, but there's no connection - they just worked in the same town"

Nick Stokes:

> "What does THAT have to do with anything? You people are so paranoid; how does working in the same town give Trenberth any power over Salby?"

Various comments:

> "who is NCAR, what do they do, is UofC a member, etc"

You (later):

> "I agree with Nick Stokes - this looks like conspiracy ideation."

Which is *fine* if people had been going on about how Trenberth got Salby fired at UofC, the Hockey Team interfered with UofC, etc. But they weren't; the only person who had the idea that Trenberth interfered while Salby was at UofC was, well, Nick Stokes.

Jul 10, 2013 at 11:11 PM | 04{dcardno}

This is *at least one of* the longest threads I have seen on BH and yet most of the discussion is speculation and at least 50% want us to refrain from expressing an opinion until we know more. In business we all have to make judgements and often we do this with incomplete information. When choosing who to trust you sometimes have to decide based on a single meeting but also sometimes you have a longer relationship upon which to base trust.

I am afraid I am a bit ruthless in as much as someone only has to lie to me once, however trivial the issue and I will never trust them in the future. On the other hand the more times they prove to be genuine, the more likely I am to accept whatever they say.

I have not seen Salby lie about anything relating to science, you may not agree with him but he seems to say what he believes and bases it on the information he has. No Hockeys Sticks from Salby so far ^.^

That is why I believe we should give him qualified trust, believe him until we have evidence to the contrary. Innocent until proven guilty even? ^.^

Jul 11, 2013 at 12:25 AM | 04{Dung}

Looking at Macquarie's statement it would be interesting to know **what** Salby was instructed to teach. If it were the case that Salby was instructed to teach students the opposite of what his research told him then he could be forgiven for not turning up at lectures.

Jul 11, 2013 at 2:21 AM | 04{Dung}

Jul 9, 2013 at 10:32 PM | dcardno

>>Sounds like a rant from someone who didn't even bother to check that they had legal employment status to me.

>Or, perhaps, who didn't know that they had to check - the article describes Salby has having received a contract. Unless I was familiar with Australian requirements, I would assume that to be all the documentation I needed. If told by an apparently-reputable employer that any required registrations had been completed, I would take it on faith that they had done so.

...

Not necessarily, it depends on what labour regime was in force at the time ... enterprise bargaining agreement or an individual contract. There might have been a requirement to 'register' or lodge an individual contract where there was

already an EBA in place.

For those not aware, industrial relations legislation in Australia vacillates with the politics of the federal government of the time. If Salby was employed during a period of transition, then an almighty cock-up by the university is not out of the question ... in fact, it is highly likely as the administration is not generally the 'sharpest tool in the shed'.

Jul 11, 2013 at 4:22 AM | 04{[Streetcred](#)}

Streetcred, it matters not whether the contract was "registered". It is still a contract in common law, although there might be some difficulty in fitting it into black-letter law. Salby can go to Equity and demand its enforcement, and if it is a valid contract, duly executed, he will win.

Jul 11, 2013 at 6:06 AM | 04{[johanna](#)}

Hey they canceled his ticket and held his hearing while he was absent and confiscated his research. Looks like they conduct human relations in the same manner as they do science. I knew they never shared data with anyone but not even the author?

Jul 11, 2013 at 6:16 AM | 04{[harkin](#)}

Throg, the project was to add 'ay, matey' to every comment.
Either that, or they had to adjust for the reverse of water rotation.

Jul 11, 2013 at 6:19 AM | 04{[MikeN](#)}

Jul 11, 2013 at 6:06 AM | [johanna](#)

Yes, I am aware of that. I was pointing out the existence of the transition between the industrial relations systems circa that time and offering a reason for the confusion that appears to be in so many minds as to why Salby says one thing and the university appears to be acting unilaterally based on something else.

The "Contract" does not even need to be "duly executed" ... all that he would have to show is that that was the document that he relied upon in the absence of any further amending documents agreed to by both sides. However, the greatest problem in Contract is that despite the written word, it is interpreted differently by different people, leading to dispute. I've just finished putting the finishing touches to a fundamental contractual claim where I'm convinced that the other side is reading a different document and in a different language.

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:29 AM | 04{[Streetcred](#)}

I would also be interested to see what documents that the university assembled for Professor Salby's visa requirements ... his employment contract would surely form part of the application.

Exploring my earlier comments, it might also be possible that the department engaged him on a particular contract and that the administration being unaware of its existence have relied upon the standard employment contract ... and the department has conveniently "lost" the documents ... we know in Australia of the strange and sudden disappearance of incriminating documents from legal archives concerning high profile politicians, is want to happen.

Somebody earlier mentioned the competing factions within departments having power and this would seem to support the assertion that power was ceded to a hostile faction. Maybe, maybe not.

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:41 AM | 04{[Streetcred](#)}

On WUWT David L Hagen put up Colin Prentice's rebuttal of Salby. It's here: [Prentice rebuttal](#)

I believe that this is something Paul Dennis and Steve Fitzpatrick have referenced or spoken about.

They make a good case until point 4. The estimate is 10 ppm change in Co2 concentration for 1 degree C. The Frank et al paper that is referenced shows ice core Co2 concentration against temperature reconstructions which confirms this.

Now without getting into temperature reconstruction reliability (something many here are familiar with) modern Co2 concentrations (approximately 80 ppm from 1960 to now) don't seem to match this relationship. And that is fairly obvious.

Yes I do think that fossil fuel burning is a likely cause of increased Co2 in the atmosphere but I am open to hearing alternatives. However the 10 ppm Co2 equates to 1 degrees C is wrong. The evidence doesn't support it. Equally the idea that Co2 causes heating of the Earth's surface is still a theory. The basic interactions of IR radiation with a surface in the presence of an atmosphere haven't been characterised (something I tend to bang on about). We don't know if there is any effect at all i.e. is there a threshold W/m2 to overcome thermodynamic loss.

So to see this added as a fact in Prentice's argument is a little disappointing. They should know better unless of course they are already married to the AGW idea.

I suspect that Salby took issue with this.

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:50 AM | 04{[Micky H Corbett](#)}

As Dung says, "no hockey sticks from Salby so far".

That's enough for me too. And far from the "level headedness", lauded by Dave Salt, I'm appalled by the general spinelessness displayed on this thread.

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:57 AM | 04{[John in France](#)}

@ John in France
 "I'm appalled by the general spinelessness displayed on this thread."
 Hey, invertebrates are people too! :)
 Seriously, what specifically are you referring to?
 Jul 11, 2013 at 9:02 AM | 04{johanna}

@john in france
 'I'm appalled by the general spinelessness displayed on this thread'
 No spinelessness here.
 This is a dispute between two parties about the terms of an employment contract none of us have been privy to.
 And whether we feel that one of the parties is the Devil Incarnate and the other the Resurrected Messiah (adjust for your personal preferred imagery) is pretty immaterial. Trying to extrapolate this dispute into an allegory/parable of a wider truth, before the full facts are known is foolish IMO.
 The time to bash the baddies and applaud the goodies will be later - if at all.
 But nobody ever got much satisfaction from premature ejaculation.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 9:06 AM | 04{Latimer Alder}

"But nobody ever got much satisfaction from premature ejaculation."
 Latimer, you were going great until then. But that is a very debatable statement.
 Speaking as a womyn, or wimmin, or whatever it is this week, I must disagree, based on empirical evidence which I do not propose to present.
 I now demand a Chair of Gender Studies based on my research.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 9:31 AM | 04{johanna}

"The time to bash the baddies and applaud the goodies will be later - if at all. But nobody ever got much satisfaction from premature ejaculation."
 Or even bash the Bishop?
 Jul 11, 2013 at 10:00 AM | 04{Roger Longstaff}

Spineless?
 For refusing to jump to a conclusion based on inadequate facts because it fits with our ideological prejudice?
 Every time. It's called scepticism.
 Name calling people who disagree with you is spineless, and it's one of their tactics, not ours.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 10:33 AM | 04{TheBigYinJames}

Right!
 That's enough!!
 This is getting silly!!!

Or, as Andrew would probably say, "raise the tone, please." :-)
 More seriously, Dung made a good point earlier. This thread is extremely long — probably because we haven't anything else to discuss in our host's absence — and we're madly speculating on something we have pretty close to damn all hard data on.
 Now **some** people may make data up as they go along but we're above that sort of thing, aren't we?
 Jul 11, 2013 at 10:36 AM | 04{Mike Jackson}

There are bad employers and bad employees, until we know more we do not know which we are looking at and even if both were bad.
 Yours spinlessly ;) but who has dealt with both in real life.
 BOFA
 Jul 11, 2013 at 10:59 AM | 04{Breath of Fresh Air}

How long before we begin to see a pattern here - the pro CAGW side get funding, support, plaudits and any protection they require whereas the non-pro CAGW side gets the exact opposite. I think we owe those who are brave enough to break rank and spill the beans our full support.
 Murry Salby has gone into great detail which would be easy for the university to disprove if it was untrue. Instead they have muttered about disinformation but not contradicted any of his statements.
 Who should we trust - well I know who I do, particularly after the very shoddy treatment of Professor Bob Carter.
 Meanwhile the legislation required to bring economies to the brink goes relentlessly onwards. We really have run out of time for a wait and see approach.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 11:08 AM | 04{Marion}

Johanna:
 "Hey, invertebrates are people too! :)"
 You know, I get to like you by the day. Do you have a boyfriend?
 Jul 11, 2013 at 11:08 AM | 04{sHx}

Looking at Macquarie's statement it would be interesting to know what Salby was instructed to teach. If it were the case that Salby was instructed to teach students the opposite of what his research told him then he could be forgiven for not turning up at lectures.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 2:21 AM Dung
 What are the rules for making FOI requests in Australia? Is there a website that explains it?
 Jul 11, 2013 at 12:18 PM | 04{Martin} A

Well I'm getting the impression that Macquarie University's maladroitness is pervasive. I looked for their FOI page and it said:

On 1 July 2010, The new Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act), replaced the former Freedom of Information Act, and as a result, the previous FOI applications are no longer applicable.

The University policies and procedures relating to access to information and records, are currently under review, and will be made available online in due course.

So, three years later, it is still on their FOI officer's to-do list.

Jul 11, 2013 at 1:20 PM | 04{[Martin A](#)}

sHx - thanks for making my day.

However, until I get my generously funded Chair of Gender Studies, I will not answer any further questions about my research and related issues. :)

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:35 PM | 04{[johanna](#)}

Dear invertebrates,

Here is a comment from Jo Nova's blog in reply to one of her resident trolls :

MemoryVault

July 11, 2013 at 11:13 pm ·

Has it occurred to you, Mango, that its none of your business?

Has it occurred to you, JB, that Salby and Titova may be looking for all the friends they can find, at the moment? It would appear to be the most obvious explanation for Salby emailing several conservative blogs, in the way that he did. (...)

You could do worse than have a read of "The Gulag Archipelago".

Just lucky he has a man like Monckton on his side (and Josh, it would seem).

Jul 11, 2013 at 10:38 PM | 04{[John in France](#)}

I'm with John in France... But not in France, in England.

I will not be joining anyone in a lazy nod of approval as Salby is publicly skewered in yet another kangaroo court of hot air, for "failing to take a class".

The anatomy of a serious shafting is what we are seeing, and I'm surprised there aren't more who are prepared to call the crock of [snip] that MQ have served up for what it is: a public hatchet job.

Ert

Jul 11, 2013 at 11:07 PM | 04{[Justin Ert](#)} Justin Vertebrate

John and Justin:

While your declaration of support for your footy team, or your country "right or wrong" is undoubtedly sincere, that is not what we are discussing.

John, as I asked way above, what specifically are your concerns, other than a generalised dislike of anyone who does not agree with you about everything?

Jul 12, 2013 at 12:08 AM | 04{[johanna](#)}

Don't quite know what you're getting at, Johanna. All I've done is watch in detail both of Salby's lectures on Youtube, one delivered at Macquarie, I believe in 2011 (atrocious sound quality) and in Hamburg in 2013. Very pertinent observations regarding the incompleteness of the available data : "Only one component known with any certainty: human emissions implicit from human extraction, only 4% of total ; other 96% from native sources **remains obscure**". **"We have continuous records from only a handful of sites because global observations of surface flux namely the rate at which CO2 is coming into the atmosphere do not exist"**. Over 100 years timescale the models have **no predictive skill**.

Pretty powerful stuff. What has all that got to do with footy or my country right or wrong?

Jul 12, 2013 at 1:21 AM | 04{[John in France](#)}

JiF

Perhaps I am missing something here. This thread is about Salby's strained relations with Macquarie University. What is your point?

Nematodes everywhere want to know.

Jul 12, 2013 at 1:31 AM | 04{[johanna](#)}

johanna

I apologised to you on another thread when I realised that my comments were so ill informed as to be totally worthless. Here however we have Salby who has his research into atmospheric CO2 recorded on video. Please let me know which parts of his "presentations" led you to believe that he was the kind of person who could not be trusted.

Salby has earned my trust and so I support him **UNTIL** I see evidence that proves me wrong.

There are many people on this blog who would get my support automatically based on their track record of being totally honest and reliable and I am not ashamed of saying that.

You of all people johanna know that our legal system is still based on "innocent until proven guilty" what did Salby do to make you believe he was in some way "guilty".

Jul 12, 2013 at 1:34 AM | 04{[Dung](#)}

Paul, please correct me if I'm wrong, but my impression is that the depleted ¹³CO2 arises due to the biological isotope effect; presumably due mostly to photosynthesis and perhaps corals and calcareous plankton.

We now know from the [Ibuki satellite](#) (see also chiefio's amusing commentary [here](#), that both North America and Western Europe are CO2 neutral, mostly

because of the carbon fixation of intense agriculture.

This state of affairs probably extends well back into the 20th century, as agriculture increased and CO₂ fixation kept pace with industrial development and combustion CO₂.

The Ibuki showed that major CO₂ sources are South America, sub-Saharan Africa and East Asia.

My question, then, is, would it not be possible to explain the depleted atmospheric ¹³CO₂ as due to the rise of third-world population? The accompanying increase in slash-and-burn agriculture and deforestation for fuel might then be the cause of the 20th century rise in CO₂, with an analogous depletion of ¹³CO₂. That is, the same biogenic isotope effect should be in play in the CO₂ liberated from wood burning.

This alternative scenario seems consistent with the Ibuki result regarding the source of CO₂ plumes and their concomitant lack from the industrialized areas.

Jul 12, 2013 at 2:54 AM | 04{[Pat Frank](#)}

Spot on Dung, there are certain people whom I trust based on past behaviour and track record of honesty and certain people like Nick Stokes who I totally distrust to consistent dishonesty displayed.

Jul 12, 2013 at 6:40 AM | 04{[Venter](#)}

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Sorry Mod, just sent this to the wrong thread :

Johanna,

My point is that the "strained relations" followed directly on from the Hamburg lecture in question and led to Salby's return ticket being cancelled and his being stranded in Paris plus all the rest of the hassle.

The content of the lecture (have you watched it?) inclines me, like Dung to trust the Salby version rather than the Macquarie one until further notice and to support those who do.

Jul 12, 2013 at 7:54 AM | 04{[John in France](#)}

JiF and Dung,

The "strained relations" have a long history, as Salby himself acknowledges. It is nonsense to suggest that the Hamburg lecture was the sole motive for his sacking.

And, if you believe that a person who is capable of producing an honest presentation of their scientific views is therefore pure as the driven snow in every other aspect of their lives, I have a bridge for sale that you might be interested in.

I am not pre-judging this issue absent the key facts. If Salby has been badly

treated because of his views, I will be as indignant as you apparently are. But, it is just silly to automatically support someone because they are perceived to be "on our side". That is precisely what we rightly condemn Mann et al for (eg in as shown in the Climategate emails).

Jul 12, 2013 at 9:12 AM | 04{[Johanna](#)}

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Jul 12, 2013 at 7:54 AM John in France

Me too.

I've observed in life that people and organisations tend to be consistent. People who are sticklers for accuracy and the truth generally don't suddenly start bullshitting or lying when they suddenly find themselves in a tight spot. They may not be easy people to get on with or to negotiate with but that's an entirely different matter.

And we have seen (Climategate emails) plenty of evidence of people in climate science university departments conspiring to end the careers of those who don't toe the line. We've seen the UEA "enquiries" to show us that the the misdoings of these same people will be covered up and justified by the university management up to VC level. I see no reason to suppose that other universities involved in fomenting the CAGW scam would behave vastly differently from UEA. Macquarie seems at the forefront of putting forward the CAGW message.

So I'll go for the Salby version rather than the Macquarie until anything emerges to change my view.

Jul 12, 2013 at 9:46 AM | 04{[MartinA](#)}

Johanna, Have you watched it?

Jul 12, 2013 at 10:28 AM | 04{[John in France](#)}

@ Johanna

My hooligan sized brain does not stretch as far as football, but it does do rugby, but not as a matter of loyalty - it is a religion! I was lucky enough to see my lionheart Gods at the Suncorp stadium play the Reds just a few weeks ago. Alas, I had to watch the decisive test trouncing back here in blighty.

I wonder that a few people here are unsure whether Salby's research is too off-piste without further examination, and it's this that is preventing them from supporting him. Do you count yourself as amongst them?

If, in the fullness of time, you decide to endorse his research or not, does his treatment become any less disgraceful? Or are you suggesting that a fair workaday scientist, beaver away conscientiously, regardless of his research

topic, has a career-stunting, public humiliation coming to them for missing a class and blowing a few dollars on a foreign lecture tour? Isn't that what scientists do ;) ?

Jul 12, 2013 at 12:07 PM | 04{Justin Ert} Justin Vertebrate

Yes, I have watched his presentation, and it is certainly convincing.
But, that doesn't say anything about his behaviour as an employee of Macquarie University.

It may be a revelation to some people here, but achievement in one field doesn't necessarily imply high performance in other fields. I don't either believe or disbelieve Dr Salby's account - I just want to see the facts before making a judgement.

Jul 12, 2013 at 12:31 PM | 04{johanna}

Well Johanna I think that you can link behaviour in one field to probable behaviour in another. As an example if there was a story in the Independent that Steve McIntyre had coshed an old lady and run off with her handbag I would not wait for further evidence before slagging off the Independent again
^.^

Jul 12, 2013 at 1:49 PM | 04{Dung}

DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC

Jul 12, 2013 at 9:46 AM | Martin A

"So I'll go for the Salby version rather than the Macquarie until anything emerges to change my view."

See if [this](#) does it.

Jul 13, 2013 at 2:18 AM | 04{[Nick Stokes](#)} **NSF 13 01:18am UTC**

It does. Found this on Jo's site too :

http://www.announcements.mq.edu.au/vc/professor_murry_salby_and_his_dismissal_from_macquarie_university

Jul 13, 2013 at 7:20 AM | 04{[John in France](#)} **Macquarie.2 13 06:20am UTC**

See if this does it.

Jul 13, 2013 at 2:18 AM Nick Stokes

That's a US government report marked "confidential" Nick.

Do you mind telling us where you got it?

Jul 13, 2013 at 8:58 AM | 04{[Foxgoose](#)}

Foxgoose,

I just provide a link. If you check, it's there on the nsf.gov website for everyone to see. Some of the history is in the attached correspondence.

Jul 13, 2013 at 9:09 AM | 04{[Nick Stokes](#)}

Post deleted

Jul 13, 2013 at 9:22 AM | 04{[Foxgoose](#)}

Foxgoose,

A long story with a more complete set of links is on [John Mashey's post](#).

Jul 13, 2013 at 10:08 AM | 04{[nick stokes](#)}

DeSmogBlog.2 13 -09:08am UTC

Salby himself placed these matters in the court of public opinion and he must have known that this evidence would come out. On the face of it the evidence seems damning.

Or the best piece of framing since the Mona Lisa.

Jul 13, 2013 at 10:36 AM | 04{[Roger Longstaff](#)}

I would have thought the NSF report is the one he needs to explain.

I would take what desmogblog says with more than a just a pinch of salt, even if they said today was Saturday.

Jul 13, 2013 at 10:54 AM | 04{[Mike Jackson](#)}

As Roger Longstaff says; the report is damning. I have now read the whole thing and there are at least one or two oddities.

Amongst the wrongs attributed to Salby is the accusation that he installed (superior) computer equipment on university premises without their agreement? Sounds like somebody was trawling every possible dirt and technicality they could find.

Also Salby claimed he was having to do extra work because some assistants left his project and that although he did not inform his university surely it was no reason to debar him?. The NSF responded with:

We disagree. In accordance with NSF policy, you were obligated to notify NSF about the significant change in the extent of your efforts toward the project as soon as you realized that the positions of research associate and programmer would not be filled for the duration of the grant

The original report accuses Salby of falsifying time sheets to gain money, but if you read the very last letter attached it contains this:

NSF opted to propose your debarment for three years, as opposed to the five-year debarment period initially recommended by the OIG, because of the concerns you raised regarding the preliminary finding that you prepared inaccurate and fraudulent time and effort sheets. You asserted that there was insufficient evidence to support this allegation and, after a careful review of the evidence in the record, we agreed.

Finally (so far) there is a section of the report entitled "Subject's Response to draft Report of Investigation " However that is not what it contains, what is given is the NSF's view of Salby's response.

Jul 13, 2013 at 3:01 PM | 04{[Dung](#)}

Audi alteram partem.

Evidence of previous bad behaviour doesn't prove he hasn't been mistreated on this occasion. Nor does it prove he's wrong about the science. But on both issues it does damage his credit.

Jul 13, 2013 at 3:55 PM | 04{[osseo](#)}

Well, a lot of work has clearly been done very quickly, by the likes of Nick Stokes, Graham Redfearn, John Mashey and the Desmog PR professionals, to try and destroy Salby's credibility and get Macquarie off the hook.

I can't think when we've seen the private life of any individual, including messy divorce proceedings and relationships with estranged wife & kids, picked over in the public blogs so blatantly.

Presumably consensus scientists lead lives of complete domestic and financial rectitude and have nothing to fear.

It may well be that Salby's three year suspension was justified - although clearly no criminal charges were brought. One thing puzzles me though. I was

once involved in a business supplying research equipment to universities in the UK and Europe and the nature of the technology often resulted in my company carrying out joint research projects with them. When I became quite deeply involved in the financing and management of such projects, I never failed to be amazed by the casual and lax attitude that most senior academics and their employers took to things like time management, expense controls, property ownership, separation of academic and personal business interests etc etc etc. I have a strong feeling that the NSF charges against Salby, for the way ran his projects, could be proved against large numbers of senior academics all over the world - if anyone bothered to launch investigations.

Something else caught my eye while browsing the NSF bulletin covering the Salby case - I read this, pertaining to another case of academic misconduct:-

A Massachusetts university took a novel approach to resolve a research misconduct allegation against one of its faculty members.

It was alleged that conclusions in two papers, written by the subject, were not substantiated by the data. Specifically, the subject was alleged to have not done enough to account for instrument artifacts that could account for the claimed results, and therefore the results were intentionally misrepresented.

The university's investigation committee found two significant problems with the conclusions reported in the papers. The papers failed to disclose the extent to which instrument artifacts can resemble valid research results. The papers' conclusions were not supported by sufficient statistical proof that the claimed results were not in fact the result of instrument artifacts.

The committee asked a consultant in statistical methodologies to review the subject's approach, data, and conclusions.

The consultant concluded the subject's design and analysis of his experiment were not well developed from a statistical point of view, and thus, the subject's results should be considered preliminary and exploratory in nature. The committee determined that the consultant's findings raised doubts about the subject's conclusions.

The committee concluded that a preponderance of evidence showed there was insufficient statistical basis for the subject's conclusions in his papers, but the subject did not commit research misconduct because he did not recklessly or knowingly publish flawed results. It expressed concern that the two papers remain in the literature without any indication of the problems with the findings.

It recommended that the subject develop a rigorous methodology for statistical reexamination of the data, consistent with the recommendations of the consultant. If the reexamination demonstrates one or both of the papers need supplementation, correction, or retraction, the subject should act accordingly.

The committee concluded that if the subject fails to do so, he would at that point have committed an act of research misconduct under NSF policy, because he would then know his results are flawed, and therefore he would then have a culpable level of intent.

Who could have guessed the NSF can launch investigations against academics

for "insufficient statistical rigour" - I bet Steve McIntyre could point them in a few interesting directions.

Jul 13, 2013 at 5:31 PM | 04{[Foxgoose](#)}

To better understand what happened to Salby @ Colorado a bunny needs to know about the most complicated thing in science, the Institutional Base Salary. Briefly put this is the salary a university swears to the granting agencies that it will pay a faculty member each year, whether that faculty member gets grants or not. For tenure track faculty this is a nine month salary, for research faculty it is a twelve month salary. A grant or contract cannot provide more than the IBS rate (in the case of TT faculty, they can pay summer salary in addition).

Further, faculty can consult (usually on a 1 day a week basis), or be paid any amount by a non-federal source (Howard Hughes Medical Institution for example) which is not bound by the IBS.

Salby put himself on both sides of the transaction in order to exceed his IBS. First he was PI for the NSF/NASA grants and directed that the money be sent to his company, ASA which he controlled, to pay him salary above his IBS rate. Second, he was owner/creator of ASA which accepted the subcontract from Colorado, and paid him. Worse, when that got too hot he created a third company which subed to ASA and paid him the money. As the final straw, ASA charged it's full overhead rate on the sub to the third company, which defrauded (yes, a strong word) the government which limits overhead on subcontracts to the rate on the first \$25K (to cover accounting costs).

Jul 16, 2013 at 12:50 AM | 04{[Eli Rabett](#)}

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An additional hanging thread. One of Prof. Salby's claims is that MacQuarie did not provide the necessary assistance to translate his code so that it could work. However, in dissolution, his company, ASA noted that it had donated a Dell Power Edge Server to UCAR (see for 990). If this was the "computer facility" on which Salby's code ran, Eli leaves it to everybunny's imagination about the claim, it's validity, and the flow of resources.

Jul 19, 2013 at 11:28 PM | 04{[Eli Rabett](#)}

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Jul 19, 2013 at 11:28 PM Eli Rabett

I'm not sure my imagination is up to the task.

What is the point you are making, Eli? That a Dell Server is a generic computer that normally runs a Microsoft operating system (or Linux etc) and

therefore Salby's software would not have required any significant translation?

If you want to say something about Salby, please say it directly rather than "Eli leaves it to everybunny;s imagination"

To me it seems a huge jump to say:

1. Salby's company donated a generic computer to his old employer.
2. Therefore the software he took to Australia would not have required translation, so Salby's statement is untrue.

Jul 21, 2013 at 9:48 AM | 04{Martin A}

Although some Stage(3) comments appeared here, more were part of §Z.23a, a side-discussions thread that actually started before this.

Z.05 09 07:55am TALLBLOKE.1 Roger Tattersall
Professor Murry Salby who is critical of AGW theory, is being
disenfranchised, exiled, from academia in Australia

www.webcitation.org/6IAfH9Oy0 05{Tallbloke}

LOCAL TIME: UTC+1

POST

[‘Reblogged from Watts Up With That?:’](#)

[\(copy of Macquarie.1\)](#)

‘Meanwhile the Royal society hands big funding to [Stephan Lewandowsky](#) and a prominent UK university appoints him to a professorship. This stinks. Strong proof that academia has abandoned serious scientific enquiry into the strong uncertainty surrounding the physical processes which affect the carbon cycle. The ghost of Lysenko stalks the corridors of academia.’

COMMENTS

□ 05{[tallbloke](#)} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 8:59 am](#)

This is a watershed moment in the climate debate. Salby has clearly been thwarted by the bad faith (and probably actionable) behaviour of Macquarie university.

I think we should give Murray Salby some practical financial support to assist him in fighting Macquarie University and helping him relocate to a more suitable academic environment. Perhaps Dick Lindzen still wields some influence in MIT?

Or will we find all academic institutions will abandon principles of scientific enquiry and run scared before the interests of those who control funding streams?

Scientia weeps.

□ 05{[RichardLH](#)} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 1:00 pm](#)

I agree. Scientists are supposed to look at things as a science. Not as a believer/non-believer.

That is NOT science.

□ 05{[harrydhuffman \(@harrydhuffman\)](#)} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 1:22 pm](#)

Dr. Salby is clearly just the latest in an uncounted number of victims of the global warming fraud over the last 20 years or so. My position:

[The System Is Broken: Incompetent Science and Insane Politics](#)

□ 05{[Richard111](#)} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 1:52 pm](#)

If someone could produce a DVD of Professor Salby’s video [I’d happily cough up a tenner](#) for it if this would help his funds.

□ 05{[J Martin](#)} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 7:20 pm](#)

If we get steady cooling to 2030 we can but hope that there will be a major academic clear out of the people at these Universities who are responsible for the removal of Bob Carter and Murry Salby. Significant compensation should also be paid.

It surprises me that the Universities are doing this at all. I can only think that it must have something to do with grants or money somehow. Perhaps someone in the loony government they have in Australia picked up the phone to the University and suggested they would have a large income drop or be restructured if they didn’t comply.

I think I would like to know the names and email addresses of the people responsible at these two Universities so that every year we see cooling I can email them to remind them that their belief in the co2 religious cult was misplaced and point out the ever declining temperatures that are not in the models and ask when they plan on apologising and resigning.

Bring on that cooling, preferably Maunder level.

□ 05{[Kon Dealer](#)} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm](#)

Clearly academic freedom is under attack at Macquarie university by the high priests and political beneficiaries of AGW.

This is a very worrying situation which has disturbing parallels with Lysenkoism which flourished under the state patronage of Stalin.

□ 05{[tallbloke](#)} says:

[July 9, 2013 at 11:12 pm](#)

four-of-them says:

[July 9, 2013 at 2:02 am](#)

If I wanted to describe Australian science in 2013, I would write something like this :

“the state provided scientists with funds, resources, and great public prestige. In turn, the scientific community gives the state expertise and legitimacy in industry, agriculture, and medicine. Each develop various tactics to deal with its partner. The state establishes strict administrative control over institutional structures, scientific personnel, research directions, and scholarly communications. For their part, the scientists cultivate patrons among the highest bureaucrats and skilfully play upon

their constantly changing policies and objectives”.
 But wait ...it's not Australia, that's Russia in the 1930's and those are the words of Nikolai Kremmentsov (from the University of Toronto, <http://individual.utoronto.ca/kremmentsov>) describing Stalinist Science under Russian Communism.
 Oh well..... Here we go again.
 Go Comrades!
 Welcome to Soviet Australia.

□ 05 {*Tallbloke supporter*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:08 am Colorado 09 11:08pm UTC

Paul Dennis posted this at BH:

It certainly reads as though Professor Salby has been badly treated but think it wise to be cautious at this stage the motives and actions of Macquarie University until the full details are known. If the situation is as Professor Salby writes then action via the courts would seem to be appropriate. Professor Salby has experience here with a previous employer:

<http://dockets.justia.com/search?q=Murry+L+Salby>

Jul 9, 2013 at 11:11 PM | Unregistered CommenterPaul Dennis

The dockets links show up some additional documentation but I didn't see any details of the claims.

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□ 05 {*Nick Stokes*} says: Colorado 10 01:48am UTC

July 10, 2013 at 2:48 am

TB,

Here is one of the judgments. It seems that the actions linked were federal Civil Rights claims. The actual complaints against UC were under state law, and are briefly mentioned in the judgment. The state cases don't seem to be available on the web.

□ 05 {*orson*} *orson2* says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:45 am

Unfortunately, I fear this becoming more and more about Murry instead of Macquarie or his findings.

Stephen Hayward – an environment and American Studies scholar with Washington, DC think tanks, and now the Professor in conservative political thought at the University of Colorado at Boulder – whose recent writing is linked to by Salby himself, [he now reports on the subject of these developments](#).

Hayward sums up Salby's account (above) with

Macquarie “apparently regretted its hiring of Salby and reneged on its commitment of support for his research, is penalizing one of his graduate students, and has used

technicalities to dismiss him.”

“It is likely that Tim Flannery, one of the leading climate campaign thugs who is also at Macquarie, is behind this purge.”

Genuine dissent is very difficult to have in the PC-science university today.

Hayward ways he's “still convinced that I was correct when I said in my post on Salby last month that ‘I suspect there are a lot more Salbys out there in the sciences in academia.’ But his treatment shows how hazardous it can be to challenge the “consensus” if you aren't tenured.”

Bu not all hires are created equal in the new, PC-university. Even – or possibly especially – in the sciences.

Macquarie.1 10 11:00am UTC

Although really Stage(2), left as Stage(1) since no mention here.

□ 05{*Stephen Wilde*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:42 pm

TB.

Can't comment on US law unfortunately.

Odd, though, that Murry seems to have a history of multiple employment disputes.

□ 05{*Bart*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:36 pm

Nick Stokes says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:48 am

Hmm... UC sought dismissal not on the merits, but on "sovereign immunity".

Stephen Wilde says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:42 pm

"Odd, though, that Murry seems to have a history of multiple employment disputes."

Or, conversely, that academia seems to have a history of going after Murry.

□ 05{*Stephen Wilde*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:08 pm

"Or, conversely, that academia seems to have a history of going after Murry."

Yes, I meant to imply that as one possibility.

□ 05{*tallbloke*} says: *(Stage 2, given his earlier comment @ WUWT.2)*

July 11, 2013 at 9:39 am

Bob Cater has had adjunct prof status terminated by Cook University. Salby gets a mention here too. Podcast:

<http://www.2gb.com/audioplayer/10268>

DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC

□ 05{*tchannon*} says: Macquarie.2 02:48am UTC

July 13, 2013 at 3:48 am

Seems to be another statement from the university

http://www.announcements.mq.edu.au/vc/professor_murry_salby_and_his_dismissal_from_macquarie_university

□ 05{*kuhnkat*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 5:20 am

tchannon,

from the release: “It is true that his return flight was cancelled in an attempt to prevent the unauthorised travel and limit the unauthorised expenditure. This was done in error and the University is reviewing relevant processes.”

And just happened to ensure he wasn’t there to plead his case before the board...

□ 05{*Bart*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 9:10 pm

kuhnkat says:

July 13, 2013 at 5:20 am

Yes, isn’t that convenient.

□ 05{*oldbrew*} says:

July 16, 2013 at 9:55 am

Monckton has waded into the Salby controversy.

“This case is outrageous. I shall be finding out further details from Professor Salby and shall then arrange for powerful backers to assist him in fighting the university, which – if his side of the story is in all material respects true – has committed multiple criminal offenses. This needs to be a high-profile case.” Christopher Monckton

<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-university-sabotages-exiles-blackbans-strands-and-abandons-murry-salby/>

Z.06 09 09:00am CLIMATESCAM.1 Ingem. Nordin
Murry Salby drabbas av bannbullar (Swedish)

www.webcitation.org/6IbYu3QTz 06 {Ingemar Norden}

POST Original post (Swedish), Google Translate produces:

'Murry Salby suffer bannbullar

Yesterday, Peter Stilbs of Professor Robert Carter who did not receive a renewal of the James Cook University in Australia.

Today we are faced with the news that Murry Salby has lost his job as a professor at Macquarie University, also in Australia. The management took the opportunity apparently kicking him when he was on a lecture tour in Europe.

JoNova and WUWT has published Salbys own report and comments.

Both Carter and Robert Murry Salby of the world's foremost climate scientists.

But apparently not fit their research into the political dogma of the world succumb to carbon dioxide. Where did free research go?'

The 103 comments are only sampled here. Most seemed to support Salby, but *Thomas P* raised cautions. Google Translate converts Swedish to:

2 06 {Thomas} *Thomas P* 07.09.2013 at. 11:13

'Watts has the sense to throw in a question mark in its title and JoNova writes "unconfirmed" because we only have Salbys version of the story, but Ingemar lives apparently completely under the motto to never check a good story. Not a trace of questions, doubts, or attempt to verify the story with him.'

33 06 {Thomas} *Thomas P* 07.09.2013 at. 20:23

'Gunbo # 19 In regards to your "if." Note that if Salbys description do so began "persecution" of him already when he started in 2008, when he to my knowledge not said anything controversial about AGW. Nor has my knowledge, Professor Rob Harcourt who disappeared from the same institution in the same time made it. Ingemar # 32 I do not understand the relevance of your post from Monckton. He always threaten to sue people left and right without being late to do anything.'

62 06 {Thomas} *Thomas P* 07/10/2013 . 21:45

'Ingemar # 61 You are running an interpretation which you assume that Salby is right and that the university only run with excuses , but what if they are right instead? Though you may be accustomed to not have any responsibility on your work and think it's an insult if you are forced to work for wages? I can not look further on the details, but in a comment on WUWT shows that Salby also was involved in a civil case against her former employer : <http://dockets.justia.com/docket/colorado/codce/1:2008cv02517/110347/> Possibly he has also been involved in several processes. (Search for posts by ICU) . The question is whether it is Salby having such bad luck with their employers or there may be another explanation ..'

64 06{Thomas} Thomas P 07/10/2013 22:11

'Ingemar # 63 " Why would he need to correct exams in other teachers' classes? "

You assume again that Salbys description is not only true but also the entire sanningen.Det is not difficult to imagine scenarios in which it would have been natural that he helped to correct exams. Perhaps coordinator every long-term , finished etc? Sometimes you have to be prepared and help out and do things that would actually be someone else's job, it must be expected in all workplaces, although some may see it as degrading .

Admit instead that you know very little about this conflict . For me , the information that Salby held on and litigated even against his former employer damning . Maybe he is a gentleman who is difficult to work with and the conflict has not one iota of AGW to do?'

70 06{Perfekt} P 07/10/2013 23:15

'This Salby affair is probably worse than we thought. It is said to have come to him to devote himself to science :

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/10/josh-on-the-salby-macquarie-university-affair/>'

80 06{Perfekt} 07/11/2013 09:49

'If I was as depraved as the average activist , I had begun to bombard TP's employer with long statements about his unfitness to engage in science. I would also spend his days to request any documentation where there is a chance to find some rule violations. When I find them , I will step up my campaign.

Fortunately for the TP I have not an alarmist disposition, otherwise I probably imagined that it was my duty to future generations to do so.'

82 06{Perfekt} 07/11/2013 10:11

'Thomas P

Where is your evidence that active here posted hatmail to Bojs , demonstrators in Manhattan was paid by Big Oil, the coal miners were forced to give money to Romney, and that climate skeptics got billions of BigOil .

While you're going with these unanswered questions , you may also mention a place where it has become uncomfortable a lot warmer and a species that died out due to AGW .'

97 06{*Perfekt*} 2013/07/13 21:15 [DeSmogBlog.2 13 07:15pm UTC](#)

I freslår that we continue the discussion on Salbs dealings with MQ in this thread, leaving the other to scientific questions,

Summary

Salby claim that MQ did not comply with a series of commitments primarily for programming services under the contract. MQ argue that Salby has not taught according to his contract. Since January it has withheld his salary which appears to be a breach of the collective agreement whether he is guilty of "misconduct" which is the original accusation. to cope with the commitments made, he purchased a trip in ways that are contrary to the travel policy. This non-refundable tickets were canceled by MQ while he was traveling.

<http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2013/7/9/climate-of-fear.html>

The collective agreement:

http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/ea/academic_staff_agreement

Travel policy: <https://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/travel/policy.html>

Desmogblog argue that Salbys previous conflict with another university and his actions during his divorce is the reason for MQ to end its cooperation with him, something that MQ has not been claimed.

<http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/12/murry-salby-galileo-bozo-or-pt-barnum>

98 06{*Thomas*} *Thomas P* 07/13/2013 21:22

‘Perfect # 97 Desmogblogg has produced documents showing that Salby convicted of NSF and that he sued his former university in a way that is similar to his accusations now. The divorce has nothing to do with anything except that Salby sees a possible link with the money NSF claims he embezzled . It was quite unnecessary to pull it up , but it does not affect other content .’

99 06{*Perfekt*} 07/11/2013 21:42

‘Yep, what I saw was the formalities of transparency regarding the different companies and an unconfirmed suspicion that he overcharged hours . Was it something else?’

100 06{*Ingemar Norden*} 2013/07/13 22:09

Why they stopped paying wages before Salby formally been fired? Why cancel the one in the middle when he is out traveling? Why do they prohibit his graduate to speak to him? Why they do not want him to be allowed to develop their theories and then present them in scientific forums? This is not a decent and honest treatment of an employee.

Is not it quite likely that even some of the earlier controversies he has been involved in (eg, where he says that the former university's action violates freedom of expression) due to the same thing at MQ, namely, that his research

went into "wrong "direction?

101 06{*Thomas*} *Thomas P* 13/07/2013 . 22:50

Ingemar # 100 You insist on taking Salbys allegations as fact. Take time and stick to it as there is no documentation about. That leaves really only that trip , and where the University has admitted that it was wrong. It is in itself not surprising that they want to cancel a trip he obviously made for university money without permission , but it was wrong to do that when he had gone away so he could not come back.

If you want to argue that his previous controversies would have something to do with Salbys research gone into the "wrong" direction is the least you can come up with any evidence of that during this period had such controversial opinions . Salby writes himself that he developed his hypothesis about the carbon cycle in Australia for lack of other things to do. Even conspiracy theories must have * any * connection in reality you know. Merely arguing that all AGW skeptics are automatically martyrs are not but for the deeply religious . Even among skeptics at WUWT and jonova sees one or two who started asking questions the whole affair.’

In 102, 103 06{*Jonas N*} criticized him and *DeSmogBlog*, after which comments were closed. The next post again presented Salby’s claims on science, but some comments related to *DeSmogBlog* information: www.theclimatescam.se/2013/07/12/om-murry-salby-fragor-och-svar *ClimateScam* posters and commenters remained very supportive of Salby’s claims about science, but no longer discussed the Salby-MQ issue: <http://www.theclimatescam.se/2013/07/17/mer-om-murry-salby> <http://www.theclimatescam.se/2013/07/26/mer-om-murry-salbys-ekvation> <http://www.theclimatescam.se/2013/08/03/nyheter-fran-biskopskulla>

Z.07 09 01:38pm DEPOT.1 Marc Morano

Professor critical of AGW theory being disenfranchised, exiled from academia in Australia

www.webcitation.org/6IAUVAb3J 07{Marc Morano}

LOCAL TIME: UTC-4

POST

‘Professor critical of AGW theory being disenfranchised, exiled from academia in Australia

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/professor-critical-of-agw-theory-being-disenfranchised-exiled-from-academia-in-australia>

People send me stuff. Just last week we heard that Dr. Robert Carter had been blackballed at his own university where he served as department chair, and now we have this from Dr. Murray Salby, sent via email. Between John Cook, Stephan Lewandowsky, Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, plus Mike Marriot and his idiotic ideas, I’m beginning to [...]

Filed under: [consensus buster](#), [funding](#), [intimidation](#) ’

COMMENTS NOT ENABLED

Z.08 09 02:29pm NCTCS.1 Geoff Brown**Murry Salby and Macquarie University**www.webcitation.org/6I9Hwqt1i 08{GeoffBrown}

The Official blog of Australia's (AEC registered) NO CARBON TAX

Climate Sceptics party (NCTCS)

LOCAL TIME: UTC+9.5 (Adelaide)**POST**

'The Climategate emails exposed the story of how a journal editor was attacked by the alarmists for approving an article contrary to the [falsified AGW hypothesis](#).

The emails will track how annoyance at the publication of a 'contrary' article in a journal develops into an attack on the editor, Chris de Freitas, an accomplished scientist. The attack includes a plot to see if they can get him sacked from his job at University of Auckland. Within the story, it is evident exactly what kind of 'scientists' the key authors are. The word scientist applied to these people has denigrated the meaning of the word. ([link](#))

Recently we have seen the alarmists force several scientists out of their university posts.

The story of Don Easterbrook's departure from Western Washington University can be found here -

<http://theclimatescepticsparty.blogspot.com.au/2013/04/peer-review-vs-smear-review.html>

More recently Professor Bob Carter was black-balled by James Cook University - <http://joannenova.com.au/2013/06/jcu-caves-in-to-badgering-and-groupthink-blackballs-politically-incorrect-bob-carter/>

Now Murry Salby is the latest to suffer this fate. Here is Murry's story: (*copy of SALBY.email*)'

COMMENTS (4)**'4 comments:**□ 08{[orach24463](#)} July 10, 2013 at 1:56 AM

Thanks to Professor Salby for speaking truth to power regarding the climate change hoax. A hoax that is really a war on the poor. Forcing the poor to pay for high energy cost green energy and blocking the poor from access to cheap and reliable energy from fossil fuel is a transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich. Rich spites in Marquette University who get big bucks from tax payers to study the AGW hoax.

08{T} July 10, 2013 at 6:30 PM

Stephen Hayward - an environment and American Studies scholar with Washington, DC think tanks, and now the Professor in conservative political thought at the University of Colorado at Boulder - whose recent writing is linked to by Salby himself, [he now reports on the subject of these developments](#).

Hayward sums up Salby's account (above) with, Macquarie "apparently regretted its hiring of Salby and reneged on its commitment of support for his research, is penalizing one of his graduate students, and has used technicalities to dismiss him."

"It is likely that Tim Flannery, one of the leading climate campaign thugs who is also at Macquarie, is behind this purge."

Genuine dissent is very difficult to have in the PC-science university today. Hayward says he's "still convinced that I was correct when I said in my post on Salby last month that 'I suspect there are a lot more Salbys out there in the sciences in academia.' But his treatment shows how hazardous it can be to challenge the "consensus" if you aren't tenured."

But not all hires are created equal in the new, PC-university. Even - or possibly especially - in the sciences.

08{*Anonymous*} [July 12, 2013 at 10:10 AM](#)

John Byatt, on a denier site said that you CSP people had retracted this. Where is the retraction?

08{*Geoff Brown*} [July 12, 2013 at 10:36 AM](#)

Byatt says we retracted this post?

Byatt can never get anything right. He is a flat earther who has not kept up with the science. He believes that Carbon Dioxide is causing runaway warming whiist all scientists agree that

- a) History shows that temperature rises before the rise in atmospheric CO2;
- b) For the last 15 to 23 years (depending on which data set is used) CO2 has been rising while there has been no significant rise in temperature and most agree that for the last 10 years temperature has declined;
- c) Atmospheric CO2 is around 400ppmv and is nowhere near the 20,000ppmv it has been in the past without the earth frying.

Mr Byatt cannot even get the AEC registered abbreviation for the NO CARBON TAX Climate Sceptics correct - it is NOT csp but it is NCTCS.
[LINK](#)

There is no retraction. We did print an email received from MacUni's Media Officer but it did not address the items that Professor Salby writes about in the above post.'

Z.09 09 02:55pm POWERLINE.1, Steven F.Hayward
The Climate Mafia Strikes Again: The Curious Case of Murry Salby
www.webcitation.org/6IdQLfJyO 08{Steven F.Hayward}
POST

'Last month [we spotlighted here](#) the devastating synopsis of the case against conventional climate alarmism by Macquarie University physicist Murry Salby, presented last spring in Germany. It seems the Luca Brazis of the climate campaign have not taken this sitting down, and apparently Salby has been sacked from Macquarie. Over on Australian science writer [Joanne Nova's blog](#), Salby gives an account of what has taken place.

It is a long account you can read in full at your leisure, but the overall point is that the university apparently regretted its hiring of Salby and reneged on its commitment of support for his research, is penalizing one of his graduate students, and has used technicalities to dismiss him. Here's the key section:

8. Under the resources Macquarie had agreed to provide, arrangements were made to present this new research at a scientific conference and in a lecture series at research centers in Europe.

9. Forms for research travel that were lodged with Macquarie included a description of the findings. Presentation of our research was then blocked by Macquarie. The obstruction was imposed after arrangements had been made at several venues (arranged then to conform to other restrictions imposed by Macquarie). Macquarie's intervention would have silenced the release of our research

10. Following the obstruction of research communication, as well as my earlier efforts to obtain compliance with my contract, Macquarie modified my professional duties. My role was then reduced to that of a student teaching assistant: Marking student papers for other staff – junior staff. I objected, pursuant to my appointment and provisions of my contract.

11. In February 2013, Macquarie then accused me of "misconduct", cancelling my salary. It blocked access to my office, computer resources, even to personal equipment I had transferred from the US.

My Russian student was prohibited from speaking with me. She was isolated – left without competent supervision and the resources necessary to complete her PhD investigation, research that Macquarie approved when it lured her from Russia.

12. Obligations to present our new research on greenhouse gases (previously arranged), had to be fulfilled at personal expense.

It is likely that Tim Flannery, one of the leading climate campaign thugs who is also at Macquarie, is behind this purge.

I'm still convinced that I was correct when I said in my post on Salby last month that "I suspect there are a lot more Salbys out there in the sciences in academia." But his treatment shows how hazardous it can be to challenge the "consensus" if you aren't tenured. Which reminds me of a story on this point.

A few years ago a young lady I know, teaching in a top environmental engineering program at a top university, was approaching her tenure review. She had a solid record of published peer reviewed technical papers on subjects having little to do with climate, and strong teaching evaluations. But she had written one newspaper op-ed expressing skepticism about one aspect of the climate change narrative that came squarely in her field of special expertise. This was enough for some faculty to argue her tenure should be denied.

If you know anything about science departments in leading universities, they are desperate for women faculty. (At MIT, I am told the science departments are to look *first* for a woman for every new faculty vacancy. Unofficially, of course, since an explicit policy like this would be illegal.) Armed with this leverage, I told my friend that she should march into the dean and tell him bluntly—"If you want to give in to this crap, go right ahead. I'm sure if I start calling around at lunchtime I can get five offers by the end of the day from other universities."

I don't know if she spoke to the dean thusly, but she got her tenure. Then I told her to emulate Harvey Mansfield, who, upon receiving tenure from Harvard, sent a telegram to Leo Strauss that read: "Now we raise the jolly roger!"

COMMENTS (11) *(I think these are Facebook IDs, did not check)*

‘09{[John F. Sutherland](#)} · Top Commenter Surprise! Surprise! The "Progressives" in academia act like fascist thugs. Free thought? Don't be absurd? But calling them fascists will just roll off their backs. What they really act like is their cartoon of monopoly capitalists protecting their little money grubbing monopoly.
July 9 at 7:59am

‘09{[Jim Temple](#)} · Top Commenter
This is certainly no surprise to me. I'll bet there are no government grants for people who disagree with the climate change myth.
July 9 at 9:11am

‘09{[Rick Caird](#)} · Top Commenter · [Allegheny College](#)
It seems thuggery is contagious. You get it from the Obama administration's money.
July 9 at 9:57am

‘09{[Robert McMahon](#)} · Top Commenter · [Owner/Sole Proprietor at Robert McMahon Gallery](#)
Enforcers for the Warming dogma have their most outspoken critics publicly drawn and quartered. They mount their heads on pikes at the University gates, then claim that their lack of outspoken critics proves the righteousness of their dogma.
July 9 at 1:32pm

‘09{[Anthony Paula](#)} · Top Commenter
Interesting that his student is Russian and tactics used by Stalin appeared...
July 9 at 8:54am

‘09{[Alasdair Burton](#)} · Top Commenter · [UCLA](#)
Anthony - you are surprised by Stalinski-ite tactics ?

To paraphrase our own Pres-ent Obama paraphrasing something that VP Biden offered to him as original expression, "Will no one rid me of this troublesome academic ?" ...
July 9 at 10:49am

‘09{[Alan Cohn](#)} · Top Commenter · [IUPUI](#)
This certainly comes as no surprise to the majority of readers here, including myself. Unfortunately, there's a HUGE segment of the population who just will NOT see it and/or will willfully ignore it.

July 9 at 12:04pm

‘09{[Harry Taft](#)} · Top Commenter
Doctor Salby is in good company: Copernicus and Galileo.
July 9 at 11:03am

‘09{[Michael Kennedy](#)} · Top Commenter
A friend of mine, a professor of microbiology, was denied tenure for political views that he thought he had successfully concealed. What is more, his wife, chair of the department of mathematics at the same university, was encouraged to stay and let him go look for a job somewhere else. She also resigned and they are both teaching at another university where, I believe, she is again department chair and he has tenure. Progressives are vicious.
July 9 at 6:19pm

‘09{[Dan Culton](#)} · Top Commenter
And the goose stepping, alarmist, fascist, progressives march along. Heil Gial! · July 9 at 7:05pm

‘09{[Alain Dit le Cycliste](#)} · [Villejuif, France](#)
see what happened to Dan Shechtman (until he win), Ignaz Semmelweis (until he dies of the disease he was trying to protect women), Wright brothers (until they win), John Bockris (until soon).

<http://www.lenr-forum.com/showthread.php?1499-Beside-scientific-bullying-against-LENR&highlight=bullying>

anyway all of that will be closed soon... with amnesia and history being rewritten by the losers (read Taleb : antifragile).
July 10 at 11:45pm

Z.10 09 09:52pm LMF.1 Chris Dawson
Professor Murry Salby at Macquarie University. From Science to
Dismissal, in his own words

www.webcitation.org/61C0i7P07 10{Chris Dawson}

LOCAL TIME: UTC+10



This post identified no source, but followed **NOVA.1** and **NCTS.1**, both websites linked, so one of those seems likely.

POST

*Copy of **SALBY.email**, no commentary.*

COMMENTS (0)

Z.11 09 hh:mmxx PSI.1 John O’Sullivan
Scientist Fired by University for Exposing Truth on Climate Fraud
www.webcitation.org/6I9IiOZ4r 11{John O’Sullivan}
POST

‘Highly qualified and well-respected professor, academic teacher and climate scientist, Murry Salby has been performing important and groundbreaking research exposing myths about the so-called "settled science" around greenhouse gases and their impact on climate. Uniquely, his work is based solely on empirical evidence rather the dubious ideological whims of post-normal climate 'science'. [Other leading researchers](#) have validated his findings and, as such, Salby is now very much a thorn in the side of promoters of man-made global warming alarmism.

For simply pursuing the truth, as any good scientist should do, Salby has been fired by his employer, the University of Macquarie, Australia.

This is despite the fact [Macquarie University](#) had originally appointed Salby as their Chairman of Climate Science. He is a scientist of such repute that he has held visiting professorships at Paris, Stockholm, Jerusalem, and Kyoto, and he’s worked at the Bureau of Meteorology in Australia.

Principia Scientific International (PSI) is so horrified and angered by the retaliation of pro-green anti-scientist administrators at Macquarie University that we have secured a generous donation from our publisher, Stairway Press, to sponsor Professor Salby's visit, if he agrees, to London in October to make a high profile public presentation of this attack on science.

As such, PSI and other supporters of traditional scientific methods will ensure this outrageous attack on an honorable researcher will be exposed at a key British climate science gathering.

Below is Professor Salby's outline of the backstory of his victimization proving that essential academic freedoms in Australia are being supplanted by unprincipled self-serving promoters of Big Green.’

Copy of [SALBY.email](#), no commentary.

COMMENTS(1)

“11 {DougCotton} 2013-07-10 19:51

Having done post graduate studies at Macquarie University in the 1970's I am very disappointed, though not surprised by this sacking.
 I hope to be able to contact Murry Salby as I live close to Macquarie University, so maybe he might email me dougcotton @live.com.au and perhaps

read my paper "[Planetary Core and Surface Temperatures](#)" which also contains a study supporting what he found.’

Despite all that happened after this, PSI and Stairway Press carried on, and indeed sponsored a lecture tour for Salby, **§Z.48**, summarized in **§A.5**.

Z.12 10 00:06am WND.1 Christopher Monckton Academic freedom? Not if you question climate change

www.webcitation.org/6ImihoNub 12{Christopher Monckton}

POST

‘Academic freedom is dead, as it was under Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and Mao. The right of climate professors to follow wherever science and logic lead them is now being ruthlessly suppressed – and this time throughout the once-free West.’



Seven case histories. First, professor X. He cannot be named for fear of reprisals. A university approached him, invited him to travel halfway around the world, paid his airfares and accommodation, offered him a senior professorship and research facilities, and sent him home telling him a contract would be in the post.

Then the government discovered professor X had once written an influential paper questioning the climate “consensus.” More than a year after he was offered the job, the vice-chancellor and the dean continue to say the contract will be with him any day now. But he has good reason to suspect that will not happen unless and until the government changes.

Secondly, professor Y. He, too, has requested anonymity. For decades, he was a university professor of Earth Sciences. He was semi-retired, but kept an office and an email address at his university and supervised the occasional Ph.D. student.

However, he, too, had been outspoken in questioning the imaginary “consensus.” Suddenly, a couple of weeks ago, his university told him his office and his email account had been closed and ordered him to have no further contact with his Ph.D. student, who was cut adrift with no one of sufficient expertise to mentor him.

Thirdly, professor James Enstrom. His crime was to carry out academic research indicating that the hated California Air Resources Board had fiddled the figures so as falsely to justify regulations requiring every diesel truck in the state to undergo an unnecessary \$15,000 refit. At the direct urging of “Democratic” state legislators, UCLA fired professor Enstrom for his inconvenient results.

Fourthly, professor Richard Lindzen of MIT, the world’s most knowledgeable atmospheric physicist. He has said, bluntly and on many occasions, that natural variability is sufficient to explain just about all recent global warming. Like nearly all of the signatories to the Declaration of Independence, he had his house burned down in mysterious circumstances.

Fifthly, professor Henrik Svensmark of the Danish Space Research Institute. He discovered that the Sun had more to do with global warming than did CO2.

When he presented his results in London before the Royal Society, the world’s oldest taxpayer-funded pressure group, the assembled professors savagely howled him down as a threat to their government funding. He had a heart attack and nearly died.

Sixthly, professor Fred Singer, a rocket scientist who founded the U.S. Satellite Weather Service and has more recently published a string of papers questioning the party line on climate. Though he is now well into his 80s, his international speaking schedule is heavier than mine. Al Gore alleged Fred had unduly influenced the dying Roger Revelle (who had first discovered that CO2 concentration in the air was increasing) to co-author a paper saying the threat of global warming had been exaggerated. When Fred fought back, Gore backed off, but a team of paid trolls kept rewriting Fred’s Wikipedia entry to maintain – falsely – that he believed in Martians.

The seventh case history is the worst of the lot. In 2008 professor Murry Salby was recruited from the U.S. by Macquarie “University” in Sydney, Australia, which awarded him a professorship under a national employment contract specifying that it would fund him to convert several hundred thousand lines of computer code for his models so they would work in Australia.

Professor Salby moved to Sydney, but the university discovered he was beginning to have doubts about the party line on climate. He received none of the promised funding. Instead, he got a series of lame excuses. After three years, he got a small part of the funding he had been promised. After five years, the rest of the funding had still not materialized, so his models would not work.

The university then lured an exceptional student from Russia to work with him, requiring her to abandon her Ph.D. scholarship in Russia. Her research, approved by the university, required use of his models, which the university continued to fail to fund. He applied to an employment tribunal, which told him the university, by not registering his contract, had nullified it.

Meanwhile, he began writing a book about the climate. His results were explosive, and fatal to the party line. He had discovered that today, as in the past climate, warmer weather causes increasing atmospheric CO2 concentration, and not the other way about.

Using funds the university had contracted to provide, professor Salby arranged a speaking tour of European universities. The travel forms he filed included a description of his findings. The university imposed unreasonable restrictions at several venues and then blocked presentation of his results altogether.

Next, it reduced his role to that of a teaching assistant, marking students’ papers on behalf of lecturers junior to himself. When he objected, it accused him of “misconduct” and stopped paying his salary, blocking access to his office, to his computer and even to personal equipment he had brought from the U.S. His Russian student was forbidden to speak to him and was left

without expert supervision.

Professor Salby, who had by then agreed to present his results at several universities in Europe, had to travel almost entirely at his own expense. While he was away, the university held a misconduct hearing in his absence. It prevented him from returning in time for the hearing by canceling his non-refundable air ticket back to Sydney. He did not discover this until he turned up at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport to catch his flight. He was stranded with nowhere to go and nowhere to stay.

When he eventually returned to Australia, he filed a complaint with the employment tribunal under statutes forbidding the university to retaliate. The university fired him anyway. And that, as they will discover, was a colossal mistake'.

COMMENTS(31)

This was found 08/10/13, DISQUS changes the dates to “a month ago”

“12{J. Brown} • 25 days ago

Guess my funding will dry up as well, I don't believe in any of the alleged causes of "climate change". Never have.

12{gomurr} • a month ago

The truth about global warming.....it was created by the Club of Rome (founded in 1968 by David Rockefeller) as a means of uniting a fearful population around a common problem (global destruction) in order to control and manipulate them while siphoning off their wealth and creating a NWO, or one world government, under their control (Agenda 21). The following is a in their own words.

On page 75 of their 1990 publication entitled The First Global Revolution, the organization outlined how they would manufacture ecological scares in order to manipulate the public into accepting the imposition of a dictatorial world government run by them.

“In searching for a common enemy against whom we can unite, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill...

All these dangers are caused by human intervention... The real enemy, then, is humanity itself,” states the report, which can be read in full at the end of this article

The men chosen to promote this idea (both Club of Rome members) at the at the G2 Summit in 1992 were Al Gore and Maurice Strong, both of whom are involved in privately traded carbon groups, and stand to make a fortune off the global warming lie.

Rather than waste your time with name calling and uninformed denials, do some research and discover the truth for yourselves. That's just the tip of the iceberg. It's always safer to assume that whatever the official story is, whatever you're being told, is a lie, and go from there. A good place to start is here:

http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/ciencia/ciencia_globalwarmingpseudo.htm#Additional_Information

12{jfreed27} • a month ago

Monckden, you are free to make any assertions you like, and for whatever reasons. But, do me a favor and ***.

12{J. Brown} jfreed27

• 25 days ago

Low information poster?

12{Daniel F. Melton} jfreed27 • a month ago

Not even a troll, just a little screaming monkey.

12{Kenneth James Abbott} • a month ago

You have to wonder--if they have the facts on their side, why all the censorship?

12{j}freed27} Kenneth James Abbott • a month ago

Right, and why did Bush muzzle his scientists, you have to wonder.

12{CFI} • a month ago

Not knowing if second hand smoke is a risk is not the same--+ as saying 'tobacco smoke is harmless'.

Of course, Billy Bunter knows this. The question is, why would he attribute the phrase 'tobacco smoke is harmless' to Fred Singer.

So let's recap how this started.

Billy wrote "When you use Fred Singer as a reference, the "expertise" that you are referencing is a person who told us that tobacco smoke is harmless"

When challenged over his statement and has to produce some evidence we discover that it's actually a bit more complicated, and that Singer never said those words and that the subject was second hand smoke.

To add to Billy's list of misinformation we can see how he tagged the following comment on to his propaganda, "Global Warming Deniers frequently make up stories"

Ha ha ha ha haaaaah ha ha ha.

12{Bill Butler} • a month ago

THE EPA AND THE SCIENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

by Dr. S. Fred Singer

<http://legacy.library.ucsf.edu...>

"Exposure to ETS is not a uniform risk, if it is a risk at all."

(ETS = Environmental Tobacco Smoke)

Plus another 19 pages of arguing that smoking is not dangerous.

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By all means, file a slander suit against Scientific American Magazine.

"Led by physicist S. Fred Singer—best known for his denial of the dangers of secondhand smoke"

<http://www.scientificamerican....>

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Fred Singer has never said that tobacco smoke is harmless, and Billy Bunter can't produce the evidence that he did, full stop. The fact that he once did some work for the tobacco industry does not mean he said 'tobacco smoke is harmless', but that never stops the alarmists from repeating the same agit prop. May I remind you that the alarmist in chief, Al Gore, was financed with proceeds of his family's tobacco farms.

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To: ClimateFraudInvestigator

From: Legacy Tobacco Documents Library

<http://legacy.library.ucsf.edu...>

"As you know, we have been working with Dr. Fred Singer and Dr. Dwight Lee, who have authored articles on junk science and indoor air quality (IAQ), respectively.

Attached you will find copies of the junk science and IAQ articles which have been approved by Drs. Singer and Lee."

Global Warming Deniers frequently make up stories (that are contrary to

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Fred Singer has never said that tobacco smoke is harmless.

The accusation is pure agitprop, and Billy Bunter, that's precisely why you'll find it the links you provide, on the smear sites and publicly editable platforms.

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When you use Fred Singer as a reference, the "expertise" that you are referencing is a person who told us that tobacco smoke is harmless.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/F...>

<http://www.sourcewatch.org/ind...>

"Before turning to climate change denial he has argued that CFCs do not cause ozone depletion and second hand smoke does not cause cancer (more...). In 1990 he founded "The Science and Environment Policy Project", which aggressively contradicts climate science and has received direct funding from Exxon, Shell, Unocal and ARCO. Exxon is also among the funders (\$20,000 in 1998 and 2000)"

In Martin Durkin's movie "The Great Global Warming Swindle" he falsely claimed that he was the "Former Director, US National Weather Service".

<http://www.durangobill.com/Swi...>

A 1998 New York Times article stated:

"Industry opponents of a treaty to fight global warming have drafted an ambitious proposal to spend millions of dollars to convince the public that the

environmental accord is based on shaky science. Among their ideas is a campaign to recruit a cadre of scientists who share the industry's views of climate science and to train them in public relations so they can help convince journalists, politicians and the public that the risk of global warming is too uncertain to justify controls on greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide that trap the sun's heat near Earth."

"But among the plan's advocates are groups already linked to the best-known critics of global-warming science. They include the Science and Environment Policy Project, founded by Fred Singer"

<http://www.durangobill.com/Swi...>

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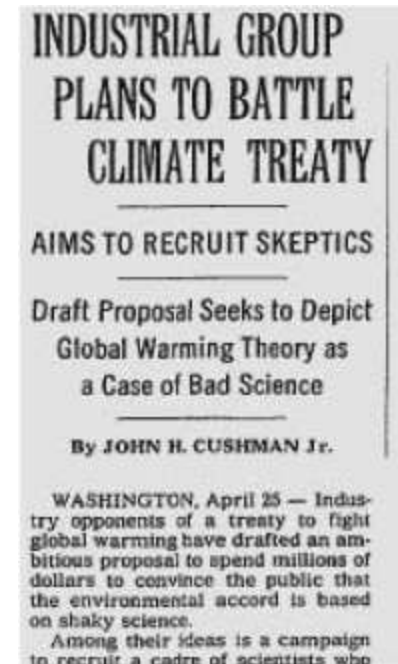
Singer's history is that he will write whatever the highest bidder wants him to write.

As for MIT's Richard Lindzen:

Here's what Professor Lindzen has to say about the deniers – as per an interview printed in the New York Times.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05...>

Dr. Lindzen accepts the elementary tenets of climate science. He agrees that carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas, calling people who dispute that point "nutty." He agrees that the level of it is rising because of human activity and that this should warm the climate.



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Are you paid by the word?

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The Western universities forfeited their academic freedom not only in the field of climate, but in many other natural science fields and philosophy as well.

1) One of the most significant ever scientific discoveries of the 20-21 centuries was realization of such a huge functional complexity of a living cell and organisms that completely excludes any possibility of emergence of the life in a random process unaided by an intelligent designer. Yet the very issue is an absolute taboo in the universities (see the movie "Expelled").

2) The objectively obtained scientific proofs, that not all racial, ethnic, or social strata are equal in particular activities and tests are blatantly denied. Even such a coryphaeus as the Nobel Laureate Dr. Wells (the co-author of the double-helix DNA structure!) was merely fired for daring to utter this truth.

3) The Western universities turned into dens of more ardent militant atheism than the former Soviet universities.

4) All the above concerns the natural science and philosophy. As to the so

called "humanities" - the neo-communist indoctrination mixed with blatant deprivation and defilement into all kind of promiscuity and sexual perversions became the only reality allowed in the former Free World universities. Unlike in the Soviet universities deemed to exist under the cannibal reality of Stalin and his henchmen like Lysenko, the "scholars" of the Western universities arrived to this state of baseness on their own, without any prompts of GULAG: Just because of their own dishonesty and misery of their human condition.

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Any high school student could demolish in no time this constant use of CO₂ as the whipping boy in the climate change debate. A few simple facts, easily accessible show this:-

1. CO₂ is denser than air, so it will tend to settle near ground level anyway
2. CO₂ is water-soluble, so it will tend to get washed out by rain
3. CO₂ is taken up by green plants in photosynthesis, so any increase will tend to be counteracted
4. Methane(CH₄) is known to be 15-20 times more potent as a greenhouse gas
5. CH₄ is also less dense than air, so will tend to rise
6. CH₄ is generated by anaerobic decay of cellulose, hence the rush here in the UK to cut down on landfill rubbish disposal

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And all the other 'greenhouse gas' effects combined aren't a pittance when compared to the "global warming" effects of water vapor, but the envionazis edit that contribution out of their "studies".

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Al Gore says any scientist who disagrees with him on Global Warming is a kook, or a crook.

Guess he never met these guys

Dr. Edward Wegman--former chairman of the Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics of the National Academy of Sciences--demolishes the famous "hockey stick" graph that launched the global warming panic.

Dr. David Bromwich--president of the International Commission on Polar Meteorology--says "it's hard to see a global warming signal from the mainland of Antarctica right now."

Prof. Paul Reiter--Chief of Insects and Infectious Diseases at the famed Pasteur Institute--says "no major scientist with any long record in this field" accepts Al Gore's claim that global warming spreads mosquito-borne diseases.

Prof. Hendrik Tennekes--director of research, Royal Netherlands

Meteorological Institute--states "there exists no sound theoretical framework for climate predictability studies" used for global warming forecasts.

Dr. Christopher Landsea--past chairman of the American Meteorological Society's Committee on Tropical Meteorology and Tropical Cyclones--says "there are no known scientific studies that show a conclusive physical link between global warming and observed hurricane frequency and intensity."

Dr. Antonino Zichichi--one of the world's foremost physicists, former president of the European Physical Society, who discovered nuclear antimatter--calls global warming models "incoherent and invalid."

Dr. Zbigniew Jaworowski--world-renowned expert on the ancient ice cores used in climate research--says the U.N. "based its global-warming hypothesis on arbitrary assumptions and these assumptions, it is now clear, are false."

Prof. Tom V. Segalstad--head of the Geological Museum, University of Oslo--says "most leading geologists" know the U.N.'s views "of Earth processes are implausible."

Dr. Syun-Ichi Akasofu--founding director of the International Arctic Research Center, twice named one of the "1,000 Most Cited Scientists," says much

"Arctic warming during the last half of the last century is due to natural change."

Dr. Claude Allegre--member, U.S. National Academy of Sciences and French Academy of Science, he was among the first to sound the alarm on the dangers of global warming. His view now: "The cause of this climate change is unknown."

Dr. Richard Lindzen--Professor of Meteorology at M.I.T., member, the National Research Council Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate, says global warming alarmists "are trumpeting catastrophes that couldn't happen even if the models were right."

Dr. Habibullo Abdussamatov--head of the space research laboratory of the Russian Academy of Science's Pulkovo Observatory and of the International

Space Station's Astrometria project says "the common view that man's industrial activity is a deciding factor in global warming has emerged from a misinterpretation of cause and effect relations."

Dr. Richard Tol--Principal researcher at the Institute for Environmental Studies at Vrije Universiteit, and Adjunct Professor at the Center for Integrated Study of the Human Dimensions of Global Change, at Carnegie Mellon University, calls the most influential global warming report of all time "preposterous . . . alarmist and incompetent."

Dr. Sami Solanki--director and scientific member at the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research in Germany, who argues that changes in

the Sun's state, not human activity, may be the principal cause of global warming: "The sun has been at its strongest over the past 60 years and may now be affecting global temperatures."

Prof. Freeman Dyson--one of the world's most eminent physicists says the models used to justify global warming alarmism are "full of fudge factors" and "do not begin to describe the real world."

Dr. Eigils Friis-Christensen--director of the Danish National Space Centre, vice-president of the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy, who argues that changes in the Sun's behavior could account for most of the warming attributed by the UN to man-made CO2.

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All those academic authorities have been bribed by the oil and coal companies, dontchaknow.... sarc off.

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ot Dr. Zarkof as well! He was my scientific hero.

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Him too!

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The 5,000 excerpts of hacked e-mails - already dubbed Climategate 2 - contain discussions of deleting emails in the face of freedom of information requests, models being "wrong", references to climate change as "the cause" and critical comments on research and researchers.

The data has been released anonymously on a Russian server days before crucial international talks in Durban on fighting man-made climate change.

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Hansen, often called the "godfather of global warming," asserted earlier this month that blistering heat across the United States is so rare that it can't be anything but the man-made global warming he has been warning about for decades.

"This is not some scientific theory," he told the Associated Press. "We are now experiencing scientific fact."

But in 2009, as the thermometer hit record lows in America, he and other climate scientists panicked in a flurry of emails: "Skeptics will be all over us -- the world is really cooling, the models are no good."

They lamented that Mother Nature was not cooperating with their predictions that global temperatures would smash heat records last decade. They blamed their miscalculation on sulfate emission trajectories and revised their forecast

to show a cooling trend lasting until 2020.

Then, they predicted, global warming would return with a vengeance.

In an Oct. 12, 2009, email to Hansen of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York, fellow warming alarmist Kevin Trenberth of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., asked, "Where the heck is global warming?"

"We have been asking that here in Boulder where we have broken records the past two days for the coldest days on record," he added. "The Rockies baseball playoff game was canceled on Saturday[sic] and then played last night in below freezing weather."

Then Trenberth dropped a bombshell: "The fact is that we can't account for the lack of warming at the moment, and it is a travesty that we can't."

He ended by admitting the global warming "data are surely wrong."

"Our observing system is inadequate," he wrote.

The leaked emails were obtained from the computer server at the Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia in Britain. Some of the scientists there were copied in the emails between Trenberth and Hansen. Critics say the hacked messages show that climatologists in the U.S. and U.K. have engaged in a conspiracy to manufacture a case that global warming is occurring due to auto and factory and other emissions related to human activities.

Critics say Hansen, who has called for a worldwide tax on carbon emissions and advocated a ban on the construction of coal-fired power plants, is an activist with a political agenda.

Ignoring the record-breaking 2009 cooling period, Hansen recently argued that the evidence for human-made global warming is "overwhelming."

"We can say with high confidence that such extreme anomalies would not have occurred in the absence of global warming," he said.

Left unexplained, however, is the 2009 cooling anomaly.

Trenberth, for his part, later explained that while most of the planet experienced record cooling that year, "there were exceptional conditions in Southern Australia," where temperatures rose.

He now says the record heat wave is proof of "global warming from the human influences on climate."

"This is a view of the future," Trenberth warned last month in a PBS interview. "So watch out."

His analysis, however, ignores cool spots such as the Pacific Northwest, where Washington and Alaska have experienced the coldest spring and summer on record.

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There is no compelling scientific argument for drastic action to “decarbonize” the world’s economy. Even if one accepts the inflated climate forecasts of the IPCC, aggressive greenhouse-gas control policies are not justified economically. . . . Every candidate should support rational measures to protect and improve our environment, but it makes no sense at all to back expensive programs that divert resources from real needs and are based on alarming but untenable claims of “incontrovertible” evidence.

This statement follows up on the public resignation of Nobel Prize-winning physicist Ivar Giaever from the American Physical Society (APS) in which he states:

I did not renew [my membership] because I cannot live with the [APS policy] statement: ‘The evidence is incontrovertible: Global warming is occurring. If no mitigating actions are taken, significant disruptions in the Earth’s physical and ecological systems, social systems, security and human health are likely to occur. We must reduce emissions of greenhouse gases beginning now.’ In the APS it is OK to discuss whether the mass of the proton changes over time and how a multi-universe behaves, but the evidence of global warming is incontrovertible?

The group of scientists note the following facts that refute climate alarmist claims:

1. The lack of global warming for well over 10 years now:

This is known to the warming establishment, as one can see from the 2009 “Climategate” email of climate scientist Kevin Trenberth: “The fact is that we can’t account for the lack of warming at the moment and it is a travesty that we can’t.” But the warming is only missing if one believes computer models where so-called feedbacks involving water vapor and clouds greatly amplify the small effect of CO₂.

The lack of warming for more than a decade—indeed, the smaller-than-predicted warming over the 22 years since the U.N.’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) began issuing projections—suggests that computer models have greatly exaggerated how much warming additional CO₂ can cause. Faced with this embarrassment, those promoting alarm have shifted their drumbeat from warming to weather extremes, to enable anything unusual that happens in our chaotic climate to be ascribed to CO₂.

2. CO₂ is not a pollutant:

CO₂ is a colorless and odorless gas, exhaled at high concentrations by each of us, and a key component of the biosphere’s life cycle. Plants do so much better with more CO₂ that greenhouse operators often increase the CO₂ concentrations by factors of three or four to get better growth. This is no surprise since plants and animals evolved when CO₂ concentrations were about 10 times larger than they are today. Better plant varieties, chemical fertilizers and agricultural management contributed to the great increase in

agricultural yields of the past century, but part of the increase almost certainly came from additional CO₂ in the atmosphere.

3. The smear campaigns by the warming establishment are outrageous:

Although the number of publicly dissenting scientists is growing, many young scientists furtively say that while they also have serious doubts about the global-warming message, they are afraid to speak up for fear of not being promoted—or worse. They have good reason to worry. In 2003, Dr. Chris de Freitas, the editor of the *Journal Climate Research*, dared to publish a peer-reviewed article with the politically incorrect (but factually correct) conclusion that the recent warming is not unusual in the context of climate changes over the past thousand years. The international warming establishment quickly mounted a determined campaign to have Dr. de Freitas removed from his editorial job and fired from his university position. Fortunately, Dr. de Freitas was able to keep his university job.

4. Even if one accepts the inflated climate forecasts of the IPCC, aggressive greenhouse-gas control policies are not justified economically.

A recent study of a wide variety of policy options by Yale economist William Nordhaus showed that nearly the highest benefit-to-cost ratio is achieved for a policy that allows 50 more years of economic growth unimpeded by greenhouse gas controls. This would be especially beneficial to the less-developed parts of the world that would like to share some of the same advantages of material well-being, health and life expectancy that the fully developed parts of the world enjoy now. Many other policy responses would have a negative return on investment. And it is likely that more CO₂ and the modest warming that may come with it will be an overall benefit to the planet. If elected officials feel compelled to “do something” about climate, we recommend supporting the excellent scientists who are increasing our understanding of climate with well-designed instruments on satellites, in the oceans and on land, and in the analysis of observational data. The better we understand climate, the better we can cope with its ever-changing nature, which has complicated human life throughout history. However, much of the huge private and government investment in climate is badly in need of critical review.

This is not the way science is supposed to work, but we have seen it before—for example, in the frightening period when Trofim Lysenko hijacked biology in the Soviet Union. Soviet biologists who revealed that they believed in genes, which Lysenko maintained were a bourgeois fiction, were fired from their jobs. Many were sent to the gulag and some were condemned to death.

The scientists then address the key issue of why there is so much intolerance and corruption among global-warming proponents, and the answer they give is sadly, “Follow the money.”

Alarmism over climate is of great benefit to many, providing government

funding for academic research and a reason for government bureaucracies to grow. Alarmism also offers an excuse for governments to raise taxes, taxpayer-funded subsidies for businesses that understand how to work the political system, and a lure for big donations to charitable foundations promising to save the planet. Lysenko and his team lived very well, and they fiercely defended their dogma and the privileges it brought them.

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Open Letter to Secretary-General of United Nations

His Excellency Ban Ki Moon

Secretary-General, United Nations

New York, NY

United States of America

8 December 2009

Dear Secretary-General,

Climate change science is in a period of 'negative discovery' - the more we learn about this exceptionally complex and rapidly evolving field the more we realize how little we know. Truly, the science is NOT settled.

Therefore, there is no sound reason to impose expensive and restrictive public

policy decisions on the peoples of the Earth without first providing convincing evidence that human activities are causing dangerous climate change beyond that resulting from natural causes. Before any precipitate action is taken, we must have solid observational data demonstrating that recent changes in climate differ substantially from changes observed in the past and are well in excess of normal variations caused by solar cycles, ocean currents, changes in the Earth's orbital parameters and other natural phenomena.

We the undersigned, being qualified in climate-related scientific disciplines, challenge the UNFCCC and supporters of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to produce convincing OBSERVATIONAL EVIDENCE for their claims of dangerous human-caused global warming and other changes in climate. Projections of possible future scenarios from unproven computer models of climate are not acceptable substitutes for real world data obtained through unbiased and rigorous scientific investigation.

Specifically, we challenge supporters of the hypothesis of dangerous human-caused climate change to demonstrate that:

Variations in global climate in the last hundred years are significantly outside the natural range experienced in previous centuries;

Humanity's emissions of carbon dioxide and other 'greenhouse gases' (GHG) are having a dangerous impact on global climate;

Computer-based models can meaningfully replicate the impact of all of the natural factors that may significantly influence climate;

Sea levels are rising dangerously at a rate that has accelerated with increasing human GHG emissions, thereby threatening small islands and coastal communities;

The incidence of malaria is increasing due to recent climate changes;

Human society and natural ecosystems cannot adapt to foreseeable climate change as they have done in the past;

Worldwide glacier retreat, and sea ice melting in Polar Regions, is unusual and related to increases in human GHG emissions;

Polar bears and other Arctic and Antarctic wildlife are unable to adapt to anticipated local climate change effects, independent of the causes of those changes;

Hurricanes, other tropical cyclones and associated extreme weather events are increasing in severity and frequency;

Data recorded by ground-based stations are a reliable indicator of surface temperature trends.

It is not the responsibility of 'climate realist' scientists to prove that dangerous human-caused climate change is not happening. Rather, it is those who propose that it is, and promote the allocation of massive investments to solve the supposed 'problem', who have the obligation to convincingly demonstrate that recent climate change is not of mostly natural origin and, if we do nothing,

catastrophic change will ensue. To date, this they have utterly failed to do so.

Signed by:

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12 {[Bobby Austin • a month ago](#)

While Americans are rightfully focused on the unemployment situation and the debt limit negotiations, we've pretty much forgotten about global warming as an issue ever since Obama failed to pass his Cap & Trade bill. As a result, we're becoming complacent once again about the huge threat we face from the progressives' attempts to control the world's energy industry based on the greatest scientific hoax in human history. In reality, however, nothing's changed, as Obama is still imposing his will on us through the EPA's regulation of CO2.

This hoax still threatens our economy, while advancing the UN's "Agenda 21" in more ways than one. It's also the foundation of Obama's "green jobs" approach to the unemployment issue, since the very concept of "green jobs" is just as bogus as the idea of a "carbon footprint."

With Fox anchors and conservative bloggers arguing that those "green" jobs are simply far too few to fuel a strong recovery, the fact that they're based on junk science, and aren't economically viable on their own, gets little if any

mention.

The truth is that CO2 is a beneficial trace gas that exists in such small quantities in our atmosphere, that the idea of it playing any significant role in determining our climate is simply silly. CO2 comprises less than half of 0.1% of our atmosphere, and only 4% of it comes from human activity. That's 16ppm, or 1 part in every 62,500 parts of our atmosphere. CO2 is plant food, and a key component in all life on earth. Plants need CO2 to grow and produce oxygen. They feed animals (including ourselves). Animals in turn consume oxygen and plant-based foods, and exhale CO2. Without CO2, nothing could be green! This brief video showing the effect on plants of increasing atmospheric CO2 is quite striking.

Ironically, the audacity of their lies about CO2 are overshadowed by the most obvious part of the Hoax. The fact is that warming is good! Throughout history, man, as well as all other living creatures, has thrived during the earth's warm periods, and suffered and starved during the cold ones, a lesson that we're about to be reminded of in the coming years.

12{[ElGringoDiablo](#)} • [a month ago](#)

Free People can always take comfort in the resilience of the Truth---you can try to hide it, you can deny it for awhile, you can threaten people (or worse), you can even invent your own reality-but since it will have been based on lies-your version of reality starts life with one foot in the grave, another on a banana peel.

Such is the orthodoxy of the "Climate Change" crowd---but no amount of their crappola will prevent the truth from getting out-it always does.

12{[Aussiefriend](#)} • [a month ago](#)

Not if you question evolution, either.

12{[publicola](#)} [Aussiefriend](#) • [a month ago](#)

And infanticide, euphemistically called "abortion" by the morally bankrupt

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12{[David L Hagen](#)} • [a month ago](#)

See Salby's further details at [WUWT](#) or [JoNova](#)

Z.13 10 01:58am DEPOT.2 Marc Morano
Murry Salby and Macquarie University

www.webcitation.org/6IAUVAb3J 13{Marc Morano}

POST

*(reblogged **NCTCS.1**, without formatting or additional comment)*

Filed under: [consensus buster](#), [cru](#), [intimidation](#) ’

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Z.14 10 04:04am DEPOT.3 Marc Morano
Macquarie “University” sabotages, exiles, blackbans, strands and abandons Murry Salby

www.webcitation.org/6IAe47T6X 13{Marc Morano}

The bold text below matches that copied 07/21/13, but Nova added 4 updates to the original post in 1-2 days. This seems copied from an early version, likely the original NOVA.1, estimated to have appeared July 09 05:00am UTC, about a day earlier.

POST

‘<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-university-sabotages-exiles-blackbans-strands-and-abandons-murry-salby> (**NOVA.1**)

Short of sending Murry Salby to Siberia, Macquarie University have done everything they could to sabotage and silence him and his PhD student.

His research is so dangerous to the cash cow that is “global warming” that it had to be stopped. It threatens the religion. But the truth will out, and the reputation of Macquarie will not recover until those responsible are sacked. If this is true, Macquarie no longer deserve to be called a “university”, and do not deserve taxpayer dollars. The Science Minister, (Senator Kim Carr, the fourth person to do the job this year), needs to state his position on this, does he support this? senator.carr@aph.gov.au. Until this is rectified, why should this corrupt institution receive any funding from the ARC? The good scientists, indeed the good staff of any department there, must be appalled. Will they speak out against it, or are they too afraid? Does Tim Flannery, also at Macquarie University, support this? Did he have anything to do with it? Does he cares about the scientific method and academic freedom. Under the facade of caring about the planet lies a very ugly self serving greed. The CO2 theory, and the power and money [...]Rating: 10.0/10 (1 vote cast)/

Filed under: [consensus buster](#), [intimidation](#), [mkey](#) ’

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Z.15 10 05:05am DEPOT.4 Marc Morano

The Climate Mafia Strikes Again: The Curious Case of Murry Salby

www.webcitation.org/6IAWkJSA0 15{Marc Morano}

POST

*(Just linked to **POWERLINE.1**, without additional comment)*

The Climate Mafia Strikes Again: The Curious Case of Murry Salby | Power Line <http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2013/07/the-climate-mafia-strikes-again-the-curious-case-of-murry-salby.php>

Filed under: [consensus buster](#), [cru](#), [intimidation](#)

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Z.16 10 06:00am DRINK.1 Fred Pontius

Dr. Murry Salby, stabbed in the back by Macquarie University, or the Boulderians or...? I wonder....

www.webcitation.org/6IPnbmGjP 16{Fred Pontius}

The blog is

[‘The Drinking Water Advisor](#) -Commentary on water resources, quality, treatment, and recent news by Dr. Fred Pontius’

He states:

‘I hold a Ph.D. in civil engineering from the University of Colorado-Boulder.

POST

‘Macquarie University has not treated Dr. Salby very kindly. I would not be surprised to learn of the same treatment by Universities in the United States to those who have a different view than the NAS, NCAR, etc climate research cabal. It’s very clear that climate research in the US (and elsewhere) is all about money, not science. No discourse, no discussion, no exchange of data and views. Science is based on evidence, but today science is corrupted by politics. (Since Dr. Salby went from Colorado (NCAR or Univ of Colo? perhaps) to Macquarie, was he set up by the Boulder extremists? Just wondering.....) In my experience with US public universities, they sometimes make promises to faculty they cannot keep or will not keep, just to get them. I’ve never met the man, but given the situation described below, this is not right and should not happen.

I am reprinting below a segment from [JoNova](#). [Check that site for updates.](#)’

*Copy of **SALBY.email**, no commentary.*

COMMENTS (0)

Stage(2) - Macquarie.1 – first statement

The main blogs published this, so commenters in those threads had to have seen it, so all are Stage(2) at least, until some run into Stage(3). However, some comments from the previous blog posts got labeled Stage(2), because comments continued there after this appeared.

Z.17 10 11:00am Macquarie.1**Statement regarding the termination of Professor Murry Salby****LOCAL TIME: UTC+10**

‘Macquarie University does not normally comment on the circumstances under which employees leave the University. However, we feel in this instance it is necessary to do so in order to correct misinformation.

The decision to terminate Professor Murry Salby’s employment with Macquarie University had nothing to do with his views on climate change nor any other views. The University supports academic freedom of speech and freedom to pursue research interests.

Professor Salby’s employment was terminated firstly, because he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach. After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take. The University took this matter very seriously as the education and welfare of students is a primary concern. The second reason for his termination involved breaches of University policies in relation to travel and use of University resources.

The termination of his employment followed an extensive and detailed internal process, including two separate investigations undertaken by a committee chaired by a former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and including a union nominee.’

(media contact Joanna Wheatley is on the webpage.)

This is annotated in §C.1.

Z.18 10 11:44am NCTCS.2 Geoff Brown
Murry Salby and Macquarie University – MQ
www.webcitation.org/6IAe47T6X 18{Geoff Brown}

POST

‘NCTCS feels that it is a disgrace that Universities are pushing for a consensus (a non-scientific rather a political term) and are terminating their arrangements with outstanding Professors like

- Don Easterbrook
- Bob Carter
- Murry Salby

However, NCTCS Blog has received the following from [REDACTED – [Joanna Wheatley’s email](#)] in response to Professor Murry Salby's termination from Macquarie University. See Murry Salby's initial thoughts [HERE](#). Fairness says that NCTCS should publish Macquarie University's response.

It is up to the reader to make up their own mind.’
(copy of [Macquarie.1](#))

COMMENTS (1)

‘18{[Ancient Destructions](#)} July 11, 2013 at 8:55 AM

I suppose James Cook university made up a similar load of rubbish up when they got rid of Bob Carter. Your actions at Macquarie are pathetic

Peter Jupp

Z.19 10 12:28pm DEPOT.5 Marc Morano
Update:Murry Salby and Macquarie University– University Replies
www.webcitation.org/6IAXe0Ryt 19{Marc Morano}

POST

Just copied NCTCS.2, without additional comment, and just by screen-scrape, yielding one large paragraph, starting:

Murry Salby and Macquarie University – MQ
<http://theclimatescepticsparty.blogspot.com/2013/07/murry-salby-and-macquarie-university-mu.html>

The Professor and the Media Manager Prof Murry Salby and Joanne Wheatley NCTCS feels that it is a disgrace that Universities are pushing for a consensus (a non-scientific rather a political term) and are terminating their arrangements with outstanding Professors like Don Easterbrook Bob Carter Murry Salby However, NCTCS Blog ...’

Filed under: [consensus buster](#), [intimidation](#)’

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Z.20 10 02:50pm WUWT.2 Anthony Watts
Macquarie University responds to Murry Salby termination issue
<http://www.webcitation.org/6ICF4r2w8> 20{Anthony Watts}

POST

'This just released a couple of hours ago. While the reader can make up their own mind, my view is that it seems pretty weak, especially since his student researcher was also apparently terminated as I'm told her email address at Macquarie ceases to function.

Salby's statement is [here](#) – Anthony

(copy of [Macquarie.1](#))

The PDF I received from MS Wheatley is here: [SalbyStatement_July2013](#)
 According to the PDF document properties, the statement appears to be authored by Golda Mitchell who can be seen here:
http://marketing.mq.edu.au/media_and_communications/contact_the_media_and_communications_team/
 Given the furor this has generated, it seems odd they'd leave this to the lowest person on the organizational ladder. –Anthony'

COMMENTS (226)

'226 Responses to Macquarie University responds to Murry Salby termination issue

□ 20{*Keith*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 7:56 am](#)

I'm sure we'll be hearing more from Prof Salby soon, but I could imagine it'd be difficult to arrive at a class if your ticket home had been cancelled by the university.

□ 20{*Ken Hall*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 8:00 am](#)

He did not teach, because that was not his original contract, and the part about travel and university resources is the part where the university failed to fulfill their own contractual obligations to provide resources for several years and where travel was agreed and then the University changed it's mind. The university also cancelled a flight back from Europe so that Professor Salby could not return to be part of those two investigations, which tried him in abstensia and refused to grant him right of reply or appeal.

The University stands in breach of contract and in dealing with Professor Salby in a most distasteful, and possibly, unlawful manner.

I would expect that the University should expect to be defending itself from legal proceedings covering several on-going breaches in the law.

□ 20{*ferd berple*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 8:03 am](#)

It does seem strange that a disciplinary hearing would be held without all parties at the table, especially if one of the parties took steps to make sure the other would not be present.

□ 20{*Les Johnson*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 8:04 am](#)

The university cancelled **a non-refundable ticket**.

That is pure pettiness. There was nothing for the university to gain, but the punishment of Salby.

I would expect better from grade school children.

□ 20{*Ric Werme*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 8:07 am](#)

I suppose it's refreshing to see there's a University that doesn't embrace the "Publish or perish" doctrine. It seems to me they could have refused international travel to force him to stay near the classroom or hold conference travel as a reward for good behavior.

□ 20{*Keitho*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:10 am

It seems like a pretty thin case for dismissal at all let alone in such a harsh fashion. Normally there would be a paper trail of warnings and hearings leading to final dismissal and Prof. Salby has made no mention of this. Also natural justice would demand that he be allowed to be present with representation when the disciplinary committee met and he was not there. For the university to say that it had nothing to do with his “heresy”, well they would say that wouldn’t they?
I hope Prof. Salby has access to some good money because they have lots of it and when it comes to fighting the establishment it is always a good thing to remember they are spending other peoples money and so feel no pain whatsoever. Their egos are what matters and everything else is secondary.

□ 20{*Peter in MD*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:11 am

I’m sure once the university conducts it’s own internal investigation, it will acquit itself of all charges and consider the matter closed!
It’s how they play the game!

□ 20{*Patrick*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:14 am

This is Australia. Kindergarten, 3 year old tanties! Rudd is famous for these!

□ 20{*Tyson*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:19 am

The have unleashed the full power of their Kangaroo Court system on him. There’s a simple reason why every thing they say about this sounds ugly. Because it *is* ugly.

□ 20{*Theo Goodwin*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:22 am

Salby said they had reduced his role to that of “grading assistant,” a role usually played by younger graduate students. I wonder if that is the “teaching” that he failed to do. If so then there is no basis for criticizing Salby.

□ 20{*Robert Landreth*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:23 am

Typical Salem witch hunt, the lack of due process and the BS of failing to allow Dr. Salby to be present at his termination hearing is of course [snip] tactics. Our freedoms continue to be eroded by the Liberal elite intelligensia,

in the name of the new One World.

□ 20{*Duncan*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:25 am

Apparently Lord Monckton has spoken to Salby. Expect things to get more interesting in the next couple of days....

□ 20{*tallbloke*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:27 am

Basically, the university has acted in bad faith from the start. Maybe it’s purpose in offering Salby his position was to thwart his research and make sure his findings were delayed, suppressed and blocked from publication for as long as possible.

□ 20{*Michael Palmer*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:32 am

That’s all they have – he failed to show up for a class?

□ 20{*DCA*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:41 am

If the original contract agreed to had never been registered by the university, and then modified by Macquarie to reassign his duties to teaching, how is that valid? Salby obviously never agreed to such lowly assignments.
I’m sending a donation for Salby’s law suit against the university. Where do I send the money?

□ 20{*steveta_uk*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:41 am

Sounds to me like there was a contract clause that required he does some teaching but it was only recently invoked; probably the sort of thing that most teachers would recognise, that there is a clause that they may be required to stand in for others as needed, but it could be used to “punish” someone by forcing them to do this to the detriment of their proper work.
But if there isn’t a contract in place anyway, as previously claimed by the university (via Murry) then it’s all a bit moot anyway.

□ 20{*TrevH*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:45 am

A disciplinary hearing without the disciplinee surely is illegal – even under Canadian law?

□ 20{*TXRed*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:48 am

Michael Palmer, if not showing up for class was a justification for termination, I know several tenured faculty at my graduate institution who'd have gotten the sack years, if not decades, ago.

□ 20{Gary} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:48 am

OK, that's a little bit more information, but still not enough for a solid judgement of who's right and who's wrong. It's still "he said, they said." Let's see the contract and documentation of teaching assignments as well as evidence of failure to fulfill obligations on both sides of the argument. Skeptics require evidence, don't they?

□ 20{Konrad} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:48 am

"However, we feel in this instance it is necessary to do so in order to correct misinformation."

Macquarie University conducted disciplinary hearings in Dr. Salby's absence and cancelled airline tickets without informing him. Does Macquarie University dispute this? No. They say he was in breach of his employment contract. Do they produce such a document? No.

It appears some of the fellow travellers in the AGW hoax are incapable of working out what losing an information war in the age of the Internet means. This is not like anything that has gone before. Their actions are now a matter of permanent record. Spin will not work in the long term. A few hundred thousand sceptics is not the issue. As the hoax inevitably collapses, billions of individuals with Internet access will be searching for the names of the guilty. Macquarie University have just written themselves into history. On the wrong side.

Sceptics will never forgive and the Internet will never forget.

□ 20{omnologos} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:49 am

if they could cancel the ticket it means they paid for it. what could've happened between them buying the ticket and cancelling it? that's what I'd ask a tribunal to explain. otherwise leaving staff abroad after authorizing travel is akin to kidnapping them and should be a criminal matter.

□ 20{tonyM} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:50 am

We may be jumping too quickly.

The strangest part is that Dr Salby allowed this to go on for five years. He has

a contract and that is basically of the end of the story. One wonders why he has not commented on this and any legal advice sought.

His contract does not need to be registered anywhere. The Courts will invariably give the benefit of the doubt to employees so why the reticence in commenting.

□ 20{greymouser70} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:52 am

It would be interesting to see the actual contract Prof. Salby signed. Does it specifically state that he is required to teach classes? If not then the University is being disingenuous at best or lying outright at worst. I think there are grounds for Breach of Contract proceedings against the University.

□ 20{Louis Hooffstetter} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:55 am

This is good for Salby. Macquarie University's transparent excuse is a now matter of public record and they're stuck with it. It should be a simple matter of comparing the terms of Salby's contract to their 'Statement of Termination' and award damages accordingly.

I hope Salby's graduate student sues as well.

□ 20{Martin A} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:58 am

Theo Goodwin says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:22 am

Salby said they had reduced his role to that of "grading assistant," a role usually played by younger graduate students. I wonder if that is the "teaching" that he failed to do. If so then there is no basis for criticizing Salby.

Something like that was what it sounded like to me. It would amount to a form of constructive dismissal.

□ 20{jchang} says:

July 10, 2013 at 9:07 am

I am most curious to see how other faculty react, as this will set the precedent for how such issues will be handled in the future.

□ 20{David L. Hagen} says:

July 10, 2013 at 9:16 am [★Salby papers by MQ July 10 04:15pm UTC](#)

Link to [Statement regarding the termination of Professor Murry Salby](#)
Macquarie deleted Murry Salby's home page. (Normally professors pages are retained with the designation "Emeritus") [Salby's Macquarie research is still online for now](#). Wayback captured [Salby's research interests at Macquarie](#) but

not his home page.

@ tonyM re “He has a contract”

Should have. [Salby detailed:](#)

The tribunal then informed me that Macquarie had not even registered my contract.

Regulatory oversight, a statutory protection that Macquarie advised would govern my appointment, was thereby circumvented. Macquarie’s failure to register rendered my contract under the national employment system null and void.

□ 20{*dcardno*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 9:18 am](#)

He did not teach, because that was not his original contract, and the part about travel and university resources is the part where the university failed to fulfill their own contractual obligations...

Ken Hall – is this something you **know**, or conjecture? It seems plausible, but it would require either another source of information, or further information from Murry Salby

□ 20{*DesertYote*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 9:23 am](#)

Wow Marxist sure think they know how to spin, butt in this case they are not spinning fast enough to compensate for having dropped a fan, and now we can see things they are trying to keep hidden. They are totally incompetent in all matters including implementing CYA procedures.

□ 20{*Reed Coray*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 9:28 am](#)

Macquarie University’s “response” to the Salby affair brought two thoughts to mind. First, the University took the admittedly unusual step of responding at all because the University felt “...*it is necessary to do so in order to correct misinformation.*” Nowhere in its response do I see any “corrections to misinformation.” I see additional information and a possible alternate explanation for the University’s actions, but I see no “corrections to misinformation.” Second, I believe the University’s stated reason for responding is phony. If “correcting misinformation” were the true reason for the response, the response would not be unusual. Surely there exist thousands of examples of “misinformation” to which the University simply remained silent. I believe the reason the University responded is because (a) it felt the pressure of the internet’s response to the affair, and (b) it may already have heard from some of the “powerful backers” alluded to in Lord Monckton’s statement: “*This case is outrageous. I shall be finding out further details from Professor Salby and shall then arrange for powerful backers to assist him in fighting the university, which – if his side of the story is in all material respects*

true – has committed multiple criminal offenses. This needs to be a high-profile case.” All-in-all, I’m neither impressed by the University’s response nor convinced I was exposed to “misinformation.”

□ 20{*george h.*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 9:29 am](#)

President Obama, ‘If I had a son he’d look just like Macquarie’.

□ 20{*Russ R.*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 9:33 am](#)

My humble recommendation to Dr. Salby... put the evidence online. All of it. Every bit of documentation that exists between you and the university. “let Facts be submitted to a candid world.”

□ 20{*Jud*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 9:36 am](#)

We need to see the contract. At this point everything else will be he said / she said. Is anyone aware of any legal impediments to either party releasing the original contract?

□ 20{*Ed_B*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 9:37 am](#)

I got to admit, this could be the trial of the century for a CAGW run university. Too bad in Galileo’s time he did not have the internet and powerful backers to mount a proper challenge:

“This case is outrageous. I shall be finding out further details from Professor Salby and shall then arrange for powerful backers to assist him in fighting the university, which – if his side of the story is in all material respects true – has committed multiple criminal offenses. This needs to be a high-profile case.”

□ 20{*Taphonomic*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 9:43 am](#)

Reed Coray says:

“...the University took the admittedly unusual step of responding at all...”

I was thinking that, too. I don’t know about Australia, but in the USA the only thing in any kind of employment dispute response is usually a generic statement that the university is precluded by privacy regulations to responding to the allegations. In this case they make actual contentions. Curiouser and curiouser.

□ 20{*Theo Goodwin*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 9:47 am](#)

tonyM says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:50 am

“The strangest part is that Dr Salby allowed this to go on for five years. He has a contract and that is basically of the end of the story. One wonders why he has not commented on this and any legal advice sought.”

In academic departments, especially graduate departments, there are usually one or more wars among various factions. Salby arrived under the protection of a faction and that faction was overpowered. That is par for the course in academia. Think of the rivers of anger in “Ghostbusters 2.”

Higher administration became involved. The decisions were made there and the responsibility rests there. Ordinary faculty are never trusted by higher administration.

□ 20{*Theo Goodwin*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 9:51 am

Russ R. says:

July 10, 2013 at 9:33 am

“My humble recommendation to Dr. Salby... put the evidence online. All of it. Every bit of documentation that exists between you and the university.”

That move is for the lawyers not for Salby.

□ 20{*Steve McIntyre*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 9:55 am

The Macquarie travel policy is [here](#).

I wonder what terms were violated.

□ 20{*Erik Jacobs*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 9:57 am

One recalls how long it took for the University of Colorado to dismiss Ward Churchill. Churchill had committed “serious research misconduct,” including falsification, fabrication, and plagiarism. Yet, that dismissal process dragged on for years.

□ 20{*Eli Rabett*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:12 am

Failure to meet classes is one of the few things you can lose tenure and be fired for in a university, let alone for a contract employee. The other thing is that the committee included a union representative, and they are not exactly famed for not sticking to the letter of contracts.

Let the dust settle

□ 20{*Thomas*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:15 am

tallbloke, do you have any indication that Salby was involved in any controversial research in 2008? His publications in 2011/12 seems to be rather uncontroversial stuff about the ozone layer, and he himself stated in his letter that it was lack of resources for other research that made him start his controversial study of the carbon cycle.

Any theory that the university acted in bad faith from the start because of some controversial ideas Salby held has to start by showing that Salby indeed held any such controversial views at the time. In addition, the reasonable response from a university would be to simply not hire someone they didn't have faith in, not hire him just out of spite. That is far too conspiratorial for my taste.

□ 20{*Steve McIntyre*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:16 am

Macquarie has quite specific formal procedures for dealing with unsatisfactory performance: see

http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/ea/professional_staff_agreement/4_working_at_macquarie_university/416_unsatisfactory_performance/

http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/ea/professional_staff_agreement/4_working_at_macquarie_university/417_misconduct_and_serious_misconduct/

There are multiple stages leading up to a termination on the grounds cited by the university. If these stages have been complied with, then there will be a substantial file that none of us have seen.

□ 20{*pokerguy*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:20 am

Anthony,

Be fair. The university has laid out credible reasons for the termination. It's not enough to say it seems “weak” to you. On what basis? You have no idea of the what went on with the graduate student, so not fair to bring her in. Let's at least wait to hear from the Professor.

We need to be better than the other side. We need to be fair minded and judicious. We have the science and data increasingly on our side. You're only undermining your own credibility.

20{*Anthony Watts*} **REPLY:** I'm entitled to state my opinion, and my opinion at this point is that it seems weak. What remains to be seen is if the university constructed the situation by cancelling travel documents while Salby was away from the university. Dr. Salby in his original statement is the one who brought in the mention of the grad student, not I. Had he not, there would be no reason to mention her. Note, I have not mentioned her name, only her existence and the fact that her email address at Macquarie seems to have been rescinded. – Anthony

□ 20{*tumetuestumefaisdubien1*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 10:23 am

“The University supports academic freedom of speech and freedom to pursue research interests.”

How is it actually pursued if the contracted research resources stay withheld/unavailable for years?

I see huge differences between the Macquarie’s and professor Salby’s versions. Especially:

“Professor Salby’s employment was terminated firstly, because he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach. After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take.”

versus:

“Following the obstruction of research communication, as well as my earlier efforts to obtain compliance with my contract, Macquarie modified my professional duties. My role was then reduced to that of a student teaching assistant: Marking student papers for other staff – junior staff. I objected, pursuant to my appointment and provisions of my contract.”

“In February 2013, Macquarie then accused me of “misconduct”, cancelling my salary. It blocked access to my office, computer resources, even to personal equipment I had transferred from the US. My Russian student was prohibited from speaking with me. She was isolated – left without competent supervision and the resources necessary to complete her PhD investigation, research that Macquarie approved when it lured her from Russia.”

How this agrees with supporting “*academic freedom of speech and freedom to pursue research interests*”?

Frankly, with my experiences with the university establishment shenanigans the professor Salby version looks to me more plausible and given the content of his presentation lectures and the sweeping nature of his climate modelling critique then especially the part “*The recent events come with curious timing, disrupting publication of our research on greenhouse gases.*” looks to me as plausible motive for all that.

What the warmistas have at stake are literally billions of dollars (flowing under condition they’re able to keep their “consensus science” up and the critiques out). That are amounts of money many usually don’t hesitate to kill for.

The nature of the academic career and reputation gives prof. Salby not much other choice than sue the Macquarie and I would think the skeptical community should put together lawyers funding if needed and in any case keep up the publicity about the developments.

□ 20{*Mark Bofill*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 10:26 am

Lots of interesting questions. I wonder if they followed their own procedures in

conducting the misconduct hearing. I read here

(http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/ea/professional_staff_agreement/4_working_at_macquarie_university/417_misconduct_and_serious_misconduct/) the following:

4.17.21 The MIC will:

(a) determine whether a Staff Member on suspension without pay shall remain on suspension without pay;

(b) allow the Staff Member (and/or, if they so choose, the Staff Member’s representative) a reasonable opportunity to attend an interview and provide him/her with an opportunity to respond to the allegations of misconduct or serious misconduct;

(c) make all reasonable efforts to interview any person it thinks fit to establish the facts of the particular case;

(d) invite the Staff Member (and/or, if they so choose, the Staff Member’s representative) and the University’s representative to attend all interviews conducted by the MIC;

(e) provide the Staff Member (and/or, if they so choose, the Staff Member’s representative) and the University’s representative with an opportunity to ask questions of interviewees whose interview they attend;

(f) provide the Staff Member (and/or, if they so choose, the Staff Member’s representative) and the University with a reasonable opportunity to make submissions and present evidence to the Committee;

(g) conduct the investigation as expeditiously as possible consistent with the requirements of this sub clause;

(h) take into account other material it believes appropriate to the case, including any alleged conduct not responded to or admission made by the Staff Member in relation to any matter relating to, concerning or arising out of the allegations at any time;

(i) keep a record of proceedings; and

(j) provide a report of its findings and a copy of proceedings to the Staff Member and to the Director, Human Resources within 5 working days of completion of the proceedings.

(emphasis added)

I wonder, did any of this happen?

□ 20{*Steve McIntyre*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 10:28 am

Monckton’s suggestion that the University has committed “multiple criminal offenses” is absurd and very unhelpful to Salby. The University might well have violated terms of the staff employment agreement or Salby’s contract, but that’s entirely different.

□ 20{*Resourceguy*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:29 am

At U.S. public universities, one must be convicted of mass murder or rape to be terminated. Everything else results in paid leave and therapy spanning years of evaluation and hearings. See Ward Churchill if there are any questions.

□ 20{*Chad Wozniak*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:30 am

dirty lying verminous mendacious hypocrites, no surprise with CRL (criminal reactionary left) types

□ 20{*Jean Parisot*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:33 am

From my understanding of Australian labor laws, your visa needs to match your contract. If his visa did not include teaching, his teaching a course would have been against the law.

□ 20{*dbstealey*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:35 am

The bunny says:

“Failure to meet classes is one of the few things you can lose tenure and be fired for in a university...”

Fine. So long as that Policy is enforced across the board and applies to everyone, no problem.

But based on everything I’ve seen, I would suspect that this is a fabricated excuse to cover their butts. Plenty of staff miss classes on occasion — in every university. Further, at least in the U.S., just cause discipline requires an ascending series of warnings prior to termination.

Also, “.edu” unions in the U.S. are notoriously co-opted by school administrations. It is probably the same in Australia. What union worth it’s dues would cooperate in a disciplinary hearing where the subject was denied attendance by the actions of the school administration?

□ 20{*ICU*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:36 am ★CO 10 05:36pm UTC

Well, it’s not like Dr. Salby has done anything like this before, now is it?

Oh wait, my bad;

<http://dockets.justia.com/docket/colorado/codce/1:2008cv02517/110347/>

<https://ecf.cod.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/HistDocQry.pl?110347>

<https://www.cocourts.com/cocourts/secure/Login.xhtml>

□ 20{*Steve McIntyre*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:36 am

In my opinion, Salby’s first recourse should be to file a grievance against his termination under macquarie procedures

http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/ea/professional_staff_agreement/4_working_at_macquarie_university/415_grievance_procedures/.

He should do so without much delay as such appeals need to be filed within 3 months of the event (which took place in May.)

He’s much better advised to exhaust the university system before contemplating litigation. His best outcome is to get his job back. That’s far more valuable than any damages that he might obtain. Commenters who are inexperienced with litigation are far too quick to urge it on others.

□ 20{*Steve McIntyre*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:40 am

Mark Bofill,

I agree with your take on the policy as requiring multiple steps. If the University neglected these duties and obligations, it would much improve Salby’s chances in a grievance. He should be parsing these procedures and getting an employment lawyer to help him in the grievance. His efforts to refer these matters to a national tribunal prior to exhausting university procedures seems very misguided to me.

□ 20{*snotrocket*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:43 am

Seems to me like ‘Constructive dismissal’ – which we have in UK, but may not exist in academia.

□ 20{*Paul Homewood*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:45 am

Eli Rabbit

Let the dust settle

That’s just what Macquarie would be hoping for .

□ 20{*Gene Selkov*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:51 am

Theo Goodwin says:

> In academic departments, especially graduate departments, there are usually one or more wars among various factions.

I’ve seen that. When I was a 3rd-year grad student, I was suddenly banned from taking finals finals, then expelled. Two weeks later, I was reinstated on the orders of an unknown benefactor “from high above”. In the meantime, I

saw the faculty split into two factions openly fighting over my expulsion. Maybe they had been split already over something else, but I could not tell. I never found out what it was about.

□ 20{*Mark Bofill*} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 10:53 am](#)
 Steve McIntyre says:
[July 10, 2013 at 10:40 am](#)

I know nothing about the workings of academia, but I'd certainly agree that following the grievance procedure would seem to be the logical place to start.

□ 20{*dbstealey*} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 10:54 am](#)
 ICU,

You posted the same thing [here](#). Also, two of your 3 links are worthless without passwords. What are the passwords? Or are you just trying to impress folks with multiple but worthless links?

And is your position that selected citizens should be denied the right to redress of grievances? If so, please explain your reasoning here. Michael Mann has sued Dr Ball [whatever happened to that suit, anyway?]. Is it your position that Mann is entitled, but Salby is not? Please explain.

□ 20{*omnologos*} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 10:57 am](#)
 what remains unexplained is who would authorize foreign travel and expenses of a person whose contract was in the process of being potentially terminated at extremely short notice
 this story makes no sense

□ 20{*mwhite*} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 10:57 am](#)
 "Constructive Dismissal"

Constructive dismissal is a situation where an employee is either forced or feels pressure to quit their job due to unjust treatment from their employer. When someone decides to leave their job due to their employer's behaviour then the situation may qualify as constructive dismissal. If you feel this may pertain to your situation, you will need to prove how your employer behaved inappropriately. For example, if your employer committed a breach of contract that lead to your resignation, assuming you did not accept any part of their behaviour, then you may qualify for constructive dismissal.

□ 20{*mwhite*} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 10:58 am](#)
<http://www.constructivedismissal.org.uk/>

□ 20{*Gene Selkov*} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 11:00 am](#)
 Here's a very dissimilar but related story — Stephen Crothers' account of his expulsion from UNSW:
<http://www.sjcrothers.plasmaresources.com/PhD.html>

□ 20{*Bob Kutz*} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 11:09 am](#)
 Well, one thing that would be illegal, at least here in the states, is to release information regarding personnel disciplinary issues, such as these
 They better have really solid documentation, or they've just engaged in libel. That they had held disciplinary hearings in his absence after allegedly canceling the plane tickets that would have 1) allowed him to attend the hearing, and 2) allowed him to teach the class he 'skipped' would be an absolute exercise of bad faith.
 Having said that, it is increasingly difficult to get a court to allow you to successfully sue an academic institution. You may get your day in court, but they won't consider the evidence or even allow you to mention that there is evidence.

□ 20{*David*} *L. Hagen*} says: ★**Prentice(2011)rebuttal Jul 10 06pm UTC**
[July 10, 2013 at 11:13 am](#)
 Backstory: Prof Colin Prentice head of the [Biosphere and Climate Dynamics Group](#) posted an explicit rebuttal of Salby's CO2 theory: [How we know the recent rise in atmospheric CO2 is anthropogenic](#) Macquarie University 15 August 2011

□ 20{*dbstealey*} says:
[July 10, 2013 at 11:14 am](#)
 Steve McIntyre [July 10, 2013 at 10:36 am] is exactly right. Prof Salby *must* file a grievance, pronto. The clock is ticking.
 Courts love to dismiss cases. Their workload is already heavy. Ignoring the grievance procedure gives a ready-made excuse for a court to throw out a case based on the facts. One always has the right to dispute the outcome of a grievance [and in fact, I would expect an adverse outcome in this setting. But this is only the first — necessary — step]. If the grievance procedure is bypassed, courts are notorious for dismissing related cases.
 Filing a grievance is good advice for Dr. Salby. He can always involve an

attorney in the grievance procedure if he wishes. But do not bypass the grievance requirement!

[I know a little bit about grievance procedures, having been involved in hundreds of them as the elected President of my union Local for 4 terms. Actually, I can see a number of grievances that can be filed over the university's actions. Arbitrators in the U.S. follow this template in disciplinary grievances:

1. *NOTICE: Did the Employer give to the employee forewarning or foreknowledge of the possible or probable consequences of the employee's disciplinary conduct?*
2. *REASONABLE RULE OR ORDER: Was the Employer's rule or managerial order reasonably related to (a) the orderly, efficient, and safe operation of the Employer's business, and (b) the performance that the Employer might properly expect of the employee?*
3. *INVESTIGATION: Did the Employer, before administering the discipline to an employee, make an effort to discover whether the employee did in fact violate or disobey a rule or order of management?*
4. *FAIR INVESTIGATION: Was the Employer's investigation conducted fairly and objectively? The person doing the investigation can not be the person issuing discipline.*
5. *PROOF: At the investigation, did the "judge" obtain substantial evidence or proof that the employee was guilty as charged?*
6. *EQUAL TREATMENT: Has the Employer applied its rules, orders and penalties even-handedly and without discrimination to all employees?*
7. *PENALTY: Was the degree of discipline administered by the Employer in a particular case reasonably related to (a) the seriousness of the employee's proven offense, and (b) the record of the employee in his service with the Employer?]*

A "No" response to any of the above will usually overturn the discipline. (much more detail [here](#))

□ 20{*Thomas O. McGill*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 11:15 am

Steve McI, good advice, but be aware, reinstatement may result in perpetual isolation given few responsibilities and no opportunities until it becomes unbearable. Given there is no single precipitating event for redress, the reinstated voluntarily relocates. Meanwhile valuable time is lost and emotional damage is permanent. Macquarie is poison. Move on if you can. Best wishes.

□ 20{*Max Hugoson*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 11:18 am
Dear Ms. Wheatley:

Is the Australian use of English that divergent from the USA usage, or is this just "poor writing"?

"Professor Salby's employment was terminated firstly, because he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach. After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take."

Do you mean he was scheduled to GIVE the class??? "Take over the teaching of" the class? The matter is not clear at all from the way this is written. Also, the use of "firstly" is very poor English usage. It should be simply FIRST...please check the standard English usage guides.

I'm sure, seeing as you pride yourself in being an "institution of higher learning" that you would wish to attend to these English usage matters and issue a corrected statement.

Yours,
Max Hugoson, Minneapolis, MN

□ 20{*Taphonomic*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 11:25 am

Eli Rabett says:
"The other thing is that the committee included a union representative..."
Are you certain that a "union nominee" is the same as a union representative?

□ 20{*Steve McIntyre*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 11:30 am

Perhaps Salby would be justified in treating the demotion (if that's what it was) as "constructive dismissal". But he's been actually dismissed as well, so it's moot.

He might be better off eating his pride and sucking it up. If Salby had another offer in hand, then sure, he should take it. But it may not be all that easy for him to find another job, let alone another job right away. People need to be realistic. He's not young anymore.

□ 20{*Mark Bofill*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 11:36 am

Steve McIntyre says:
July 10, 2013 at 11:30 am

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young anymore.

Absolutely. I'd pursue this, shooting for reinstatement and I'd redouble my efforts to find another position regardless of what the outcome might be, but all things being equal it's better to be working than not while looking for another opportunity.

□ 20{*Snotrocket*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:44 am

This is a strange situation – and there's a name for it (age-related amnesia prevents recall) – but I find that if (say) John Cook had been dismissed under similar, dodgy circumstances, I would be as enraged about it as I am with the Salby case. But I fear that the likes of Cook would not share that ideal...

□ 20{*Keith Sketchley*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:00 pm

"Given the furor this has generated, it seems odd they'd leave this to the lowest person on the organizational ladder. -Anthony"

Bureaucracies often delegate to lower to avoid blame and/or create plausible deniability. Once everyone has passed the buck the suckee is someone who can't.

Just had the incompetent Saanich government do that, but the flunkie botched the job (lowest rank may not have the skills to do the job correctly).

□ 20{*Bart*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:00 pm

The goal was simply to introduce a red herring into the debate. When someone references Salby's work to refute the claim that humans are responsible for the increase in CO₂, the response can now be "oh, that guy who got fired from his university position?"

It does not matter what happens from this point going forward. That herring is now part of the arsenal of distraction. Mission accomplished.

□ 20{*Bart*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:03 pm

Nick Stokes says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:47 am

And, that judgment was for dismissal without regard to merit, based on "sovereign immunity." Basically, an assertion of *droit du seigneur*. What does that tell us?

□ 20{*Nick Stokes*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:11 pm

Bart says: July 10, 2013 at 12:03 pm

'And, that judgment was for dismissal without regard to merit, based on "sovereign immunity." Basically, an assertion of *droit du seigneur*. What does that tell us?'

Droit du seigneur? I think it tells us that it's better to only do it once.

But the judgment makes reference to a state case as well.

□ 20{*pokerguy*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:11 pm

"I'm entitled to state my opinion, and my opinion at this point is that it seems weak. What remains to be seen is if the university constructed the situation by cancelling travel documents while Salby was away from the university. Dr. Salby in his original statement is the one who brought in the mention of the grad student, not I. Had he not, there would be no reason to mention her. Note, I have not mentioned her name, only her existence and the fact that her email address at Macquarie seems to have been rescinded. – Anthony"

Pretty low bar, Anthony, that you're entitled to state your opinion, Who indicated otherwise? What separates the wheat from the chaff is how well those opinions are defended. Bah, you know that. And you seem to be willfully misunderstanding me. You brought in the graduate student to buttress your assertion that it "seemed weak," despite having no important facts at all concerning her situation. I suppose it's my fault. Sometimes I expect too much from my own side.

20{Anthony Watts} **REPLY:** It does seem weak, why punish the grad student too? We disagree then Al. – Anthony

□ 20{*Keith Sketchley*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:22 pm

Keep in mind that laws differ between countries, even between sub-divisions (e.g. Louisiana and Quebec have remnants of French laws/system due to their history as French colonies rather than British as most of Canada and US were).

□ 20{*ICU*} says: ★Colorado 10 07:26pm UTC

July 10, 2013 at 12:26 pm

Nick & dbstealey,

PACER (the 2nd link) has all the documentation (online) in the federal civil suit that Dr. Salby filed against UC Boulder at \$.10/page (but no charge if you stay below the quarterly page limit). I've already downloaded those particular case documents. Bottom line? Dr. Salby dropped the suit in order to refile a civil suit (IMHO, but NAL, Dr. Salby would have lost the federal case) in the state of Colorado district court system (Denver) and I'm in the process of getting a copy of those documents also (hardcopy only as I see no online

versions available).

The federal court case is a rather interesting read though, not a mirror image of the current affair by any means, but there are several similarities IMHO, and on the state of Colorado court side, there might be a few other interesting cases of Dr. Salby's (the last link charges \$2.00/name search, I think there were 8-10 cases with names similar to Murry Salby, with a definite hit on the state court case that Dr. Salby filed).
Deja vu? You decide.

□ 20{*Martin Clark*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 12:27 pm

"...two separate investigations undertaken by a committee chaired by a former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and including a union nominee ..."

But not apparently including the person whose conduct was under investigation? That is a blatant breach of industrial relations law, as well as principles of natural justice.

Did the "committee" comprise people who were parties to the dispute? Eg judge and jury in their own cause? Were audio recordings made of the proceedings?

"Union nominee" in this context means nominated by the person under investigation. Not quite the same as "union representative" which means "accredited" by the union, eg having a role protected under industrial relations legislation.

□ 20{*jimmi_the_dalek*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 12:28 pm

Well, you really need to see the contract to make a decision. If, as is common in Australian universities, there was provision for a "duty statement" as well as the contract, and if the contract had vague provisions such as, "duties may be varied according to the requirements of the department" or words to that effect, then he could have been asked to teach. Note that the university states that he was given "repeated directions" so it is not just a matter of failing to take a class once. Reading between the lines it sound to me as if a sufficiently bad atmosphere had developed, probably due to conflicts over resources, that when told that that he was scheduled to take classes, he refused. This is speculation on my part – you really need to see the contract, and the duty statement, and the record of alterations, if any, to the duty statement.

As for breaches of travel policies, the most likely is if they decided he was mixing private with official travel i.e getting the university to pay for travel which had not been agreed to be an official trip. However, again that is speculation and you would need to see the official records, which is unlikely

short of FOIA requests.

□ 20{*rogerknights*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 12:29 pm

I wonder if oral representations were made to Salby that there'd be no teaching load—but the written contract didn't say that. Or if there are two ways of reading the written contract.

□ 20{*Thomas*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 12:33 pm

Steve McIntyre, "He might be better off eating his pride and sucking it up. If Salby had another offer in hand, then sure, he should take it."

Salby's letter won't make it any easier to find a new job. Troublemakers who go public with long lists of complaints are not what employers look for. At least he has to be quick providing evidence, showing that his complaints are justified and not just a grudge for losing his job. On the other hand, he has been around for a long time so he should have friends at different universities who might vouch for him. For a young scientist a letter like that would be professional suicide.

□ 20{*Ian W*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 12:34 pm

I do not know what the visa and work-permit position is currently in Australia. But I would think that not having a 'registered' contract for an employee and telling the government that you had, or varying that contract to a level that the government would not have supported a work-permit, may well reach the level of criminality. This could apply to both the professor and his PhD student.

□ 20{*Chris Marrou*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 12:44 pm

"Well, I posted the actual judgment in his Federal case against the University of Colorado. That was apparently a Civil Rights claim – there is reference to a suit under state law

It does underline Steve McIntyre's point about avoiding litigation. But the university grievance option would be complicated by his absence from the misconduct hearing."

"Sovereign immunity" claimed in the judgment is one of the worst dodges governments use – that if a person were to win damages against a state it would come out of the pockets of the taxpayers and that governments only exist for the good of their citizens. As if a lawsuit against a corporation doesn't come out of the pockets of its innocent customers or possibly result in the firing of innocent employees. When governments are finally made vulnerable

to suits, then we'll know just how crooked they've been all these years, including public university faculty.

□ 20{Patrick} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:04 pm

"Ian W says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:34 pm"

If either party had no "visa" to work, then working would, strictly speaking, be illegal and could result in deportation. They would have needed, at the very least, a 457 visa, or some other visa for academia institutions "allowing" them to work/study. However, depends how big your stick is. Universities, I would imagine have "some influence" over immigration. I know I was working in Australia in 1998 without a work visa, for about 3 months, until the visa was granted. Nudge nudge wink wink kind of thing!

□ 20{Bart} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:09 pm

Nick Stokes says:

July 10, 2013 at 12:11 pm

"Droit du seigneur?"

Yes, basically "we can (redacted) you however we please."

□ 20{A.D. Everard} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:16 pm

"Given the furor this has generated, it seems odd they'd leave this to the lowest person on the organizational ladder. -Anthony"

Sounds to me like they realize the cat is out of the bag and anyone there with any clout is keeping as far from this as they possibly can. No one wants to take responsibility. Has the press got hold of this? This could turn out to be a very important case with regard to CAGW=shenanigans exposure.

□ 20{Berényi Péter} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:18 pm

The moral is anyone in her/his right mind should stay away from Australia. That's obviously not an option for Australians though. Their duty at this point is to fight, tooth & nail, for their own freedom. There is no one else in the entire world who'd do that favor to them.

□ 20{Phil.} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:19 pm

Max Hugoson says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:18 am

Dear Ms. Wheatley:

Is the Australian use of English that divergent from the USA usage, or is this just "poor writing"?

"Professor Salby's employment was terminated firstly, because he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach. After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take."

Do you mean he was scheduled to GIVE the class??? "Take over the teaching of" the class? The matter is not clear at all from the way this is written.

Also, the use of "firstly" is very poor English usage. It should be simply FIRST...please check the standard English usage guides.

Not according to Fowler's Modern English Usage.

□ 20{Theo Goodwin} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:22 pm

dbstealey says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:35 am

It is long established in academia that missing classes is not a firing offense. It might occasionally turn up as a firing excuse.

□ 20{tومتتومتفaisdubienl} says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:26 pm

ICU says

July 10, 2013 at 10:36 am

Looks like an interesting case dismissed for lack of federal jurisdiction without regard to substance. Do you know the complaint details, or you just found the case in the database, deadlinking it to us who don't have any access to it to find out what was it really all about, maybe just to evoke impression prof. Salby unsuccessfully sued University of Colorado staff in civil rights suit and that he is a sort of complainer?

If it is so, I don't buy this. Bright courageous minds (I've seen the prof. Salby presentations and I seriously think he has it exceptionally comprehensibly right when it comes to facts and their interpretation) often are oppressed by the herd of ignorance status-quo addicted inepts manipulated by those who profit from this dope dealing – especially in the academic establishments this looks being almost a precept.

I don't know how many viable ideas were destroyed by this groupthink phenomena in the past just because the incurable mutualised stupidity wasn't able to grasp on them, but when it comes to the people criticising the CAGW trendy hype (so barely scientifically substantiated that it must circumvent the scientific method using the "scientific consensus" demagoguery which intimately reminds a totalitarianism or religion) there already certainly emerges a pattern when it comes to their academic elimination.

Anyway it very much looks this petty world of the anti-CO2 church of solar

powerstations subsidies lovers was now intervened over by their worshiped sun, although perhaps not at all as they would like it to, and I imagine how could the ones – who really know what chiefly drives the surface temperatures and why, just because they're able to – laugh when they realize what happens next decade and how funny this all yet could be..

□ 20{*Theo Goodwin*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 1:27 pm](#)

Gene Selkov says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:51 am

It seems that you had at least one supporter with serious clout. The facts of your case might have had nothing to do with the fight.

□ 20{*Nick Stokes*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 1:30 pm](#)

Theo Goodwin says: July 10, 2013 at 1:22 pm

"It is long established in academia that missing classes is not a firing offense."

But "refusal to undertake his teaching duties" "after repeated directions to teach" would be a firing offense in any context.

□ 20{*Matthew R Marler*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 1:35 pm](#)

Given the furor this has generated, it seems odd they'd leave this to the lowest person on the organizational ladder. -Anthony

It is their way of saying "No Comment" to further questions.

□ 20{*Theo Goodwin*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 1:39 pm](#)

Gene Selkov says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:51 am

Just to add a little humor to a grim conversation, I knew a graduate student whose career was terminated in his fourth year. He sued. After reading the complaint, the university counsel told the graduate department that they would reinstate the student and apologize. After all of this was settled, one of the professors who had vigorously pursued the termination remarked that the student had much more substance than they had known.

□ 20{*Theo Goodwin*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 1:44 pm](#)

Nick Stokes says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:30 pm

As noted above, if he had been reduced to a grading assistant, as he says, then

the assignment is altogether illegitimate for a professor. Teaching assignments have to reflect ordinary practice in the department.

□ 20{*Jakehig*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 1:59 pm](#)

According to Salby's account, when trying to enforce his entitlement to resources, etc he discovered that his contract had never been formally registered and was therefore not enforceable.

That cuts both ways.

Surely, if the contract was never established, Macquarie cannot invoke its terms as the basis for expelling him?

□ 20{*Nick Stokes*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 1:59 pm](#)

Theo Goodwin says: July 10, 2013 at 1:44 pm

"As noted above, if he had been reduced to a grading assistant, as he says, then the assignment is altogether illegitimate for a professor."

There may be some exaggeration there. But from Macquarie's viewpoint, what was the professor doing? He published two papers in five years. He updated his textbook. He took on one PhD student. And he refuses teaching. Can this go on forever?

□ 20{*ZT*} says:

[July 10, 2013 at 2:00 pm](#)

Funny how things work in academia...

The LSE doesn't want to withdraw Saif Gaddafi's PhD thesis – despite the fact that it was a plagiarized hack, which must have been known to the supervisors involved, written on the dictator's son's behalf...meanwhile of all the academics at Macquarie, who gets the sack? (Answer: the one who isn't toeing the party line).

Background on Gaddafi:

<http://russian-front.com/2011/02/27/saif-gaddady-ph-d-and-the-london-school-of-economics/>

...and Dr. Gaddafi's professors and examiners were well aware of their protege's talents: "Mr Christensen recalls: "Saif was not, how to say this politely, the brightest of students. Not only was he totally uninterested in economics, he lacked the intellectual depth to study at that level, and showed no willingness to read let alone do course work." (see <http://blogs.channel4.com/factcheck/5880/5880>).

This is what goes on at the LSE and Macquarie, imagine the situation at the University of East Anglia...

□ 20{*Theo Goodwin*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:22 pm

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“There may be some exaggeration there. But from Macquarie’s viewpoint, what was the professor doing? He published two papers in five years. He updated his textbook. He took on one PhD student. And he refuses teaching. Can this go on forever?”

Your views on academia are naive. The only carrots-sticks for tenured professors are salary, promotion, and release time. Academia has many tenured professors who have never received promotion or release time and have received only small pay increments. I am acquainted with one who retired as a tenured assistant professor.

Two papers and a book update do not constitute impressive output but neither do they constitute the output of a slug.

If you are thinking of defending Macquarie then be cautious. If any one of Salby’s allegations proves to be true, especially that he was given the assignment of grading, then among academics Macquarie’s stock goes into the mud. In practical terms, that would mean that someone would take a job there only if he had no hope of a job elsewhere.

By the way, your “response” to me isn’t a response because you did not address my claim about teaching. Serving as a grader is not a teaching job for a professor.

□ 20{*Mark Bofill*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:31 pm

Nick Stokes says:

July 10, 2013 at 1:59 pm

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Nick,

Can you propose any credible scenario under this interpretation to explain the cancellation of the non-refundable ticket, under the assumption that what Prof. Salby says with respect to this cancellation is so? I’m at a loss to think of one, but possibly I lack the imagination and conviction regarding the University’s propriety that you may have.

Thanks,

□ 20{*Mike Jonas*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:33 pm

Max Hugoson – English English and Australian English are indeed different to US English, and even this sentence would have been different in US English. I would say that both “take” and “firstly” are acceptable as used.

http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/take_3 (as in : the professor takes (accepts) a class offered by the university).

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/firstly?q=firstly>

Bear in mind also that English is developed by the uneducated masses (including Americans, FBOW), not by the intelligentsia.

□ 20{*Eli Rabett*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:36 pm

Somebunny at George Mason tells Eli that you don’t want to go too far with the plagiarized thesis line.

□ 20{*Michael Palmer*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:39 pm

From Salby’s book website at Cambridge University Press:

“The first edition is a classic. As a textbook it is unequalled in breadth, depth and lucidity. It is the single volume that I recommend to every one of my students in atmospheric science. The new edition improves over the previous edition, if that is possible at all, in three aspects: beautiful illustrations of global processes ... from newly available satellite data, new topics of current interest ... and a new chapter on the influence of the ocean on the atmosphere. These changes make the book more useful as a starting point for studying climate change.” – Professor Yuk Yung, California Institute of Technology

Folks, give your head a shake. Obviously, Salby focuses on quality, not quantity of printed paper. Old-fashioned concept, I know.

□ 20{*Steve B*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:47 pm

Mark Bofill says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:53 am

Steve McIntyre says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:40 am

I know nothing about the workings of academia, but I’d certainly agree that following the grievance procedure would seem to be the logical place to start.

In Australia you never ever follow the grievance procedure since it is stacked in the favor of the agrievue not the agriever. Go straight to Fair Work

Australia.

Also what about the poor Russian grad student, lured over to the chopping block and did nothing wrong at all. Career ruined from the beginning. Something stinks and it is worse than skunk.

□ 20{jimmi_the_dalek} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:08 pm

Macquarie, like all Australian Universities, has what is called an Enterprise Agreement. The contracts of all staff will, with no exception, contain a line which states they they are bound by the Enterprise Agreement. Most people, unfortunately, never read all of the EA until it is too late.

Here is Macquarie's

http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/ea/academic_staff_agreement/1_title/
Look under section 4.3 , Academic Workloads.

4.3.20 An annual written workload allocation will be developed by the Head of Department for each Staff Member following Consultation between the Head of Department and the Staff Member. The written allocation will specify the workload that the Staff Member will undertake in the coming academic year.

(and there are at lot more relevant clauses before and after this)

Now if this consultation process was NOT carried out, he has a reasonable case for NOT doing teaching, but if it was, and he then refused, he is on shaky ground. This however cannot be determined without seeing all the records, and these are probably not forthcoming with a FOIA request.

□ 20{cynical_scientist} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:09 pm

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I can imagine such a scenario. I'd like to stress that I know nothing about the actual facts here. However suppose Prof Salby was told that the university would not fund his trip (he states as much) but that he purchased the ticket using university funds against this instruction (clearly they couldn't cancel a ticket he had bought using his own money so the university must have paid for the ticket). It is possible that the university might feel justified in cancelling his ticket when they found out. It would be a very nasty, pointless and wasteful thing to do, but I can see how it might happen.

I don't know the facts and neither it seems do you. On the face of it this sounds like Prof Salby has been treated very badly. But before I go to the mat for Dr Salby I'd like to know a little more.

□ 20{EternalOptimist} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:12 pm

can this thread be moved to the 'Contractual obligations' or 'Academia stinks' sub fora. Please

□ 20{Jimbo} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:50 pm

He said, she said. Bring out the lawyers.

□ 20{dbstealey} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:15 pm

Nick Stokes says:

"But 'refusal to undertake his teaching duties' 'after repeated directions to teach' would be a firing offense in any context."

As stated above, there should have been progressive discipline, and well documented. Summarily firing someone 'after repeated directions' does not make it clear what those "directions" were. Could they have been simply verbal warnings? If so, were there witnesses present? Might the 'directions' have been understood to be more like suggestions? And so on. There is too much unexplained in this case to make such a definitive judgement at this point. In fact, there are a lot of things in need of more explanation.

□ 20{Duster} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:18 pm

tonyM says

July 10, 2013 at 8:50 am

... One wonders why he has not commented on this and any legal advice sought...

Any lawyer will tell his client to keep the mouth shut. Less risk of foot in mouth disease. For some peculiar reason both Salby and McQuarie are releasing statements. It could be that Salby is rather ignorant of the legal aspects, but the statement by McQuarie is a surprise. It paints them into a corner regarding cause, and, since he had at least one PhD student, that does constitute teaching. Not much maybe. And, as others have pointed out, what ever the hearing was that was held at McQuarie, it can't really have been a disciplinary hearing when they stranded the subject on the opposite side of the planet.

□ 20{Nick Stokes} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:41 pm

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so, were there witnesses present?”

Well, they said:

“The termination of his employment followed an extensive and detailed internal process, including two separate investigations undertaken by a committee chaired by a former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and including a union nominee.”

The processes are set out in the [enterprise agreement](#). They are formal and elaborate (and time-consuming for managers). They are monitored by the HR department.

In addition, Macquarie, like all similar Australian organisations, has an annual cycle performance review process. That is all done in writing.

Duster says: July 10, 2013 at 4:18 pm

“the statement by McQuarie is a surprise”

No, they are only stating what is already contained in a long paper trail of formal review processes.

□ 20{Mike McMillan} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:52 pm

Bart says: July 10, 2013 at 1:09 pm

Nick Stokes says: July 10, 2013 at 12:11 pm

“Droit du seigneur?”

Yes, basically “we can (redacted) you however we please.”

There was a Charleton Heston movie once on that theme. It didn’t end well for the seigneur.

Mike Jonas says: July 10, 2013 at 2:33 pm

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Bear in mind also that English is developed by the uneducated masses (including Americans, FBOW), not by the intelligentsia.

How fortunate for the language that it has us Americans around to maintain its purity.

I did a Canadian (Montreal) website once, and then an Australian (Melbourne) one. They were both bilingual.

□ 20{dbstealey} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:56 pm

Nick Stokes,

What you write may be entirely factual. However, it does not add one pixel of information to what we already know.

Where is that putative “long paper trail”?

What does it say?

What are the circumstances behind the cancellation of Salby’s airline ticket — after he had arrived at the airport?

And so on.

Since you try to give the impression you know, please fill us in on those details.

□ 20{Mac the Knife} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:58 pm

Macquarie University, eh?

If this is pronounced as ‘mockery’, it would seem to fit their academic standards quite well.

□ 20{ztabc} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:05 pm

>Eli Rabett says:

>July 10, 2013 at 2:36 pm

>Somebunny at George Mason tells Eli that you don’t want to go too far with the plagiarized thesis line.

Some plagiarists are more equal than others down on the Animal/Bunny Farm, right?

□ 20{Steve B} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:27 pm

Yeah, Macquarie isn’t exactly up there with the best – cellar dwellers of universities would best describe it. It is however in a very nice area. You can lose yourself in the bush there.

□ 20{Streetcred} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:35 pm

Steve B says: July 10, 2013 at 2:47 pm

...

Absolutely correct ! What McIntyre and others fail to understand about Australian ‘kangaroo’ justice is that it only ever serves the Master. Having a past industrial relations commissioner and a union nominee conduct disciplinary hearings in Salby’s absence is akin to stacking the deck for a preconceived outcome. It is highly likely that these individuals were selected for their political obedience rather than delivery of justice. This is the way of the socialist regime at all of its levels in Australia. Just like the whitewashing of the Climategate scandals

This appalling state of affairs should embarrass every other fair minded and

reasonable Australian as it does me.

□ 20{Nick Stokes} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:36 pm

dbstealey says: July 10, 2013 at 4:56 pm

“Where is that putative “long paper trail”?”

Well, there will be a series of **PDR forms**, signed by MS and manager. They will consist of plans for the year, and a review and appraisal.

These forms are of course confidential, as are the **unsatisfactory performance** processes. But they are recorded.

As to the ticket cancellation, I can’t add much to what **cynical_scientist** said. Salby seems, on his own account, to have headed off while suspended, without salary, on travel that he makes clear was not approved by the University and with misconduct proceedings in process. It’s not an arrangement in which he should have expected continuing support.

□ 20{Streetcres} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:40 pm

Nick Stokes says: July 10, 2013 at 4:41 pm

“[...] Macquarie, like all similar Australian organisations, has an annual cycle performance review process. That is all done in writing.”

...

LOL ! Being pretty close to hearth here, I can tell you that poor performing individuals are rarely, if ever, moved on. Outcome recommendations are regularly ignored and individuals continue to do as they basically please.

□ 20{Mark Bofill} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:45 pm

Cynical, Nick, thanks.

□ 20{NikFromNYC} says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:49 pm

Thanks, Tony. Everything.

□ 20{James Allison} says:

July 10, 2013 at 6:16 pm

Probably already been stated above however the University response was incorrect. They were not correcting misinformation they were actually adding some new information. Its a baffling and quite stupid response for that reason alone.

□ 20{Mark Bofill} says:

July 10, 2013 at 6:18 pm

Does anyone know or have any ideas about what Dr. Salby is referring to here?

Remarks from several make it clear that Macquarie University is comfortable with openly disclosing the state of affairs, if not distorting them to its convenience. I’m somewhat curious as to the identity of these ‘several’.

□ 20{Mark Bofill} says:

July 10, 2013 at 6:19 pm

Beg pardon, I should have said *who* not what.

□ 20{jimmi_the_dalek} says:

July 10, 2013 at 6:33 pm

James Allison : “They were not correcting misinformation”

The university may be thinking that the idea that he was dismissed for his views on AGW constituted misinformation? (I am not saying that I would myself regard that as misinformation)

Streetcres : “Outcome recommendations are regularly ignored and individuals continue to do as they basically please.”

True. Until someone wants an excuse to dismiss you, then all those previously ignored forms reappear.

As for the puzzle about the air fare, I suspect cynical_scientist is on the right track. The sudden cancellation would have occurred if he had put the air fare on a university credit card (as a senior member of staff he would have had one) and the university cancelled the card. That of course is pure speculation, but then so is nearly everything else in this thread. I think this whole thing will have to be left to the lawyers.

□ 20{JohnM} says:

July 10, 2013 at 6:45 pm [July 11 01:45am UTC]

Enough of conspiracies! If anyone has any evidence to support their claim then please post it, otherwise cease with the allegations.

I’m not on Macquarie University’s side and I’m not on Salby’s side. I just don’t see enough information from which to draw a conclusion. Macquarie University was under no obligation to provide a point-by-point rebuttal of Salby’s claims and as is normal it is cautious about how it expresses what it does say. Conversely we see allegations but precious little evidence to support Salby’s claims.

Salby alleges that Macquarie University failed to meet his expectations; perhaps he failed to meet Macquaries’ expectations.

Lord Monckton would be foolish to get involved with this matter, and if he attempts to then the university is under no obligation to respond.

The only way that we might reasonably learn more about this matter is if Salby

takes legal action against the university. I see no sign of such action having been taken and I ponder whether that's because Salaby's case is weak.

□ 20{jorgekafkazar} says:

July 10, 2013 at 6:45 pm

The first things that academic liberals liberate themselves from are standards of conduct, ethics, contracts, rules, fairness, codes, and laws. Those, they assume, apply only to everyone else. (Except for the media, of course.)

□ 20{kevstest} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:09 pm

Prof Salby needs a good Australian employment lawyer, particularly one familiar with local academia. Only Australian law and the facts face to face MacQuarie are relevant. He would be wise not to spend too much and not to let any lawyer fill him with hope and then ultimately empty him with fees, frustration and worry. Sometimes in what could be a legal situation it is best to move on and leave the rotten to fester in their own nests. One can't exact revenge while seeking justice. The university have made it plain where they stand; the right lawyer may shake out a small settlement with minimal cost but be prepared to write MacQuarie off. Their time will come.

□ 20{Bob in Castlemaine} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:16 pm

tallbloke says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:27 am

Basically, the university has acted in bad faith from the start. Maybe it's purpose in offering Salby his position was to thwart his research and make sure his findings were delayed, suppressed and blocked from publication for as long as possible. My thoughts also tallbloke. That sceptical scientists are to be intimidated and censored within Australian academia goes without saying, but the Machiavellian intent on this occasion seems to go way beyond this.

□ 20{Mark Bofill} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:20 pm

JohnM says:

July 10, 2013 at 6:45 pm

Enough of conspiracies! If anyone has any evidence to support their claim then please post it, otherwise cease with the allegations.

I'm sorry, I didn't realize we were indulging in conspiracy ideation. And just look, here I sit me without my tinfoil hat! :)

It's a blog topic, it seems natural enough for people to talk and speculate. I

didn't think anybody thought it was anything more than that. ~shrug~

□ 20{Caleb} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:32 pm

Maybe they cancelled his ticket, even though they'd get no refund, so they wouldn't have to buy him another ticket to send him back. Save a thousand here, spend a hundred thousand in legal fees there. This is called "frugality" by some.

However if, by law, they are required to have him attend certain meetings and hearings, and they cancel the ticket so he cannot attend, I imagine it will cost them a few hundred thousand more.

But they did save that first thousand. Give them credit for that.

□ 20{cynical_scientist} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:41 pm

As an academic I have little time for academics who think teaching is beneath them. Everyone would like to spend more time on their own research, but the hard yards of teaching still must be done. Those who refuse to teach and expect their colleagues to do it all are not the kind of people I would want in my department. The best academics are well rounded; they carry their fair share of the teaching load and also do inspiring research.

Research only positions (apart from post-docs) are not a good idea for an academic department in my opinion. Academic output is variable and it isn't unusual for someone to be hired to this kind of position right after they have finished doing their best work and are starting to wind down towards the end of their career. Often their output turns out to be no better than that of those who have to teach, which corrodes the collegial spirit that makes for happy and productive academic staff.

Admin people are prone to having strategic brain farts and suggesting that a "high flyer" in a research only position would boost the research profile. A wise department chair will resist this idea. It often ends in tears.

□ 20{iced} says:

July 10, 2013 at 8:16 pm

Universities are strapped for cash and modus operandi is for "politicians" to award grants to universities which toe the politically correct line. The appointment of Flannery (who was not a climate scientists but a museum curator) was to curry favour with the ALP Government because of Flannery's position of influence and ability to attract funding viz a vie the \$150m hot rock fiasco etc!

Bob Carter was just recently dismissed from JCU for the same reasons and there have been numerous others from other Australian Universities.

□ 20{*Bart*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 8:45 pm

JohnM says:

July 10, 2013 at 6:45 pm

“I’m not on Macquarie University’s side and I’m not on Salby’s side. I just don’t see enough information from which to draw a conclusion.”
And that is how they get away with it.

□ 20{*dbstealey*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 8:56 pm

Nick Stokes says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:36 pm: [...]

I have issued no definitive opinion as to who is right or wrong regarding Prof Salby’s predicament. But Dr Salby has made some very serious allegations, which Macquarie U has responded to with almost as little information as Nick Stokes has provided in this thread.

Eventually this will all come out in the wash. We will see whether Macquarie was vindictive regarding Salby’s airline ticket, or whether there is an acceptable explanation for stranding him the way they did. The contractual issues will eventually be aired, too.

But in the mean time, it’s nice to know that at least Nick Stokes is so certain of himself. However, if Nick is wrong, which he has been often enough in the past, we can expect him to revert to form and never, ever admit it.

□ 20{*Brian H*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 9:00 pm

The doors and windows were locked and the doorbell disconnected, and he is fired because he failed to show up at the dinner table on time. Nice.

□ 20{*Kajajuk*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 9:03 pm

The spin is flat. Interesting that two reasons were given and no probationary period between was mentioned. How surprisingly tolerate they must be to endure for so long then choose termination while in transport. It would have been nice to have given notice of termination so that he got back to Australia. Better yet he should have taken a course so that the university would be concerned for his “education and welfare”, since that is a primary concern. That will teach him!

Perhaps the minutes of the meetings where he was repeatedly directed could be released too.

□ 20{*mandas*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 9:07 pm

I am going to send a link to this thread to John Cook and Stephen Lewandowsky. Lots of research material!

□ 20{*Nick Stokes*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 9:14 pm

iced says: July 10, 2013 at 8:16 pm

“Bob Carter was just recently dismissed from JCU for the same reasons...”
Bob Carter retired from JCU in 2002.

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 10:08 pm

“The decision to terminate Professor Murry Salby’s employment with Macquarie University had nothing to do with his views on climate change nor any other views. The University supports academic freedom of speech and freedom to pursue research interests.”

Here Down Under, I texted this url to my long time lawyer ‘mate’ (aka buddy). He said “That’s fantastic!”

A mere scientist, I go, duh, why?

He says ” It completely undercuts any recourse by the university to critiques of Salby’s professional academic quality/ability. Presuming he has a good contractual case against the accusation of failure to provide directed or contracted teaching services, he can now ‘do them like a dinner’. A cool five or ten million \$\$ should help Salby’s wellbeing very nicely. Be thankful they handed this response job to a junior officer. He/she just screwed their employer exquisitely.....”.

□ 20{*jimmi_the_dalek*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 10:41 pm

Steve Short,

I am not a lawyer but I have to disagree with your buddy on logical grounds. If they had said “We sacked him because of his views”, then he could certainly have sued. Since they said the opposite, it follows that the university must feel they have a strong case on other grounds. Also, you should not assume that because it was a relatively junior employee who posted the statement, that it was the same who composed it. Unless they are total idiots (OK, that is possible...), it would have been verified by their lawyers.

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:
July 10, 2013 at 10:54 pm

Feel free to disagree – especially if you are a lawyer yourself – rather than say a Greek or a Dalek, ha, ha..As I said I’m just a mere scientist. My mate has

done plenty of wrongful dismissal cases. I understand he hasn't lost any....and is both a 'solicitor' and a 'barrister' in our Down Under 'English-type law system'. That's why I sent him the url. Note he didn't fall for the line it was the PR lady who drafted the statement.

□ 20{*jimmi_the_dalek*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:26 pm

Steve,

I am simply applying logic here. I have a tendency always to ask what would happen if it were the other way round i.e I am a natural sceptic. Now many people will suspect he was sacked because of his views on climate change, but ask yourself: Could the university ever have admitted that as part of their defence? No, of course they could not have – they would have lost immediately. So they cannot have diminished their defence by saying that in advance. On the other hand would Salby have used "They sacked me because of my views" as part of his case? He probably would have, so they are trying to shift the grounds for combat elsewhere. They won't claim it was his views, nor his research record. According to the statement it will be failure to teach classes, and "breaches of University policies in relation to travel and use of University resources."

□ 20{*Ox AO*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:28 pm

Dr. Salby if you are reading these forums make sure the paper trails are secured and not in your own home. Don't expect them to play fair.

□ 20{*Janice Moore*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:31 pm

"If they had said "We sacked him because of his views", then he could certainly have sued. Since they said the opposite, it follows that the university must feel they have a strong case on other grounds. [Jimmy the Dalek (BTW what is a Dalek?) at 10:41PM 7/10/13]

It does not follow (logically) that the university thinks they have a strong case on other grounds. They may indeed think this, but that is not logically implied from their assertion above. That Mockery U. avoided claiming that they sacked him for his views does NOT mean they know of ANY legally actionable grounds for terminating his employment contract. They may simply be making a fumbling attempt at stonewalling.

From the way the U is handling Dr. Salby's contract and grievance proceedings so far, it sounds like they haven't had any legal counsel at all.

□ 20{*Janice Moore*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:36 pm

Hey, Ox AO, did you get a chance to watch the Salby in Hamburg video?

What did you think? Pretty cool, huh?

GO, SALBY!

□ 20{*Ox AO*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:54 pm

Yes Janice Moore it was fantastic and thank you. didn't notice it had to be played on youtube. It was my mistake.

Also, notice this case parallels in my opinion of the case against Galileo? In both cases they couldn't accuse the defendant of the actual disagreements they had to hit them both on unrelated charges.

It will be interesting if Dr. Salby what kind of paper trail he has by the administration before they changed his job status. Either way he better keep all paper work related to this case secured.

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:58 pm

Janice. Daleks are famous for going around saying 'Exterminate!' in a loud metallic voice and their fatal species-specific addiction to putting aggressive intent ahead of deep thought. I think they mutated from trolls or something... They live all day inside these funky, little, retro sci-fi, uhhh..... tanks? The claustrophobia keeps them permanently depressed and I don't think they ever quite got right into the 'right to bear arms' thing. They also tend to hang out with chinless old aristocrats. Why? I wouldn't have a clue.

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/entertainment/tv-radio/exterminate-prince-charles-tries-out-2021328>

□ 20{*Janice Moore*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 12:01 am

Yes, Ox AO, it does parallel Galileo's case. Sure hope Salby's health doesn't parallel Galileo's, too! He is in my prayers!

And, if there is NO paper trail (where there ought to be one in the ordinary course of business) THAT says a lot, too.

Nice talking with you, Ox AO.

Good night from the U.S.A.

□ 20{*Janice Moore*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 12:14 am

Steve Short — just saw your post — well, for laughing out loud... Thanks for sharing the photo of that hideous couple (not the Daleks) was just the thing

before I go to bed — NOT. [%o] Perhaps the Daleks are about to take the Royal Disgrace and The Adultress (I really cannot **stand** those two) into custody.

Thank you for educating me, though. I'm not very pop-culturally fluent. From your description above, I was thinking along the lines of goblins, heh, heh. Looks like Daleks are a meaner (and, from what you describe, stupider) mutation of the amiable little R2-D2.

Jimmi-the-Dalek — I am NOT saying YOU are mean or stupid.

And NOW, I really must (yawn) shut 'er down for the night.

Have a lovely Thursday!

□ 20{*charles nelson*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 12:27 am

I love Watts Up With That. The comments above reveal genuine expertise and experience across a range of subjects relevant to the matter of Salby Vs. Macquarie: legal, academic and ethical.

However, given the limited access to evidence, much of the discussion above has been speculative.

At this juncture I point out one or two unassailable facts which should help everyone keep a sense of perspective on the matter.

Murray Salby, a published, peer reviewed, climate scientist has openly questioned the effectiveness and predictive ability of computer climate models.

This task was made simple by our ability to compare present conditions with multiple predictions made some time ago. Even that well known, politically incorrect Australian "Blind Freddie" can see that the models have failed.

Another member of staff at Macquarie University is one Tim Flannery; a political creature of the Green Labor Party and a man famous for making doom laden predictions about the effects of 'Climate Change', most famously that Perth would soon be the world's first 'ghost metropolis' and that Australia's 'rivers and dams would never be full again'!

Once again the perspicacious "Blind Freddie" could tell you that Mr Flannery was very wrong in his predictions and that he is at best a clown and at worst a scaremongering, fraudster of the highest order.

Given that these two individuals both worked for Macquarie University, and given that one was clearly correct in his assertions whilst the other was clearly wrong in his....which one would we expect to receive the University's full support and backing?

The ins and outs of this case will continue to be argued for some time but the big, glaring, obvious truth will not go away. This is 21st Century Lysenkoism and its practitioners are just as doomed as their Soviet era forebears.

□ 20{*johanna*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 12:56 am

Steve B says:

July 10, 2013 at 5:27 pm

"Yeah, Macquarie isn't exactly up there with the best – cellar dwellers of universities would best describe it. It is however in a very nice area. You can lose yourself in the bush there."

When my family came to Australia in the late 1950s, we lived in a tiny residence that the market-gardener Italians who owned the land had carved out of a hayshed. That land is now part of Macquarie University. There was a large chicken farm over the road, and we were surrounded by fields of lettuce and tomatoes, and fig trees.

It was much more productive in those days.

□ 20{*Peter Plail*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 1:06 am

I fail to see how the university can claim that Salby was contractually obliged to undertake specific duties (eg teaching) when they claim the the contract was not registered and thus did not oblige them to supply the resources which originally lured him to the position in the first place.

□ 20{*Nyq Only*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 1:27 am

Mark Bofill says: "Can you propose any credible scenario under this interpretation to explain the cancellation of the non-refundable ticket, under the assumption that what Prof. Salby says with respect to this cancellation is so? I'm at a loss to think of one, but possibly I lack the imagination and conviction regarding the University's propriety that you may have."

I'm struggling to see how Salby's account makes sense here. He says (point 12) "Obligations to present our new research on greenhouse gases (previously arranged), had to be fulfilled at personal expense." – so before he went the Uni had already withdrawn financial support from the trip. Further this had occurred (point 11) after the uni had blocked his salary "Macquarie then accused me of "misconduct", cancelling my salary. It blocked access to my office, computer resources, even to personal equipment I had transferred from the US." – so when had the Uni paid for this plane ticket? The story doesn't add and no sane person would expect a Uni in that circumstance to be STILL paying for a flight on a trip it didn't approve to a person whose salary they weren't paying.

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 1:45 am

I can endorse those sentiments. The best local science institution in the 1960s was the Ian Clunies Ross Animal Research Laboratory of CSIRO (merino

fleece perfection etc.) It's been all downhill since then.

□ 20{*MangoChutney*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 1:49 am

Salby had a contract with Maquarie as stated by both Salby and Maquarie, therefore Salby may have a claim under unfair dismissal law in Australia. Australia also has FOI laws, so no reason why Salby cannot request information concerning his dismissal and that of

The termination of his employment followed an extensive and detailed internal process, including two separate investigations undertaken by a committee chaired by a former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and including a union nominee.

As can Evgenia Titova

□ 20{*tango*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 1:59 am

? I tried to send a Email to Joanna Wheatley no luck has anybody have another address to stir them up

□ 20{*MangoChutney*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 2:08 am

Salby's talk in Hamburg – make it viral

□ 20{*MangoChutney*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 2:57 am

I received a reply from Joanna (Wheatley?) enclosing the news release. In my email I asked if Titova had also been dismissed – no response. I've asked again if Titova has been dismissed and I'm waiting for a response.

If I don't receive a response, I think we can assume Titova has been dismissed as well

□ 20{*steve-richards1984*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 3:42 am

So far, with have Prof. Salby's list of facts with his interpretation of his facts. We do not have the Unis version of the facts with their interpretation of the facts.

"My role was then reduced to that of a student teaching assistant: Marking student papers for other staff – junior staff."

The instruction for the above to happen could be worded/interpreted in many different ways.

Could it be a miss-communication?

I have found over the years that people in opposing camps tend to have trouble

understanding each other.

This effect appears to increase with the intelligence of the people involved.

With respect to the misconduct proceedings:

these are always (in the UK) conducted WITHOUT the accused party. The accused party is usually given leave (gardening leave in the UK) so that the team of managers inquiring into the alleged offence have unrestricted access to staff for witness interviews. The final part of the process (UK) is the final meeting when the accused meets the inquiry panel to hear the results of the inquiry, put their side, then the panel gives its decision. You can deliberately refuse to attend the final meeting but after 2 or 3 're-invites' the meeting would go ahead without you. I suspect if you traveled abroad, whilst the 'process' was running (one to two weeks max) without permission, then you probably would be found to have deliberately refused to attend the final meeting. Dates and times of each communication would be extremely important in this case.

I do hope this is resolved satisfactorily soon.

□ 20{*Nick Stokes*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 4:03 am

steve-richards1984 says: July 11, 2013 at 3:42 am

"these are always (in the UK) conducted WITHOUT the accused party".

It's different here. It looks like they convened a Misconduct Investigation Committee. Scroll down to 4.12.18. The later stages at least make lots of provision for the investigatee to be present and speak.

□ 20{*Eli Rabett*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 5:03 am

Before picking a position bunnies should remember that Salby has serious form as shown by his time at Colorado.

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 5:04 am

So not surprised. This is a very toxic mix. Herein this establishment lie some long and expert records of 'doing knife jobs' on rivals and colleagues in a number of, shall we say, 'academic contexts' and 'international forums' stretching back over many years. Many good bodies lying along the wayside, most with more cuts than a butchers shop.

Fact. There are those amongst us who are just so very well cut out to show us all how nasty the 'human pecking order' can get. They are usually politicians or academics. What is it about universities that attracts so many sociopaths to 'high office' therein?

BTW, little chuckles yet again watching Nick indulging his little ol' penchant

for knowing disingenuity.

□ 20{*Phil.*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 5:23 am

MangoChutney says:

July 11, 2013 at 2:57 am

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If I don’t receive a response, I think we can assume Titova has been dismissed as well. It’s not that simple with grad students, usually they’re paid from a research grant held by the advisor, once the advisor is gone you need to find another advisor with support. I had dealings with a similar situation over thirty years ago and the student was in limbo for about 6 months until we could arrange support for her. In the case of Macquarie the academic term recently ended and it is possible that the normal appointment period is for the academic terms?

□ 20{*Jeremy Shiers*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 5:48 am

some unsubstantiated conjecture

suppose someone wanted to get Murray Salby out of the way, and stop or hinder his work

from US Maquarie might seem a distant backwater

Murray has said many times there were long delays with the provision of resources

this also fits in with hindering idea.

The plan backfired

Murray Salby has also said many times that the delays provided him with time to think and this is when he came up with the ideas he presented first at Sydney in 2011 and 2012 then in Hamburg 2013

Why act now?

a) it took people this long to realise what he was saying

b) the results presented in Hamburg were a significant advance on what had gone before

c) something else

In the 2013 Hamburg presentation I was struck by Murray Salby obtaining 2 equations (for 2 different processes)

providing closed form solutions to each of these equations

the close agreement between graphs of observed data and these closed form solutions

In addition Monckton has said Murray Salby has 4 blockbuster papers in progress

It strikes me as bizarre for people to say Murray Salby has not done much in the last 5 years, it seems to me he has done a great deal
can you suggest anyone who has done as much?

□ 20{*Mark Bofill*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 6:02 am

Nyq Only says:

July 11, 2013 at 1:27 am

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Yes. The simplest explanation I’ve been able to think of to explain all of the details is that Dr. Salby booked his flight using his University credit card without obtaining approval from one of the authorities specified in the travel policy document. The University took advantage of this opportunity to cancel his return or a leg of his return to prevent him from participating in whatever ways he had planned in the misconduct proceedings. Alternately, it is possible that Dr. Salby obtained approval that was subsequently withdrawn, although I find this supposition less plausible for various reasons.

You use the term ‘sane person’ and I’m not sure you’ve thought this through, do put yourself in Salby’s shoes for a moment. He had apparently made arrangements to present material. This is his professional reputation on the line, not some weekend getaway vacation. What would any sane person have done? I’d have tried my darndest to figure out how to present anyway.

□ 20{*Smoking Frog*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 6:42 am

That “take,” in context, is perfectly legitimate in American English, as in “take a job” or “take an assignment” or “take orders.” It is not even unclear, since the sentence is about his refusal to teach. If it meant “take” in the sense of a student’s taking the class, it should not be in the same sentence.

□ 20{*Nyq Only*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 12:20 pm

Mark Bofill: “The simplest explanation I’ve been able to think of to explain all of the details is that Dr. Salby booked his flight using his University credit card without

obtaining approval from one of the authorities specified in the travel policy document.”

That fits the narrative but if he did use University funds to buy a ticket which wasn't approved no further explanation is needed as to why the university would cancel the ticket. Of course they cancelled the ticket. I don't think that scenario cast Murry Salby in a good light.

“What would any sane person have done? I'd have tried my darndest to figure out how to present anyway.”

Perhaps but you would also consider the consequences. In this case 1. using a plane ticket paid for by the Uni (apparently) for travel the Uni hadn't approved and 2. take yourself abroad while the uni was engaged in misconduct proceedings. He may of quite rationally decided that the benefit outweighed the cost – but that doesn't put him in much of a position to complain about the immediate consequences of his decisions. Note that this independent of the overall rights and wrongs of the issue – the uni may well have treated him badly prior to this and he may have some moral feeling of entitled to that plane ticket.

Imagine you were a confidante of Professor Salby and he had asked your advice prior. He really wants to go and present in Europe but he is currently (apparently) suspended without pay from the university. Would you advise that he should go? Perhaps. Would you advise that he use a plane ticket paid for by the uni for travel that the uni clearly hasn't approved? Surely not.

□ 20 {*Nyq Only*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 12:30 pm

Jeremy Shiers says: “The plan backfired Murray Salby has also said many times that the delays provided him with time to think and this is when he came up with the ideas he presented first at Sydney in 2011 and 2012 then in Hamburg 2013”

I don't think that narrative helps Professor Salby – under that timeline Salby's revelations occur as his relationship with the university (and possibly with his colleagues) is becoming increasingly dysfunctional. As the situation becomes worse his criticism of the anthropogenic global warming hypothesis becomes more overt. People on the the three threads about the sacking are suggesting a causal link between his position and his sacking but your scenario would suggest that the causal link flows in a different direction: he was speaking out because of the workplace issues rather than vice-versa.

□ 20 {*Mark Bofill*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 12:35 pm

Nyq Only says:

July 11, 2013 at 12:20 pm

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:) I wasn't trying to cast anybody in a certain light, just trying to get a feel for what's plausible.

□ 20 {*Mark Bofill*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 12:38 pm

Nyq – Oh, I understand now. Looking back at what I asked, yes, my original question doesn't make sense anymore. I'd had time to think it through is why.

□ 20 {*Janice Moore*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 1:03 pm

“What is it about universities that attracts so many sociopaths to ‘high office’ therein?” [Steve Short at 5:04AM 7/11/13]

Ease of entry and subsequent **lack of accountability**.

“Murray Salby has also said many times that **the delays provided him with time to think** and this is when he came up with the ideas he presented first at Sydney in 2011 and 2012 then in Hamburg 2013.” [Jeremy Shiers at 5:48AM 7/11/13]

Thanks for your thoughtful post bringing us back to the essentials of the matter.

The words in bold above riveted my attention, jumping off the screen, shouting, “That's how the only ones who escaped from the Jim Jones cult in Guyana got out alive.” In an attempt to make clear to those who from their blasé comments above apparently do not comprehend the significance of what has happened here, in 2013, I'd like to tell you the story (as best as I can recall it from a lecture I attended in 1983) of what happened to a few brave souls in November, 1979.

Like Murry Salby, James Brown [I've forgotten his real name] was a believer. He would not have followed the cult to the jungle of Guyana if he were not. He questioned why such a move was necessary, but, he went. Upon arriving at the compound in Guyana, the cult leaders demanded that he hand over his wallet? “Why do you need my wallet?” he said, frowning as he slowly handed it to them.

“And all your credit cards.” Brown stared. He really had no choice, so, he handed them over. Day after hot, steamy, day, the loudspeaker blared. Week after oppressive week, Jones's voice endlessly shouted the propaganda by which he controlled his cowed followers. Brown grew to hate that voice. When they called for volunteers to widen the path through the jungle, he waved his hand. Anything to get away from that frenzied, maniacal, voice. It was hard work, their tools were crude, and Brown got mighty tired from his labor. But,

out in that jungle, with only bird calls to break the silence, Brown **started to think**. And he realized that this camp in the jungle was not going to be a new beginning; it was going to be the end; and he was running out of time. So, on an all-camp rest day, Brown got permission to go on a little picnic to his crew's worksite in the jungle. He and the few people he was allowed to bring with him walked along through the jungle to the end of the newly cut way. His companions were cheerfully chatting, rejoicing in the unaccustomed free time. They were starting to unpack their picnic things when Brown said quietly but firmly, "No. Don't unpack." The sharpness of his voice made them all stop and look at him in silence. "We are not going back. Jones is going to kill us all. If not today, then tomorrow. If not tomorrow, then, soon. We'll never have another chance like this again. We're getting out." Eyebrows raised, voices started to protest. Brown had to use every ounce of his strength of persuasion to cajole, and plead, and literally push those people down the narrow jungle path, away from their certain death. They walked and walked and walked. They walked all night. And, thanks to a strong-minded man who "started to think," they got out of the cult. They were among the only ones who made up the pitiful handful of those who got out alive. The time for questioning Dr. Salby on the details is later. The time to help him is **now**.

□ 20{*Nyq Only*} says:
[July 11, 2013 at 1:05 pm](#)

MB: "I wasn't trying to cast anybody in a certain light, just trying to get a feel for what's plausible."
 Likewise – and it all depends on what the exact sequence of events was. On first reading an academic is in Europe presenting at a conference (which is what we expect academics to do) – turns up at the airport and finds his ticket has been cancelled by his employers and that he can't get home to a disciplinary hearing. It is a story of an employer being nasty (and sadly nasty employers are not a rarity).
 Read Salby's account in more detail and he not only is already under investigation for misconduct but also the uni has declined support for his trip. In this story how the ticket came into being becomes a tad mysterious but its cancellation doesn't.
 The other thing I still don't get is: "Included was technical support to convert several hundred thousand lines of computer code, comprising numerical models and analyses (the tools of my research), to enable those computer programs to operate in Australia." I wonder what sort of conversion that would be? The only think that seems to make sense would be if the programs used non-metric units but even in the US it would be hard to imagine climate

scientists working inches etc.

□ 20{*Janice Moore*} says:
[July 11, 2013 at 1:14 pm](#)

Those trying to escape from the Cult of Climatology need our HELP not our standing aloof, coolly conjecturing about the circumstances of their getting away.

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:
[July 11, 2013 at 3:51 pm](#)

For some of us Down Under who inhabit academic and scientific circles of relevance to Murray Salby's dismissal i.e. Sydney, the speculation here is rather amusing. There are no prizes at all for guessing which senior academics at Macquarie have most probably carried-out this knife job on Murray and why. There have been many lead ins. To use horse racing jargon they have lots of 'form' so to speak in the age old craft of professional aggression. One such even spent time 'managing' part of a Federal Government institution and what a sociopathic disaster that turned out to be, with numerous staff fleeing in horror elsewhere (or getting counselling, or psychiatric help or just taking retirement) over quite a number of years! Needless to say that person was NOT dismissed (but should have been). Of course not! Sociopathic behaviour is usually tolerated in such environments either because the next person up the hierarchy is also a crazy egomaniac but more often just plain frightened. We have to abandon this naive myth that academia is somehow a gentle and civilized environment. Often a fowl yard, sometimes even a steaming jungle, with screams in the night and blood all over the foliage next morning, and the morning after that.... These people are invariably fearsome, may form cabals and have years of experience in the fine arts of institutional exploitation. My advice to Murray is:

(1) Get the very best of LOCAL legal advice. If you can possibly sue Macquarie Uni for big damages then do so and sue them very, hard hard. After all, a number of respected American and British academics have got multimillion \$ settlements out of Sydney Uni in recent years (after they ran afoul of a local sociopathic cabal in the staff). THEIR lawyers are the ones to consult!

(2) Then get the hell out back to North America or Europe or anywhere its a normal working environment – and where you can truly relax on the beach with a lager etc. Sure, we have lots of cuddly animals down here. Its a very beautiful country, but it is also hokey and Antipodean and some of the local animals have very poisonous fangs. And the very nastiest are not out in the bush.

□ 20{*Eli Rabett*} says:
 July 11, 2013 at 4:56 pm
 [snip off topic snark -mod]

□ 20{*rogerknights*} says:
 July 11, 2013 at 4:57 pm
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 If you could provide a few names, then Salby could track down their cases on the Internet, which might mention their lawyers, or give other helpful details.

□ 20{*bobl*} says:
 July 11, 2013 at 5:13 pm
 @Steve McIntyre
 Monktons suggestion is reasonable, of the face of it, Macquarie misrepresented it's offer upon hiring Salby (fraud), has placed Salby at risk by stranding him overseas (A criminal violation of the commonwealth Occupational Health and Safety Act) and has deprived him of his prior intellectual property (also a criminal matter). They also may have improperly terminated him (A violation of the fair work act). In addition there are grounds under which Salby can claim personal losses incurred by the actions of another which may leave Macquarie with a civil liability in addition to the criminal ones. There also would appear to be significant evidence of a serious ethics violation by the University. The Chancellor can be hauled up in front of the senate ethics committee of NSW and be asked some serious questions which can result in dismissal.

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:
 July 11, 2013 at 6:50 pm
<http://www.smh.com.au/national/walker-launches-legal-proceedings-20111202-1obgk.html>
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/academics-silence-stalls-university-of-sydney-lawsuit/story-e6frgcjx-1225993898375>
<http://www.abc.net.au/sundayprofile/stories/s1847798.htm>

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:
 July 11, 2013 at 8:22 pm
 He, he. Scratch a sociopath and you'll often find a poor little paranoid underneath. Its how they compensate....

□ 20{*James Pickett (@jfpickett)*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 1:58 am
 "STATEMENT REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF PROFESSOR MQRRY SALBY"
 That sounds a bit harsh. Don't they just mean his contract of employment..?

□ 20{*Nyq Only*} says:
 July 12, 2013 at 2:14 am
 Janice Moore says: "The time for questioning Dr. Salby on the details is later. The time to help him is now."
 Seriously? Your take-away message from the horrors of the Jim Jones cult is that you should give unquestioning support to a person you don't really know and avoid all questioning of his story? Luckily I doubt any of the players in this story are murderous cult leader.

□ 20{*barry*} says:
 July 12, 2013 at 6:32 am
 Given the furor this has generated, it seems odd they'd leave this to the lowest person on the organizational ladder.
 As she is tasked with fielding media requests, she is the obvious go-to contact following a public statement by the university.

□ 20{*Janice Moore*} says:
 July 12, 2013 at 10:22 am
 Yes, Nyq, even you, who mischaracterized what I said (I never said that "all" questioning should be avoided — merely postponed), if I heard a knock on my door in the middle of the night, saw you on my front porch clutching your small suitcase, saw the frightened look on your face, and saw the angry gang of thugs with their skull and bones crests on their hats rounding the corner, running after you, even you I would help without questioning.

DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC

□ 20{*Nyq Only*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 1:40 pm 08:40pm UTC

Janice Moore: “if I heard a knock on my door in the middle of the night, saw you on my front porch clutching your small suitcase, saw the frightened look on your face, and saw the angry gang of thugs with their skull and bones crests on their hats rounding the corner, running after you, even you I would help without questioning” But you don’t have any of those things. You have a guy who is in a dispute with his employer. That isn’t going to be a nice circumstance but lots and lots of people right now are in some dispute with their employers. Of those some are in the right and some are in the wrong but in many cases it is just a big mess.

Worse what kind of support should you give Salby? If he isn’t actually in the right then supporting him taking action of some kind against the uni is BAD advice. The people here saying he should take legal action are only correct *IF* he stands some reasonable chance of winning such action.

□ 20{*Eli Rabett*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 5:15 pm **NSF12 00:53am UTC**

As Eli said, the [guy has form](#). Turns out he was double dipping at Colorado and the NSF banned him for three years

The Subject has received federal award funds from NSF and other agencies at his University for the last 15-20 years. In 1994, the Subject created an outside, non-profit company (Company 1) with his [redacted], to receive federal funds from NSF and other agencies for research that paralleled his research at the University. The Subject received compensation through this company for his effort on its awards, and may have received other payments through this company derived from its collection of substantial indirect costs on the awards. The Subject never fully disclosed to either NSF or his University his association with Company 1, his dominant role in its activities and operations, or the extent of outside compensation received through it, instead minimizing his relationship with the company.

In late 2001 and early 2002, the Subject stopped charging effort directly on Company 1 awards, and instead accrued these charges as services of another company (Company 2) he created in 2003 and put into place as a subcontractor to Company 1, without telling NSF or other grantor agencies. The Subject received payments in 2003 and subsequent years for effort through Company 2 substantially in excess of amounts that had been approved for his services in the awards to Company 1, with no accountability as to the preparation and accuracy of his time and effort reports at Company 2. The Subject’s use of Company 2 and his initiation of a subcontracting relationship shielded the Subject’s compensation from accountability and discovery. Furthermore, because Company 1 did not limit its recovery of indirect costs on its charges to NSF and other agencies for the costs of this subcontract, Company 1 received a windfall in indirect cost recoveries.

(indirect costs on subcontracts are limited to being charged on the first \$25K of a sub-ER)

The Subject’s fifteen-year-long pattern of deceptive statements to his University and to NSF disguised his participation in entities and activities that existed for the purpose of maximizing his personal financial compensation and shielding the extent of his compensation from discovery or accountability.

□ 20{*Eli Rabett*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 5:16 pm

So now the question is did Murry disclose any of this to Macquarie.

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 5:40 pm

Since Wednesday 10 June, here in Australia, the issue of Murry Salby’s dismissal appeared in one only national daily (The Murdoch press’ The Australian’) yesterday Friday 12 June and no other national daily and none of the State dailies in Australia’s 7 States. Today Saturday 13th it appears in no newspapers, State or national. My interpretation is that no one, Salby included, are yet making any statements to the media about this issue. This indicates to me that Macquarie University is in a media lock down (proving they are receiving strong legal counsel) and that Salby is considering his position. I sincerely hope that he is talking to legal counsel right now as he has presumably had since May to seek such advice.

Personally, I found his Hamburg talk very interesting (despite the poor YouTube video quality). As a piece of work centred exclusively around the natural (native) CO₂, CH₄, and delta 13C cycles as found in the contemporary and ice core records and wholly reliant on an apparently sophisticated use of signal deconvolution techniques (FFT analysis etc.) it needs to appear in the peer-reviewed literature asap as it raise some very important issues about global biogeochemistry. Given that one of Salby’s Macquarie University contemporaries (‘peers’?) is both the founder of the Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry in Jena AND the IPCC lead author on the (biogeochemical) carbon cycle we should not underestimate the size of the toes Murry is treading on (nor indeed the piece of steaming jungle he is currently embedded-in). Furthermore, given that most of the AGW community (with the exception of solar scientists) have a record of abysmally poor backgrounding in the relatively arcane field of signal deconvolution (viz: Mann et al. etc.), I anticipate some significant difficulties with the publication of Salby’s deconvolutions, although to me as a neophyte (and only a geochemist) they seem plausible. It has always appeared a delicious irony to me that we (AGW scientists included) are all running around using cell phones reliant upon (in

their networks) probably the most famous modern FFT invented by the ageing but erudite Dr. Jeff Glassman of the (humble) Rocket Science blog, a post-war ‘god’ in the field of signal processing and that; signal deconvolution has such a critical role to play in understanding the global temperature milieu (Milankovich included). Jeff is of course a climate sceptic....

□ 20{*Nick Stokes*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 6:03 pm

Steve Short says: July 12, 2013 at 5:40 pm

“Personally, I found his Hamburg talk very interesting (despite the poor YouTube video quality).”

Poor video... two years ago we were su[[osed to work it out from a podcast. Why can’t he just write it down?

□ 20{*Eli Rabett*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 6:19 pm Macquarie.2 13 01:19am UTC

Macquarie has added more detail.

□ 20{*dbstealey*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 6:44 pm

Nyq Only says:

“Of course they canceled his ticket.”

But Macquarie admits:

“This was done in error and the University is reviewing relevant processes... At all times, due process has been followed in these matters...”

Well, it seems that due process has *not* been followed, since they admit to an “error”.

In any case, as stated previously this will all come out in the wash. But it is pretty clear from the above comment that the university was out to ‘get’ Dr Salby, by whatever means was at their disposal. They have now admitted to doing that (stupidly, IMHO). Next step: blame it on an underling.

The question remains: why target only Dr. Salby? Mann and Jones were certainly guilty of worse, IMHO, but they were treated to several whitewashes each, and both now preposterously claim to be “exonerated”.

The events exposed so far lead only to the conclusion that Prof Salby did not support the catastrophic AGW agenda. Given the disparate treatment between Jones and Mann, and Dr. Salby, the only discernable difference is Salby’s lack of support for the manmade global warming hoax.

Maybe there’s a bunny around who can explain any *other* reason for singling out one over the others. In the mean time, I note that Dr. Salby is still not permitted to answer his accusers in a setting allowing cross-examination. Maybe somebunny can explain that to us.

□ 20{*Nick Stokes*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 7:08 pm

dbstealey says: July 12, 2013 at 6:44 pm

“In the mean time, I note that Dr. Salby is still not permitted to answer his accusers in a setting allowing cross-examination. Maybe somebunny can explain that to us.”

There was ample opportunity to answer accusers, quiz witnesses etc in the MIC procedure. Check out 4.12.21 (d-f). But Dr Salby chose to go to Europe instead, in breach of explicit denial of approval from MQ, on a ticket irregularly purchased with a University credit card.

□ 20{*jimmi_the_dalek*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 7:45 pm

So he did purchase that ticket with a university credit card. That was a mistake, and a serious one, as it was a sacking offence right there. That is unfortunate as now the University will not have to defend the charge that he was sacked because of his research or his views on climate. That means that the merits, or otherwise, of his views will now never be tested via proper scientific debate through publications.

□ 20{*dbstealey*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 8:08 pm

Nick Stokes,

As I have written several times now, the truth will all come out in the wash. If Dr. Salby is guilty of wrongdoing, he is toast. Skeptics will not support someone who has done wrong. But at this point, the *only* ones who have admitted wrongdoing are university employees.

Contrast your condemnation of Salby with your imitation of crickets chirping regarding the Gleick affair. Gleick has admitted to wire fraud and theft, while Salby has accused Macquarie of wrongdoing — which Macquarie has since acknowledged is true, in writing.

At this point I’m interested in seeing where the chips fall. But I should point out that, once again, you have been shown to be in error — this time by contrasting your support of Gleick with your premature condemnation of Salby, before there is any kind of hearing— and once again you tuck tail and hide out, never admitting you were wrong about Gleick.

Being wrong and never admitting it is a pattern with you, and not one to be admired.

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jimmi_the_dalek,

The university has already admitted that it was wrong to cancel Salby’s airline ticket. They would be in a much stronger position if they had allowed him to

use it. And there is still the unanswered question of holding a hearing when it was not possible for Salby to attend.

Maybe Dr. Salby gave the go-ahead, but at this point it does not look good for Macquarie, and they have not denied Salby's charge.

At the very least, the university has handled this entire episode incompetently. That is what happens when dissenting views are not tolerated. So far they do not look like an innocent party.

□ 20{*Steve Short*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 8:13 pm

Nick, I agree this is self-destructive and self-centred behaviour. It would have been in Dr. Salby's interests to stay here in Sydney and use the MIC procedure. What is yet another conference in the scheme of things when (I opine) it is the science which is the priority – in a scientist's life. Of course beer is pretty cool too – noting it was in Hamburg...(-) But in the light of the NSF review showing his relatively crass manipulation of the NSF and NASA grant funding regime while at Colorado (and for sums which a relatively small!), which Dr. Halpern has kindly drawn to our attention, I agree it is not looking good at Macquarie Uni. for Murry Salby. Scientifically, I would also like to have seen a polite response to Prof. Colin Prentice's internal critique of his (Salby's) views back in 2011 if he was truly still then developing his understanding Salby's new interpretation of the ice core signal maximum amplitude continually 'back damping' in the firm layer is particularly intriguing. Where is the published evidence for that? This is beginning to feel like Miskolczi redux, only weirder.

□ 20{*Nick Stokes*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 9:05 pm

dbstealey says: July 12, 2013 at 8:08 pm

"But I should point out that, once again, you have been shown to be in error — this time by contrasting your support of Gleick with your premature condemnation of Salby, before there is any kind of hearing — and once again you tuck tail and hide out, never admitting you were wrong about Gleick."

OK, so I was wrong again, and dbstealey was right all along. It's clearly proved. Yet another failure by me to concede error.

But what did I say that was wrong about Gleick?

□ 20{*Nyg Only*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 9:10 pm

I note that as more details have appeared WUWT has not added new posts on this. Does Anthony Watts regard the more recent university statement as "pretty weak"?

http://www.announcements.mq.edu.au/vc/professor_murry_salby_and_his_dismissal_from_macquarie_university

[: That notice has already been posted on WUWT. — mod.]

□ 20{*jimmi_the_dalek*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 9:19 pm

db: "The university has already admitted that it was wrong to cancel Salby's airline ticket."

Yes, but they have not said why they think it was a mistake. I would guess (and yes that is speculation like virtually everything on this thread) that when informed that Prof Salby was in Europe putting unauthorised expenditure on a university credit card, then the university finance office simply cancelled the card to prevent further expenditure. Perhaps they now reckon it would have been better to let him come back and demand repayment as they may now have difficulty recovering the money.

Whatever the reason, it looks like Salby has blown it, and let the sceptic community down. If he had gone at his own expense entirely he might have got away with a rap over the knuckles for neglecting his teaching duties, but unauthorised use of a credit card is in another category all together, if proven.

□ 20{*dbstealey*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 9:34 pm

jimmi,

I am only going by the facts in evidence: the university admitted that it cancelled the ticket, and it admitted that was wrong. But it said nothing about canceling a credit card, so far as I am aware. I am not defending Salby. I am not defending the university. The truth will come out.

And thanks to Nick Stokes for obliquely admitting that he never attacked Gleick — who admittedly committed fraud — like he attacks Salby. Gleick is a proven liar, and a fraud by his own admission. Salby may have done wrong. But the jury is still out, no? Who do you think he is? Zimmerman?

□ 20{*ICU*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 10:05 pm

The irony of Dr. Salby's situation and most of the "sue MQ in court" comments in this (and the previous thread) is simply causing me to LMAO. The most ironic being "Dr. Salby's dog (e. g. MQ) ate his research" so that he can no longer publish his utterly absurd CO2 claims in the peer reviewed literature. Or so Dr. Salby would appear to be claiming at the present moment. IMHO, Dr. Salby did so on purpose, knowing full well that all he was doing was trash talking from the get go, and that purposely violating his MQ contract would provide convenient cover of said trash talking.

Since UC Boulder put all his stuff in lock down the 1st time for somewhat similar contract violations, Dr. Salby knew full well that if he were to violate his current contract, the same thing would happen again. In other words, Dr. Salby has already been there, done that.
I'd suggest that WUWT, Jo Nova, et. al. set up a plaintiff fund for Dr. Salby. Because I just love reading the failed court documents of Dr. Salby. Maybe we'll see Dr. Salby in the future working for the GWPF, or some such. :-)

□ 20{Jonas N} says:
July 13, 2013 at 5:42 am
Well, not really ...

The MacqUniv-accusations need to be read carefully, and are actually not over unauthorized expenses. It is over non-approved absence from ordered teaching duties (and that may very well be correct).

The other complaint wrt the expenditures is that he used an 'unapproved' (travel-) agent for booking his flight, in breach of Univ-policy! That indeed sounds 'heavy' (nt)

And I agree, it sure looks like someone there was very eager and heapy to 'get rid' of Salby. And we don't need to look hard for other such sentiments, attempts, and pressure to that effect directed at 'non-complying' scientists around climate change. The written orders to teach imply a longer history than just the recent trip. And may be just what those who wanted to get rid of him needed, or even facillitated to create.

But I disagree, we will probably never get to know the real reasons for why this conflict occurred, how it happened and escalated. It sure doesn't look like one the university tried to resolve ...

□ 20{Jonas N} says:
July 13, 2013 at 5:58 am
ICU

Regarding your 'LYAO', I think that that's 100% true. That you are very happy that Salby got into this kind of trouble. But I suspect that your alleged happiness is all for the wrong reasons.

And you give some of them yourself: "*his utterly absurd CO2 claims ...*" and "*Dr. Salby did so on purpose, knowing full well that all he was doing was trash talking from the get go ..*"

I wouldn't expect you to form any intelligent opinion. about what Salby argues wrt observations. But possibly repeating phrases you've picked up on them heavily censored pro-(C)AGW-sites who, no doubt, are equally happy ...

□ 20{Keitho} says:

July 13, 2013 at 6:36 am

ICU says:

July 12, 2013 at 10:05 pm (Edit)

I have watched the video of Prof Salby's presentation twice now
<http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2013/06/another-nail-in-the-climate-change-coffin.php>

and I have to say that I could see no obvious mistakes or contradictions in it. You, obviously, have far more knowledge and understanding of this matter and so I would ask you, respectfully, to point out the errors in Prof Salby's thinking regarding Man Made CO2 and it's role in our climate. I am certain that all of us here would benefit from your insights.

Regarding the professor's activities at the University or anywhere else unrelated to his theories on CO2 I must say that it all smacks of university politics, which have always been quite disgusting, but even if there are some facts in there I fail to see what import they have on the CO2 theory.

Warm Regards

□ 20{steve richards1984} says:
July 13, 2013 at 6:42 am

This story becomes more intriguing by the day.

With reference to the credit card, in the UK, the provider of debt MQ has a duty to limit the increase of a debt.

Lets say you rent a DVD from a store, it costs 2 per night, and you have it booked for 3 nights.

If you did not take it back until 6 months later, the rental shop would not be allowed to charge you $2 \times 7 \times 6 = 84$, a UK judge ruled that the store had a duty to try 'as early as possible' to correct the situation and not wait for a big bill to mount up. The judge ruled the 84 unfair and substituted a lower fee. In this case you have a rogue member of staff on unauthorised overseas travel buying air tickets, hotel bills, taxis etc. If the company took this person to court in the UK, the judge would say "Why did you not cancel the card to minimise the debt increase".

I suspect Australia has a similar law.

□ 20{Phil.} says:
July 13, 2013 at 7:36 am

Jonas N says:

July 13, 2013 at 5:42 am

Well, not really ...

The MacqUniv-accusations need to be read carefully, and are actually not over unauthorized expenses. It is over non-approved absence from ordered teaching duties (and that may very well be correct).

The other complaint wrt the expenditures is that he used an ‘unapproved’ (travel-) agent for booking his flight, in breach of Univ-policy! That indeed sounds ‘heavy’ (nt)

Actually it is, there are usually laid down procedures to ensure that only approved expenditures are incurred on university accounts. Given Salby’s background of failure to follow established procedures in his previous position and being found guilty of deception in his dealings with the university and NSF it certainly gives the impression that this may have been done to avoid scrutiny! I know nothing about Salby other than what’s been posted here but I’m not inclined to accept his account without corroboration given the NSF report.

<http://www.nsf.gov/oig/search/106090025.pdf> **NSF 13 02:36pm UTC**

□ 20{Jonas N} says:

July 13, 2013 at 8:02 am

Phil.

I would expect both parties to try painstakingly to adhere to statements and claims that are not obviously untrue (and could be proven so).

MacqUniv’s claims here are to ‘unapproved agent’ wrt to his ticket purchase.

The other words about ‘expenditures’ are just blustering, no substantive accusations. Salby claims that his travel and arrangements were known, approved, and adjusted towards their requirements.

And I don’t expect you to accept anyone’s account. But encourage you to read what the actual accusations made actually do say . (and what they don’t say)

□ 20{Phil.} says:

July 13, 2013 at 8:50 am

Jonas N says:

July 13, 2013 at 8:02 am

Phil.

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And I don’t expect you to accept anyone’s account. But encourage you to read what the actual accusations made actually do say .. (and what they don’t say)

I have, Salby claimed that the university had declined his expenses for the european trip and that they “had to be fulfilled at personal expense”. It’s the inconsistencies in the statements that concern me. If the travel arrangements had been approved surely the tickets would have been purchased via the proper

channels?

□ 20{steverichards1984} says:

July 13, 2013 at 9:09 am

Jona N:

The (*sic: he*) did not follow the rules on three occasions:

1)

his repeated refusal to teach, over a sustained period of time, in contravention of his contract of employment.

2)

The second reason was inappropriate use of University resources. Professor Salby travelled to Europe during a time when he was obliged to be at the University against DIRECT, WRITTEN INSTRUCTION.

3)

Furthermore he used a University credit card to pay for the flights through an unapproved agency. This is AGAINST University policy.

If they don’t like you for whatever reason, any of the 3 above will do you down.

If they like you and you were delivering whatever you were expected to deliver, they would turn a blind eye.

Normal behaviour I am afraid...

Its now a bit late, but for others, if you wished to operate in a slightly maverick manner (ie go against the flow of your paymaster) then make sure that you are perfect with all of the bureaucratic rules they impose, and turn it into a long waiting game.

□ 20{Thomas} says:

July 13, 2013 at 2:00 pm

steverichards1984, on your second point, note how Salby writes “While I was in Europe presenting our new research on greenhouse gases, Macquarie undertook its misconduct proceedings – with me in absentia.”

So first he goes to Europe against written instructions (presumably because the university wanted him available for the proceedings), and then he uses his absence as an accusation against the university. That’s some chutzpah!

□ 20{Nyq Only} says:

July 13, 2013 at 2:12 pm

Jonas N says: “MacqUniv’s claims here are to ‘unapproved agent’ wrt to his ticket purchase. The other words about ‘expenditures’ are just blustering, no substantive accusations. Salby claims that his travel and arrangements were known, approved, and adjusted towards their requirements.”

Sorry but no. Prof Salby's statement contradicts what you are saying.

"9. Forms for research travel that were lodged with Macquarie included a description of the findings. Presentation of our research was then blocked by Macquarie. The obstruction was imposed after arrangements had been made at several venues (arranged then to conform to other restrictions imposed by Macquarie). Macquarie's intervention would have silenced the release of our research." and

"12. Obligations to present our new research on greenhouse gases (previously arranged), had to be fulfilled at personal expense."

Even prior to the university's second statement it was clear that Prof Salby's story was somewhat inconsistent regarding this plane ticket – i.e. he had overtly said that the university had not approved the travel and that he had to bear the costs. Even if we just go on Prof Salby's account alone there is something odd about the plane ticket cancellation as he implies that 1. the university declined to fund the travel and 2. he had a return plane ticket for the travel paid for by the university.

□ 20{*Nyq Only*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 2:29 pm

Re:

http://www.announcements.mq.edu.au/vc/professor_murry_salby_and_his_dismissal_from_macquarie_university [: That notice has already been posted on WUWT. — mod.]

Thanks moderator – I know Eli Rabbet posted it on comments on this thread but what I was wondering was whether Anthony Watts was going to post a message about it – in particular whether he thought it was “pretty weak” like the last university communication. Also he said about the first university press release “Given the furor this has generated, it seems odd they'd leave this to the lowest person on the organizational ladder. -Anthony” – whereas this second one was from the vice-chancellor.

Lots of people are naturally concerned about what may happen to Prof Salby and I'm surprised the only new top level post on the topic was a cartoon.

□ 20{*Jonas N*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 4:31 pm

Nyq Only

;y reading of this is that first things were approved, or already agreed upon and arranged, and that they were subsequently changed, and even possibly revoked. Or that he was thereafter ‘ordered’ to do something colliding with already made (and possibly approved) plans. And that such changes forced him pay for altered plans.

If, and I say if these alterations and even revocations had the (main) purpose of preventing him to present his new findings, then this would be yet another big

scandal from the same ‘team’ where wev’e gotten used to such by now.

But anyhow, several things about this story stink badly of nasty university politics already. And as somebody mentioned, this has happened to him before. Thomas (a well known Swedish activist) finds nothing peculiar with an order to not go to an already agreed and arranged conference, neither with the harassment of his gradstudent. He writes:

“presumably because the university wanted him available for the proceedings”

Yes, presumably ‘the University’, or rather those pulling the strings had nothing but the best intentions in mind for Salby, and just happened to ‘order him’ to be where he had planned not to be at exactly that time.

And BTW .. I lost count on how many ‘independent investigations’ exonerated Mann and Jones etc of any wrongdoing. I think even the Attorney General of Virginia could not find one thing wrong with anything of Mann's doings while there. And you can't blame the guy for lack of trying, can you? /sarc off

□ 20{*dbstealey*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 6:01 pm

Jonas says:

“...several things about this story stink badly of nasty university politics already.”

Isn't that the truth!

I would like to see all the commenters here who are happy to see Dr Salby under fire, link to their previous comments — if any — that criticized Peter Gleick for his self-admitted fraud. Which is, to my mind, certainly worse than what we have read up to now regarding Dr. Salby.

There is also no doubt in my mind that if Salby was on board with the manmade global warming narrative, this would never have been an issue. No one would have ever known about it — is there any doubt about that? But of course, Ceasar's wife must be above reproach, and Salby should have known, following his global warming apostasy, that his every action would be closely scrutinized by people with the long knives. Anyone who believes that universities are not ruled by water cooler politics is simply naive. Maybe Salby's mortal sin was being naïve

It might be that neither side is blameless. But I note that the university has already confessed to wrongdoing; Dr. Salby has not.

No doubt the truth will eventually come out. But I would like to point out that “ICU” has apparently decided that the mere accusations of guilt are enough to negate Dr. Salby's scientific work. Perhaps ICU can explain for us how that works.

□ 20{*Nyq Only*} says:

July 13, 2013 at 6:09 pm

Jonas N says: "reading of this is that first things were approved, or already agreed upon and arranged, and that they were subsequently changed, and even possibly revoked."

Well that isn't the account Prof. Salby gives. He says he was blocked when he submitted forms "9. Forms for research travel that were lodged with Macquarie included a description of the findings. Presentation of our research was then blocked by Macquarie." Now he does also that he had already made some arrangements. He says this was "8. Under the resources Macquarie had agreed to provide, arrangements were made to present this new research at a scientific conference and in a lecture series at research centers in Europe." But this was already well into a protracted dispute between him and the uni in terms of what he thought they had agreed to and what they thought he had agreed to.

Jonas N "If, and I say if these alterations and even revocations had the (main) purpose of preventing him to present his new findings, then this would be yet another big scandal from the same 'team' where we've gotten used to such by now."

Huh? What 'team' are you referring to? And the last time I checked 1. it is the 21st century 2. physically traveling to Europe isn't the only way of communicating important research findings and 3. Prof Salby has been communicating his findings in all sorts of ways. The primary communication issue on his findings hasn't been obstruction from the uni but Prof Salby not providing further details about his conclusions. All he needs is a working internet connection. And none of that explains why he would buy a plane ticket using university funds if he knew he didn't have approval from the uni. And STILL nobody has explained what the conversion of his computer program was supposed to be. Why would a computer program need to be converted to work in Australia?

□ 20{Jonas N} says:

July 14, 2013 at 3:21 am

Nyq Only

Somehow I get the impression that you are quite happy with all the mudslinging that is and has been going on. While telling me that you are completely unaware of what previous instances I was referring to. You even seem to question that (at least part of) the controversy was about going to that conference and other presentations: 'All he needs in the 21st century is a internet connection ... ' Yeah right!

Well, I don't think I need to argue further, neither do I think you really are interested in finding out or getting to the bottom of this. I even think your 'arguments' glaringly contradict themselves. But, maybe that's just me, or you trying to interpret and fit this onto some strange narrative.

As I said: I don't know the details either. But the notion that all this

commotion (and worse) is completely unrelated to his views and findings regarding climate and CO2-levels ... is more than just a bit hard to digest. Sorry to hear that you seemingly have no knowledge of any 'team' or its previous tactics and scandals. But it's good you checked (once more) that it is indeed the 21st century. That spared me the trouble ...

;-)

□ 20{Nyq Only} says:

July 14, 2013 at 12:01 pm

Jonas N says: "Somehow I get the impression that you are quite happy with all the mudslinging that is and has been going on. While telling me that you are completely unaware of what previous instances I was referring to."

Not at all – I think the mudslinging at the university has been poorly substantiated. As for previous instances I took it to mean you meant from this particular university – if so you should outline them.

"I even think your 'arguments' glaringly contradict themselves."

– OK so can you show which arguments contradict themselves? No?

"But the notion that all this commotion (and worse) is completely unrelated to his views and findings regarding climate and CO2-levels ... is more than just a bit hard to digest."

Well we can check empirically, can't we? Salby shot to prominence in 'skeptical' circles in 2011. Prior to that he wasn't known as having controversial views on the issue. According to his own account by 2011 he was already in a protracted dispute with the university. Also his problems with the NSF predate that by several years. More relevantly Prof. Salby himself says that it was the dispute over resources with the uni that gave him the time to think about the CO2 issue.

So what is the causal connection here? Did the dispute with the uni arise because of his public comments about CO2? No. We know that it isn't the case from Salby's own account. Yet you say that it is implausible that there isn't a connection. If you are correct then the CONNECTION MUST BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND. i.e. his public comments challenging the role of CO2 in climate science were motivated by his dispute with the university rather than vice-versa. Is that REALLY what you would like us to take away from this situation?

□ 20{Jonas N} says:

July 15, 2013 at 12:47 am

A lot of conjecture there ...

And yes the university has been criticized, not defunded, left hanging with a cancelled ticket abroad, its material seized, or its co-workers forbidden to contact it ...

As for 'team tactics', I don't even have to outline what I am referring to. Even

if you (pretend to) not know.

But let me ask you this for clarification: Are you suggesting that we can positively exclude that his treatment in no way is related to his views and that he was on his way to present it at a major conference and some other invited lectures too?

I of course would have a very hard time proving the positive here. And if true, it would be denied vehemently. But are you asserting the negative instead?

That this has nothing to do with it?

As for the ‘checking empirically’. No, you have no clue when his views (or criticisms) started to evolve, and how he expressed them and who objected. And no, Salby was quite clear about this: The recent conflict (re)evolved around his going on a tour presenting his findings.

Your last paragraph’s logic is so poor, I won’t even comment. And it just reinforces my impression that your ‘interest’ in the matter is motivated by something very different than finding out ..

Heck, this is the 21st century, where everybody has an internet connection. What do we even need the IPCC for, or the many COP meetings?

;-)

And no, I didn’t bother to point out all the glaring contradictions in your descriptions. As I said, it is very hard not to get the impression that you are perfectly happy (and mainly motivated) by any mudslinging towards Salby ... and I can assure you, lots on your side are presently. DeSmogBlog is probably the right hang-out for you ...

□ 20 {*Steve Short*} says:

July 15, 2013 at 1:01 am

Now that we have damning evidence from the NSF regarding Salby’s less than squeaky clean behaviour with research grant funds, unearthed by the no less than the Master Rodent himself, am I to be the first to point out that we now seem to have another Shakespearian tragedy in the making along the lines of the previous Miskolczián debacle?

And yet, and yet, ...how are we to reconcile such appearances with this sweet piece of cutting edge science?

http://www.dhushara.com/Biocrisis/11/jun/ozone_recover.pdf

Endorsed by Prof. David Karoly himself too, gadzooks!

Is nothing sacred?

□ 20 {*Nick Stokes*} says:

July 15, 2013 at 1:26 am

Jonas N says: July 15, 2013 at 12:47 am

“defunded, left hanging with a cancelled ticket abroad, its material seized, or its co-workers forbidden to contact it”

“Are you suggesting that we can positively exclude that his treatment in no way is related to his views?”

Dr Salby made *rather similar allegations* against his previous University. He had no reputation as a skeptic then.

□ 20 {*Steve Short*} says:

July 15, 2013 at 1:43 am

One thing I always liked about Shakespeare and his tragedies. He always knew exactly what features made for a superb tragedy and rightly pumped them up super hard with it. This is why they work so well in an academic (and science) milieu and Brer Rabbett can’t tear himself away.

Fear and loathing.

□ 20 {*Nyq Only*} says:

July 15, 2013 at 2:26 am

Jonas N says: “A lot of conjecture there ...” – and yet much less than in the multiple accusations made against the university...

“As for ‘team tactics’, I don’t even have to outline what I am referring to.”

– clearly you don’t want to. Why suddenly so coy? Ploughing through the many comments about this affair I see lots of vague insinuation. Let us stick to critically examining facts and making rational, defensible conclusions. Hand waving at some shadowy cabals is the opposite of skepticism.

“But let me ask you this for clarification: Are you suggesting that we can positively exclude that his treatment in no way is related to his views and that he was on his way to present it at a major conference and some other invited lectures too?”

– No we can’t. Indeed in my last post I pointed out that if there is a causal relation that it could well be the opposite of what people have suggested.

“No, you have no clue when his views (or criticisms) started to evolve”

– Well I have SOME clue. We have Prof Salby’s own account and we can look at his published work and his published comments etc. Of course Prof Salby could be lying but that would be a very strange argument for you to make.

“Your last paragraph’s logic is so poor, I won’t even comment.”

– gosh something else you won’t comment on. You wrote an amazingly long reply to declare how intent you are on not saying anything.

“And no, I didn’t bother to point out all the glaring contradictions in your descriptions.”

– Of course you didn’t. I’m assuming that you didn’t because you can’t but that is just a conjecture...

“As I said, it is very hard not to get the impression that you are perfectly happy (and mainly motivated) by any mudslinging towards Salby”

– I haven’t slung any mud at Salby. It is you who is insisting that there is a connection between his conflicts with the university (which began in 2008

according to Prof Salby) and his sceptical views about the role of CO2 (which formed sometime after according to Prof Salby).

“DeSmogBlog is probably the right hang-out for you ...”

Why do you want me to read DeSmogBlog? Odd recommendation from a supposed supporter of Prof Salby. I wonder if it is true that Green false flag trolls post comments here to make WUWT commentators look silly?

□ 20{Connolly} says:

July 16, 2013 at 6:32 am

Nyq Only

This may come as a shock. But it is not uncommon for employers to unfairly dismiss employees for a collateral purpose. Unfair employers can whistle and tie shoelaces at the same time. Salby’s contractual dispute may have started before he publicly proclaimed his heresy but that chronology in no way of itself eliminates Salby’s heresy being a substantial reason for his dismissal. Is this too hard for you? Or are you just a snivelling apologist for a ruthless and unfair employer? Or is it both?

□ 20{Nyq Only} says:

July 16, 2013 at 11:42 am

Connolly: “This may come as a shock. But it is not uncommon for employers to unfairly dismiss employees for a collateral purpose.”

That certainly doesn’t come as a shock and those purposes can be quite obscure (e.g. they want to make cuts in a particular section but don’t want the additional expense of redundancies). It also isn’t uncommon for employers to want to sack employees because they aren’t very good at their jobs.

“Salby’s contractual dispute may have started before he publicly proclaimed his heresy but that chronology in no way of itself eliminates Salby’s heresy being a substantial reason for his dismissal.”

Perhaps but it 1. throws some doubt on the possibility (we now have to multiply causes) and 2. the various claims above where that the university had been motivated throughout by a desire to act against Prof Salby’s skepticism. We have had some people claim that Prof Salby was even employed by the uni in the first place as some kind of pre-emptive strike against his research. The contributor “Jonas” referred me to DeSmog Blog’s post on the matter and as others have pointed out Prof Salby has had protracted a litigious disputes with his previous employers with similar claims (by him) of being deprived resources etc. This was all well before Prof Salby was notable for having “skeptical” views on climate. Indeed much of the power of his talks since 2011 was that Prof Salby was, apparently, coming from mainstream climate science academia.

Of course in the meantime we’ve had the quiet dumping of Prof Salby. This blog for examples was initially posting multiple threads on his dismissal. Now

the issue seems to have been rapidly dropped. Why do you think that is?

Personally I have a lot of sympathy for Prof Salby. Regardless of how he got into the situation and regardless of how much malice came from the uni, it isn’t a nice circumstance to be in. He tried to make a new life in Australia and things went bad. I wouldn’t wish that on anybody.

□ 20{Macquarie University insider} {University insider} says:

July 17, 2013 at 7:08 pm

Culture – dictatorial and barbaric (possibly also can be classified as criminal and corruption).

The Macquarie university’s response is lie. Many ‘professional Liars’ are working at the university. These are standard formula and evil tactics that they use all the time. The corruption and abuse of power are common in many Australian universities. Michael Egan, Macquarie’s Chachancellor (former Labor party politician and union official) should be very familiar with these practices at Macquarie university, even in the local state government.

Many “doggy” people have been filled in universities. Some are from overseas dictatorial and corrupted countries. Many have “criminal” mindset and “rat” or “sickness” behaviour. I am not surprised about the Prof Salby’s case and his student’s situations at all. I know many people who have same treatments in the university. What he is telling to us is true. Prof Salby is not only the one. Other incident such as Professor Kim Walker, from University of Sydney. <http://www.smh.com.au/national/postgraduate-education/uni-made-me-unemployable-says-exdean-20130213-2eddd.html>. Many of cases are not in the newspapers.

Just looking at the Macquarie university, a number of incidents have been occurred (for an example, <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/ex-minister-peter-anderson-bullied-staff-hired-mates-ran-fiefdom-icac/story-e6frgcjx-1226018048276>). Some of the thought leaders who have strong track records that you might like know: Michael Egan (Chancellor), Judyth Sachs (Provost), Tim Flannery, Philomena Leung (Head, Accounting Dept), Peter Anderson (Policing Research Centre). There are quite a few more... They like to hire people’s characteristics that similar to them. Macquarie University’s organisational culture is managed by Human Resources Director and psychologist, Tim Sprague. Some of collaboration administration units include IT dept and NTEU (eg. Marc Bailey (CIO)). Don’t be surprised that NTEU is not in your side. Look up local criminal network history.

In practice, Human Resources focus on ‘abuse’ staff with ‘doggy’ psychological tactics. They have expertise to create false documents and training up liars. The IT dept removes all electronic and communication

evidences. They also like to hire ‘rat behaviour’ academics. They set-up fault cases against decent people. Therefore, university can remove all fault and criminal evidences that victims could be used in future. The goal is to damage victims’ reputations and their credibilities. They also don’t want the victims keep any evidences and records. This type of “organised crime” issue is very common and serious problems in Australian universities, not just at Macquarie University. You would not want to believe it that we would have such low standard.

Can we call this “science”? Do universities conduct ‘science research’ anymore? What do you think the university’s reputation and the quality of graduates.

There is an express immigration for skilled labour (However, you should call this ‘people smuggling business model’. Note that tertiary education is the 3rd largest (cash-cow) industry in Australian economy) Some of other incidents in New Zealand: see here <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-07-11/an-nz-china-visa-scam/4124848>.

If you look up history about local government politics, Labor and union movements, and ‘local crime network’, you may have better ideas.

□ 20{Macquarie University insider} {University insider} says:

July 17, 2013 at 8:09 pm

Faceless man poticitics or dirty business? “Rat” or ‘Academic Science’ awards?

What’s now?

Is this a really real issue of asylum boats? Why they always use the same tactics on election? Who are the players in ‘people smuggling business’? Was it “faceless-man” or sponsor of ‘faceless-man’? or sponsor of local criminal network?

Insider deals are never ending. Check out who receive awards and free stuffs? Who pay for university? You – Australian taxpayers’ money.

News update:

“Macquarie University has today awarded a doctor of letters honoris causa to both the Foreign Affairs Ministers of Australia and Indonesia; Senator the Honorable Bob Carr and His Excellency Dr Marty Natalegawa.”

Photos: Vice-Chancellor Professor S. Bruce Dowton joins honorary doctorate recipients Senator the Honorable Bob Carr and His Excellency Dr Marty Natalegawa, with Chancellor The Hon Michael Egan and Deputy Chancellor, Elizabeth Crouch

Read more: <http://www.mq.edu.au/newsroom/2013/07/16/foreign-affairs-ministers-awarded-honorary-doctorates/#ixzz2ZMQovZOd>“

Z.21 10 04:01pm NOVA.2 JoAnne Nova

Macquarie Uni responds to Murry Salby. What they don't say speaks volumes

LOCAL TIME: UTC+8

<http://www.webcitation.org/6IAkKbFeS> 21{joannenova}

POST

'In reply to my email request, a spokesperson from Macquarie replied today. The entire response to [Murry Salby's 20-point-list of serious accusations](#) is reproduced in full (my thoughts below):

10 July 2013 (Macquarie.1)

STATEMENT REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF PROFESSOR MURRY SALBY

Prof Murry Salby

Macquarie University does not normally comment on the circumstances under which employees leave the University. However, we feel in this instance it is necessary to do so in order to correct misinformation. The decision to terminate Professor Murry Salby's employment with Macquarie University had nothing to do with his views on climate change nor any other views. The University supports academic freedom of speech and freedom to pursue research interests.

Professor Salby's employment was terminated firstly, because he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach. After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take.

The University took this matter very seriously as the education and welfare of students is a primary concern. The second reason for his termination involved breaches of University policies in relation to travel and use of University resources.

The termination of his employment followed an extensive and detailed internal process, including two separate investigations undertaken by a committee chaired by a former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and including a union nominee.

– Attributed to "A spokesperson" for Macquarie University'

**My thoughts**

Is that it? This did not address any of Murry Salby's points. What misinformation was corrected here? Macquarie University want us to believe his unpopular research conclusions had nothing to do with his termination of employment. But when he claims to have been employed to do research, they reply instead that he failed his teaching duties. *Wasn't that his point?*

As I understand it, Salby was lured here for his research. He moved all the way to Australia in order to "rebuild his research program" for which he was promised many resources. According to him, Macquarie delayed, broke its contractual agreement and failed to provide them. (See points 1,2 &3). Macquarie don't appear to disagree with this. When he protested, didn't the university try to reduce his role to that of "a student teaching assistant". (See point 10). If he objected to taking on that teaching role (say, in order to do the research he was originally employed to do) is that so bad?

Purely hypothetically, suppose, after they hired him, they realized he was not making the "right" conclusions. Wouldn't it be o-so-convenient to withhold resources, then ask him to do more and more teaching, of a more and more onerous nature, and then starve him of time and resources to do his research, until he quit, or grew frustrated, or stepped over some arbitrary new line? It would be the bureaucratic way to sabotage awkward research. We don't know that happened, but the response above does nothing to show that it didn't.

What Macquarie University did not say:

First and foremost, they find no fault with his research or methodology. They did not describe (with details) how forces outside their control made it impossible to provide Salby with the resources they were contractually required to provide. They did not describe making an effort to help him with his research. Nor do they point to other researchers they employ with skeptical views who speak highly of Macquarie Uni.

They don't disagree with his points, implying they did cancel an air ticket on him leaving him in a foreign city with no accommodation and no warning, or even a courtesy call. Apparently, they did hold a misconduct proceeding which he was unable to attend because of the flight cancellation (really?). Macquarie claim that process was "extensive" and "detailed" but most people would expect that if that was the case, Murry Salby might have had the right to explain himself in person, rather than to be phoning last minute hotels in Paris instead.

The university may well take the education and welfare of its students as "a primary concern" but I suspect great universities hold groundbreaking research as the top goal (and the students learn by imitation). Furthermore, brave talented research attracts brave talented students. Shouldn't Macquarie Uni want to foster debate, keep a broad spectrum of voices on campus, provoke a little controversy, and maintain impeccable standards of logic and reason? It's hard to imagine science students would be inspired to watch universities reward researchers who find results that fit government policies, but quietly sideline and undermine the potential of researchers who announce results that don't. Am I being taxed to fund that?

I suggest that a university of this type (if that is what Macquarie is) would train good bottle-washers, but not researchers who break new ground.

Macquarie University is welcome to respond, as is Murry Salby. Obviously there are many details we do not know, but if Macquarie Uni had a good reason to act the way it did, it has not provided it today.

ADDENDUM:

Murry Salby has emailed me today with some background information, and to answer a question I had. He confirms the email yesterday was written by him, and has provided some documentation to back that up, for which I am grateful. He remains very concerned about his former PhD student.

Rating: 8.6/10 (141 votes cast)

Unlike sequential blogs, where the following need only appear once, here they appear in each of the ongoing threads, to help show when people might have started seeing them.

Sometimes commenters explicitly noted them, but sometimes, behavior implied that they had seen the *DeSmogBlog* posts, without mention.¹

Macquarie.1 10 11:00am UTC - 11 07:00am NOVA time

Macquarie.2 12 01:59pm UTC = 12 09:59pm NOVA time

DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC = 13 01:53am NOVA time

DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC = 13 02:44am NOVA time

¹ Since many of the commenters seemed certain that *DeSmogBlog* was untrustworthy, they may not wanted to have mentioned it.

COMMENTS(210)**210 comments to Macquarie Uni responds to Murry Salby. What they don't say speaks volumes**

21 {MP} #1
 July 11, 2013 at 4:35 am +1-0
 Minor correction: "education and welfare of it's its students"
 —Ta. I thought I had fixed that – Jo

21 {Bulldust} #1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 3:31 pm · +5 -0
 Sorry to hijack ... just so it's attached close to the top – the uni response is a standard message which was posted on its web site 16 hours ago:
<http://www.mq.edu.au/newsroom/2013/07/10/statement-regarding-the-termination-of-professor-murry-salby/>
 Searching Salby at MQ yields:
http://www.mq.edu.au/search/search-results.html?cx=018228073491741698199%3Abz06o_gto80&cof=FORID%3A9&ie=UTF-8&q=salby&sa=Search
 But the staff link 404's:
<http://envsci.mq.edu.au/staff/ms/>
 Interestingly you still see his research there:
<http://www.researchonline.mq.edu.au/vital/access/BibliographyStatistics/Salby,%20Murry%20L?letter=S&highlights=true>

21 {Bulldust} #1.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 3:46 pm · +4 -0
 Seems his Russian PhD student is still listed at MQ:
<http://envirogeog.mq.edu.au/about/students/person.htm?id=etitova>
 How do I know she is the one?
<http://www.climatefutures.mq.edu.au/postgraduate-studies/students/>
 See listed supervisor. I trust no one will misuse the contact information.

21 {mangochutney} #1.1.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 6:57 pm · +6 -1
 Spotted that one yesterday 😊
 Salby had a contract with Maquarie as stated by both Salby and Maquarie, therefore Salby may have a claim under unfair dismissal law in Australia. Australia also has FOI laws, so no reason why Salby cannot request information concerning his dismissal
 The termination of his employment followed an extensive and detailed internal process, including two separate investigations undertaken by a committee chaired by a former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and including a union

nominee.
 As can Evgenia Titova

21 {Macha} #1.1.1.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 9:11 pm · +3 -0
 Oops. Tim flannery.boldly auto spell check.

21 {Sceptical Sam}
 July 12, 2013 at 1:03 pm ·
 former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and including a union nominee.
 Exactly.
 Who was the Commissar and who was the union nominee?
 Why would I not be surprised if both were supporters of the Labor Party and, in turn, biased in favour of the Labor Party's position on CAGW?
 And, when was the right to Natural Justice (Procedural Fairness) rescinded from administrative law in Australia?
 It smells like a stitch up and looks like a stitch up to me.
 MacQ is looking even more flaky given its "non-response".

Macquarie.2 12 01:59pm UTC = 12 09:59pm for NOVA time
DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC = 13 01:53am NOVA time
DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC = 13 02:44am NOVA time

21 {blackadderthe4th} NSF 13 03:51pm UTC #1.1.1.1.3
 July 13, 2013 at 11:51 pm · +4 -0
 'MacQ is looking even more flaky given its "non-response"'
 'Here's an amusing tale:
 Remember Murry Salby, He-Who-Has-Been-Wronged by Macquarie University?
 Prior to moving to Australia, he was a tenured Professor at the University of Colorado-Boulder. But he was forced to resign in 2007 and by 2009 had been debarred by the National Science Foundation (NSF) from Federal funding until 08/13/12.
<http://www.desmogblog.com/2013...>

From the NSF's report:

"The Subject's fifteen-year-long pattern of deceptive statements to his University and to NSF disguised his participation in entities and activities that existed for the purpose of maximizing his personal financial compensation and shielding the extent of his compensation from discovery or accountability"
 "The most egregious act of misconduct is the deficient and likely fraudulent preparation of the Subject's time and effort reports for Company 2."
 "the Subject's response was to continue and expand his pattern of deception and

obfuscation, and to begin personal attacks on his former colleagues”
 Salby claimed unfair treatment, sued, and lost.
 It’s funny that everyone here leapt to his defence and will happily poke at Mann/Briffa/Jones with any stick-shaped argument you can find. But Salby’s previous conduct is demonstrably appalling, and there are court records that testify to this. He was debarred from NSF funding, for heaven’s sake!
 Long may this story fester so the full Macquarie story will out.’
 With credit to soosooos

21 {David, UK} #1.1.1.1.1
 July 14, 2013 at 5:01 am · +0 -0
 Long may this story fester so the full Macquarie story will out.
 Well, indeed. Let’s have the full story before we judge. I’m sure Macquarie will be only too forthcoming. /sarc

21 {Sceptical Sam} #1.1.1.1.2
 July 15, 2013 at 2:11 am · +0 -0
 Well I see that MacQ has responded with a further statement (see #62 below) that admits it cancelled the return leg of Salby’s ticket.
 Under those circumstances it would be interesting to hear from MacQ how it intended Salby to attend the misconduct proceedings that he says they held in his absence. I ask again: when was Natural Justice (Procedural Fairness) removed from Australia administrative law?
 And, it still looks like a bias existed on the investigation committee, given that MacQ is not telling who the chair of the committee was and who was the union rep.

That subthread wound down quickly, but the next continued the main subthread most seemed to be following, so back to July 11.

21 {Macha} #1.1.1.2
 July 11, 2013 at 9:10 pm · +1 -0
 I notice Tom Flanders is in the list of supervisors...hmmm. I smell a rat.

21 {Gee Aye} #1.1.2
 July 11, 2013 at 4:06 pm · +2 -1
 His old pages can be easily seen using one of the time machines on the web. I must say the quality of Macquarie’s staff pages is pretty poor.

21 {pesadia} #2
 July 11, 2013 at 4:43 am · +48 -1
 As you say, the statement from the university provides no answers to the points

mentioned in Murray Salby’s E-Mail. If anything, it confirms his claims.
 Unfortunately, when it comes to describing my feelings, words, fail me, but the nasty taste in my mouth will remain for some considerable time
 I salute Murray Salby and all those of his ilk for having the tenacity to stick to their guns. Where would we be now without these honourable people?

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #2.1
 July 12, 2013 at 10:46 am · +5 -0

Peasdia,
 Tim Sprague, HR Director would inform his collaborator (Chief Information Officer, Marc Bailey) to take action. The IT staff can remove all electronic resources (including Prof Murry Salby’s email account, all his research works and files).
 They don’t want Prof Murry Salby has any evidences for his claims to against the university in future.
 It is a standard formula that they use all the time at Macquarie University.
 Macquarie university would not tell the true to the public.

21 {fenbeagleblog} #3
 July 11, 2013 at 4:58 am · +49 -0
 Now they’ve insulted everyone’s intelligence.

21 {A.D. Everard} #4
 July 11, 2013 at 5:27 am · +24 -0
 The student is a concern. Does anyone know what’s happening with her, or even where she is?

21 {Wendy} #5
 July 11, 2013 at 5:28 am · +38 -0
 I hope I’m not the only one that finds some of the wording from Macquarie University really odd. Like this snippet: “he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take”.
 Would that have been after the Uni cancelled his ticket?

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #5.1
 July 12, 2013 at 11:14 am · +6 -0
 Don’t you think that is a set-up? Macquarie university did not want Prof Murry Sadly to take the class. Therefore, Macquarie can claim that he “failed to arrive at a class had been scheduled to take”. HR claimed ‘a misconduct case’ and pushed him out of the university. That’s why Macquarie University removed electronic records and communication evidences.
 It is a criminal (organised crime) issue. You would not want to believe this is

happening in a public Australian university.

21 {toad} #6
 July 11, 2013 at 5:30 am · +32 -0

When in a hole don't start digging. Methinks 'a spokesperson' would have done much better to say nothing.

21 {Foxgoose} #7
 July 11, 2013 at 5:32 am · +52 -0

This has an eerie similarity to the replies those of us who were libeled by the Lewandowsky/Cook crew got following complaints to UWA.

Complete avoidance of the substantive points raised – combined with a straw man argument so hastily assembled that the straws blew away in the wind as one watched.

It also closely resembles the output that those of us in the Mother Country regularly get from complaints to the BBC.

The decoded message reads – “We are part of the establishment. We know what's best for you – and, more importantly, for us. You, on the other hand, are powerless untermenschen whose concerns are of no importance. Thank you for your interest.”

21 {Michel Lasouris} #7.1
 July 11, 2013 at 11:11 am · +5 -0

Hey, you're lucky you got s response! I didn't

21 {Martin A} #8
 July 11, 2013 at 6:09 am · +27 -0

The university's statement is so inept that, to me, it provides confirmation of the gist of what Salby said.

21 {Martin Clark} #9
 July 11, 2013 at 6:16 am · +34 -0

...two separate investigations undertaken by a committee chaired by a former Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner and including a union nominee ...

But not apparently including the person whose conduct was under investigation? That would be a blatant breach of industrial relations law, as well as principles of natural justice.

Did the “committee” comprise people who were parties to the dispute? Eg judge and jury in their own cause? Were audio recordings made of the proceedings?

“Union nominee” in this context means nominated by the person under investigation. If the union person was “accredited” eg having status under

industrial relations law, they should have known better than to turn up without the person they were supposed to be supporting.

... he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach ...

Seen this sort of thing before. Academia's version of “bait and switch”. At another University recently in the news for terminating an association with a former staffer, I got criticised for “not doing enough research”. I concentrated on teaching, and was required to supervise one of the student computer facilities, serving 300+ students, access available 24/7/365 ... I quit soon afterwards, took a \$10,000 drop in salary to get away from such impossible demands. My successor in the job was promised that others would take over the computer facility, but this didn't happen. He then got criticised for concentrating on research (which was very useful) and neglecting his teaching and computer lab responsibilities.

21 {Bernd Felsche} #9.1
 July 11, 2013 at 11:34 am · +23 -0

Did the “committee” comprise people who were parties to the dispute?

Look up “Kangaroo Court”

Trials in absentia aren't part of a just society.

21 {Bulldust} #9.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 3:23 pm · +14 -0

Bernd ... clearly you are wrong. Macquarie lists ethics foremost in its list of core values! How could such an institution behave unjustly?

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 Yes, that is sarcasm...

21 {amfortas} #9.1.2
 July 11, 2013 at 8:29 pm · +15 -0

Kangaroo? Try Family.

The Family Court 'trialled' this type of procedural and pre-emptive strategy way back in the 70's and has honed it to a fine art over the years.

Allow false accusation without evidence to establish a 'doubt' and a 'possibility'. Set a process that cannot be followed by the accused. Get an 'expert' who has no relevant knowledge to 'report'. Take all the Father's (always a father) goods and home and give it solely to the false accuser. Tell him that he is likely to be very angry, so, 'In the best interests of the children' he is banned from seeing them.

21 {Annie} #9.1.2.1

July 11, 2013 at 11:00 pm · +9 -0
 This sounds uncomfortably like what is happening in UK Family courts. See Christopher Booker many times in the Sunday Telegraph.
 'Justice' it is not...

21 {Lionell Griffith} #9.1.3
 July 12, 2013 at 5:43 am · +8 -0
 No but it is one of the primary means the so called progressives deliver what they call social justice. Which, by the way, has nothing to do with justice. It has everything to do with one social class getting even with another social class for attributed (usually not actual and certainly not proven) violations against still another social class.

21 {Charles Bourbaki} #9.2
 July 11, 2013 at 1:40 pm · +8 -0
 Do we have a list of former Australian Industrial Relation Commissioners?
 There can't be a lot of them.

21 {PhilJourdan} #10
 July 11, 2013 at 6:32 am · +22 -0
 It is one thing to get into a pissing contest. it is another to engage in libel. The Uni knows it. So it will stick to the strictest sense of the truth, and not address any of the other points.
 They smell a lawsuit coming, and it is best they make sure all their "facts" are documented. it seems the only one they can dredge up is that he would not teach. Since "teaching" at a Uni is subjective, they can easily rest on their interpretation there.

21 {Mark D.} #10.1
 July 11, 2013 at 7:55 am · +16 -0
 Perhaps true for terminating his position, but there seems to be a potential for other contract breach. To lure Salby away from work in the US it seems to me that there must have been some "sweetener" in the terms of the contract. It looks to me like the sweetness turned bitter pretty early.

21 {PhilJourdan} #10.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 10:04 pm · +8 -0
 I have been mulling over that aspect for a couple days now. If true, it could be a diabolically clever attempt by the "consensus" to muzzle those who would investigate the science.
 Think about it. How best to shut someone up? Get a cohort (another Uni in crime) to hire them away, then never fulfill the obligations or the terms of the

contract, and fire them without giving them access to resources or research. I am not saying that was the intent with Salby. But it is very Machiavellian.

21 {Bruce} #11
 July 11, 2013 at 7:03 am · +11 -2
 How does an institution cancel the return portion of an air ticket in the possession of the traveler?
 Not turning up to give lectures is a serious matter, and doing so persistently could be grounds for dismissal.
 A union representative was present during the deliberations of this case according to the university.
 It is easy to conclude that the university pushed Salby out for his views on CO2 emissions, especially after the recent affair with Bob Carter.
 I am sure we will never know the real truth.

21 {Manfred} #11.1
 July 11, 2013 at 10:10 am · +7 -1
 I think that's a good point Bruce. They can't. The ticket is inviolate and in the name of the traveler. Were it 'canceled' this would presumably have required collusion from the University's travel agency (easy enough to expedite I suppose) together with breaching the privacy laws and probably a raft of employment laws. Odd claim.
 Almost certainly, the prof. would have had some teaching obligations, but perhaps he thought not? Conceivably they may have been considered too onerous and research activity compromising, so a spat ensued, resulting in him being given a teaching assistant role, again presumably in order to give him the minimum amount of teaching to permit him to engage in research, which it seems he was unable to do, for reasons not entirely clear.
 Quite difficult to see precisely how the truth lies.

21 {janama} #11.2
 July 11, 2013 at 1:33 pm · +6 -0
 The university travel department would have booked the ticket and paid for it. It is well within it's rights to therefore cancel the ticket it booked.
 He is accused of missing "a" class.
 "he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take."

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21 {J Martin} #11.2.1

July 13, 2013 at 7:26 am · +1 -0
 Not if it strands the traveler on the other side of the World. Salby can take that one to a court of law for compensation and have an easy win. If they had wanted to cancel the ticket they should have done so before the outward leg of the journey had been started.

21 {Greg Cavanagh} #12

July 11, 2013 at 7:15 am · +23 -0
 It sounds like a tactic used in local government; where a disliked person (for whatever reason), is pushed sideways and given tasks he doesn't like until he finally gives up and moves on. Or as is often the case, he becomes a department of one. The next restructure that comes along, hello redundancy.

21 {Dennis} #12.1

July 11, 2013 at 1:44 pm · +12 -0
 It's called constructive dismissal and if proven penalties can be imposed.

21 {Doug Proctor} #13

July 11, 2013 at 7:27 am · +25 -0
 The neutrality of the response is lawyer-style. If Salby files a lawsuit, he will do so on specific points which they will respond to as they decide.
 A passive defense is the best approach when you hold the high ground. Let your opponent drain himself in the attack. In the field, you need only 1/5th to 1/3rd the enemies numbers to "win", when winning is not losing. You provide nothing for him. That is what the University is doing.
 Earlier we have had other skeptics apparently fired for their non-mainstream views, and skeptics sued for saying things that indicated some warmists knew that their CAGW positions were not defensible but said so anyway (being wrong isn't a crime or reason for apology, but giving out falsehoods against what you hold true, can be and is). But what came of them?
 We are in a remarkable position nations find themselves only every couple of hundred years, in which a world-class demon has been identified and the People called together to defeat. Mostly the demon is a foreign country, but it can be a religious entity, socio-philosophical program or even a pandemic disease. No quarter is given, and none taken. Pragmatism eventually wins, as all this demonizing and flailing about is disruptive to good business and mentally tiring – especially as the extremes do not happen, creating anger in the former agitated disciples. Pragmatism will win in CAGW, but not quite yet. And until then the Salby dispute will be part of the scene.
 Act I, curtain dropping. Act II ...

21 {joannenova} Joanne Nova #13.1

July 11, 2013 at 12:12 pm · +40 -0
 Whether or not a lawsuit is filed, the court of public opinion is now in session and eminent and influential people are paying attention to this right now. If Macquarie have a good case, they ought to put in the time to verify it, and this reply did nothing to help them.

21 {Mark D.} #13.1.1

July 11, 2013 at 12:43 pm · +20 -1
 Yes Jo, and the marketing people at Macquarie have to be squirming. How this all works out will potentially have a chilling effect on future recruitment efforts. They will not like a big public street fight.

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #13.1.2

July 11, 2013 at 7:53 pm · +10 -0
 There are already a few cases in the past. Macquarie uses its resources (i.e. Australian tax payers money) to fight any cases. Macquarie executives will hire hit-man (or specialised staff) to do the fight or cover-up. However, they will not like big public street fight.

21 {Sonny} #13.1.3

July 12, 2013 at 1:02 am · +10 -0
 Not only are 'eminent and influential' people taking note, even unnotable and impotent people are paying attention. Yours truly!

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #13.2

July 12, 2013 at 11:27 am · +7 -0
 Don't you think that is a set-up? Macquarie university claimed 'a misconduct case' and pushed him out of the university. That's why Macquarie university remove Prof Saldy's electronic records and communication evidences. Macquarie knows that it is hard for Prof. Sadly to provide evidences for his case while HR Dept can provide all 'falsed' documents. They use these evil tactics for many years.
 It is a criminal (organised crime) issue. You would not want to believe this is happening in a public Australian university.

21 {michael hart} #14

July 11, 2013 at 8:50 am · +4 -0
 They have many strings to their bow.

21 {Bernd Felsche} #14.1

July 11, 2013 at 11:38 am · +10 -0
 All the better to make the rope by which they hang themselves.

21 {Manicbeancounter} #15
 July 11, 2013 at 8:53 am · +11-0

The next line of attack be Macquarie University, or the defenders in the warmist community will be to say it is a prestigious University (with support from the wider “scientific” community) against a dilettante who has become blinded to a truth obvious to the vast majority.

If Salby had made false claims, their reaction should be to say that a response will follow legal advice. If they are untrue, Salby’s claims are actionable through being highly damaging to the prestige of a University as a research institution. Discouragement of original research would diminish the ability of the university to attract fee-paying students and (in a non-partisan political environment) discourage research funding.

21 {Greg Cavanagh} #15.1
 July 12, 2013 at 7:29 am · +6-0

Salby’s book may save him there. He’s clearly not a maverick to write a 650 page manual on climate science, which by all accounts is pretty thorough. I’m tempted to get it myself as a reference.

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21 {Manicbeancounter} #15.1.1
 July 13, 2013 at 8:11 am · +2-0

For most people being labelled a maverick is a derogatory term. But in *previous thread I called Murray Salby a maverick in the sense of people* who went on to win [Nobel Prizes](#). That is people who successfully challenged orthodoxy.

21 {Gnome} #16
 July 11, 2013 at 8:59 am · +3-40

Just what, exactly, do you want from Macquarie University?
 How about a full catalogue of Professor Salby’s transgressions with an annotated commentary describing his shortcomings in all respects? Would you like them to publish that? You can be fairly sure that they will have well documented evidence to support their actions, in theses days of extreme protections against unfair dismissal.
 They’ve taken the risk of providing a bare-bones, inoffensive response which defends their action without too much offence to their ex-employee. It seems perfectly reasonable to me.

21 {Andrew McRae} #16.1
 July 11, 2013 at 10:11 am · +19-0

Is that the next move open to Salby? Write a very public letter to Macquarie relieving them of any obligation to confidentiality and asking them to list all grievances against him recorded by the Uni that in any way contributed to his dismissal.

For example, firing a Professor for one missed lecture would be selective enforcement because lecturers will miss lectures every once in a while, and usually they can call up a grad student or someone else in the department at short notice to give the lecture instead so the students at least get something. What your argument shows is that “What they don’t say” is just an information vacuum into which one can superimpose any preconceptions one likes. You choose to assume there’s a dirt file on him, whereas the rest of us didn’t. We just don’t know at this point. As Bruce says, we may never know.

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21 {J Martin} #16.1.1
 July 13, 2013 at 7:29 am · 2-0

Presumably Salby didn’t have tenure, even so, the University’s position seems very weak.

21 {Bill} #16.2
 July 11, 2013 at 10:13 pm · +1-4

I agree that I am not surprised the university just gave a bare-bones response. This is what they have to do in order to preserve privacy for Salby and to be safe in case there is a lawsuit. He is allowed to talk about his own case but they are still not allowed to discuss certain things I’m sure.

I was looking forward to seeing Salby publish his most recent stuff. I don’t know where the truth lies. I find it hard to believe that this is really just to silence someone who disagrees with the consensus and is about to publish groundbreaking, world changing research. I like to think the system is not that corrupt. Plus, you can’t hide the truth forever, especially in science.

But I also find it hard to believe that Salby just happened to be let go at this time. If his account is accurate, then it is problematic. Oddly, I find myself agreeing with Eli Rabett to some extent, let the dust settle a bit and don’t make baseless accusations. The ball is in Salby’s court. If needs funds to pursue his legal case, one could choose to help him, but none of us know the

real story.

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #16.2.1
 July 12, 2013 at 12:02 pm · +4 -3

The criminal set-up was designed to push Prof Sadly to the wrong direction. Macquarie University's 'hit-man' and a group of 'hit-men' have arrived. This 'local criminal network' controls/affiliates local courts, govt and local dept administrations. They are the specialists to provide false documents that no one can proved. Public media is the killer for this criminal group. They are frightened to the mass public and international powerful global groups. Power is their "God".

21 {TomO} #17
 July 11, 2013 at 9:03 am · +7 -0

Somebody should put [Kim Sprague](#) on the spot – and the sooner the better! Given the protracted trajectory of all this and the associated shenanigans – it's clear that he must have handled the knife used ... It would be delicious if somebody at Macquarie University leaks or breaks rank...

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #17.1
 July 12, 2013 at 1:44 am · +5 -0

Tim Sprague, HR Director is indirectly reporting to his master – Michael Egan. Michael Egan also put a new Vice Chancellor recently. HR Dept uses (doggy) psychological games and tactics to abuse staff. If you are targeting Tim Sprague, he will get extra annual salary bonuses from his master and the university. By the way, union is Macquarie's friend, not enemy. – higher level politics.

21 {Lank} #18
 July 11, 2013 at 9:13 am · +9 -0

Will Trevor Keenan be next to go?
 Reported in The Australian paper today "The efficiency dividend, shown by long-term data from forests around the world, was bigger than predicted by sophisticated computer models. "This could be considered a beneficial effect of increased atmospheric carbon dioxide," said Macquarie University's Trevor Keenan, lead author of a Nature paper today reporting the results. " "
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/plants-are-learning-to-live-with-extra-carbon/story-e6frgcjx-1226677347957>

21 {janama} #18.1
 July 11, 2013 at 1:38 pm · +15 -0

They've got it arse about face. Plants have learnt to live with **lower CO2 levels** and are finally recovering as CO2 levels return to normal. CO2 levels were much higher when plants evolved.

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #19
 July 11, 2013 at 10:03 am · +28 -3

Macquarie university has just posted statements to cover-up. Liar, liar, liar!! The most criminal activity in university. Shame, shame, shame!! Michael Egan (Chancellor) is a leader at Macquarie university. He is also a former union official and former Australian politician. He should ask himself why these evil tactics can be used in university 'repeatedly' for many years. Would you hire Tim Sprague as a HR director to manage your organisational culture?

Who is the sponsor of the faceless men in Australia? This is what we have in Australia – 'very doggy people' are operating Australia. Dictatorial, barbaric and sickness behaviour!!

21 {Dennis} #19.1
 July 11, 2013 at 1:45 pm · +13 -1

A former Carr NSW Labor government treasurer.

21 {Dennis} #19.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 2:51 pm · +8 -0

An amusing reflection on Mr Egan, when he left politics he purchased a vintage Triumph motor cycle but when he attempted to rid it he discovered that his short legs could not reach the roadway and maintain bike stability at the same time.

21 {Truthseeker} #19.2
 July 12, 2013 at 4:46 pm · +2 -0

This is what we have in Australia – 'very doggy people' are operating Australia. We have some very **dodgy** people running Australia as well ...

21 {Yonniestone} #20
 July 11, 2013 at 10:31 am · +25 -0

The entire reply looks like a big "smoothing" of the data, now where have I seen that before?
 It's also a text book AGW/political statement,
 - Claim innocence of any fault, their evidence is gospel.
 - They respect freedom of speech when their actions clearly don't.
 - Cherry picked one "possible" fact to explain the entire case (Epidemiology).

- Use of an emotive straw man “the students welfare”, evidence please.
- Salby broke “University policy”, a quasi legal argument.
- The decision was made by their system and final, Australian law not good enough?

The more I look at this farce the angrier I get, so I say to Murray good luck mate and with Lord Monckton on your side I hope you tear Macquarie University a new one.

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #20.1
 July 11, 2013 at 11:13 am · +16 -1
 These are the standard formula and tactics that have been used all the times in university.
 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and university policies are their “witch-menu” to overrule the “law”. The university executives hire ‘hit-man’ to do the jobs. The internal criminal network is also quite large.

21 {Dennis} #20.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 1:47 pm · +13 -0
 Reminds me of the Australian union movement, the manipulators of the ALP and many other areas of influence achieved via Labor in government.

21 {JohnM} #21
 July 11, 2013 at 10:50 am [July 11 02:50am UTC] +11 -29
 Enough of conspiracies! If anyone has any evidence to support their claim then please post it, otherwise cease with the allegations.
 I’m not on Macquarie University’s side and I’m not on Salby’s side. I just don’t see enough information from which to draw a conclusion. Macquarie University was under no obligation to provide a point-by-point rebuttal of Salby’s claims and as is normal it is cautious about how it expresses what it does say. Conversely we see allegations but precious little evidence to support Salby’s claims.
 Salby alleges that Macquarie University failed to meet his expectations; perhaps he failed to meet Macquaries’ expectations.
 Lord Monckton would be foolish to get involved with this matter, and if he attempts to then the university is under no obligation to respond.
 The only way that we might reasonably learn more about this matter is if Salby takes legal action against the university. I see no sign of such action having been taken and I ponder whether that’s because Salaby’s case is weak.

21 {Catamon} #21.1
 July 11, 2013 at 12:07 pm · +4 -31
 Salby alleges that Macquarie University failed to meet his expectations; perhaps he

failed to meet Macquaries’ expectations.
 Good point.

If he objected to taking on that teaching role (say, in order to do the research he was originally employed to do) is that so bad?
 Yup it is. Certainly where i work, academics are expected to be available for teaching roles. Research active Academics are in a position to make valuable contributions to undergrad teaching, and are expected to make some contribution to the “grunt” work of teaching such as marking. If he wasn’t turning up for classes as the Macquarie statement suggests then the teaching role he was assigned was obviously more than the minor grunt work Salby’s statement referred to.
 Claiming this is some sort of conspiracy to silence a researcher based on the nature of their research outcomes is drawing a pretty long bow.

21 {John Brookes} #21.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 5:20 pm · +5 -19
 If you bring in enough research money, you can pay your own salary. Then you don’t have to teach, and the university doesn’t mind. But if that is not the case you need to earn your living teaching...

21 {crakar24} #21.1.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 5:29 pm · +10 -0
 I once had the displeasure of working with world leaders in the field of the propagation of high frequency radio waves in the ionosphere and i have never in all my life met a bigger bunch of obnoxious, rude, ignorant people in all my life.
 I can imagine the reaction if you had asked them to stoop so low to mark a students paper.
 One of them was OK, he lamented the fact that he spent the better part of 40 years at school learning “stuff” and not actually living in the real world. He said his only claim to fame was his thesis where he showed the assumed brightest spot on the moon was in fact not the brightest.....I thought this was a pretty good achievement but he went on to say why? No one knows my name, no fame or fortune so what was the point would have been better with a real job.
 And you know something? (RegTM KRudd) He was right.

21 {Konrad} #21.1.1.2
 July 11, 2013 at 6:39 pm · +22 -0
 Hmm, a comment from Jo’s resident squealing warmist weasel. I note that you too have found your way to Dr. Salby’s excellent video of the scientific work the employer of Tim Flannery, Macquarie University, is suspected of trying to

suppress. The sorry little comment you left there indicates you are incapable of understanding it, let alone challenging it.

Yesterday I emailed the Dean of science at Macquarie and gave my congratulations on the promotion of the video and the departments efforts to discredit the post normal pseudo science of global warming.

Since that email, a further 1600 people have accessed the video.

Just a little lemon juice to go with the salt in Macquarie University's wounds

☺ Their shame will live on the Internet forever.

21 {Bill} #21.1.1.3

July 11, 2013 at 10:22 pm ·

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You could be right. This could just be a case where someone has not been all that productive and they found a way to get rid of him. The odd thing is that the troubles started so soon after he was courted to take the position.

It is also odd that his views go against the consensus and that extreme measures apparently were used against him. We only have his word for that though. But, I also find it hard to believe that it is all a conspiracy to silence him. You can't really hide scientific "truth" for too long. His ideas are out there. But, maybe they think he is a crackpot and want to get rid of a perceived source of embarrassment who has not been as productive as they wanted and who was (possibly) argumentative/hard to get along with?? I have no reason to believe this is true but it is a possibility.

It's also possible that they got rid of him due to embarrassment but will be even more so when he is found to be right on one or more issues. Only time will tell.

21 {Bill} #21.1.1.3.1

July 11, 2013 at 10:26 pm ·

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The other part of this is that it can be very, very difficult to get funding if your views are not in line with the "consensus", particularly in highly politicized fields which climate has clearly become.

Many funds are actually ear-marked to study or remedy CO2 caused AGW and therefore research that said it was not a factor obviously would not qualify for funding at all for those sources.

21 {Mark D.} #21.2

July 11, 2013 at 1:03 pm ·

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Salby alleges that Macquarie University failed to meet his expectations; perhaps he failed to meet Macquaries' expectations.

The second half of this is obvious-no perhaps about it. Just what the "expectations" were isn't so clear and that is nearly the whole point.

Employee-employer disagreements and ultimate separations are common as

can be. Many are settled quietly and with both sides benefiting by saving some face. Clearly the Uni failed to resolve this quietly. They have plenty to lose PR-wise by making this messy.

My take is that Macquarie chose to make this bloody on purpose because they likely had every tool to resolve it quietly and did not.

Why? is the question.

21 {Rereke Whakaaro} #21.2.1

July 11, 2013 at 3:49 pm ·

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... they likely had every tool to resolve it quietly and did not.

Why? is the question.

Because they want to make a public example, and thus send a very clear message to the rest of the academic staff?

We may be witnessing a battle between those who look to the level of financing as a measure of success, and those who look to the integrity and quality of the research and teaching.

Is a university first and foremost a business, like any other, or is it primarily an institution that exists to gather knowledge?

Stay tuned ... we may be about to find out.

21 {Ace} #22

July 11, 2013 at 11:15 am ·

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Wouldnt make a monkeys difference to me what they said or what they did, what happened or what the entire issue is about, its a university and I (as a result of multiple experiences with several of them across several decades) have a very dim view of universities and the people who work for them (aside from those exceptions who are among my friends).

21 {Gee Aye} #22.1

July 11, 2013 at 12:12 pm ·

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So your reason for making a comment then is as follows

21 {Ace} #22.1.1

July 11, 2013 at 10:23 pm ·

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...to take every opportunity to dump on universities.

21 {Gee Aye} #22.1.1.1

July 12, 2013 at 1:18 pm ·

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hurrah

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #23

July 11, 2013 at 11:15 am ·

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21 {Keith} #24
July 11, 2013 at 11:33 am · +10 -1

I did Salby have a contract?

If so, the lawyers will have to fight it out.

Yes, it’s shabby treatment, etc, etc. At the end of the day each party is bound by the contract provisions.

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #24.1
July 11, 2013 at 11:46 am · +10 -0
‘Power of corruption’ and ‘abuse of power’.

21 {PhilJourdan} #24.2
July 11, 2013 at 10:00 pm · +2 -2

I believe he explained in his initial letter that the contract, duly signed by both parties, was never registered with some government authority, thus making it null and void.

21 {Gee Aye} #25
July 11, 2013 at 12:17 pm · +1 -13

I am not sure if this is possible but some data that gives a perspective on this case would be good. I am wondering, what is the rate of dismissal of academic staff in Australian Universities? What is the rate of dismissal for contract breaches? What is the rate in different disciplines?

21 {Konrad} #26
July 11, 2013 at 1:11 pm · +20 -1

I doubt anything Macquarie University try will work in the long term.

Dr. Salby produces [this work](#) that effectively challenges the very foundation of the global warming hoax.

The university that employs Tim Flannery, head of the climate commission, then sacks Dr. Salby.

It just looks bad now. However the hoax is collapsing rapidly. How is this sorry episode going to be viewed by the cheated taxpayers in the future? “Bad” won’t be the half of it.

Good luck with the “nothing to do with his views on climate change” line

Macquarie 😊

21 {Bevan} #27
July 11, 2013 at 1:14 pm · +20 -1

As I see the sequence of events, we have Prof. Murry Salby sacked from Macquarie University, Prof. Bob Carter sacked from James Cook University, both because their pronouncements are at odds with the Federal Government’s propaganda, an ABC organisation that only repeats items favourable to that propaganda and totally ignores any item that contradicts the faith in spite of having a charter that requires balance, a Climate Change Commission that has been set up to promulgate the Federal Government propaganda, a CSIRO that merely plagiarizes the IPCC pronouncements with no alternate views offered by their scientists, a Bureau of Meteorology that goes to the extent of using unspecified mathematical tools to produce climate results that meet the Fed. Govn. requirements for brain washing the public, even a Chief Scientist who studiously ignores commenting of the need for balance and alternate views. Is this not the way that Stalin controlled Russia during the communist era? Are we completely lacking scientists of integrity? Where is our local Julian Assage or Snowden?

Incidentally where can one purchase the books by both Carter and Salby?

21 {Rereke Whakaaro} #27.1
July 11, 2013 at 4:08 pm · +11 -1

Is this not the way that Stalin controlled Russia during the communist era?

No, Stalin had people shot, or assigned to a Gulag in Siberia. It was generally acknowledged in the West, that the “University of Siberia” was “home to some to the best academic minds in the world”.

What we are witnessing is something that Governments, of all political persuasions, have always done to the populace; and that is lie, and cheat, and rip them off.

You have only to study the Feudal system of the 12th and 13th Centuries to see Agenda 21 writ large.

21 {Carbon500} #27.2
July 11, 2013 at 6:00 pm · +6 -0

Bevam: I always prefer to support my local bookshop, and back in 2010 they quickly obtained a copy of Robert Carter’s ‘Climate: the Counter Consensus’ for me. Failing that, there’s always the internet and Amazon.

I think you might also enjoy ‘The Great Global Warming Blunder’ by Roy W. Spencer – have a look at his website as well.

21 {Theo Goodwin} #28
July 11, 2013 at 1:32 pm · +31 -2

Assigning a professor grading duties cannot be seen as anything but as an attempt at humiliating the person. All relevant professional societies agree on this. The American Association of University Professors, the most important of such societies, would surely condemn such conduct. If Salby's account of this matter is the whole story then Macquarie has not a leg to stand on.

21 {Gee Aye} #28.1
 July 11, 2013 at 2:26 pm · +6 -20

Theo – you speak unadulterated nonsense but two people are nonetheless in agreement with you.

Amazingly experts in the field assess the work of students. It's true! They actually do marking. I know of many. They'd be mightily pissed off if there was someone not pulling their weight.

Second item of nonsense is your evidenceless supposition about what an organisation would say on this matter. I'll forgive you if you are from a country other than the USA, but in the USA "professor" is not the highest rank for an academic in many institutions. Indeed liberal arts, teaching only institutions are full of professors, many of who are barely out of college themselves. They do a lot of marking without feeling insulted.

21 {crakar24} #28.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 2:54 pm · +7 -0
 Make that three

21 {Bill} #28.1.2
 July 11, 2013 at 10:43 pm · +4 -0

Yes, how much grading you do depends on the type of institution at which you are employed, your contract, your productivity, which semester it is, etc. Some professors will leave the grading of labs to grad. students but grade exams themselves if the class size is small or if it is not multiple choice. Using US standards, if Macquarie is a research institution, then most grading will be done by grad. students and assigning a lot of grading to an older professor would be a way to attempt to get them to leave voluntarily. It would be odd to recruit a well established senior professor and give them lots of teaching/grading. But after 4 years if he had not brought in money they could then assign him a lot of grading and take away lab space, etc. as an inducement for him to work harder to get funding or leave. Whether this is allowed or not depends on his contract but typically at US universities, they are free to take away your space if you are not "paying your way". I hope he is able to publish his work. It looked extremely interesting.

21 {Rereke Whakaaro} #28.1.2.1

July 12, 2013 at 6:14 am · +8 -0

I hope he is able to publish his work. It looked extremely interesting.

And that, I suspect, is the heart of the matter.

It is, perhaps, a little too interesting for some tastes; and therefore it must be "buried".

21 {Backslider} #28.1.2.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 8:31 am · +4 -0

a little too interesting for some tastes

Its a little too scientific for some tastes..... or perhaps just way over their heads.

21 {Ross} #28.1.2.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 11:50 am · +0 -0

I read somewhere yesterday he is in the process of writing 3 papers on his recent work.

(But I can't remember where I read it !!)

21 {Theo Goodwin} #28.1.3
 July 12, 2013 at 6:35 am · +2 -0

You confuse "being assigned the role of grading assistant" and "grading one's student papers." Salby said that he was assigned the role of a grading assistant. Being a grading assistant means working for a teacher but not being a teacher.

21 {Theo Goodwin} #28.1.4
 July 12, 2013 at 6:53 am · +0 -0

Organizations such as the AAUP investigate situations like that of Salby and publish results to their members. If what Salby says is true and the whole story, which it might not be, then taking a job in Salby's department at Macquarie would be simply unthinkable. My point is that this matter is serious. Both parties should strive for a solution that satisfies both and do so immediately.

21 {Catamon} #28.2.1
 July 11, 2013 at 3:08 pm · +2 -20

Assigning a professor grading duties cannot be seen as anything but as an attempt at humiliating the person.

Utter crap. If they are involved in teaching and setting the tasks that are being assessed then they should be involved in the assessment. Yup, many will try and outsource this to minions as much as possible, but the better ones wont.

21 {Charles} Bourbaki} #28.2.1
 July 11, 2013 at 7:48 pm · +13 -1

Bullshit Catamon. I marked papers on Quantum Mech and Stat Mech when I was doing my PhD. It was expected as part of my PhD grant. The lecturers and my supervisor (a Reader) had better things to do.

21 {Catamon} #28.2.1.1
July 12, 2013 at 6:18 pm · +1 -1

The lecturers and my supervisor (a Reader) had better things to do.
And a good little minion as well. 😊

21 {Theo Goodwin} #28.2.2
July 12, 2013 at 6:39 am · +7 -0

Charles Bourbaki has it right and has an example of being a grading assistant drawn from personal experience.

21 {bananabender} #28.3
July 11, 2013 at 4:32 pm · +0 -0

In Australia researchers are expected to teach classes and tutorials, mark assignments and supervise graduate students as well as do research.

21 {Gee Aye} #28.3.1
July 11, 2013 at 4:39 pm · +2 -7
It is such an insult.

21 {handjive} #29
July 11, 2013 at 1:37 pm · +16 -0

Over at [wuw](#), Steve McIntyre makes comments re Salby:

Steve McIntyre says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:36 am

In my opinion, Salby's first recourse should be to file a grievance against his termination under macquarie procedures

http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/ea/professional_staff_agreement/4_working_at_macquarie_university/415_grievance_procedures/.

He should do so without much delay as such appeals need to be filed within 3 months of the event (which took place in May.)

He's much better advised to exhaust the university system before contemplating litigation. His best outcome is to get his job back. That's far more valuable than any damages that he might obtain. Commenters who are inexperienced with litigation are far too quick to urge it on others.

There are more comments from SM worth a look.

21 {Tel} #29.1
July 11, 2013 at 7:38 pm · +7 -0

His best outcome is to get his job back. That's far more valuable than any damages that he might obtain.

I'm going to respectfully disagree with that one. There's no point working at a place where the management look down on you. You will never get promoted, never get a pay rise, and even if they do promise you something, they will treat you like a joke and never deliver what they promised. Once you get to that point you really don't have a job at that place any more, the rest is formality. As for damages, they *can sometimes* be quite large in Australia, not that I would bet on the outcome of this particular case. Sexual harassment cases have been known to clock up millions in damages, often for only a handful of incidents.

21 {Tel} #29.1.1
July 11, 2013 at 7:49 pm · +5 -0

Hmmm, I just did a search on that and the biggest I could find was Kristy Fraser-Kirk who asked for \$37 million, but supposedly only got \$850,000 so perhaps not quite as high as I first thought, but still pretty serious money. Might even buy a small house in Sydney for that kind of money.

Macquarie.2 12 01:59pm UTC = 12 09:59pm for NOVA time
DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC = 13 01:53am NOVA time
DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC = 13 02:44am NOVA time

21 {J Martin} #29.2
July 13, 2013 at 7:45 am · +0 -0

Within the UK this would be a clear cut case of constructive dismissal.

However, compensation is quite limited under the law, and is capped at about £50k. The same or similar may be true for Australian law and may also contain traps for the unwary such as perhaps a requirement to follow employer tribunal procedures before being able to go to external law for instance.

Could be the university have accurate legal advice and are expecting to lose only a small amount of money if compensation is capped in the same manner in Australia, effectively allowing them to do whatever they want and get away with it.

21 {janama} #30
July 11, 2013 at 1:46 pm · +8 -0
<http://www.2gb.com/article/alan-jones-professor-bob-carter>

21 {JohnM} #31
July 11, 2013 at 1:54 pm · [July 11 04:54am UTC] +3 -15
Would people here change their tune if it was learned that Salby was negligent

in his teaching duties and asking for things that were not in the contract (signed or unsigned)? In other words that he was sacked for non-performance of duties that he was engaged to perform – just like sackings in all businesses. I'm not saying that this was the case, but maybe it was. I point out that we've heard little from Macquarie and only allegations from Salby, so who's to know where the truth lies?

Would discovering this hypothetical scenario is correct, would you change your opinion? If not, why not?

21 {Ross} #31.1
 July 11, 2013 at 3:22 pm · +13 -0
 JohnM

If it was as straightforward as your hypothetical scenario sets out then yes, I would say it was fair enough.

But the University's own actions show it is nowhere near that simple. Why cancel the airfare like they supposedly did?

Why was Dr Salby not at or allowed to at the final meeting?

If it was anywhere near as simple as your scenario then the University could have easily given a much more substantive response, without going into any "gruesome" detail.

21 {JohnM} #31.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 1:59 pm · [July 12 05:59am UTC] +0 -5

What evidence has Salby produced to show that Macquarie cancelled the airline ticket? None as far as I can see. What's Macquarie's version of events? We don't know because it hasn't stated one.

In the absence of that information let me speculate about why an airline ticket might have been invalidated

- Salby didn't confirm within the specified time, or maybe didn't check-in
- the type of ticket was in contravention with Macquarie's policy regards airline travel and Macquarie only just discovered this
- the airline cancelled the ticket for some reason (eg. cancelled the flight)
- people (Macquarie or the airline) might have attempted to contact Salby about the change but he failed to receive the message

As I said, these are speculation. They could however account for the situation that Salby described only as a cancellation but provided no evidence for.

21 {Dave} #31.1.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 3:59 pm · +0 -0

If Salby was from the US and contracted to Australia, MacQuarie University would still be liable for his return costs to the States.

Isn't the MacQuarie University still responsible for repatriation to the States of

Professor Salby? By stranding him in Paris, doesn't in effect cost them more? That's normal for expatriate business contracts overseas, and even applies if sacked.

Does it apply to University Professors lured to Australia for research, teaching etc?

Diversion: ~2 pages into Australian wheat and other topics.

21 {pat} #32
 July 11, 2013 at 2:06 pm · +3 -0

will await further developments before commenting.

however, if u want to keep a CAGW job, u need to be willing, like Fitzgerald, to pose for the hilarious pic with the bread:

11 July: WeeklyTimesNow: Peter Hemphill: Carbon hits bread size

PHOTO CAPTION: Shrinking dough: Glenn Fitzgerald displays loaves of bread grown under current (left) and elevated (right) carbon dioxide levels. Department of Environment and Primary Industries researchers have been studying the impact of elevated carbon dioxide levels on wheat production in a long-term trial at Horsham...

"In just about every case, you get lower micronutrient levels," Dr Fitzgerald told the Birchip Cropping Group expo last week.

He said in the case of iron and zinc, this could impact human nutrition in underdeveloped countries.

Dr Fitzgerald said the FACE research had shown rising carbon dioxide levels resulted in about 22 per cent more grain, but it also impacted on grain quality...

Dr Walker (DEPI research chemist Cassandra Walker) said the yitpi and janj varieties grown in higher carbon dioxide environments produced smaller loaves of bread.

She said other impacts included janj producing a weaker dough while yitpi lost dough extensibility...

http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/article/2013/07/11/576013_grain-and-hay.html

it took SIX years to get that bread pic, so don't laugh:

30 July 2012: Age: Darren Grey: Listening for the hissing in wheat carbon trial

In a project that includes researchers from the Victorian Department of Primary Industries, Melbourne University and the CSIRO, crops are being grown under the anticipated carbon dioxide levels of 2050 (expected to be 550 parts per million), as well as under the existing level of today (about 380 parts per million).

***The research started in 2007 and will continue until 2013...

Grain yields from the Horsham sites have increased by 10 to 40 per cent, while

field pea yields have risen 15 to 50 per cent, depending on the variety. But there has also been a downside. The protein levels in wheat grown under higher carbon dioxide levels declined by 2 to 7 per cent. This is important because lower wheat protein levels can mean lower payments to farmers. The levels of micronutrients such as zinc and iron in wheat also declined, by almost 10 per cent...

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/listening-for-the-hissing-in-wheat-carbon-trial-20120729-236hr.html>

21 {crakar24} #32.1
 July 11, 2013 at 2:50 pm · +6 -0
 I could use the same wheat, bake it two different ways and get the same result are they trying to convince me with this argument or are they trying to shore up their support from bleeding away?

21 {Dave} #32.2
 July 11, 2013 at 3:14 pm · +4 -0
 Pat & Craka,
 Don't know why they would test here in Australia, when high protein wheat is not normally grown. What a waste.
 Also most Aussie wheat flours never have enough gluten protein for bread making. (except Durum high which is for pasta)
 They should check with UWA, QLD DPI previous studies prior to doing research like this, as agriculture in Australia is really not suitable for growing wheat to produce bread flour. They have got to look at hardness also, eg. for biscuits, noodles, bread or pasta. They all vary and most of Aussie wheat is for grain feed.

21 {crakar24} #32.2.1
 July 12, 2013 at 11:18 am · +2 -0
 thanks for the info Dave
 Cheers

21 {Theo Goodwin} #32.3
 July 12, 2013 at 9:59 am · +2 -0
 Hilarious. Thanks.

21 {pat} #33
 July 11, 2013 at 2:14 pm · +0 -0
 these researchers know how to play the game:
 11 July: PhysOrg: Researchers set out path for global warming reversal
 Bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) can reverse the global

warming trend and push temperatures back below the global target of 2°C above pre-industrial levels, even if current policies fail and we initially overshoot this target.

This is according to a new study, published today, 11 July, in IOP Publishing's journal Environmental Research Letters, which shows that ambitious temperature targets can be exceeded then reclaimed by implementing BECCS around mid-century.

The researchers, from Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden, show that if BECCS is implemented on a large-scale along with other renewable energy sources, temperature increases can be as low as 1.5°C by 2150...

Co-author of the study, Professor Christian Azar, said: "What we demonstrate in our paper is that even if we fail to keep temperature increases below 2°C, then we can reverse the warming trend and push temperatures back below the 2°C target by 2150.

"To do so requires both large-scale use of BECCS and reducing other emissions to near-zero levels using other renewables – mainly solar energy – or nuclear power."...

However, the authors caution against interpreting their study as an argument for delaying emission reductions in the near-term.

Azar says: "BECCS can only reverse global warming if we have net negative emissions from the entire global energy system. This means that all other CO2 emissions need to be reduced to nearly zero..."

<http://phys.org/news/2013-07-path-global-reversal.html>

21 {pat} #34
 July 11, 2013 at 2:20 pm · +1 -1
 papers, papers, papers:
 10 July: Guardian: Nafeez Ahmed: James Hansen: Fossil fuel addiction could trigger runaway global warming
 Without full decarbonisation by 2030, our global emissions pathway guarantees new era of catastrophic climate change
 The world is currently on course to exploit all its remaining fossil fuel resources, a prospect that would produce a "different, practically uninhabitable planet" by triggering a "low-end runaway greenhouse effect." This is the conclusion of a new scientific paper by Prof James Hansen, the former head of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies and the world's best known climate scientist.

The paper due to be published later this month by Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A (Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A) focuses less on modelling than on empirical data about correlations between temperature, sea level and CO2 going back up to 66 million years...

According to a scientific paper given at the Geological Society of London last

month, climate records from Siberian caves show that temperatures of just 1.5C generate “a tipping point for continuous permafrost to start thawing”, according to lead author Prof Anton Vaks from Oxford University’s Department of Earth Sciences...

Another paper suggests that conventional climate modelling is too conservative due to not accounting for complex risks and feedbacks within and between ecosystems. The paper published in Nature last Wednesday finds that models used to justify the 2C target as a ‘safe’ limit focus only on temperature rise and fail to account for impacts on the wider climate system such as sea level rise, ocean acidification, and loss of carbon from soils. It concludes that the 2C target is insufficient to avoid dangerous climate change...

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/earth-insight/2013/jul/10/james-hansen-fossil-fuels-runaway-global-warming>

21 {crakar24} #34.1
 July 11, 2013 at 2:48 pm · +6 -0
 ‘We don’t have a leader who is able to grasp [the issue] and say what is really needed. Instead we are trying to continue business as usual,’ said James Hansen in 2009.
 Do you think Hansen has ever stopped to wonder why no world leader bothers to listen to him?

21 {crakar24} #35
 July 11, 2013 at 2:51 pm · +2 -0
<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2013/07/09/national-park-on-moon-proposed/>
 The USA own the moon?

21 {Dave} #35.1
 July 11, 2013 at 3:22 pm · +2 -0
 LOL
 Can you buy permits for camping there?

21 {Jon} #35.2
 July 11, 2013 at 4:32 pm · +3 -1
 Maybe they instead should clean up the garbage they left behind?

21 {PhilJourdan} #35.2.1
 July 11, 2013 at 10:15 pm · +2 -0
 That is what they are trying to create the park for! LOL

21 {PhilJourdan} #35.3

July 11, 2013 at 10:14 pm · +2 -0
 They planted their flag first. 😊

21 {andyd} #35.4
 July 12, 2013 at 11:47 am · +1 -0
 They had a man put a flag there. Did you? Seems they have a good enough claim.

21 {Elizabeth (Lizzie) B.} #36
 July 11, 2013 at 3:05 pm · +27 -3
 I have had some experience in academic management at the Departmental level. That is the very first time I have heard of an academic being summarily fired for failing to turn up to ‘a’ class. When I was managing a Department there were academics constantly evading their teaching and other duties, as well as failing to adequately perform research, and it was very difficult to bring them to task about this; they often pleaded illness, or misadventure, or lack of information, or stress of the work etc. For termination of employment, there would have to have been a series of such failures, about which the academic should have been given due ‘staged’ warnings, the final one warning he was under threat of summary termination of employment if he failed to attend any future class that had been clearly nominated to him to attend. Even then, given this was a contractual position, the ground is very shaky, and much depends on his reasons for non-attendance on that day and the terms of his employment regarding the teaching and research components agreed on in his contract (the work of a teaching ‘assistant’ is an extremely lowly teaching position to offer to a senior research appointment as his teaching load). This University statement is too brief to be very illuminating. However, if the employee was not given the opportunity to attend his case hearing it may be that natural justice has not been satisfied. The conjecture is that there is a different ‘back story’ to the circumstances and reasons for this dismissal. Dr. Salby should consult his lawyers with his documentation and be frank with them concerning his actions and understandings, with a view to reinstatement or compensation. We do not know enough of the circumstances to advise him, and the University comment is unhelpful in its sparseness, which in itself raises some concerns. Perhaps, after taking legal advice, Dr. Salby could write a public version of his own.

21 {Gee Aye} #36.1
 July 11, 2013 at 3:17 pm · +4 -13
 I suspect that his legal advice would be not to do what you suggest in the last sentence.

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #36.2
 July 11, 2013 at 5:06 pm · +7 -2
 Professor Salby has already reported. It is a set-up with evil tactics to attack Prof Salby and his student. Both of them have no idea how evil of these executives (management) can be.
 Please refer to JoNova's previous posts for further details about the background and history discussions. I am not surprised Macquarie University would hire another "hit-man" or a group of "hit-men" to cover the case.
 The power of corruption and abuse of power – look up the connections and history of the Chancellor's background, local government administrations, NTEU and senior Labor party executive in federal Govt.

21 {janama} #36.3
 July 11, 2013 at 6:03 pm · +12 -1
 Lizzie – I also had some experience in the administration of staff at University and I agree with you. Firing a staff member is a very involved process with all sorts of safeguards on the staff members behalf. The warning system as you say is extensive and it has to be fully documented at every stage.

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #36.3.1
 July 11, 2013 at 7:28 pm · +5 -0
 These readers did not know any facts about the Prof Saldy and students situations and made general comments about their own experience. Do they do 'science research'? These are the quality people we have in university for management and administration roles. Yes, you can get promotion when you are doing hit-man job too.

21 {toad} #36.4
 July 11, 2013 at 7:33 pm · +8 -2
 Elizabeth (Lizzie B)
 With well over 1000 comments so far, on JoNova, Bishop Hill, and WUWT yours is the most helpful so far.
 If Prof Salby was indeed humiliated in this way (reduced to a mere 'teaching assistant') in an attempt to force him out, then the potential repercussions are mind-boggling.
 Thank you, and more power to your elbow !

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #36.4.1
 July 11, 2013 at 8:56 pm · +7 -1
 Toad, that is right. Power – corruption and abuse of power
 This is because people would not want to believe this is happening in university – i.e. corruption and abuse of power.

Unfortunately, Lizzie only used her own experience without knowing this case. I am telling you, Professor Sadly is telling the true. There are many cases I know at Macquarie University.

21 {Michael Blythe} #37
 July 11, 2013 at 4:14 pm · +9 -0
 Browsing in Dynocks yeaterday, I saw 5 copies of Clive Hamilton's book in the Science Section!
 I quietly moved them to the Science Fiction Section. How lon will they remain?

21 {Ross} #38
 July 11, 2013 at 4:23 pm · +5 -0
 Sorry this is OT but I thought most would be interested
<http://blogs.marketwatch.com/energy-ticker/2013/07/09/peak-oil-web-site-to-close-its-doors/>

21 {MadJak} #38.1
 July 11, 2013 at 4:54 pm · +4 -0
 Another one bites the dust. That's another primer for "renewables at any cost because we're all duuummmmed" cut down at the knees right there.

21 {Jon} #39
 July 11, 2013 at 4:26 pm · +7 -2
 I think they got rid of him because his research undermines their means, CAGW(UNFCCC), to promote international Marxism?

21 {Gee Aye} #39.1
 July 11, 2013 at 4:38 pm · +2 -10
 I agree and don't forget that the bloody wound was really a piece of red cloth that was blowing in the wind in space, launched by the explosives hidden in the basement.

21 {crakar24} #39.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 5:10 pm · +9 -1
 WTF!!!!!!!!!!!!

21 {Andrew McRae} #39.1.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 5:46 pm · +4 -0
 Parody by exaggeration. (I hope.)

21 {Mark D.} #39.1.1.1.1

July 11, 2013 at 10:12 pm · +8 -0
 I think it's code. Code that triggers those that were hypnotized by their
 "keepers" to act on their commands. Wait and see who was triggered by this
 code.

In the meantime WTF ??????

21 {Ian H} #39.1.1.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 10:48 am · +1 -0
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21 {C of Adelaide} #40
 July 11, 2013 at 5:33 pm · +6 -0
 I am probably late here but I'm just so gob smacked at the headline in the
 Australian today
 Plants are "learning to live with extra carbon"!!!!
 Are these guys for real!!!!

21 {Dennis} #40.1
 July 11, 2013 at 6:15 pm · +2 -0
 They believe that they are. The continuing ignorance is hard to take. Journalist
 Schools, lefty managed institutions of propaganda.

21 {Manfred} #40.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 7:54 am · +1 -0
 Dennis, I'm not inclined to consider this ignorance, rather to consider it a
 deliberate, orchestrated cultivation and manipulation of group think. That
 'they' have both the intent and gall to perpetrate their propaganda is the thing
 that needs to be called out and scrutinized.
 It would seem that 'they' (MSM) will never admit to the adoption of an
 unfalsifiable C/AGW hypothesis. Thereafter, we are 'saved' indeed, reprieved
 by the magnificent tolerance and adaptability of Gaia. They don't even have
 the grace of pretense any longer.
 There is no intention to sound melodramatic here but the C/AGW has never
 been less than a war of ideals and politics. It is now overt.

21 {pat} #41
 July 11, 2013 at 6:45 pm · +2 -0
 Macquarie University Insider -
 Chancellor is:
 Wikipedia: Michael Egan (Australian politician)
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Egan_\(Australian_politician\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Egan_(Australian_politician))
 do wonder if Coalition voters are noticing the extraordinary & exceptional

daily output of positive headlines in the MSM for Rudd, & the near-invisibility
 of Abbott? the following are just PART of today's offerings, yet if u do a
 search of Abbott News, u will get almost entirely the Rudd criticisms, or even
 some of the positive headlines below, which don't even mention Abbott:

Rudd may soften ALP reform plan – The Australian

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is the king of political social media – Herald Sun

Kevin Rudd's Instagram selfie, use of term programmatic specificity dominate

Twitter during National Press Club address – Herald Sun

Yirrkalá, 50 years on: Kevin Rudd flags fresh push on Indigenous

constitutional ... ABC Online

Opinion: Kevin Rudd's served up a hearty meal at the Press Club lunch

NEWS.com.au

In Depth: Prime Minister wants productivity pact Sky News Australia

Capt Negative is easy politics: Rudd – Herald Sun

Tony Abbott has no plan for the economy: Kevin Rudd – Sydney Morning

Herald

PM Rudd urges union-business pact – Brisbane Times

Labor pleas fail as Kevin Rudd sticks with Nova Peris – The Australian

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to visit PNG – ABC

National Press Club: Kevin Rudd – ABC

Rudd to paint a pretty picture of the economy to the Press Club – ABC

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd will address the National Press Club – NEWS

LTD

NSW driving the Kevin Rudd resurgence: Newspan – The Australian

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #41.1
 July 11, 2013 at 7:31 pm · +2 -0
 Guys, This has nothing to do with Rudd.

21 {janama} #41.1.1
 July 11, 2013 at 10:09 pm · +2 -0
 Macquarie University Insider – Pat's posts usually have nothing to do with the
 thread – he's our daily news source on things happening in the media. If you'd
 been on this site for a while you would know that.

21 {Considerate Thinker} #42
 July 11, 2013 at 6:52 pm · +5 -1
 Much the pity that Parliament has recessed so no chance for issue to be raised
 with the relevant ministerial appointees. The university is probably thanking its
 lucky stars for the timing and hope the initial fuss is lost in the election farce
 that is developing. Still nothing to stop the whole issue being opened up in the
 USA in the lead up to their elections and that of course will give ample time to

build backlash against the University.

Needs some careful timing and our financial support to ensure that Professor Salby can be adequately represented in both Jurisdictions, This may well be the means of bringing down the whole CAGW fraudulent meme. After all we have the most biased political media system and ample evidence that our Universities have been poorly used and abused in the suppression of those that have tried to speak out.

The Lewandowski's the cockeyed cook get a free run, public funding, rewarded like Flannery and the Garnault economists promoted as climate scientists, but hold no such qualifications and then a genuine and qualified climate scientist gets treated poorly, yes this could be the watershed case that will eventually hold the cabal to account.

Students should be out in the street shouting save Salby, lest they be the victims of such a system.

21 {mangochutney} #43
July 11, 2013 at 8:00 pm · +7 -2

I received a reply from Joanna (Wheatley?) enclosing the news release. In my email I asked if Titova had also been dismissed – no response. I've asked again if Titova has been dismissed and I'm waiting for a response.

If I don't receive a response, I think we can assume Titova has been dismissed as well

21 {John Brookes} #43.1
July 11, 2013 at 9:09 pm · +2 -26

Has it occurred to you, Mango, that its none of your business?

21 {Mark D.} #43.1.1
July 11, 2013 at 10:18 pm · +10 -0

Code that triggers those that were hypnotized by their "keepers" to act on their commands. Wait and see who was triggered by this code.

I rest my case.

21 {Andrew McRae} #43.1.1.1
July 11, 2013 at 11:07 pm · +4 -0

I was going to say the delay of 4.5 hours put the hypnosis theory on shaky ground, but if he was busy on domestic matters it is still possible JB was triggered the moment he read it.

Just a bit more SkepticalScience for J.B., it's gravy for the brain, [gravy for the brain...](#) 😊

21 {MemoryVault} #43.1.2

July 11, 2013 at 11:13 pm ·

+2 -2

Has it occurred to you, Mango, that its none of your business?

Has it occurred to you, JB, that Salby and Titova may be looking for all the friends they can find, at the moment? It would appear to be the most obvious explanation for Salby emailing several conservative blogs, in the way that he did.

Mind you, your attitude is not in the least bit surprising, or new, for someone like you. To better understand yourself – and how others see you – you might start with this guy – Aleksandr Isayevich Solzhenitsyn, to get a better understanding of your *"it's not my problem"* attitude.

You could do worse than have a read of "The Gulag Archipelago".

21 {mangochutney} #43.1.3
July 12, 2013 at 1:44 am · +5 -0

what's your problem, John?

a simple "it's none of your business" response would be fine – better would be a yes/no answer
the truth will out anyway

21 {Heywood} #43.1.3.1
July 12, 2013 at 9:10 am · +7 -1

A short, sweet comment from Brookesy. Maybe he was on his way to mop up some vomit in the University's Cafeteria.

21 {Streetcred} #43.1.4
July 12, 2013 at 9:54 am · +5 -1

Has it ever occurred to you, jb ... that you're an idiot ?

Jo only let's you post here because it makes us look good.

21 {davey street} #44
July 11, 2013 at 9:22 pm · +11 -1

Why are you surprised with this ? The guy clearly has non-politically correct opinions on climate change and has been pilloried by Macquarie University. THINK on this, parents, and DESPAIR for your children being educated at this CLIMATE HYSTERIA INDOCTRINATION AND LARGELY TAXPAYER FUNDED OUTFIT.

21 {Who Else} #45
July 11, 2013 at 11:57 pm · +5 -1

I doubt very much Macquarie University would want this to go to Court lest evidence and facts against the Climate Change consensus be raised in a Court of Law.

We wouldn't want that to happen now, would we?

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #45.1
July 12, 2013 at 1:07 am · +4 -1

Don't you know the 'local criminal network' controls/affiliates with the local govt & departments (even union).

Macquarie university senior executives (senior academic management) are frightened the news will go to local and international media. They afraid their reputation could be damaged. Macquarie will not like public fight. The faceless-man's sponsor and local corruption could be exposed.

21 {Considerate} Thinker #45.2
July 12, 2013 at 9:19 am · +2 -0

I guess they think they can further suppress, and will try to arrange a quiet payout settlement with the usual, "don't rock the boat" confidentiality clause that some church officials used for secrecy and suppression of truth, and you can only hope that will come back and bite them on the bum too in the fullness of academic time.

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21 {Ian H} #45.3
 July 13, 2013 at 9:46 am · +4 -1

I am less eager to leap to Salby's defense than most of you seem to be. Has Salby told us the whole story? There are gaps in what he has told us. Why did the university buy a plane ticket for someone who was suspended and facing a dismissal procedure? They had already locked him out of his office and denied him computer access. And according to Salby they also told him they wouldn't support his trip. So why then did they pay for his ticket? That just doesn't add up. Did he buy the ticket using his university credit card when he had no authority to do so? Is that why they cancelled it?

Before defending the man I would like to know more. Yes he is a sceptic. That doesn't make him a saint. What do we really know about him?

We know that many of his students think he is a poor teacher <http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/ShowRatings.jsp?tid=365852> which is not surprising as he seems to think teaching is beneath him. He comes across as a bit of an arrogant prick in this regard actually.

We know that he was involved in an earlier court case against the University of Colorado. <http://dockets.justia.com/docket/colorado/codce/1:2007cv00225/100407/> around the time of his resignation from his tenured position, the details of which are unavailable but which seems to have been settled out of court.

We also know that it is alleged <http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/12/murry-salby-sacked-australian-university-banned-national-science-foundation> that the reason he left his tenured position at Colorado concerned serious financial impropriety with respect to an NSF grant. While desmogblog isn't a neutral and trustworthy source, I doubt that even they would make such an allegation if it were not true. They point to the Office of the Inspector General semiannual report 2007 http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/oig0902/oig0902_4.pdf and although this document doesn't identify Salby by name, enough is quoted on desmogblog to identify him as being this person

An OIG investigation into an allegation that a former professor at a Colorado university submitted a proposal to NSF that overlapped with an undisclosed proposal from an external non-profit research company founded by the subject, resulted in a recommendation of debarment. The university and our office both conducted investigations into improper award management and conflicts of interests. NSF had concurrent awards to the subject at the university and the first company, but more

recently only to the company.

Our investigation revealed that the subject, consistently and over a period of many years, violated or disregarded various federal and NSF award administration requirements, violated university policies related to conflicts and outside compensation, and repeatedly misled both NSF and the university as to material facts about his outside companies and other matters relating to NSF awards.

After many years of operation of the first company, the subject created a second, for-profit company that acted as a subcontractor to the first company. The subject was the sole owner and employee of the second company, which existed solely to receive grant funds from the first company and pay them to the subject as salary. The subject failed to notify NSF of the subcontracting relationship with the second company, and improperly failed to limit indirect charges for the subcontract costs to the first to \$25,000 as required.

The university repeatedly asked the subject to disclose all outside financial interests, and he repeatedly withheld information about the funds he received from his companies; when the university learned the truth, it severely restricted his access to its research facilities. The professor then resigned from his tenured faculty position. When we asked him to supply supporting documentation for the salary payments, the subject provided timesheets reflecting highly implausible work hours — for example, the subject claimed effort averaging nearly 14 hours a day for 98 continuous days between May and August 2002 (including weekends and holidays), and in other instances claimed to have devoted as much as 21 hours per day to the project. We recommended that NSF debar the subject for five years, and NSF's decision is pending.

OK – that doesn't exactly make me want to go in to bat for this guy. And it makes my conjecture about how he bought his plane ticket seem entirely plausible. He has form, as the police would say.

I have no illusions about how Universities work. His dismissal will be only the last chapter in what would have been a long, bloody and complicated fight lasting many years and involving all sorts of nastiness and dirty tricks. That always is the case when a University decides it wants to try to get rid of someone. But why did they decide to try to get rid of Salby in the first place? Were his climate views the main reason? I am sure they made him unpopular. But can we believe the story that Salby has told us – especially given his history of dishonesty. Did Salby deserve it? From what I now know about him I suspect he may have done. Therefore I think it prudent to withhold my outrage over his dismissal.

21 {Vince Whirlwind} #45.4
 July 13, 2013 at 8:18 pm · +1 -3

Why not?

The NZ Met Service was subjected to frivolous court action, supported by Bob Carter incidentally, which the court tossed out on its ear. I doubt they had to break a sweat to see their way through that.

I'm still waiting with (much-delayed!) anticipated amusement to see how the Uni of Tasmania deals with Monckton's raving lunatic nonsense from back in February. I suspect they are cooking-up something good!

21 {Brian G Valentine} #46
 July 12, 2013 at 1:30 am · +8 -0
 Oregon State University issued a statement almost identical to Macquarie's statement in the wake of sceptical chemistry professor Nicholas Drapela's firing from Oregon. (Technically, it was a 'non-renewal' of Drapela's teaching contract.)

Maybe Macquarie used Oregon's statement as a template.
 Blogger statements negative toward Drapela sound identical to statements made in this blog negative toward Salby as well.
 We're all looking forward to statements from hard liners like Richard Parncutt – who might as well admit that he is in fact a Neo-Nazi.

21 {andy} #47
 July 12, 2013 at 2:26 am · +2 -0
 Lucky Stephen Hawking was never employed by Macquarie University .

21 {Yonniestone} #47.1
 July 12, 2013 at 8:17 am · +1 -0
 They would have just followed University policy
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bonw1xOF-I>
 Nothing to see here!

21 {Lars P. } #48
 July 12, 2013 at 4:29 am · +1 -0
 There is a nice Josh picture at WUWT which explains it all:
<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/10/josh-on-the-salby-macquarie-university-affair/>

21 {crakar24} #49
 July 12, 2013 at 11:38 am · +4 -1
 Well the sea ice extent has fallen off a cliff, we have well and truly entered the death spiral for this year.
http://www.ijis.iarc.uaf.edu/en/home/seaice_extent.htm
 Therefore i predict another bone chilling bitterly cold winter for you guys up north, as an aside i have watched the last ten tour de France races and i have never seen winter snow still lingering on the side of the road until this year.
 The omnipotent force of CO2 never ceases to amaze me.

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #50
 July 12, 2013 at 12:25 pm · +1 -0
 Correction – “Professor Salby”, not ‘Professor Sadly’

21 {crakar24} #50.1
 July 12, 2013 at 1:52 pm · +2 -0
 However there is a good chance he is feely rather Sadly at the moment 😊
 Sorry MQI but i could not resist

21 {Bulldust} #51
 July 12, 2013 at 12:28 pm · +5 -0
 Bjorn and I should have a pint sometime ... we are of like mind methinks.
 Today's article in The Oz (just Google around the paywall – which works for the SMH/Age as well) slams the old Club of Rome “Limits to Growth” scare story:
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/pessimists-fears-proved-wrong/story-e6frg6n6-1226677872806>
 TBH it is nothing new... Barnett and Morse wrote “Scarcity in growth” soon after Limits and debunked the Club of Rome scaremongering for exactly the same reasons. It serves to remind people from time to time that the solution to most problems is improved technology and getting people out of poverty.
 Once you have a roof over your head, internal plumbing, electricity, food and water etc... then you can start worrying about environmental issues. Chances are, you improved a lot of environmental problems in the process of attaining the aforementioned roofs, food, water etc

21 {Macquarie University Insider} #52
 July 12, 2013 at 12:28 pm · +5 -0
 Prof. Sably, Good luck for the case! I will need to leave this discussion forum.
 Best regards

21 {Brian G Valentine} #53
 July 12, 2013 at 2:47 pm · +7 -1
 Galileo's observations of Jupiter's moons, his explanation of Venus and Mercury's appearance on the horizon – all bogus evidence of the failure of an Aristotelian system.
 No evidence of global warming, no evidence of a CO2 connection with global climate at any period in history- all bogus evidence of the failure of AGW to account for anything.
 Hard facts apparently mean nothing to some people. The remarkable thing is to find Universities saturated and actually managed by such people. No one would find the story credible if it were the content of a novel

21 {Louis Hissink} #53.1
 July 12, 2013 at 5:40 pm · +3 -0

Another interpretation is that Galileo's work occurred around the end of the MWP and start of the LIA. My take is that something changed that forced Copernicus and his successor Galileo to explain the new arrangement in the heavens. That new arrangement seems to be linked to the global event that caused the LIA, as the Korean Choson Annals tend to suggest. Remember that the RC Church also discovered that its calendar was out, Easter not falling on the Equinox as expected.

Two opinions could be offered

1. That the Medieval peoples were idiots and misinterpreted the celestial motions, implying that the change in opinion was purely intellectual, or
2. That they were as wise as we, but the physical environment changed subtly, causing things like calendars that used to work, not to. That's maybe why Copernicus et al started to offer new explanations for their observations.

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21 {Tel} #53.1.1
 July 12, 2013 at 10:47 pm · +2 -0

It could be coincidence, but interesting to think about.

Given that some of the stone sundials in Europe are much older than Christianity, and given that Europe has a strongly seasonal climate where farmer's life and death hinges on planting at the right time, it's pretty well established that a massive amount of thought went into the question of calendars and climate. I think it is unlikely they were idiots.

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21 {Joe V.} #53.1.1.1
 July 16, 2013 at 5:58 pm · +1 -0

It's a common sign of present day ignorance & poverty of perspective, the presumption that those that went before were idiots.

The appeal to novelty, with its presumption that that which is newer is better, constantly amazes me.

21 {B Parkmen} #54
 July 12, 2013 at 3:55 pm · +4 -1

I am sympathetic to anyone who is dismissed and it sounds as though the

University has questions to answer. But there are two issues that professor Salby also needs to address, to re-assure those of us who might be sympathetic to his cause.

First, did he use a corporate card to purchase an air ticket to Europe when he was expressly told in writing that he did not have approved leave of absence to fly to Europe? If so, then that would be extremely serious and grounds for dismissal in any organisation – though perhaps Universities are more lenient? I simply cannot imagine someone doing this in an organisation and expect to keep their job, so let's hope this is false!

Second, did he repeatedly refuse to carry out his teaching duties, as the University claims? If so, then that seems inappropriate and disrespectful of students. Is he "above" teaching mere undergraduates? If he is a "superstar" then why isn't he on a major research-only fellowship? Lots of academics are on fellowships – and those who aren't can't expect to be "carried". The University say they supported his fellowship applications, but it sounds like he was not successful. If that is true, then there is no reason he should not be teaching like everyone else. So I would like to know whether he was on a research-only fellowship and, if not, how many courses he convened and taught over the past few years. If he refused to teach and is not on a research only fellowship, then it seems hard to argue with the University's decision to terminate his employment, because he refused to carry out his duties.

Listen: it is easy to instantly take the side of a person being dismissed and assume that there is an unreasonable "corporate" decision, but the other side of the coin is that there are precious few jobs at Universities and huge numbers of young academics desperately hoping a position will come up. Many have families to support and yet bleak prospects. So if there are people taking up these precious positions, flatly refusing to teach and blithely using corporate cards against policy, maybe they shouldn't be taking up these precious spots. But of course, this is still hypothetical: if Professor Salby can answer the above issues, then I will remain sympathetic to his cause.

21 {joannenova} Joanne Nova #54.1
 July 12, 2013 at 6:25 pm · +8 -0

B Parkmen, as I understand. Essentially MQ promised Salby a lot of money and help to get his research done to get him to come here. But after 5 years of delays and excuses and non-provision of said obligations, it reached the point where they were asking him to do full-time low level onerous marking and tutoring work, plus a few lectures, and worse, some of it was for courses run by junior staff and I think possibly outside his expertise – "non-climate" as well. He had not agreed to these dramatic changes in his duties. Purely hypothetically, if I were a bureaucrat wanting to get rid of a staff member, and I had few scruples, that would be a technique to solve my problem, would it

not?

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21 {Bernd Felsche} #54.1.1
July 12, 2013 at 11:18 pm · +4 -1

As I mentioned previously, if MQ brought in Salby on e.g. a 457 visa with a description of the job (contract) as the basis for filling the position, and instead assigned Sakby other tasks that could be done by the minions of post-grads already at the university, then that is a matter for immigration officials to investigate; especially in view of the governments announce clamp-down on 457 visa abuse.

I understand that employers could go to prison for making false declarations on visa applications. It's a criminal offence. Something that can, in future be severely limiting to international travel after release if the sentence is for more than 12 months. One can basically kiss goodbye to any dreams of visiting the UK, Canada or the USA; especially when they find out it was in connection with visa "fraud".

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21 {Ian H} #54.1.1.1
July 13, 2013 at 1:02 am · +1 -1

Teaching would have been mentioned on his contract. Even if his original position was intended to be predominantly in research, teaching would have been mentioned as he would be expected to teach PhD students. Immigration cares that the correct process is gone through in appointing a foreign national to a job vacancy. Once the appointment is made he becomes a legal resident and their interest ends. I doubt they have either the resources or the inclination to involve themselves in this matter years later. I doubt they have the jurisdiction!

Mention of prison sentences is just silly.

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21 {Bernd Felsche} #54.1.1.1.1
July 13, 2013 at 3:41 pm · +1 -0

Certainly one (suspended) *gaol sentence* have been handed out in earlier cases, where the paperwork didn't reflect the actual assigned duties and conditions.

21 {Vince Whirlwind} #54.1.1.1.1
July 13, 2013 at 8:10 pm · (Stage(3)) +2 -4

Looks to me more like the university has discovered that Salby is more or less on the run from the law back in his own country and decided they don't need to be associated with a bad egg.

21 {David, UK} #54.1.1.2
July 14, 2013 at 5:04 am · (Stage(3)) +0 -0

I understand that employers could go to prison for making false declarations on visa applications.

Sure, when it's in the Government's political interest. And probably not when it's not.

21 {Margot} #54.1.2
July 13, 2013 at 12:25 pm · (Stage(3)) +0 -2

Considering Salby's long history of unsuccessful legal action against previous University employers who managed to get shot of him, it seems more likely that the story he has given you is bogus

If it's true, he will be able to sue them.

In the meantime, it might pay to be sceptical of his claims.

21 {Joshua} #55
July 12, 2013 at 4:16 pm · +5 -1

Crakar DMI shows a very different picture

<http://ocean.dmi.dk/arctic/icecover.uk.php>

pretty much above all previous years stil IBTW I only trust scandinavians with ice extent. The yanks English Aussies all are up to their necks in AGW BS and will do ANYTHING to prevent the truth

21 {pat} #56
July 12, 2013 at 6:04 pm · +1 -0

given CAGW policies are bound to cause MORE ENERGY BREAKDOWNS, u have to admire the cheek of Broder's headline:

11 July: NYT: John M. Broder: Climate Change Will Cause More Energy Breakdowns, U.S. Warns

"We don't have a robust energy system, and the costs are significant," said Jonathan Pershing, the deputy assistant secretary of energy for climate change policy and technology, who oversaw production of the report. "The cost today is measured in the billions. Over the coming decades, it will be in the trillions. You can't just put your head in the sand anymore." ...

In the meantime, Mr. Pershing said, cities, states and the federal government must take steps to adapt and improve their resiliency in the face of more wicked weather...

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/11/us/climate-change-will-cause-more-energy->

breakdowns-us-warns.html?_r=0

don't u love seeing the latest buzzword "resiliency" & "wicked" in a single sentence?

21 {Vince Whirlwind} #56.1
 July 13, 2013 at 8:13 pm · +1 -1
 Right, because, California's electricity grid disaster was caused by:
 – central government planning and renewable energy investment
 – privatisation and deliberate price-manipulation by coal-plant operators.
 Here's what the carbon tax is designed to do:
http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/article/2013/07/04/575710_cattle.html
 A business emits 95% less CO2 and reduces its operating costs by over 30%, funded by a carbon tax grant.
 Looks like a bright future to me.

21 {pat} #57
 July 12, 2013 at 6:11 pm · +1 -0
 well worth a read to see who is driving the agenda:
 10 July: InsideClimateNews: Katherine Bagley: Wealthy Donors in His Corner as Obama Comes Out Swinging on Climate Change
 "Obama is going to be a very young when he is done his second term," Rabe said.
 "Who knows what he'll do next, but we've never seen a president so engaged in ongoing fundraising. He's continuing to court donors. It doesn't surprise me that their voices seem to have influenced this new agenda."
<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130710/wealthy-donors-his-corner-obama-comes-out-swinging-climate-change>

21 {pat} #5
 July 12, 2013 at 6:13 pm · +3 -0
 9 July: Australian: AAP: Germany to pull plug on solar subsidies
 GERMANY will stop subsidising solar energy by 2018 at the latest, its environment minister says, after last year initiating a scaling-back of generous state support for the faltering industry...
 Berlin "has so far invested 216 billion euros (\$A308.24 billion) in renewables and the biggest chunk went to solar, the technology which does least to ensure the power supply," said the head of industrial group Siemens, Peter Loescher, in an interview published in the business daily Handelsblatt on Monday.
 Germany has seen a wave of solar company insolvencies and the number of people employed in the industry fell to 87,000 in 2012 from 110,900 a year earlier, while sales plummeted by 11.9 billion euros, according to government figures...
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/breaking-news/germany-to-pull->

plug-on-solar-subsidies/story-e6frg90f-1226676305151

21 {Terminator} #59
 July 12, 2013 at 8:54 pm · +1 -0
 There is a lot we do not know about this case. But it seems evident that Salby has been dismissed under the terms of the Macquarie University Academic Staff Enterprise Agreement, specifically Clause 4.12 Misconduct and Serious Misconduct
http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/ea/academic_staff_agreement/
 The committee referred to in the media release would be the Misconduct Investigation Committee (MIC) detailed from sub-clause 4.12.8 onwards. However, under the MQASEA, the final decision on dismissal would have been made by the DVC, in this case most likely the Provost, and the whole process would have been orchestrated by the Director of HR. (Regarding the MQ statement: an important function of media units in universities is to protect the senior executive.)
 Similar to most university enterprise agreements, termination of employment under MQASEA is only possible in instances of "serious misconduct", which has a different definition to the lesser charge of "misconduct". For a reasonable person, serious misconduct would mean gross dereliction of duty or character such as criminal conviction, awarding of marks for 'favours', or scientific fraud. However MQASEA also defines serious misconduct as "repeated incidents of misconduct".
 Now, the media release cites two examples of misconduct. Failure to turn up at a class, if used as a case for dismissal, would see a number of academics on the dole queue. "...breaches of University policies in relation to travel and use of University resources" could see large-scale decimation of the academic population (think taking home paper clips for personal use). Two separate charges makes the case for serious misconduct. This would be a promising strategy if your purpose is to dismiss someone.
 The MQASEA has no provision for appeal against termination for serious misconduct. It is specifically proscribed under their grievance and dispute settling clauses (4.9 and 4.10). It may be possible to seek review by the NSW Ombudsman (due process) or, depending on the circumstances, NSW ICAC. Otherwise, litigation for redress to the Supreme Court would seem to be the only option. Constructive dismissal would seem to be an option worth considering.

21 {Ian H} #59.1
 July 13, 2013 at 1:15 pm · +4 -1
 Missing one lecture not misconduct. But willful and repeated refusal to teach as specified in his employment contract would be. The world is full of desperate talented young people in search of academic jobs who would be happy to accept a position that allowed them to teach and do research. Salby is a waste of space.

21 {Terminator} (this one is still Stage(2)) #60
 July 12, 2013 at 9:42 pm · +1 -0
 Upon further reflection I think I have misrepresented possible options under MQASEA. Under the dispute resolution provision, sub-clause 4.9.10 says:
 “Decisions in accordance with this Agreement to terminate employment shall not be subject to further review or dispute.”
 So you cannot dispute the decision, but you can maybe dispute the process – did MQ correctly follow the processes under 4.12? (Salby’s statement published here suggests they did not). If so, you ultimately have access to Fair Work Australia under 4.9 Dispute Settling Procedures.
 Unlike Supreme Court litigation, this approach (at least, initially) would not require expensive legals.

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21 {Duncan Miller} #61
 July 13, 2013 at 12:46 pm · +2 -0
 Macquarie Uni’s response seem wholly inadequate. I’m with the Salby. Nothing like a bit of diversity of opinion in interpretation of the evidence. Long as it’s science. Disappointing to see such a significant university so unconvincing. The thought police are at it again.

21 {Ian H} #62
 July 13, 2013 at 12:54 pm · +4 -0
 There is a new statement from Macquarie
http://www.announcements.mq.edu.au/vc/professor_murry_salby_and_his_dismissal_from_macquarie_university
 It looks like he did indeed misuse his University credit card to buy the ticket. The statement also makes it explicitly clear that teaching is mentioned in his terms of employment. Those thinking of going to the barricades for Salby also might want to investigate the circumstances that surround his resignation from Colorado. Dishonesty of a serious financial nature was involved. Such

dishonesty suggests that we should be highly cautious before trusting his version of events.

21 {J Martin} #62.1
 July 13, 2013 at 7:59 pm · +1 -0
 If Salby takes them to an external tribunal, then the University will have to come up with substantiated evidence, not just a bald statement. The verdict of the internal review must be held to be null and void since the reason that Salby was not present was directly caused by the University when they cancelled the air ticket.
 The only way a satisfactory conclusion can be reached in this matter is for an external investigation involving solicitors and complete transparency rather than a University of East Anglia style of whitewash.

21 {Fragmeister} #63
 July 13, 2013 at 6:04 pm · +1 -0
 Got bored reading comments by people who don’t seem to have read Salby’s version of events so thought I would help.
 According to Salby, the university withdrew their permission for him to give his research results a public airing for whatever reason. Effectively from February he was suspended without pay. He had already agreed a lecture tour. The university appears to have withdrawn funding for the trip but Salby went ahead anyway, paying out of his own pocket. Already in conflict with MQ, the university cancels a ticket they paid for that enabled a suspended employee to do something he had been instructed not to do.
 following his acrimonious departure from Colorado, Salby doesn’t look like the clean party in this. Before jumping to conclusions, read with care and a more considered eye the actual evidence.

21 {Terminator} #64
 July 13, 2013 at 10:21 pm · +1 -0
 Thanks for bringing this to our attention in a timely manner Ian H. The VCs statement does elaborate on the circumstances. It is good that he is taking ownership and is getting behind his Provost – something that does not always happen in Australian universities.
 So, one verdict is that Salby miss-used a corporate credit card to book work-related travel. There is no suggestion that this was a miss-use of funds (perhaps it was out of the travel funds he was promised in his contract)but rather that he bypassed travel approval processes. There have been many high profile Professors in Australian universities who have done this in recent years. Worth a slap on the wrist? Certainly. But this has never got anywhere near misconduct proceedings. (but can be used if determined to establish two

instances of misconduct, leading to serious misconduct)

So the clincher and main cause of his dismissal is Salby's teaching responsibilities. This can only be assessed with regard to his contract of employment. I would bet that his contract was not a straight 40/40/20 contract for an academic – his teaching duties would be minimal, in line with that of other God Professors we employ.

It's interesting that dirt about Colorado is now being raised on cue. If Colorado is Salby's previous employer, then MQ would surely have sought a reference from them. If not, then the Provost and Director of HR should be called to account.

21 {Ian H} #64.1
July 15, 2013 at 7:28 am · +1 -0

With regard to the reference, Salby's problems in Colorado concerned mishandling of an NSF grant and not university funds. With the university at one remove from the situation and no formal charges laid, they may have felt excused or even constrained by libel laws from discussing the full situation. The timing might also be of interest. Did he wait for the offer from Macquarie to come through before resigning? If so then perhaps Colorado had a vested interest in giving him a glowing recommendation, keen as they may have been at that point to see him gone.

21 {Jim} #65
July 15, 2013 at 2:44 am · +1 -0

A lot of people speculating here really do not have much idea of how universities work.

First of all, I am a professor and I mark my examinations and assignments and Of course teach class. It goes with the job. However, the more successful Ones research, the less teaching one will have to do. Research professors Are expected to get research grants, and if they don't, then employment Becomes less secure.

There are all sorts of reasons To get out of teaching a class. However, Being overseas when told not to go, does tend make many of the usual Excuses untenable.

I would not unreservedly believe either of the parties of this dispute. University administration statements I regard with skepticism. The letter Of contract to salby would be interesting to read as well as his Statement of duties. This is documentary evidence that can be used To substantiate claims by either the university or salby.

One things that sometimes happens at appointment time is that verbal Statements regarding resources are made, which are not fulfilled Due to budgetary pressure. A key point is what is in writing.

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July 15, 2013 at 11:03 am ·

[...] <http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-uni-responds-to-murry-salby-what-they-dont-say-speaks-vol...> [...]

21 {Backslider} #67
July 15, 2013 at 11:58 am · +1 -0

Salby is being torn to shreds over at DesmogBlog..... this whole thing is really really ugly.

Career gone.

21 {Steve Short} Ecoeng #68
July 15, 2013 at 6:27 pm · +0 -0

Now that we have such damning evidence from the NSF regarding Salby's less than squeaky clean behaviour with research grant funds while at U. Colorado (Boulder), first revealed on WUWT by no less than the Master Rodent himself, am I to be the first to point out that we now seem to have yet another Shakespearian tragedy in the making along the lines of the previous Miskolcziandebacle?

And yet, and yet, how are we to reconcile such appearances with this sweet piece of cutting edge science?

http://www.dhushara.com/Biocrisis/11/jun/ozone_recover.pdf

Endorsed by Prof. David Karoly himself too, gadzooks!

Is nothing sacred?

21 {Terminator} #69
July 16, 2013 at 12:09 am · +1 -1

I haven't seen any "damning evidence" from NSF or Colorado here Ecoeng. If there was any problem at Colorado re an NSF grant then it was the responsibility and accountability of Colorado to sort it out. The university is not "removed" or "excused" or "constrained". This is total bullshit. Their DVC (Research) would have signed a statement taking full responsibility for discharge of the terms of the grant.

Many Professors here do not understand the obligations of ARC grants and act as if they are unaccountable. They need to be brought to account. But serious misconduct? I don't think so..

21 {Terminator} #70
July 16, 2013 at 12:23 am · +1 -0

All this seems to have been beaten up by a very insignificant character called Graham Readfern.

Good riddance to bad rubbish....

21 {Eddie Sharpe} #70.1
 July 16, 2013 at 5:33 pm · +1 -0

That's what he does. Still trying to make any name for himself he can, still stirring from the sidelines, after the embarrassing performance in Brisbane which preceded his departure from a Queensland newspaper.

21 {Fragmeister} #71
 July 16, 2013 at 4:57 am · +1 -1

Terminator, read the available evidence carefully and you will see that Salby took tax dollars twice. All the talk of climate scientists feathering their nests and carbon taxes being wrong and here is a man lucky not to be up on a criminal charge. Character is what someone does when no one is looking. Guess Salby is not of good character.

21 {Backslider} #71.1
 July 16, 2013 at 5:55 am · +2 -0

Right Fragass.... we also all believe everything we read.... NOT.

21 {Steve Short} Ecoeng #72
 July 16, 2013 at 1:30 pm · +0 -0

What is this – Invasion of the Brain Snatchers?
<http://www.nsf.gov/oig/search/106090025.pdf>

21 {Terminator} #72.1
 July 16, 2013 at 11:02 pm · +0 -0

Yes, compelling. The bit about 'overlapping applications' brings a wry smile to anyone who knows how the research heavyweights play the game. But, agreed, not good. Still leaves open how the hell MQ employed him.

21 {Richard Hill} #73
 July 16, 2013 at 4:56 pm · [DeSmogBlog.2 16 08:56am UTC] +0 -0

Before jumping to conclusions, read this. (right through)
<http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/12/murry-salby-galileo-bozo-or-p-t-barnum>

21 {Terminator} #73.1
 July 16, 2013 at 11:04 pm · +0 -0

I decline to dignify the children at desmogblog..

21 {Jmac} #74
 July 16, 2013 at 11:26 pm · +0 -0

Z.22 10 09:00pm JOSH.1

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POST

Macquarie University Chronicle – Inflagrante Scientifico

This cartoon image Salby was subtitled:

‘Scientists discovered doing science at the University

“We were appalled: says University, “this kind of thing should be banned.”

Full story elsewhere...’

This appeared quickly in BISHOP.2 and WUWT.3, reblogged elsewhere and mentioned in various threads.

“Josh” is an anonymous cartoonist, likely in UK, whose website says

‘Any new cartoons can be found on [BishopHill](#) - see the [CartoonsbyJosh](#) sidebar link -

and all, I hope, will feature in the 2014 Calendar. ...

Many thanks to these referring blogs

Bishop Hill • **WUWT** • **Climate Audit** • **The Blackboard** • **Judith Curry** • **Roger Pielke Jr** • **Jo Nova**

The Climate Scam • **Our changing climate** • **James Delingpole** • **RealClimateGate** • **Tallbloke** • **The Air Vent** • **Shub's blog**’

Of those, the 5 in Bold are included here. Steve McIntyre (Climate Audit) seemed wary of this cartoon.. From past history, even if Salby sent it to Judith Curry, she seemed unlikely to post this.

The one oddity is *Our Changing Climate*, by climate scientist Bart Verheggen, who was definitely **not** recommending this. “Referring” is not recommending, but “josh” clearly has found a market.

Z.23 10 09:10pm BISHOP.2 Andrew Montford**Climate of smear**

<http://www.webcitation.org/6OTOA62kB> 23{Andrew Montford}

POST

(Just the *JOSH.I* cartoon.

Macquarie University Chronicle

“IN FLAGRANTE SCIENTIFICO:”

Scientists discovered doing science

at the University

“We were appalled” says the University,

this kind of thing should be banned.”

Story on BH [here](#), at WUWT [here](#), with a response from the University [here](#).

Jo Nova has similar posts [here](#) and [here](#) too.

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‘This is a bit premature, IMHO.

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:14 PM | 23{[Turning Tide](#)}

This is a wonderful cartoon. Actually, I should think this would fit quite a few universities, given the political mindset of most if not all of them nowadays.

One of your best, Josh! :)

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:35 PM | 23{[A.D. Everard](#)}

I'll stick my neck out for Salby. He knows what he's talking about.

The University's response contains no information.

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:35 PM | 23{[shub](#)}

I am a bit torn. I see ammo for the 'other side' here. A few weeks ago, all academics stank, and any academic who had strong feelings on CAGW had a rail, barrell of tar and a sack of feathers lined up.

They should all be sacked. Now we have an angel who should be unsacked

Jul 10, 2013 at 10:53 PM | 23{[EternalOptimist](#)}

Surely there must have been Visa entry implications that only a verified contract of employment could have resulted in a positive for an entry Visa?

That being the case then there seems to be an array of routes, through the university's own procedures, to question any non-conformity of their claim to dismiss.

Without the full facts on this matter it's tough to call, but, the fact that Salby

has sent his email to some of the main 'skeptical of CAGW' sites is indeed of interest, (is there record of it going to a non-skeptical site?)

Best advice for this guy is to get legal-advice as to how to use the already established rules of his (ex)uni' to question their decision rather than jumping into a Court of Law.

Tread carefully, not all that looks-like-gold is in fact gold!

Jul 11, 2013 at 1:23 AM | 23{[unknownknowns](#)}

We've heard one side of an employment dispute. Unless you have some inside insight, there is absolutely no reason to suppose that his assertions give a complete view of the matter and there are entirely insufficient grounds for condemning the Uni.

Unless you're just doing propaganda. In that case, I guess you can just rush to whatever judgements give you warm fuzzies.

Jul 11, 2013 at 3:55 AM | 23{[Szilard](#)}

Assuming the story is factual in whole or even part, perhaps a global policy of hiring grads should include the school that educated them. Who would want employees that have been taught such shabby behavior as seen at MQ is acceptable? Why would families send their young adults off to university to be exposed to this thinking? There are all manor of repercussion for this kind of behavior. Grant money invested so administrators can behave like tyrants? I think not. Where is the outrage of the alumni? What an embarrassment this could be.

Jul 11, 2013 at 4:49 AM | 23{[dp](#)}

What we have is a clear situation where an employer/employee relationship has gone badly sour with the added ingredient of climate wars intrigue.

I think what we could really do with is a third party assessment of the story by someone untrammelled by any climate baggage to run through the misunderstandings and faults that almost certainly on *both* sides that led up to this situation. Though I think the paradox is that if climate intrigue isn't added and spun into the narrative then no one would be motivated to do this assessment.

Jul 11, 2013 at 6:06 AM | 23{[The Leopard In The Basement](#)}

As someone who has worked closely with HR (Human Resource) teams, experience tells me to not get involved or pass judgement.

And from the moment this became public, I very much doubt the Uni's HR team has much experience with a public sharing of knowledge in this way and the exposure that brings.

So criticising their reply I think is a little unfair. They are also constrained by

employment laws in how they handle this.

I personally would not give food to Lewandowsky conspiracy petri dish...

Jul 11, 2013 at 6:34 AM | 23 {[Jiminy Cricket](#)}

Premature, and stupidly tribal. Just because he seems to be against "them" doesn't make him one of "us"

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:47 AM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

I meant to add, great cartoon. The style, typefaces and colours are dead right.

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:49 AM | 23 {[jamesp](#)}

I'm with BigYin.

And not funny, either. [snip DNFTT]

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:50 AM | 23 {[Martin A](#)}

"...“one in two chance that by 2100 there'll be no human beings left on this planet'...”

Alarmist PR linked to MQ

From Jo Nova's comments section. LMFAO

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:55 AM | 23 {[FarleyR](#)}

FarleyR, oh so even the hair shirt greenies are changing their prophecies, it used to be by 50:50 by 2050.

Maybe they have fed BH's recent sensitivity research into their General "we are all doomed" Model and revised their date? See? Science in action...

Jul 11, 2013 at 9:14 AM | 23 {[Jiminy Cricket](#)}

One of the WUWT comments (to the University response, such as it is) seems apposite:

"It seems like a pretty thin case for dismissal at all let alone in such a harsh fashion. Normally there would be a paper trail of warnings and hearings leading to final dismissal and Prof. Salby has made no mention of this. Also natural justice would demand that he be allowed to be present with representation when the disciplinary committee met and he was not there."

It's even worse than that if he was physically prevented from being present at that hearing!

Jul 11, 2013 at 9:14 AM | 23 {[jamesp](#)}

Salby's theory matches observations and cagw theory does not. If the uni does not want the potential kudos of that then they probably don't want to say why. A knife in the back would save their embarrassment.

That could, however, be catastrophic.

Jul 11, 2013 at 9:15 AM | 23 {[ssat](#)}

I think we need to separate (for now) the direction of Salby's research with his dismissal. I know we are predisposed to believe in such things, but there are other reasons for people being dismissed, academics lose their positions all the time for all manner of reasons. Salby himself blames his ideological stance, but that may just be convenient for him to garner support from an eager mob.

People have cited the university's scant reply as proof they are being sneaky, but remember they cannot actually publicly divulge very much of what is an internal private disciplinary found - this is private information is is protected under data protection laws. They can only state in general terms what was found. Only a court can ask them to be more specific.

I'm just saying be careful that we don't embrace someone using our willingness to believe in the evil AGWer network as a cover for a possible ordinary employment squabble.

Jul 11, 2013 at 9:34 AM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

I doubt anything Macquarie University try will work in the long term.

Dr. Salby produces this work -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=2ROw_cDKwc0

- that effectively challenges the very foundation of the global warming hoax. The university that employs Tim Flannery, head of the climate commission, then sacks Dr. Salby.

It just looks bad now. However the hoax is collapsing rapidly. How is this sorry episode going to be viewed by the cheated taxpayers in the future? "Bad" won't be the half of it.

Good luck with the "nothing to do with his views on climate change" line Macquarie ;)

Jul 11, 2013 at 10:04 AM | 23 {[Konrad](#)}

"As far as I can tell, the only basis for your premise is a pathological need to think ill of climate science and well of all those who seem to oppose it."

Some might suggest after years of observation of the discipline that this approach is understandable.

Having said this if Prof Salby has an issue he should take it to a tribunal - lets see what its judgment is. Until then all this discussion is just arm waving.

Jul 11, 2013 at 10:50 AM | 23 {[RB](#)}

How many universities make public statements about professors sacked because they failed to take a class? I'm just surprised that anyone thinks that there is a shred of truth that it:

"...had nothing to do with his views on climate change nor any other views."

But that actually, an experienced professor was dismissed because he:
 "...failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take."
 Just the one? After 5 years? Not the one where they cancelled his return flight, having conveniently allowed him the outbound? He's been shafted. They discovered early they didn't like his research direction, and it's taken a five year campaign of sly, snide, contract manipulating skull-duggery to nail something that will legally enable them to sack him.
 To me, his association with Macquarie is threatening future funding for their portfolio of CO2_alarm_related products. No CO2-market-stimulating alarm then mucho pecuniam retracto :~
 Did the Macquarie academatchiks (Flannery) feel that Salby disguised his sceptical disposition, because it was only as time went on they became aware that he was not at the coal face of sustainable development, working in support of a radical decarbonisation as they had planned, but beneath it, pick-axing his way through soft, crumbling, post-normal strata and finding a rich vein of liberating scientific gemstones? Yes, methinks.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 10:53 AM | 23 {[Justin Ert](#)}

@Justin Ert "How many universities make public statements about professors sacked because they failed to take a class?"
 Hardly any, but then again, how many professorial sackings are (a) in a contentious field with great public interest and (b) being discussed all over the partisan websites and blogs?
 And to be fair to MQ, their statement *does* say:
 Macquarie University **does not normally comment** on the circumstances under which employees leave the University. However, we feel in this instance it is necessary to do so in order to correct misinformation.
 If it turns out in the end that Prof. Salby's dismissal was to do with matters entirely unrelated to his views on AGW, there are a lot of people around here and elsewhere who are going to look no better than the the typical alarmist caricature of a sceptic, seeing conspiracies everywhere and frothing at the mouth.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 11:01 AM | 23 {[Turning Tide](#)}

@TT
 I haven't seen a awful lot of mouth frothing here or on the other thread, quite the reverse.
 With regard to the cartoon, whether or not it's funny the whole raison d'etre for cartoonists is to make fun of, satirise and otherwise discomfort those you disagree with, this cartoon meets that objective I think. Political cartoonists shouldn't necessarily be constrained by rules those viewing the cartoon put on

the item itself. There have been there are many political cartoonists who are a lot less restrained in what they produce than this one.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 11:17 AM | 23 {[SandyS](#)}

"However, we feel in this instance it is necessary to do so in order to correct misinformation."
 But exactly where did Macquarie University 'correct misinformation' - they didn't !!!
 Which seems to point towards the probability that there was no 'misinformation' to correct.
 This simply stinks and the more publicity it gets the better so those advocating a wait and see approach are simply advocating a policy which will delight the Warmists as the 'Climate Change' legislation marches relentlessly onwards.
 And what sort of message does this give to any other scientists who would like to come forward with similar stories?
 Jul 11, 2013 at 11:20 AM | 23 {[Marion](#)}

Marion,
 This simply stinks and the more publicity it gets the better so those advocating a wait and see approach are simply advocating a policy which will delight the Warmists as the 'Climate Change' legislation marches relentlessly onwards.
 I'll tell you what will delight the warmists. The sceptic community foolishly embracing a story which later turns out to be false.
 Again, disappointed and horrified with the tribalism of both sides.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 11:25 AM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

Re: Jul 11, 2013 at 11:25 AM | TheBigYinJames
 I call it as I see it BYJ and by the way whatever did happen with the Wegman case.
 Were those 'plagiarism' charges ever resolved by the George Mason University.
 Or do the Warmists still go round citing Wegman as a plagiarist?.....
 Too often excellent reputations get trashed and the debate moves before the truth comes out we should be encouraging the sunlight of publicity to get to the truth.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 12:04 PM | 23 {[Marion](#)}

we should be encouraging the sunlight of publicity to get to the truth.
 Absolutely. Not acting as if we already know it.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 12:10 PM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

"I'll tell you what will delight the warmists. The sceptic community foolishly embracing a story which later turns out to be false."
 So where's your evidence that any of Murry Salby's statements are false?
 Meanwhile the debate moves on.....
 and oh yes, you didn't answer my question about the Wegman case....
 Jul 11, 2013 at 12:26 PM | 23 {[Marion](#)}

It is possible that Macquarie University had good reasons for dismissing Professor Salby but, as others have pointed out, they made no attempt to correct the "misinformation" in their statement, nor did they reply to any of Salby's accusations.
 Why on earth would the university have cancelled a non-refundable ticket?
 There are only two possible explanations; either the university administration acted out of pure malice, or the person who decided to cancel the ticket did not realise that it was non-refundable.
 Even if the second explanation (that the administration was incompetent) is the true one, cancelling a ticket for an itinerary that had already been approved when you no that the person is abroad is rather strange behaviour for an employer. Macquarie University has a lot of explanation to do. The longer this whole business goes on the more damaging it is to the university's reputation. If they did have perfectly good reasons for getting rid of Professor Salby they should present their side of the argument in more detail, just as Professor Salby has done.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 12:31 PM | 23 {[Roy](#)}

Marion, I don't have to answer your questions about the Wegman case, because it's got nothing to do with Salby, which this thread is about. Also, I don't need to provide evidence that his statements are false, since I'm not saying they are false. He's the one making claims, it's up to him to make me believe them, not up to me to rebut them.
 I'm not saying they are false, I'm saying they may turn out to be false. And until we're sure (or surer), we look like a bunch of mouth-foamers.
 We have far too much of this "true until you prove otherwise" fallacious logic within climate science itself as it is without us doing it too. Nullius in verba, and that applies to likeable rebellious climate scientists who appear to be on the side of the good guys, not just those we dislike.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 12:33 PM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

BigYin, Marion
 "False" is a big word, but there is certainly something worrying about part of Salby's presentation. The impressive take home message that the CO2 / temperature fit is perfect in the (average of) models yet awful in the real world

is really achieved by an old presentational sleight of hand - one that students are always getting told off about. The scale of CO2 in the first graph ranges over 600 units whereas it is only 50 in the second graph. And the temperature scale has not been changed in proportion. If you plot it out on common scales the story looks a lot less obvious. Some critics have pointed this out (although, oddly, it's not in the Prentice rebuttal) but there doesn't seem to have been a reply.
 I think extreme caution is necessary before second guessing on due process in cases like this. It's always more complicated than you think.
 Jul 11, 2013 at 12:54 PM | 23 {[alan kennedy](#)}

Re: Jul 11, 2013 at 12:33 PM | TheBigYinJames
 Murry Salby has gone into a great amount of detail in his statements. If any of these were untrue it would have been easy for Macquarie University to show it - they didn't!
 And odd that one who professes himself a sceptic should use such emotive language as "a bunch of mouth-foamers".
 I have very little time for those who try and close a debate by bringing up the spectre of 'conspiracy theorists'.
 Not that long ago since those who warned about the true intent of the European Project were described as 'nutters' and the like (we were told we were simply entering into a Trading Agreement!!!) but look where we are now.....
 Jul 11, 2013 at 12:55 PM | 23 {[Marion](#)}

Sorry Marion, you bring in too many tangential and unrelated arguments for me, which I'm going to ignore, since it doesn't matter how many other conspiracy theories turned out to be true in your opinion, it doesn't have any effect on this one. Just because they covered up Watergate doesn't mean they covered up a Moon Landings hoax.
 My use of "mouth-foamers" was not my emotive language, it will be how we are viewed by the other side if we jump like Pavlovian dogs every time someone says "bad men".
 The amount of detail in Salby's statement is not in itself proof of anything, and in fact leaves more questions than it answers, and I hope he now has time to elaborate on what he says, for example the form and content of his original contract, the methods that he was obstructed from doing his research, etc, why he agreed to the changed terms of employment, why he didn't pursue the university for their mistake (courts are notoriously good at favouring the little man when large institutions foul up)
 The university cannot do a point-by-point public rebuttal because they are constrained by data protection laws. If Salby want to reveal details about his length of contract, working conditions, travel arrangements and colleagues,

that's up to him. Institutions cannot by law, so you can't take the lack of detail in a public press release as proof of anything either.

That's the point, we have one person's story and a lacklustre info-free corporate denial. Neither of which is enough to make a judgement either way. I'm more interested in why people (like you) think they can somehow divine the truth from this ragbag of rumour and tale, enough to become overtly hostile to those who don't feel they have enough information to make a decision (me). You're angry with me because I don't see the "truth".

The proof of the pudding will be : if he has a case, he'll win it in court and the truth will be out then. Good luck to him, it would be great to give them a bloody nose. But I'm not going to get agitated about the likelihood of this happening until I've seen more than one person's account. Especially when that person feels aggrieved and is presenting his story in the best possible light. I'm not going over and over this with you, you feel you have enough evidence to go with, good for you. But don't get angry with me because I don't.

Jul 11, 2013 at 1:16 PM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

Shame on you BYJ when you can describe the clear statements put forward by Murry Salby as a "ragbag of rumour and tale" and what evidence do you have that "courts are notoriously good at favouring the little man when large institutions foul up" - I doubt that Edward Snowden would agree with you.

Jul 11, 2013 at 1:40 PM | 23 {[Marion](#)}

There is an update with her comments on Jo Nova's Blog
<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-uni-responds-to-murry-salby-what-they-dont-say-speaks-volumes/>

Jul 11, 2013 at 1:47 PM | 23 {[Ross Lea](#)}

BYJ

"why he didn't pursue the university for their mistake"

Because he wanted to hold on to his job..?

Jul 11, 2013 at 2:46 PM | 23 {[jamesp](#)}

jamesp,

yes, but according to his statement, he had been promised the contract would be regulated by a government body, and since the University allegedly failed to register it in this way, that "meant" that the terms of the contract became unenforceable, i.e. they could get out of those promises.

This is the most problematic part for me. A contract is a contract, no matter who says they are going to oversee or regulate it, if he has a signed bit of paper in his hand promising these things that never appeared, that makes them

breaches of contract, and legally enforceable with or without regulatory oversight. Unless the contract specifically says that it's not binding unless such oversight has been applied for and obtained.

This is the point at which he should have consulted a contracts lawyer. As soon as he found out that he was on shaky ground contractually. But, by his own statement, he accepted changed terms instead. And then breached those terms. If he made that choice because he was afraid of losing his job, then that is a decision he may regret.

Jul 11, 2013 at 3:06 PM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

BTW, I'm not unsympathetic with Prof Salby. He seems a decent sort, and I haven't had time to go over his work yet, so can't comment on that side of it. But the world of contracts and etc is pretty ruthless, especially in the hands of well-paid institutional lawyers.

To operate in that world you have to become pretty ruthless yourself, and do not skimp on the legal advice. I've come a cropper a few times myself when my little company had simply not been paid for some piece of work on a contractual technicality or horseplay by someone in the contractual chain.

By the same token, I'm not excusing any bad things that may have been done to him by the institution. Bureaucracy is sometimes used as a blunt weapon to achieve the aims of people. This is why people need to be careful.

Jul 11, 2013 at 3:34 PM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

@all those who say the MQ statement didn't "correct misinformation"

Actually, it does. It says:

The decision to terminate Professor Murry Salby's employment with Macquarie University had nothing to do with his views on climate change nor any other views.

So all we have is Prof. Salby saying one thing and the university saying another, and no way of knowing which (if any) is correct: neither side has actually produced any evidence. So this thread (and the other one), and all the other discussions on other blogs, are nothing but speculation based upon individual poster's assumptions and prejudices.

Jul 11, 2013 at 3:49 PM | 23 {[Turning Tide](#)}

@ TBYJ

Unless the contract specifically says that it's not binding unless such oversight has been applied for and obtained.

It's unlikely such a provision would be enforceable.

You and I could agree a contract whereby I will supply you with guns and you will pay me in drugs. It would be unenforceable because the activities are illegal.

A contract whereby you give up your rights under contract law would be the same. You can get someone to sign it but no court will enforce it.
There is very little Macquarie can say out loud about this IMO.

Jul 11, 2013 at 3:52 PM | .23 {[Justice4Rinka](#)}

So where do you want the drugs dropped off?

Jul 11, 2013 at 4:02 PM | .23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

Marion

'Debate' pre-supposes two sides with differing views on a subject about which they at least purport to have some knowledge.

There is no true debate here. Salby has provided the blogosphere with a detailed account of his treatment at the hands of Macquarie as he understands it. Macquarie has, as at this moment, not produced any similarly detailed account of this treatment as they understand it.

We have no objective knowledge of the true events. We are in danger of taking sides in a dispute without being in possession of all the relevant data. Since we want Salby to be the good guy we are rowing in behind him but for all we know he may be a fantasist, he may be a liar with an agenda of his own, he may have misunderstood Macquarie's position, On the other hand he may be right in every respect.

So his statements, no matter how "clear" they may be could still turn out to be "a ragbag of rumour and tale".

In which case those who have leapt to identify him as the next candidate for canonisation are going to look extremely silly and will have done the sceptics' standpoint no favours at all.

Jul 11, 2013 at 4:05 PM | .23 {[Mike Jackson](#)}

" I doubt that Edward Snowden would agree with you."

To compare Murry Salby with Edward Snowden is just plain stupid.

Jul 11, 2013 at 5:39 PM | .23 {[Roger Longstaff](#)}

Re: Jul 11, 2013 at 5:39 PM | Roger Longstaff

Oh, Roger, and precisely where did I "compare Murry Salby with Edward Snowden" ?

Jul 11, 2013 at 7:03 PM | .23 {[Marion](#)}

Re: Jul 11, 2013 at 4:05 PM | Mike Jackson

So, Mike, we aren't allowed to have a debate unless we have "an objective knowledge of true events". But isn't this blog based on debate, how could it exist without it.

And where exactly is the "objective knowledge of true events" in much of

Climate 'Science'. It seems to me to be very much based on interpretations of assumptions! But according to you unless we have "an objective knowledge of true events" then we aren't allowed to debate it.

So you are willing to apply the word "rumour" (definition 'gossip' or 'hearsay') to the statement of the main witness. Well my knowledge of the English language seems to be somewhat different to yours. It would seem that much of what is presented in court would be by that definition 'gossip' or 'hearsay'. I think not!

And can you please identify exactly who "have leapt to identify him as the next candidate for canonisation " by referencing those comments else you may look rather silly yourself!

Jul 11, 2013 at 7:28 PM | .23 {[Marion](#)}

Marion and Missy share a lot of commonality in terms of technique. Just sayin.

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:21 PM | .23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

Having seen the behind-the-scenes shenanigans with the Soon and Baliunas affair, I would not be surprised at anything. Having lived in academia for years, I would not be surprised at anything.

Jul 11, 2013 at 8:27 PM | .23 {[shub](#)}

J4R

"There is very little Macquarie can say out loud about this IMO"

They could surely confirm or deny that they cancelled Salby's return ticket? It must be a matter of record and would certainly tell us which way to jump.

They seem a bit reticent to me.

Jul 11, 2013 at 9:29 PM | .23 {[jamesp](#)}

Re: Jul 11, 2013 at 8:21 PM | TheBigYinJames

So BYJ who is 'Missy' - perhaps you would care to link to those comments that "share a lot of commonality in terms of technique" - I would like to see that!!

Somehow I doubt you will do so....

Jul 11, 2013 at 9:51 PM | .23 {[Marion](#)}

.... No, we'll simply get the inference with no particular proof.

'Climate of smear' indeed!! A tactic so favoured by the warmists.

Jul 11, 2013 at 9:55 PM | .23 {[Marion](#)}

And by the way, Josh, excellent cartoon.

So very appropriate....Looking forward to your next Calendar.

(This year's is on my wall providing some much needed humour!! and of course reminders of what low levels these warmists stoop to!!!)

Jul 11, 2013 at 10:39 PM | 23{[Marion](#)}

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afaik all labour disputes have 2 sides. Such that a persuasive unofficial "affidavit" from one side, seeming to bypass the legalities, does not imply that that person is in the right.. in this case, the laws of immigration, residence and employment will out. My guess is that Salby is playing with a Yorkshire bat....over-weighted to one side.

Jul 11, 2013 at 10:55 PM | 23{[diogenes](#)}

From the Ecclesiastical Uncle, an old retired bureaucrat in a field only remotely related to climate with minimal qualifications and only half a mind. IMHO many here make too much of legal nicities.

My experience:

Years back, I applied for and got a one year's contract with a US company trading, inter alia, in locations where the framework of employment law either did not exist or was not enforced. Their representative was a Pakistani who evidently came from a background in the slave trade, and very good too he was at it. I was located elsewhere when I was recruited and was offered and signed a one year contract while there, on the verbal assurance that the work would likely last for five (which was very easily believable - one year for the sort of work would be strange). I worked my year and my money was paid direct to my bank - all I saw were incomprehensible automated US pay slips. After the year, my money continued to be paid and I made a few desultory enquiries about renewal/extension of the contract, which were either not answered or briefly fobbed off. And so I served on without one, actually more or less for the anticipated five years. And this was not unique. During that employment, I recall another wage slave coming to me, very and in my view quite unnecessarily disturbed, to complain about the absence of a contract for his employment. I advised him not too fuss so long as his money was paid but have no idea what, if anything, happened. (I forget whether his services had been sold by the same company as had sold mine.)

Mind you, things didn't always end so nicely. I recall traveling from one country to another for an interview and gaining the impression, after a furious row about payment of termination fares, that I was appointed to a job that was, in my judgment, quite impossible. (A hot flush during the interview!) So I resigned and travelled to my new location only to be told to go to a hotel and wait. After a couple of weeks they said they wouldn't give me a contract. Consternation! But actually, no sweat - my hot flush had been appropriate - funding was withdrawn three months later and the work folded.

I've never been to Oz but I have worked with many Aussies. I doubt they are

the sort of people who would fuss about a contract of employment if they got the money.

However, I would expect Oz immigration to be fairly rigorous but maybe they would not see the contract -maybe only a note -we used our standard employment contract etc.

And wouldn't any contract include a possibly final clause directing the employee to anything the employer directed? Certainly, employment contracts I wrote did.

And employers can be reasonably certain that there won't be any subsequent litigation post dismissal as few dismissed persons would have the resources to sue in locations where a word in the ear of the right person could see the luckless ex-employee expelled the country for undertaking activities not mentioned in his contract of employment.

So, I'm not surprised at what's reported. Isn't it the way most of the world works?

Jul 12, 2013 at 6:04 AM | 23{[Ecclesiastical Uncle](#)}

Johanna,

My point is that the "strained relations" followed directly on from the Hamburg lecture in question and led to Salby's return ticket being cancelled and his being stranded in Paris plus all the rest of the hassle. The content of the lecture (have you watched it?) inclines me, like Dung to trust the Salby version rather than the Macquarie one until further notice and to support those who do.

Jul 12, 2013 at 7:37 AM | 23{[John in France](#)}

Like the climate debate itself, trust shouldn't really come into it. This is just a mini Argument From Authority.... we 'like' Salby, so we 'trust' Salby. We 'dislike' Macquarie, so we 'distrust' them.

it's human nature, but it's not logical (captain)

Jul 12, 2013 at 8:18 AM | 23{[TheBigYinJames](#)}

A few weeks back I had a chat with a HR Director. She said she had resigned. The official line was "mutual agreement".

The unofficial line? She was pushed.

I went around various parties and worked out what had happened. No one party told me the full picture - it was not even a case that they were lying, just their view on situation was from their own eyes.

However, the simple reality is that she was high maintenance and not adding PERCEIVED value. And this is usually the matrix used when removing people: high/low in maintenance/value.

I have done project reviews and audits. The reason being that there are problems between teams, people effecting delivery. Only after doing the

rounds do you get a picture. And for every meeting I sat there and asked myself: "Why are you telling me this?".
I cannot believe people are jumping in here and taking sides.
Why am I being told this? Sorry, you never take this type of issue on the words of one party. Never.
If you take the reasoning employed here, do public divorce hearings actually show people in their true light?
Jul 12, 2013 at 9:20 AM | .23 { [Jiminy Cricket](#) }

Jiminy, agree totally.
Some people think that if I don't embrace Salby's account then I am somehow calling him a liar, or that you should trust him on this because he's been truthful in the past about other things. I would point anyone to a few episodes of Judge Judy to observe people who are honest, truthful and absolutely convinced they are legally in the right who are totally mistaken.
Jul 12, 2013 at 9:25 AM | .23 { [TheBigYinJames](#) }

DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC

TBY

You are trying to rescue people from the embarrassment of having supported a guy who might have a few skeletons in his closet?

Jul 13, 2013 at 1:02 PM | 23 {[shub](#)}

Although very disappointed I can't say I'm overly surprised but would wish to see the details before passing judgement.

One wonders, where public funds are involved, who doesn't "have a few skeletons in the closet".

Here in the UK many of our MPs were notoriously embroiled in ludicrously inappropriate expenses claims, including a government minister who had insisted that her sister's spare bedroom was her "main home" so that she could claim expenses for her actual main home. And allowed to get away with it!!! I'd refer to one of my earlier comments

"How long before we begin to see a pattern here - the pro CAGW side get funding, support, plaudits and any protection they require whereas the non-pro CAGW side gets the exact opposite."

So where was the investigation into Mann's misuse of public funds - Cuccinelli was hampered at every turn.

How about the Climategate mails - where was the thorough investigation there. Simply there wasn't!!! Indeed it was notable how supposedly 'independent' inquiries turned out to be not so 'independent' after all. And wasn't there mention in the mails between Jones and the Russians the misapplication of public funds. Where was the thorough investigation of this?

Again it seems if they're 'on message' they can expect protection, plaudits, funding and the reverse if their research leads elsewhere. It's very very sad that this has sent out a very strong message to other scientists should their research take them 'off story'.

Meanwhile more and more 'subsidies' are being ploughed into useless technologies, and our current energy policies are totally insane, (just one example - we plough huge subsidies into wind turbines which are notoriously inefficient and then invest further subsidies into back up diesel generators to provide energy when the wind doesn't blow further impoverishing the people with unaffordable energy bills

<http://www.eureferendum.com/blogview.aspx?blogno=84147>)

Western governments are further impoverishing their populations by massive spending in 'stimulation packages'. So instead of the democratic system whereby the consumer is allowed to decide where his money is best spent it gets taken off him via taxation and the government decides where the money is spent with a massive increase in the state to administer it all. Which leads to

gross inefficiencies and corruption.

We get 'crony capitalism' the worst of all worlds and people enslaved to government dependency.

CAGW is nought to do with 'science' but all about politics.

Jul 13, 2013 at 2:39 PM | 23 {[Marion](#)}

Salby would seem to have had a chequered career.

<http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/12/murry-salby-galileo-bozo-or-p-t-barnum>

Jul 13, 2013 at 11:26 PM | 23 {[Entropic Man](#)}

[DeSmogBlog.2 13 10:26pm UTC](#)

Entropic Man: Any chance of a Josh cartoon on that? Or an "Oopsie sorry; maybe too hasty" to the Uni ?

I doubt it.

These propaganda sites are pretty much worthless, beyond alerting that something-or-other is going on. Which is a pity, particularly for this site, because some of Montford's writing is good.

Jul 14, 2013 at 1:48 AM | 23 {[Szilard](#)}

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It's curious, but I think the same about sites such as GWPF and WUWT. Aint confirmation bias fun!

Jul 14, 2013 at 1:35 PM | 23 {[Entropic man](#)}

Point to the Big Yin : As a matter of record, Salby is a serial offender This has surfaced from the NSF review of what got Salby fired from his *previous* professorship:

"<p>An OIG investigation into an allegation that a former professor (Salby) at a Colorado university submitted a proposal to NSF that overlapped with an undisclosed proposal from an external non-profit research company (ASA) founded by the subject, resulted in a recommendation of debarment. The university and our office both conducted investigations into improper award management and conflicts of interests. NSF had concurrent awards to the subject at the university and the first company, but more recently only to the company. Our investigation revealed that the subject, consistently and over a period of many years, violated or disregarded various federal and NSF award administration requirements, violated university policies related to conflicts and outside compensation, and repeatedly misled both NSF and the university as to material facts about his outside companies and other

matters relating to NSF awards. After many years of operation of the first company, the subject created a second, for-profit company (AMSP) that acted as a subcontractor to the first company. The subject was the sole owner and employee of the second company, which existed solely to receive grant funds from the first company and pay them to the subject as salary. The subject failed to notify NSF of the subcontracting relationship with the second company, and improperly failed to limit indirect charges for the subcontract costs to the first \$25,000 as required.

The university repeatedly asked the subject to disclose all outside financial interests, and he repeatedly withheld information about the funds he re-ceived from his companies; when the university learned the truth, it severely restricted his access to its research facilities. The professor then resigned from his tenured faculty position.

When we asked him to supply supporting documentation for the salary payments, the subject provided timesheets reflecting highly implausible work hours—for example, the subject claimed effort averaging nearly 14 hours a day for 98 continuous days between May and August 2002 (including weekends and holidays), and in other instances claimed to have devoted as much as 21 hours per day to the project. We recommended that NSF debar the subject for five years, and NSF's decision is pending.'

Jul 15, 2013 at 1:44 AM | 23 {[Russell](#)}

My point in a nutshell Russell. We don't KNOW what happened.

So let's keep calm and not go off like a pack of hounds.

We don't need to give them ammo.

Jul 15, 2013 at 1:46 PM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

It seemed odd that the discussion just faded, but actually, the discussion had continued in a Bishop Hill discussion post by Martin A, started July 7 and only discovered recently, so included as part of post # 23, next for convenience, as some useful insights were provided.

Z.23a 07 00:26am BISHOP.2a Martin A**Discussion > Murry Salby: Relationship Between Greenhouse Gases and Global Temperature**<http://www.webcitation.org/6P22NVIYn> 23{Martin A}

This one began a few days before the SalbyStorm, but was only noticed after almost all the analysis was done. Conversations that might naturally have been part of §Z.04 or §Z.23 actually occurred here. Its relevant comments were just treated as part of the latter.

This illustrates the challenge of discourse analysis of discussions spread asynchronously across multiple blog posts. In some sequences, it is difficult to know whether people had seen information elsewhere and ignored it, or have not seen it.

§Z.04 Mostly Stage(1), much (2) and some (3)

§Z.23 Mostly Stage(2), a page of (3)

§Z.23a Some before Stage (1), some (1), some (2), mostly (3)

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Martin A discussed Salby's 04/18/13 talk, excerpted as follows:

‘...I think it is not an exaggeration to state that he puts climate science on to a rigorous footing, where things are confirmed by comparison with observation. This is something it has lacked previously, even leading some people to question whether it should be accorded the term "science", because of its reliance on unvalidated models as "evidence". ...

[1] **Modern changes in CO2 and temperature are not unprecedented ...**

[2] **Humans do not detectably affect CO2 levels. ...**

[3] **IPCC statements that observation of carbon isotopes confirm the human origin of CO2 are wrong. ...**

[4] **On timescales of decades, climate models referred to by the IPCC have no predictive capability. ...**

[5] **The energy balance in IPCC climate models is wrong. ...**

[6] **Atmospheric CO2 is proportional to the time integral of temperature...**

Why this is significant: Its consequence is that human emissions do not significantly affect atmospheric CO2 levels.

Professor Salby's work has been rubbished thoroughly at Real Climate and at Skeptical Science - perhaps a hint at its significance.

Jul 7, 2013 at 1:26 AM | [Martin A](#)

‘Martin

I think the most important thing that he shows is that on a daily basis, the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere (ppm) bears no relation to the daily amount pumped in by human activity. In other words other sources and sinks of CO2 are dominant.

Jul 7, 2013 at 3:35 AM | [Dung](#)

"Pumped in" has echoes of CAGW propaganda. "Released" would be factual and less emotive.

Jul 7, 2013 at 9:17 AM | [splitpin](#)

What RealClimate have to say is probably worth paying attention to since they are 'Real'Climatescientists, supposedly.

No-one in their right mind gives a stuff what Cook and Nuccitelli think.

I keep meaning to watch Salby's video. Perhaps after Wimbledon's finished. Or the Tour de France. Or the Ashes.

Tsk. So many commitments. So little time. So thanks for the summary, Martin.

Jul 7, 2013 at 11:35 AM | [Mike Jackson](#)

On your number 2, "Humans do not detectably affect CO2 levels", I'm told that growth in anthropogenic CO2 emissions significantly exceeds growth in atmospheric CO2 levels. So the land and oceans must be absorbing the difference. Yet if I understand correctly Salby says the land and oceans (?) are emitting CO2 as they warm. But I hear that the pH of the oceans is falling, implying that they are absorbing CO2. Can you explain this apparent paradox?

Jul 7, 2013 at 2:39 PM | [Missy](#)

Hi Missy,

Interesting question. I'll give it some thought, although my answer might well be "I haven't a clue", especially if it needs knowledge of carbonate chemistry to answer.

To help me, do you have a reference to the mass of CO2 estimated to have caused the pH changes, year by year, that you can point me to? (from chemistry calculations, not from conservation of mass arguments). And including year by year records of ocean pH?

I may be out of circulation for a day or two but, if so, that won't mean I am ignoring the question.

Jul 7, 2013 at 5:13 PM | [Martin A](#)

Hello Missy,

Land and ocean both emit and both absorb quantities of CO2 that dwarf the human contribution (slide at 36.39). I don't think that is controversial. But, as

Salby said, the various mechanisms by which CO₂ is emitted (other than fossil fuel use) are all poorly understood and have not been quantified, so it may be that no-one has the definitive answer to your question at present.

Salby's results showing the relation between global temperature and rate of change of atmospheric CO₂ don't really seem to be open to debate, even if your question remains unanswered. His results are a matter of straightforward arithmetic applied to available observation records of CO₂ and global temperature. I have had no problem reproducing his curves from the observation data, in the cases I have tried.

You said " ... I hear that the pH of the oceans is falling, implying that they are absorbing CO₂."

I am guessing that you meant "... implying that they are absorbing CO₂ from the atmosphere". Am I right? If so, then I think that is an assumption rather than a fact. So I am not sure that you have actually identified a paradox or a contradiction.

The chemistry of carbonates in seawater is complicated and my understanding of the subject is minimal. It needs someone who understands ocean equilibrium chemistry and can do the calculations to give a definite answer. However...

"When water that contains dissolved calcium carbonate is warmed, CO₂ is removed from the water as gas causing the equilibrium of bicarbonate and carbonate to shift to the right, increasing the concentration of dissolved carbonate"

Assuming this also applies to the carbonate in seawater, increasing global temperature will result in:

- CO₂ being liberated in the ocean, and finding its way into the atmosphere.
- Additional carbonic acid in the ocean, lowering the pH.

As Salby mentions (around 17.11) increased atmospheric CO₂ results in increased absorption rates on land. Presumably the CO₂ fertilisation effect also applies to ocean plant life, so increased absorption by the ocean, simultaneous with increased emission, does not seem to involve any contradiction.

So I don't see that there is necessarily any contradiction between increased ocean emission and falling pH. Does that suffice as an answer? It's the best I can offer.

I did find some sources of data for ocean pH:

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/science/indicators/oceans/acidity.html> and I found a source for some of the observational data used to produce the graphs.

A bit like atmospheric CO₂ records, the pH shows a strong annual cyclic variation which is much greater than the annual trend. There is also significant variability of the year-to-year change which needs to be explained and does not correspond to absorption from the atmosphere at constant rate. It would be interesting to compare the year-to-year variation of pH with annual temperature and see if they are related, as Salby did for CO₂.

Jul 8, 2013 at 8:30 AM | [Martin A](#)

Martin, I'm embarrassed that my question put you to so much trouble. I', sorry not to have responded yesterday, but I had no useful data to contribute.

I don't have sufficient scientific background to know whether what you wrote is correct but there are a few observations. Your quote about warming of water leading to CO₂ emission is interesting but as I found the same text on the Wikipedia page about lime scale formation, I'm surprised that you omitted the very next sentence:

"As the concentration of carbonate increases, calcium carbonate precipitates as the salt: $\text{Ca}^{2+} + \text{CO}_3^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{CaCO}_3$."

In other words heating the water leads to CO₂ emission and the precipitation of calcium carbonate. So your conclusion that there would be, "Additional carbonic acid in the ocean, lowering the pH" seems not to hold up (the carbonate has precipitated). The text doesn't talk of carbonic acid at all, so I don't know how you reached your conclusion.

The idea that there is an equilibrium between CO₂ in the atmosphere and the oceans and that this is influenced by temperature is not new of course. I'm not aware what sort of average temperature rise has been seen in the ocean but I imagine it is much smaller than that seen in the atmosphere - quite small then. On the other hand the rise in CO₂ in the atmosphere has been relatively large (in proportion to its previous value) so without knowing the relative influence of both (temperature and partial pressure) the naive balance would seem to be towards CO₂ entering the oceans. And that fits with falling pH. And of course if Salby were right we would have to consider why the ocean should be warming in the first place, but perhaps not here.

It also seems non-intuitive that anthropogenic CO₂ emissions are not causing CO₂ levels to rise. If (as I understand) our yearly CO₂ emissions exceed the yearly increase in atmospheric concentrations, then ignoring our emissions (ie. setting them to zero), atmospheric concentrations are falling. How can we say that our emissions have no effect?

Jul 8, 2013 at 6:59 PM | [Missy](#)

Hi Missy,

No probs - the question was interesting.

I'm surprised that you omitted the very next sentence:

"As the concentration of carbonate increases, calcium carbonate precipitates as the salt: $\text{Ca}^{2+} + \text{CO}_3^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{CaCO}_3$."

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conclusion.

I omitted the very next sentence as it did not seem relevant.

I didn't mention carbonic acid because I assumed its relation to CO₂ would be understood. Here is some added explanation:

If you dissolve CO₂ in water, you get mainly undissociated CO₂ molecules in the solution, which don't take part in acid/base reactions and do not affect the pH of the solution.

But a small proportion of the CO₂ molecules (maybe 0.1%) react with the water to produce carbonic acid: $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2 = \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$. Carbonic acid is dissociated into negative bicarbonate ions and positive hydrogen ions. It is the latter that increase the hydrogen ion count, decreasing the pH.

So releasing CO₂ in the sea gives:

- More dissolved CO₂ which can find its way into the atmosphere.
- Additional carbonic acid in the water, resulting in reduced pH.

I hope that my previous reply now makes more sense.

However, bear in mind what I said before. Carbonate chemistry in seawater is quite complicated and working out in detail the consequence of a rise in temperature needs an expert. So my answer, although I believe it gives the true explanation, is no more than a plausibility argument until verified in detail by a carbonate-in-seawater chemist.

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"How can we say that our emissions have no effect?" Or insignificant effect, perhaps.

It's a dynamic equilibrium (or almost an equilibrium, as it is not precisely balanced, hence the net flow) easier to illustrate with equations than with words.

I'll have a think about how to put it into words that don't sound like either hand-waving bullshit or incomprehensible gobbledegook.

Jul 8, 2013 at 9:33 PM | [Martin A](#)



lapogus now mentions NOVA.1 and WUWT.1, so Stage(1) begins.

Martin A - thanks for posting this summary, very useful. But sad news - looks like McQuarriue stuck the knife into Salby when his back was turned on his European tour. If reports are true he has lost his job, access to his data and office, and they even cancelled his flight ticket back to Oz. His Russian PhD student has also been left high and dry. It seems that they were determined to stop him publishing from the kick-off. Yet more disgraceful behavior from the nice people who are trying to save us all from the perils of a little extra CO<sub>2</sub>. Discussed at Jo Nova's and Watts Up.

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:33 AM | 23{lapogus}

Thanks for the explanation, but I don't follow how the precipitation of the ingredient you need to make carbonic acid is not relevant. Your explanation seems an excellent description of how CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed from the atmosphere causes a drop in pH (acidification).

If your mechanism were true, surely you could prove it in your kettle. If you were to boil a kettle of water you would hope to observe the remaining water becoming more acid as the kettle boils. And that acid should presumably dissolve the hard water scale from the heating element. On the other hand, you might see no change in pH and an accumulation of hard water scale. I know which I'd expect. Heating elements generally become furred-up, after all. On equations, the mass-balance equation at the Skeptical Science page on "Murry Salby's Correlation Conundrum" seems convincing to me. What is wrong with it?

Jul 9, 2013 at 1:59 PM | 23{Missy}

Missy,

By good fortune there is a comprehensive article on just this issue over at WUWT:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/07/08/ocean-acidi-what/>

Most of it goes over my head but the results and conclusions are clearly spelt out. One of the key points which I picked up is that the massive volumes of the oceans provide huge buffering, even if it is only the upper layers which are of consequence.

As often happens on open blogs like WUWT and this one, some of the points have been challenged as not being conclusive and bringing in many other factors: limestone rocks, etc.. Fair enough - that's how science evolves. Such debate also shows that there is far too much uncertainty for there to be any justification for the alarmist hullabaloo over this.

I particularly liked the comment from one expert in pH measurement to the effect that he would not guarantee better than +/- 0.5 even under controlled

conditions.

Lastly, as many have pointed out, "acidification" is a misleading term: the issue is whether there is any risk of the oceans becoming slightly less alkaline.

Jul 9, 2013 at 2:34 PM | 23{mikeh}

Missy,

As I said, that was the best answer I could offer. A chemist knowledgeable about carbonate-in-seawater chemistry could say whether or not what I said makes sense.

"If your mechanism were true, surely you could prove it in your kettle. If you were to boil a kettle of water you would hope to observe the remaining water becoming more acid as the kettle boils. And that acid should presumably dissolve the hard water scale from the heating element. **On the other hand, you might see no change in pH and an accumulation of hard water scale.** I know which I'd expect. Heating elements generally become furred-up, after all."

I may not have explained myself clearly if you think that I'd hope to see those things. I am not sure why you seem to believe that boiling a solution (of calcium bicarbonate presumably), so that calcium carbonate is precipitated, is not going to change the pH of the solution.

Jul 9, 2013 at 5:46 PM | 23{Martin A}

Maybe I have become confused. I'm no chemist :-)

But what is wrong with the mass-balance equations?

Jul 9, 2013 at 8:23 PM | 23{Missy}

I'm seeing what happens if you put actual data into them...

<http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/trends/landuse/houghton/1850-2005.txt>

[http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/ftp/ndp030/global.1751\\_2009.ems](http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/ftp/ndp030/global.1751_2009.ems)

[http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/#mlo\\_data](http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/#mlo_data)

Jul 9, 2013 at 9:40 PM | 23{Martin A}

"Lastly, as many have pointed out, "acidification" is a misleading term: the issue is whether there is any risk of the oceans becoming slightly less alkaline."

Yup. You can make seawater more acidic by diluting it with pure water. This is one demonstration of why even measuring ocean pH needs to be done carefully, and any data that does not take account of salinity is useless.

Jul 10, 2013 at 9:26 AM | 23{michael hart}

Macquarie.1 10 11:00am UTC

Not mentioned here, but Martin A and Dung had already made Stage(2) comments in BISHOP.1, so seems reasonable to start Stage(2).

On equations, the mass-balance equation at the Skeptical Science page on "Murry Salby's Correlation Conundrum" seems convincing to me. What is wrong with it?

Hello Missy,

"What is wrong with it?"

Obviously, the additional CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere at the end of a 12 month period will be the CO<sub>2</sub> added during that period, less the CO<sub>2</sub> removed during that period. So, in that sense, no problem whatever with the mass balance calculation.

But beyond that, I get stuck.

"...the annual rise in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> has been less than anthropogenic emissions every year for at least the last fifty...."

I think they are saying that this therefore shows the origin of the additional CO<sub>2</sub> cannot have been natural. Whilst it sounds at least plausible, does it necessarily follow? I'm not saying what they say is wrong, but I can't get my head around it. Perhaps it's so obvious, I'll be embarrassed when it's explained to me.

I haven't followed their argument that Salby is wrong in overlooking the effect of average CO<sub>2</sub> emission. Not saying they are wrong - just that I have not yet followed it. If Salby is correct that fluctuations of CO<sub>2</sub> emission follow temperature, then I'd have thought average CO<sub>2</sub> emission would also follow temperature. Perhaps I have missed a point.

My other problem is that with CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere, being exchanged in both directions between atmosphere and ocean+land, we have a system in dynamic equilibrium (or almost in equilibrium if there is a small and changing human input). So far as I can see, to understand what goes on, it necessarily has to be analysed as a dynamic system.

I analysed it, using a linear 1st order differential equation for the quantity of carbon in the atmosphere as a function of time - essentially the same as Salby's at 18.28. I used numbers similar to those from his CO<sub>2</sub> budget graphic 36.39 (presumably of IPCC origin). I assumed constant human emission of up to 10 GtC per year and calculated the resulting percentage of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> of human origin. The result I got was hugely different from SkS. I've asked a friend to check my calculations.

So... I would not say that the SkS reasoning is wrong - just that I have not so far got my head around it and the results of the calculations I did, treating the system as one in dynamic equilibrium, differ greatly from their numbers. So a bit inconclusive, so far, I'm afraid.

Jul 12, 2013 at 11:41 PM | 23 {Martin A}

Although I have watched Salby's talk at Macquarie a number of times I have only just watched the Hamburg presentation and now I am even more impressed with Salby. I will need to watch it again a couple of times though. The calculus would have been easy to follow 45 years ago but now sadly impossible (a big thank you for the army surplus anti depressants Dr Roberts) but there was much more than just maths.

I like the way he linked CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature relationships over different time scales and I loved the debunking of the C13 smoking gun ^.^

Most of all I watched his body language and confirmed my previous impression, this is a man who believes in what he is saying (doesn't make it true I know). During his presentation he paused often and looked at his audience intently as if to check whether they "get it".

His "theory" links proxy records with observations and with mathematical calculations and it seemed to hang together.

Salby showed that temperature controlled CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and also controlled C13 isotope emissions with an inverse relationship to total CO<sub>2</sub>. Higher temperature caused increased natural emissions of total CO<sub>2</sub> but with a lower proportion of C13 CO<sub>2</sub>, fascinating presentation .

Jul 13, 2013 at 2:08 AM | 23 {Dung}

To me it was a delight to watch because, a couple of existences or more ago, I lived and breathed Fourier theory and subsequently I was heavily involved in estimating cross-spectra (and from those, coherence spectra and phase spectra) of pairs of time series, so that part of his talk instantly made perfect sense to me.

His presentation is a talk, not a research paper. And he covers an awful lot of stuff in the time, so it's not surprising that the details of his working are essentially "an exercise for the student". I've tried reproducing some of his graphs and have had no difficulty doing so (other than not knowing the precise specs of the lowpass filters he used to produce smoothed curves). Not a complete verification so far, but enough to convince me that it was certainly not a work of fiction.

Jul 13, 2013 at 9:36 AM | 23 {Martin A}

DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC  
 This illustrates the challenge of knowing which commenters have seen information elsewhere. Missy clearly had seen DeSmogBlog, but was not explicit. (Martin A, Dung and MikeH) commented for several days before Martin A mentioned DeSmogBlog.

The idea that CO2 emissions follow temperature and that the rise in CO2 concentrations over the last 50 years is \_because\_ of a rise in temperature implies to me that, were temperatures not rising, the planet would be absorbing all anthropogenic emissions. Is that the proposal?

Ignoring the issue of what caused the current temperature increase (if it not CO2), if the linear rise of 0.6 degrees in surface temperatures in 50 years is enough to raise CO2 levels by 100ppm (again linear) then a fall of several degrees (5?) during the last ice age would have meant a fall into negative territory. Does that not make you wonder a little?

Perhaps we could imagine that once the concentration falls to 150ppm or so, plant life shuts down planet-wide and releases CO2, and the mechanism becomes non-linear. I haven't heard of a planet-wide shutdown (we exist after all) so maybe the areas covered by ice, which would have had no plant life, were enough: all of the plants in the northern areas died and rotted and their CO2 stabilised global levels against the huge temperature driven planetary sucking of CO2...

But what do you conclude about the weakness of the process on exit from the last ice age? All of the warming since the ice age would have caused a rise of just 130ppm (before the 20thC). Perhaps in a reverse of the above, the planet gave off CO2 on warming and that was used by plants recolonising the now ice-free northern areas. And that process continued slowly for thousands of years until 1950 (when we coincidentally started emitting many giga-tons a year) when it took off linear-fashion.

All crazy stuff, but then I haven't given it much thought. Perhaps you can provide so more convincing explanations. But a little scepticism is in order, don't you think?

I won't be joining the Salby fan club - I found the guy creepy - especially those long pauses and intense stares. But, being sacked from two universities is certainly an achievement. I don't rate his chances on making a hat-trick.

Jul 13, 2013 at 2:11 PM | 23 {Missy}

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I think that Salby provided evidence that CO2 concentration follows the

**integral** of temperature (w.r.t. time) - not temperature itself.

"...the planet would be absorbing all anthropogenic emissions. Is that the proposal?"

Well I think it probably is an implication of what he said. And I think it may well be what would happen. You have very large flux of CO2 between atmosphere and land+ocean (flux proportional to CO2 concentration) and very large flux between land+ocean and atmosphere (flux proportional to temperature). So you have (in the absence of human emission and temperature changes due to eg solar variation) a system in dynamic equilibrium, with the two large fluxes equal and in opposite directions.

If you now inject a small additional flux (small compared with the large existing fluxes), you don't change the equilibrium condition much. That applies for any system of two reservoirs in dynamic equilibrium - climate systems, large scale queueing systems or whatever. My calculations (mentioned in a post above), using the equilibrium fluxes and atmospheric concentration given in Salby's 'carbon budget' slide (origin IPCC, I imagine) said that a constant 10GtC annual emission would raise the atmospheric CO2 content by about 6%. That would not be a very significant increase by comparison with doublings of CO2 which are often discussed.

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As I mentioned above, I think Salby's hypothesis is that it's the integral of temperature that counts, not the temperature itself.

The lack of a theory for the initiation and termination of ice ages is one of the things that convinces me that 'climate scientists' don't know all that much about the subject - 'science is settled' notwithstanding. On BH we have discussed the possibility that climate is a chaotic system that hovers around in a warm period and then, for no very special or obvious reason, quite abruptly transitions into an ice age.

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Well whether you fancy him or not probably does not have much bearing on the question of whether his hypotheses will stand the test of examination and further investigation.

The advice often given is to avoid ad-homs, for several good reasons.

Jul 13, 2013 at 6:36 PM | 23 {Martin A}

I don't have an intuitive grasp of what CO2 concentrations following the

integral of temperature might mean. Are you effectively saying it has to be warm for some time before CO2 levels rise? So the CO2 levels depend upon the average energy in the system? Does that work? I mean that implies there is a delay after a temp rise before CO2 levels rise but that the CO2 curve should follow the temperature curve. Comparing the CO2 curve with temperature since 1960, it seems to me that the curves don't fit.

Ad-homs? Well, that implies I am questioning him rather than his ideas and I think I have indicated my doubts about his ideas fairly clearly :-)

Maybe I was unkind, but my comments can perhaps be seen as a balance or antidote to the unconditional adoration of some commenters (not necessarily here), which also has no place in judging his ideas.

Jul 13, 2013 at 7:18 PM | 23 {Missy}

Missy

I am beginning to wonder if you are genuine ^.^

You find him creepy???

During Salby's Hamburg presentation he put up graphs showing that during the various glaciations/warming periods in our current ice age; rising CO2 lagged rising temperature by up to 1500 years. Papers by Idso et al say up to 2000 years and even graphs in the IPCC reports show the same thing. There is no argument about CO2 lagging temperature.

Jul 13, 2013 at 9:05 PM | 23 {Dung}

I see I misunderstood. So Salby's proposal is that CO2 levels follow the integral of temperatures over periods in the tens of hundreds of years. I'm not that mathematically minded, so tell me, would a quantity integrated over a thousand years show much variability over a period of just 50 years? CO2 levels have risen by 25% in 50 years! Doesn't that imply that your millennial temperature integral also has to have changed by a considerable amount over just half a century? Would it not take some sudden and large changes in temperature for a 50 year period to influence a millennial integral so significantly?

Jul 14, 2013 at 1:57 PM | 23 {Missy}

Missy

Salby did not say that CO2 varies as the integral of temperature over short periods and whatever happens over very short periods like a few hundred years is lost in the big picture. However I think you are right to say that CO2 has risen quite substantially recently but it is also clear that sinks take that CO2 and use it/store it.

The planet has been taking CO2 out of the atmosphere and storing it for over 4 billion years bringing it down from being 80% of the atmosphere to just a trace

element. What would worry me is CO2 going down not going up  
Jul 14, 2013 at 2:57 PM | 23 {Dung}

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Missy - your questions are useful in making me think about things. I'm away from home at the moment and so don't have notes etc to hand but I'm in the process of composing what I hope will be answers to your questions. In the meantime, I hope the following will be helpful, rather than confusing.

I think Prof Salby said two things:

[A] Atmospheric CO2 level is proportional to the integral of temperature. ... (1)

[B] Atmospheric CO2 level is given by the solution of the differential equation... (2)

$dC(t)/dt = -\alpha \cdot C(t) + \gamma \cdot T(t)$

How can both be correct? The answer is that (1) is an approximation to (2) which holds under some circumstances.

If the temperature T were to jump up by a fixed amount and then stay at that constant level:

Equation (1) (or rather its solution) says temperature will increase in a ramp-fashion, with constant increase per year.

Equation (2) (or rather its solution) says temperature will increase in a ramp-fashion, with constant increase per year **at first**.

Equation (2) (or rather its solution) says that **eventually**, when the system reaches equilibrium, atmospheric CO2 will no longer increase but will remain constant, with the increase over what it was originally being proportional to the jump in T.

To reiterate:

Over short timescales, atmospheric CO2 is proportional to integral of temperature.

Over long timescales, atmospheric CO2 is proportional to temperature.

Equation (2) explains why CO2 lags temperature. It's the same equation that describes a lowpass resistor-capacitor filter. Anyone familiar with electronics knows that the output of such a filter lags its input.

I hope that the above makes some sort of sense (and that in typing it in on the fly, I haven't got something back to front).

Jul 14, 2013 at 2:59 PM | 23 {Martin A}

Hmm looks like I need to watch them video again, I though he said CO2 varies with the integral of temp over the longer periods, humph wrong again .

Jul 14, 2013 at 3:42 PM | 23 {Dung}

Dung I wrote the post above without being able to check conveniently (my transcript of his talk is at home)  
But a quick look at Utube (1:04:20) confirms he says that the CO2/integral of temperature applies over short timescales (< 1 century)  
Jul 14, 2013 at 4:48 PM | 23 {[Martin A](#)}

Much attention has been focussed on the lag between temperature rising and CO2 levels picking up.  
It is interesting to look the past, especially at the other end of the cycle. When the last interglacial, the Eemian, started to cool CO2 levels were around 270 ppm. They stayed at approx that level for about the next 8000 years while the temperature dropped by over 10 degrees.  
Also the Eemian was 3 - 5 degrees warmer at its peak than the earth is today yet CO2 levels were only around 280 ppm. (And there was much less, if any, Arctic ice but the Polar bears survived).  
Those facts make it clear that CO2 does not have the powerful influence claimed by the AGW proponents.  
Jul 15, 2013 at 12:05 AM | 23 {[mikeh](#)}



Martin A commented at WUWT.2, NOVA.2, likely saw DeSmogBlog there.

DeSmogBlog has done a search on Murry Salby's past and turned up a load of stuff that does not show him in a favourable light. They have published it on [their website](#). They seem to have pulled no punches, even posting messy divorce details.

In brief, Murry Salby left his previous university (Colorado) under a cloud, having been banned from using university facilities and with issues about his teaching activities. Some similarities to the deterioration of employee/employer relationship that seems to have happened at Macquarie University.

There are also details of NSF investigation that determined there had been financial irregularities.

I can now see that an idea I had of nominating Murry Salby as the Met Office's next Chief Scientist has even less likelihood of success than I had previously thought. But it's always worth looking on the positive side of things.

Let's suppose that Salby had been a model employee at Colorado University. No doubt, he would have still been there, doing research [on esoteric aspects of climate physics](#) of interest to specialists but with no prospect of ending the catastrophe of CAGW "climate science".

In that case, he would not have moved to Australia and Macquarie University, where he found himself "waiting for resources". As he recounts in his Hamburg presentation, it was the need to do something during the wait that caused him to produce his textbook. And his finding that the information available on the physics of greenhouse gases was inadequate triggered his investigations - which he summarised in the Hamburg talk.

I think that, in years to come, Salby's work is likely to become the new foundation of a rigorous climate science. It is ironic that his employee/employer problems, which now look likely to hinder the acceptance and further development of his ideas, were, in a sense, the cause of his developing the ideas in the first place.

Jul 15, 2013 at 1:25 PM | 23 {[Martin A](#)}

Bit of an own goal, like the Creationists popping up on WUWT at the moment. They may have done nothing wrong, but they are definitely a credibility hit for us, and Salby seems the same - a credibility liability in the short term.

Jul 15, 2013 at 1:49 PM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

Salby's recent fate was what I alluded to in the last sentence of my Jul 13, 2:11 PM post. I had thought his past behaviour was widely known.

Anyway, 'mikeh' seems to propose that because temperatures can change without any apparent change in CO2 levels, CO2 \_therefore\_ has no powerful

influence on temperature. That is like saying that because I can light a fire without matches that matches cannot light fires. As if there can only be one mechanism for changing the temperature. I had thought that the greenhouse effect of CO2 was fairly universally understood and accepted.

Salby says he doesn't believe the ice core CO2 records that 'mikeh' quotes - do his figures come from other evidence or is there a conflict here? On the other hand, Salby says there is a relationship on the order of a hundred years (see Martin above) between CO2 levels and temperature, so the 8000 years is challenging.

The comment that Polar bears survived a lack of ice is rather sweeping given the apparent scientific uncertainty over the evolution of Polar bears.

For some background on this discussion, I found some interesting articles that pin CO2's rise quite firmly to anthropogenic causes. One is by a fellow sceptic. Possibly these are not as new to you all as to me.

[http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/co2\\_measurements.html](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/co2_measurements.html)

<http://www.skepticalscience.com/anthrocarbon-brief.html>

Is Salby really overturning these analyses?

Jul 15, 2013 at 2:15 PM | 23 {[Missy](#)}

Missy, it might have the word skeptic in the name, but that's as far as that site goes towards that ideal.

Jul 15, 2013 at 2:18 PM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

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No, Missy, what you are implying is that the presence of CO2 sometimes affects temperature and sometimes doesn't.

Can you provide any sort of scientific references that might support that. I know CO2 is a Magic Gas as far as the eco-worriers are concerned but I don't think magic is a reliable source somehow.

Jul 15, 2013 at 3:29 PM | 23 {[Mike Jackson](#)}

TBYJ

Having read the NSF reports about Salby I still wait to have my faith in him shaken. You do not make a report as to why someone is sacked by including the fact that he supplied superior computer equipment to the campus without permission unless you are bloody desperate.

Jul 15, 2013 at 4:16 PM | 23 {[Dung](#)}

Missy

Please be accurate in telling people what I said. You said

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(see Martin above) between CO2 levels **and temperature**, so the 8000 years is challenging.

In fact, I said:

But a quick look at Utube (1:04:20) confirms he says that the CO2/integral of temperature applies over short timescales (< 1 century)

Jul 14, 2013 at 4:48 PM Martin A

If you go back and re-read what I said I think you'll see that Salby's differential equation says that, over short timescales, CO2 is proportional to integral of temperature. Over long timescales, then it's proportional to temperature. BTW, I think Salby \*does\* believe ice core records - just that they smearing they do to the detailed history has to be allowed for.

More to follow...

Jul 15, 2013 at 6:09 PM | 23 {Martin A}

Missy (con'td...)

You refer to the so-called Skeptical Science website. They give a shopping list of arguments as to why the increase in atmospheric CO2 is due to fossil fuel use. I remember that previously you said you found their "Mass Balance" argument convincing. This is one of the items in their shopping list.

They say

3) The mass balance

Over the course of the twentieth century, the increase in CO2 in the atmosphere measured in tonnes has been less than anthropogenic emissions in every year, and has averaged only 44% of anthropogenic emissions over the period from 1850-2005. Indeed, growth in atmospheric emissions probably has not exceeded anthropogenic emissions since the early 1880s, approximately the time anthropogenic emissions reached the equivalent of 0.45 ppmv of atmospheric concentration. It is interesting to note that the airbourne (sic) fraction, ie, the atmospheric increase divided by total emissions, has increased slightly in recent times. This means that natural carbon reservoirs have acted as a net sink over the course of the 20th century, and strongly indicates that the source of the increase in CO2 concentration is anthropogenic.

I mentioned that although it sounds plausible in a way, I could not see how it provides logical proof that the increase in CO2 is due to fossil fuel burning. I thought at first it was just my slow-wittedness but I now think that they are simply wrong - on this item at least.

If you go through the rest of their shopping list, I think you'll find that one or two of them are dealt with by Salby. If you were to do that and report your results, it would be really interesting and useful.

On the "mass balance" argument, if you have a system of two reservoirs (atmosphere, ocean+land) in dynamic equilibrium, with equal flows in both directions between the reservoirs, then perturbations of the equilibrium need to be analysed by looking at differential equations. Even if you want to understand simply a new equilibrium, with everything in steady state, you need

to set the time derivatives to zero and find the new algebraic equation whose solution gives the equilibrium condition. SkS does neither of these, so I can't see how what they conclude can possibly be correct.

Especially since what they claim gives completely different results from a simple analysis of the equilibrium between atmosphere <-> ocean+land, with large and equal transfers (150GtC/yr) in both directions, with a large (750 GtC) reservoir in the atmosphere\*. The only way to get results like theirs would be to have CO2 being hoovered out of the atmosphere at constant rate, independent of how much is in the atmosphere. (And likewise, to have ocean+land emitting at precisely the same constant rate, independent of temperature or anything else.) Systems in dynamic equilibrium just don't work like that, though SkS seem to think they do so far as I can make out.

If I am suffering from misconceptions on any of this, please put me right - I'm keen to be on the right track.

\* Numbers similar to those on Salby's slide, presumably of IPCC origin.

Jul 15, 2013 at 7:20 PM | 23 {Martin A}

James, wrong link.

Mike Jackson, no I don't believe so. It is nearly universally accepted that CO2 in the atmosphere always affects temperature. What is not so accepted is that it is the only thing that influences temperature, which 'mikeh' implies is believed be climate science.

Dung, does your 'faith' in Salby derive solely from his saying something you would dearly like to be true? What would it take for you to lose faith in him? Martin, I don't really follow your arguments. I think you need someone with a better grasp of mathematics as a sparring partner :-). But this puzzles me: if we stopped emitting CO2 tomorrow completely, there would be 5-10GT of CO2 less entering the atmosphere. Am I understanding you/Salby correctly that such a change would have no effect on the levels measured at Muana Loa - the measurements would still rise at their current rate because of existing historic influences?

Jul 15, 2013 at 9:59 PM | 23 {Missy}

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Jul 15, 2013 at 9:59 PM Missy

Roughly speaking, yes. Although I'd say "...the measurements would still rise at their current rate because of existing historic influences current high global temperature".

But I can see how to SkS (and to you, perhaps) that would seem to make no

sense at all, if the "mass balance" argument is convincing to you.\*

What Salby says is that, since rate of emission is proportional to temperature, and temperature is now higher than since records began, emission is also now higher than it has been since records began. Since the rate of increase of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> = net rate of emission of CO<sub>2</sub>, the rate of increase of CO<sub>2</sub> will continue to rise at the same rate as it was rising before the hypothetical stop of human emission.

What Salby implies, and what a calculation from the equation for a system in equilibrium seems to confirm, is that human CO<sub>2</sub> emission plays a very small part in the total rise in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

\* I'd really like someone to explain the mass balance argument to me in detail. It's clear that it seems obvious to the SkS people and the author of the other website you pointed to. And to you too. But it's not what the equations tell me and I can't get my mind around how statements like the following apply to systems in dynamic equilibrium:

*"...the natural CO<sub>2</sub> sinks were larger than the natural CO<sub>2</sub> sources... Thus it is impossible that natural sources were responsible for (a substantial part of) the increase of CO<sub>2</sub> in the past 50 years. This proves beyond doubt that human emissions are the main cause of the increase of CO<sub>2</sub>"*

But as I said, maybe it's just my slow-wittedness.

Jul 15, 2013 at 10:38 PM | 23{[Martin A](#)}

CO<sub>2</sub> tracks the integral of temperature very well during the satellite record.

Jul 15, 2013 at 11:22 PM | 23{[michael hart](#)}

.the natural CO<sub>2</sub> sinks were larger than the natural CO<sub>2</sub> sources..

This seems a straightforward argument to me so I find it odd that you don't follow it. It is like representing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> with a bath. The blue tap (natural sources) is turned on, the plug is out (natural sinks) and the water also just dribbling from the overflow. If the drain plus the overflow-dribble can take the flow rate of the cold tap, then there is equilibrium. If we turn on the red tap (anthropogenic sources) then more water exits the overflow (increased natural sinks, eg. ocean uptake, extra plant growth) but if the red flow is too fast the level starts rising beyond the overflow.

It is not a perfect analogy, I know. In particular the water that has flowed from the drain and overflow does not just disappear but can return into the bath in some circumstances.

All the same, you seem to be saying that the bath level is rising not because the red tap is turned on but because although all of the red water is flowing out of the overflow some green water is coming in from a third tap that is not part of the model (or returning through the drain and overflow). Turning off the red tap will make no difference - the bath will just continue filling.

I find that baffling. If you hadn't started the thread I would be worrying that you were pulling my leg.

It is such a shame that we cannot try turning off the red tap :-)

Jul 16, 2013 at 2:07 PM | 23{[Missy](#)}

1. If the temperature rises the flow from the blue tap increases and the drain hole gets smaller.

Jul 16, 2013 at 5:15 PM | 23{[Dung](#)}

Missy

Let me try and express what Salby said in its bathtub analogy. Let's suppose that we have:

- the blue tap (=natural sources) turned on at 100 pints/hour [representing 100 GtC/yr]

- the plug is out, representing natural sinks. The flow out from the plughole is proportional to the volume of water in the bath. Currently, there are 500 pints in the bath (it's a big bath) and the flow through the plug hole is 100 pints an hour. (The 500 pints in the bath represent 500GtC in the atmosphere.) Outflow = inflow, so the system is in equilibrium ie the volume of water in the bath is not changing. Illustrating how a system reaches a new equilibrium...

The following is to establish the idea of the system finding a new equilibrium...

- I now turn the blue tap to increase the inflow to 150 pints/hour. (ie 50% increase) The volume of water in the bath starts to increase, and the flow out through the plughole increases in proportion.

- When there are 750 pints in the bath (50% increase), the outflow through the plughole is now 150 pints per hour (50% increase to match). Outflow matches inflow and the system is again in equilibrium (ie the volume of water in the bath is once again constant but now at 750 pints).

The numbers used here are approximately those on the IPCC slide.

Fossil fuel arrives...

- now let's also add some fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> water from a small hosepipe - say a constant flow of 10 pints per hour.

- So the total input to the bath is now 160 pints/hour. The volume will rise [to (160/150)\*750 = 800 pints, at which point the output via the plughole is now 160 pints/hr and the system is again in equilibrium. So the 10GtC/yr pints/hour has caused an increase of (800-750)/750 = 6.7% CO<sub>2</sub> volume of water in the bath.

Does the foregoing make sense - especially the idea of a system being in equilibrium?

It illustrates how (using the model above, at least) a quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> released per year, bigger per year than anything released by civilisation to date, causes only a moderate (~6%) increase in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, which then remains at

constant level when the system reaches equilibrium.

[SkS will disagree with the details, especially they would disagree with outflow being proportional to atmospheric CO2 content but not with the principle of equilibrium]

Jul 16, 2013 at 7:38 PM | 23 {[Martin A](#)}

Martin

Can you explain something to me? Sinks change their behavior and in particular, the oceans are both a sink and a source. If the temperature goes up the oceans hold less CO2 and therefore are not such a big available sink at the new temperature.

Jul 16, 2013 at 8:44 PM | 23 {[Dung](#)}

Dung,

You'd be better off asking someone who actually knows. But here is my guess...

The ocean works as both CO2 source, emitting more as temp goes up, and as CO2 sink, absorbing more as airborne CO2 concentration goes up.

I am guessing that it acts mainly as a source in regions such as the Gulf of Mexico, where cold water, rich in CO2, rises to the surface, is warmed, and releases CO2.

In cold Northern regions where the Gulf Stream finishes up, having given up its heat, you now have cold, CO2-depleted water. Solubility of CO2 in seawater is higher at lower temperatures. I am guessing that the ocean acts mainly as sink in those regions.

This cold, CO2-hungry water happily sucks up (with some probability, I imagine) each airborne CO2 molecule that comes into contact with it. The rate of molecules contacting the water will be proportional to the atmospheric CO2 concentration.

Just because oceanic CO2 emission in warm regions goes up, I don't see why that should significantly affect the ability of cold ocean regions to absorb CO2.

That's my guess as to what happens - nothing more than that. Better to ask someone who knows.

Jul 16, 2013 at 9:46 PM | 23 {[Martin A](#)}

Martin

on Jul 15th you said:

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When you say "since records began" you must be talking about thermometer records because the geological records show temperature has been far higher in the past.

The ice core records also show that previous interglacials just a few hundred thousand years ago were warmer than this one (various papers give various actual temperatures but somewhere between 3 and 10 degrees warmer) and strangely levels of CO2 were a lot lower?

SO! if you have correctly interpreted what Salby said then Salby is wrong ^.^

Jul 16, 2013 at 10:01 PM | 23 {[Dung](#)}

Dung

I should have been specific. By "since records began", I meant in the same sense used by Salby (and the Met Office).

Since around 1850 (I think) for temp and since around 1960 for CO2.

I think I should have said "What Salby's work implies..." rather than "What Salby says...". I don't now think he actually said those things - although I think they do follow from that he said.

Jul 16, 2013 at 11:05 PM | 23 {[Martin A](#)}

Thanks TBY et al for the utter caving-in to non-specific legalia spread by John Mashey (of all people), on a website run with funds from someone prosecuted by US govt for online gambling-related fraud.

Jul 17, 2013 at 2:53 AM | 23 {[shub](#)}

shub, I haven't caved in to anything, that's why you're giving me a hard time here. It's very easy to cave in and join in the cheer-leading.

Jul 17, 2013 at 8:53 AM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

Yes, I understand equilibrium and your description is very nice, but nevertheless the analysis does not explain how removing the hose pipe (halting CO2 emissions) would make no difference to the rise in the level.

Your numbers and assumptions are chosen to make the model work, but they are somewhat arbitrary. As such the percentage increase you calculate seems rather meaningless. There is no particular reason to believe that sinks are directly proportional to the atmospheric volume of CO2 or that they adjust rapidly to changes. The equilibrium that existed (before anthropogenic emissions) developed over thousands of years. It may be that 120GtC circulated between land and air and that 90GtC circulated between ocean/air but this was an equilibrium in a relatively closed system, no doubt dependent upon temperature too. (Numbers from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Diagram\\_showing\\_a\\_simplified\\_representation\\_of\\_the\\_Earth's\\_annual\\_carbon\\_cycle\\_\(US\\_DOE\).png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Diagram_showing_a_simplified_representation_of_the_Earth's_annual_carbon_cycle_(US_DOE).png))



Adding 9GtC annually to this closed system is going to have an effect, in all likelihood increasing photosynthesis and ocean uptake but is the response immediate and is it linear all the way up? We've now emitted how much, perhaps 500GtC? (60 years at 9GtC/a) half of it absorbed. That compares to the 800GtC currently in the atmosphere. Rather more than 7%, no?

By the way you say later that "cold, CO<sub>2</sub>-hungry water happily sucks up (with some probability, I imagine) each airborne CO<sub>2</sub> molecule that comes into contact with it". That is nice anthropomorphism of the continual interchange of CO<sub>2</sub> molecules in each direction across the air/water boundary that, depending upon the conditions, results in a flow in one direction or the other :-)

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I know nothing more of Salby's dismissal at either CU or MU than what has been made public recently, so I'm interested in people defending him, seemingly unconditionally. Do people have information not publicly available that indicates he was wrongfully dismissed by either university?

Jul 17, 2013 at 8:10 PM | 23 {Missy}

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Missy

It sounds like you believe in the Hockey Stick graph? The last thousand years was not at a constant temperature, the medieval warm period was warmer than today with no industrial CO<sub>2</sub>.

Jul 17, 2013 at 8:27 PM | 23 {Dung}

I don't believe I mentioned either sports equipment or constant temperatures. But your assertion is interesting. How do you know it (the warmer than today part) to be true (globally that is)?

Jul 17, 2013 at 8:48 PM | 23 {Missy}

Stop teasing me Missy ^.^

Nobody can "know" what the temperature was for the last 1000 years obviously because we did not have any way of measuring it back then. However there have been many many attempts to reconstruct temperature from proxies; items, substances or deposits that have properties that can be linked to temperature. There are also the ice core records.

Prior to the "Hockey Stick Graph" in (I think) the early nineties, the generally accepted temperature record for the last 2000 years included a Roman Warm Period (about the same as today 250 BC - 400 AD) and the Medieval Warm Period (warmer than today 950 AD - 1250 AD). Before the Hockey Stick the temperature record would have said that today's temperatures are not unprecedented and have not previously caused any problems.

Three scientists named Mann, Bradley and Hughes rewrote this record and got rid of the Medieval Warm period, suggesting 1000 years of steady temperature and then a sudden uptick.

You might ask how they did this but the 3 scientists would not release their data and methods (which should have been a heads up). Eventually their statistical methods were torn to pieces and much of their proxy evidence was found to depend totally on a small group of trees.

It has since been shown that tree rings can not be relied upon as a proxy for temperature.

I strongly recommend reading The Hockey Stick Illusion by Andrew Montford, it reads like a detective story and would explain it all to you.

Jul 17, 2013 at 9:22 PM | 23 {Dung}

*Yes, I understand equilibrium and your description is very nice, but nevertheless the analysis does not explain how removing the hose pipe (halting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) would make no difference to the rise in the level.*

I assumed it would be apparent.

Removing the hose pipe would result in a return to the previous equilibrium, falling back from 800 pints in the bath to 750 pints in the bath (or 750 GtC in the atmosphere). The level would follow a tailing-off exponential fall from 800 to 750 with a time constant of five years.

*Your numbers and assumptions are chosen to make the model work, but they are somewhat arbitrary.*

No, they were not at all arbitrary.

I took them from Salby's (IPCC, presumably) slide as being authoritative (I presume) estimates of the actual values of annual natural emission and absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> and the mass in the atmosphere.

I took 10 pints/hr (or 10 GtC/year) as being somewhat greater than the current annual CO<sub>2</sub> emission due to fossil fuel use (as well as being easy to calculate).

*As such the percentage increase you calculate seems rather meaningless.*

*There is no particular reason to believe that sinks are directly proportional to the atmospheric volume of CO<sub>2</sub> or that they adjust rapidly to changes.*

I think there is good reason to think that absorption of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere is pretty well proportional to atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration.

(Although I know that SkS believe otherwise.)

There is also good reason to think that the rate of absorption adapts essentially instantly to changes in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration.

Don't forget that I was only making the bathtub analogy to explain what Salby's differential equation says and to illustrate the results that it gives.

Jul 17, 2013 at 11:10 PM | 23 {Martin A}

Missy: "How do you know it (the warmer than today part) to be true (globally



that is)?"

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How do you know it wasn't (globally warmer than today, that is)?

Jul 17, 2013 at 11:13 PM | 23 {not banned yet}

Missy,

I have just caught up with your couple of references to my post, which you seem to have misunderstood.

My point was that, when looking at a complex system which has been running forever, it is instructive to look at the past.

Paleo records have their issues but the broad trends are clear: previous interglacials have been warmer than today with lower levels of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Secondly, CO<sub>2</sub> levels rose after the temperature increased.

Third, those interglacials ended and temperatures dropped while CO<sub>2</sub> levels were still at their peak, compared to before the interglacial.

The history also shows that the planet has had much higher levels of CO<sub>2</sub> in the past which did not lead to catastrophic runaway warming, or else we would not be here. Temperatures have also changed much faster in the past - both up and down.

It is crystal clear that today's climate is nothing unusual, not even "unprecedented".

As for Polar bears, they were around as a species during the last interglacial when there was much less ice than today so I am not sure what you meant by your comment about their evolution.

Their numbers have increased dramatically since the 70s. Although that is coincident with the rise in temps, it is mostly due to changes in hunting regs.

There's an interesting site - Polar Bear Science - which sets out the true situation.

Jul 17, 2013 at 11:38 PM | 23 {mikeh}

Martin, maybe we are talking at cross purposes here. I may not be the sharpest girl but it is clear to me that removing the hose pipe would result in a gradual decrease etc. But that is what I was trying to get to the bottom of. I wanted to understand Salby's suggestion that the rising level of CO<sub>2</sub> is unaffected by human emissions.

In your July 15, 10:38PM you indicated that you believe CO<sub>2</sub> levels would still rise after a complete halt to our emissions (removing the hosepipe) as Salby suggests. In response, in my July 16, 2:07PM, I translated that into a bath analogy: "Turning off the red tap will make no difference - the bath will just continue filling. I find that baffling." Your response, did not address this, hence my apparently dumb question in my last post: "... the analysis does not explain how removing the hose pipe (halting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) would make no

difference to the rise in the level." (note: no difference). You answered by pointing out that the levels will obviously fall. Yes! but that is not what you implied earlier. Perhaps it is the analogy that is lacking, as there is no temperature element.

The number of 800GtC for atmospheric carbon in your example and the 10 GtC/a (9 GtC/a in my previous link) are indeed not arbitrary. But the 500, 150 and 750 seem to have been just for illustration of the concept of reaching a new equilibrium. The change from 750 to 800, which you say amounts to 6% do not appear to correspond in reality to the 9GtC/a for 60 years of our emissions. Also you said of the model that, it illustrates how a quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> released per year "bigger per year than anything released by civilisation to date" causes only a moderate (~6%) increase in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. The only large quantity I see is the 150GtC/a, but this is part of the existing equilibrium, cancelled by equivalent outflows - the salient number is just the 10GtC/a (and the 6% does not seem, as I say, to correspond well to reality).

Your model illustrates well how a system returns to equilibrium after a change. One aspect of that reaction is that the speed at which the new equilibrium is reached decreases the nearer it is. In other words the difference between the source and sink curves should gradually decrease. I am not aware of any such effect in our planetary experiment.

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The other three comments I should respond to (Dung, Not Banned Yet and MikeH) all relate to climate history. I imagine you have rehearsed these arguments many times and I am unlikely to throw any new light on them But I find it the arguments very odd, so I'll amuse myself with a few thoughts. Dung tells me what was "generally accepted" of the last few millennia before Mann's paper. He doesn't describe the basis for this acceptance and I don't know when rings and cores became a common research tool. So was it that there were many existing studies of ice cores, mud cores, tree-rings and whatnot and that Mann's study was just another in this series, an outlier getting very different results? Or was it that before Mann there had been no studies reaching back for two millennia and the evidence was just anecdotal - pictures of ice-skating on the Thames, Viking remains in Greenland, etc? Moreover, is Mann's study still an outlier, the only one to flatten the curve, or have there been many subsequent studies that come to similar conclusions? Coming even closer to today, we have thermometer records that tell us of rising temperatures (the blade of the stick). Unless there was more than anecdotes, you are essentially putting your faith in stories over other evidence. Personally, I have no idea whether it was warmer or colder than today in 400AD, how could I (Not Banned Yet)?

Then an interesting thing happens. We move further into the past and the record becomes more reliable. Thermometers and millennial studies are

apparently wrong but MikeH jumps us from recent millennia to tens and hundreds of thousands of years ago, to previous interglacials. Lacking any stories to confuse us, we have paleo records that tell us of higher temperatures, lower CO<sub>2</sub> (except if you believe Salby that the interglacial peaks in CO<sub>2</sub> were as high as today's but are lost from the cores) and higher rates of change. And they are reliable enough to draw firm conclusions!

I hope you'll forgive me for finding this a little amusing :-)

On Polar bears, my point was that if you look at the taxonomy and evolution section of the Wikipedia page, it is not clear at all how old the current species is. So saying that they survived the ice age (in their current form) is a bit like saying, "I've had this pipe all my life, although I've replaced the bowl three times and the stem twice".

Jul 18, 2013 at 2:16 PM | 23 {Missy}

"Personally, I have no idea whether it was warmer or colder than today in 400AD, how could I (Not Banned Yet)?"

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So how can you know anything about how our current weather/climate compares to what has gone before?

At what point in time do you become able to determine a reliable metric which, in your opinion, meaningfully reflects global weather/climate?

How within that global metric do you establish reasonable and verifiable limits on regional spatial and temporal variations?

Why do you call evidence such as Thames Frost Fairs "just anecdotal"? Do you not believe they happened? Do you believe that the freezing point of water changes with time? Do you believe that they only tell you about the immediate vicinity of the Thames? How do you define "anecdotal"?

Jul 18, 2013 at 5:58 PM | 23 {not banned yet}

Talk to archeologists whose speciality is the last few thousand years. You'll be surprised how much is known about climate variations over that period.

Jul 18, 2013 at 6:13 PM | 23 {splitpin}

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Yes. Cross-purpose discussions arise especially when the people discussing don't start with a common mind set.

See if the following makes sense to you. If it does, we can push the reset button and continue. If not, the cross-purposes need sorting out before

continuing.

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That's right. I was trying to explain changes in equilibrium without complicating it by having temperature changing at the same time. I had tacitly assumed that temperature was constant so that natural emission of CO<sub>2</sub> was constant and equal to the equilibrium absorption rate.

Salby's hypothesis, for which he provides some evidence, is that the rise in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and the corresponding rise in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, over the past 50 years or so, have nothing to do with human CO<sub>2</sub> emission (except perhaps for a few per cent) and are due to global temperature rising for reasons that are not to do with CO<sub>2</sub>. (Reduced albedo due to cloud change - possibly because of cosmic ray variations? increased greenhouse effect due to water vapour? Increased solar output in the short-wavelength UV range? w.h.y? I found it interesting that I did not detect any speculation about anything in his talk.)

Including this effect would have atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels continue to rise, pretty well at current rates, even if human emissions ceased completely. (That's what Salby's analysis says - I know it is not your understanding of what happens - probably the direct opposite.)

I had not understood your red tap analogy and specially had not understood the role of the overflow. An overflow that only starts overflowing when a certain level is reached has two problems for me:

- I don't know what it corresponds to in the natural system. Nothing that I know of. Could you please explain what it corresponds to in the climate system?

- It is a **nonlinear** effect, if it is correct that it only starts when a certain level is reached. Nonlinear effects are very difficult to analyse if you want to understand general principles.

Is the concept of **linearity** familiar to you? If not, then I must either briefly explain it or avoid using it (explicitly or implicitly) in trying to explain things.. *The number of 800GtC for atmospheric carbon in your example and the 10 GtC/a (9 GtC/a in my previous link) are indeed not arbitrary. But the 500, 150 and 750 seem to have been just for illustration of the concept of reaching a new equilibrium. The change from 750 to 800, which you say amounts to 6%*

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By "bigger per year than anything released by civilisation to date" I meant "bigger **per year** than anything released by civilisation to date" ie more than has been released in any one year.

It's what Salby's equations say happens. And it corresponds to his view that human CO2 plays a negligible part in things. But it does not correspond to your understanding of how things work.

*Your model illustrates well how a system returns to equilibrium after a change. One aspect of that reaction is that the speed at which the new equilibrium is reached decreases the nearer it is. I other words the difference between the source and sink curves should gradually decrease.*

That's correct - the return to equilibrium (assuming a linear 1st order differential equation as Salby assumes) is an exponential curve, the slope of the curve diminishing as equilibrium is approached.

*I am not aware of any such effect in our planetary experiment.*

That's because the circumstances have not arisen where it could be observed. That does not mean the effect is theoretically impossible or it is nonsense to analyse the circumstances under which such an effect would occur.

Does the foregoing reduce or increase the cross-purposes?

Jul 18, 2013 at 6:37 PM | 23 {[Martin A](#)}

I am afraid I see Missy as a bogus player here, someone knowing much more than they let on and just messing us about.

Jul 18, 2013 at 9:01 PM | 23 {[Dung](#)}

Dung, reading between the lines here I agree with you that "Missy" is playing a curious game, not sincere and not forthcoming. Troll games are not always harmful, though, as long as other participants recognize what is going on and don't mind spending the time. It can still be useful to see what arguments and information emerge on such a thread, but folks should not think that "Missy" is playing it straight.

Jul 18, 2013 at 10:09 PM | 23 {[Skipphil](#)}

One characteristic of such games is a level of knowledge that seems to vary greatly from moment to moment.

Of course, a lot of blog discussion is a game of one sort or another.

Jul 18, 2013 at 10:46 PM | 23 {[splitpin](#)}

You've only \*just\* realised?

Jul 19, 2013 at 9:54 AM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

I remember a long time ago in the early days of the web, someone devised an online IQ test which asked a long series of questions. After a while it became apparent that the questions were just going to go on and on forever. The IQ was calculated by how many pages into the test you went before you abandoned it.

Jul 19, 2013 at 9:57 AM | 23 {[TheBigYinJames](#)}

The overflow was not intended to be non-linearity, as I said that before turning on the red tap, water was dribbling from the overflow. I added the overflow to allow for increased outflows when the inflows increased. This was not as elegant as your model where the outflow size changes according to the volume, but I wanted a real physical (as opposed to a conceptual) analogy.

I still don't see what in your description is bigger **\*\*per year\*\*** than anything released by civilisation to date. The only things bigger than 10GtC per year are the natural flows that, as I said, are part of the existing equilibrium and which cannot be said to contribute to any increase.

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Others are clearly having trouble reconciling their respect for the accuracy of proxy reconstructions spanning hundreds of thousands of years with their dismissal of those that span just few thousand years (and their distrust of thermometers). Rather than attacking me, you should perhaps first resolve this inner conflict. If you think all short term reconstructions and temperature measurements have been corrupted by warmists then explain why they didn't bother to doctor the longer term results.

Jul 19, 2013 at 1:15 PM | 23 {[Missy](#)}

The overflow seems nonlinear to me as its flow could be zero while the bath content is non-zero.

My table of total fossil-fuel CO2 only goes up to 2009 but shows less than 10GtC per year in each year:

2000 6766  
2001 6929  
2002 6998  
2003 7421  
2004 7812  
2005 8106

2006 8372

2007 8572

2008 8769

2009 8738

Hence my saying (10GtC) > (anything released by civilisation to date). If you add in 'land change use', it might be marginally above 10GtC for recent years. BYIJ: IQ = 100.0/Np ?

Jul 19, 2013 at 6:04 PM | 23 {Martin A}

TBYJ

As Skiphill pointed out, you can sometimes gain from the situation and also you can be wrong in your judgement. My position is that I have lost patience and so stated my opinion on Missy.

Jul 19, 2013 at 8:15 PM | 23 {Dung}

Ah, its the 10GtC that is greater than anything released. I understand now what you mean. But the 6% refers to a rise from an apparently arbitrary 750GtC to the actual 800GtC and so seems insignificant to me. On overflows, I did say that water was dribbling from the overflow, so the initial flow was non-zero. It was a contrived analogy I suppose :-)

Dung, you have lost 'patience' with me but still have 'faith' in Salby. Is your position on the subject just driven by emotion, rather than understanding or fact? If so, it is unsurprising that you can accept or reject different evidence obtained using the same methods according to how well it fits your desired result. Perhaps we all do that to some extent.

Jul 20, 2013 at 1:18 PM | 23 {Missy}

As I said before, the numbers I used were not arbitrary.

The 750GtC is what the IPCC slide used by Salby gives as the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, presumably prior to growth of fossil fuel emission. Using Salby's differential equation then gives the result that starting to emit fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub>, at a constant rate of 10GtC per year, would result in a 6% rise, after which there would be no further rise in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

Would you like to help me make sense of the SkS mass balance argument that says it shows the increase in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> is due to human actions? To me it seems a plausibility argument rather than a definite proof. If it really is a proof, what is the step I am missing?

Also, I'm trying to re-read Gavin Cawley's (SkS writer who produced the mass balance argument) paper where he says that the differential equation  $dC(t)/dt = -\alpha C(t)$  is wrong. This is the same equation as used by Salby. Gavin Cawley gives a nonlinear differential equation instead (which I think he believes is not a nonlinear equation). He also seems to make some implicit

assumptions in the reasoning that, so far as I can see, have no way of being verified. I'd like to know if I'm correct on this.

Jul 20, 2013 at 5:53 PM | 23 {Martin A}

I'd like to help, but I don't see how to. To me it seems self evident that if concentrations are increasing every year and we are emitting at twice the rate of increase, that our emissions are the cause of the rise. The SkS page [essenhigh\\_rebuttal.html](#) has many comments and explanations. I doubt I can add anything useful :-)

Jul 21, 2013 at 3:35 AM | 23 {Missy}

Murry Salby's private and employment history is of no consequence when judging his science. The fact that he has been so violently attacked personally indicate to me just how the vested interests are afraid of his ground breaking science. have to date not seen any sound scientific rebuttal of his science, as presented, hence the ad homine attacks. I think that one problem that has come to light on this thread is just how diverse the science is. I believe it needs a multi-disciplinary panel to examine and debate it. It is a great pity that Prof. Salby cannot contribute to the debate personally. Finally to attack any scientist personally in an attempt to destroy his SCIENTIFIC credibility is beneath contempt.

Jul 21, 2013 at 5:35 PM | 23 {Ross Lea}

Ross, would you be able to judge the soundness of a scientific rebuttal of Salby? Do you understand the science and maths behind it and that behind the rebuttals? If so then you can perhaps explain to Martin what he is missing in the mass balance arguments.

I think Salby probably has very little credibility among climate scientists anyway, but your last sentence is a good sentiment. Does it apply equally to all climate scientists, Mann and Jones for example?

Jul 22, 2013 at 12:29 AM | 23 {Missy}

Missy

I think I made the point that no one scientist however qualified can embrace all the science. Personal attacks on scientist are dispicable from what ever source. I think I have enough experience to judge a scientific argument. To quote Samuel Johnson "You may scold a carpenter who has made you a bad table, though you cannot make a table" .

Jul 22, 2013 at 11:21 AM | 23 {Ross Lea}

Martin A

Sorry I seem to have diverted your discussion thread. I have said my piece and



have no more to contribute.

Jul 22, 2013 at 11:25 AM | 23{[Ross Lea](#)}

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Judging the quality of a table is within everyday experience of most people. Judging a scientific explanation is not. To understand Salby's lecture, good maths and quite high scientific literacy are needed. To spot errors in his reasoning and logic (or that of SkS), a much deeper understanding is necessary. Without the necessary skills, the Dunning Kruger effect beckons. You didn't confirm that your distaste for attacks on Mann and Jones matches your outrage at attacks on Salby.

Jul 22, 2013 at 3:00 PM | 23{[Missy](#)}

You mean the effect described by the winners of the 2000 [Ig Nobel Prize](#)?

Jul 22, 2013 at 3:44 PM | 23{[Richard Drake](#)}

Ross Lea

No, not at all. I think it had pretty well petered out. I thought your remarks were appropriate, anyway.

I had been hoping that Missy would help me out.

Both Gavin Cawley's (SkS poster) paper and his mass balance argument both seem to be incompatible with Salby's results for CO2 emission. The SkS paper/arguments seem ok until I try to look at them very closely, at which point they go out of focus for me. Perhaps playing with some downloaded data will make it clearer to me whether both, one or other, or neither are correct.

Jul 22, 2013 at 3:47 PM | 23{[Martin A](#)}

Missy

Your solicitude for the delicate sensibilities of Phil Jones and Michael Mann is duly noted.

In no case have I seen "personal" criticisms of Jones and Mann based upon trolling through family/divorce or employment records as a pretext for avoiding confrontation with the SUBSTANCE of their scientific work.

In all cases of which I am aware, criticisms of Jones/Mann center upon their scientific output and how they have developed, presented, defended, and/or not properly SUBSTANTIATED that work.

In the case of Salby, some people (as in the excremental DeSmog Blog) wish to block or distract from the discussion of his scientific work by focusing upon his possible "personal" issues. While I do not say that considerations of character are irrelevant to judging someone's credibility in general, whether Salby had issues with employers or NSF, ex-wife, etc. has exactly nothing to

do with the potential accuracy of the ideas and equations he has presented in his last few lectures.

Jul 22, 2013 at 4:34 PM | 23{[Skipphil](#)}

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I think there has also been criticism of their behaviour with respect to reviewing of papers for publication and making life difficult for authors/editors publishing stuff they did not agree with. In view of their role as leading IPCC authors, such criticisms are also legitimate.

I have never seen anyone refer to details of Mann's divorce proceedings, let alone publish or provide pointers to court papers.

Jul 22, 2013 at 5:17 PM | 23{[splitpin](#)}

Martin, as I said, I am not competent to help. But there are several here who consider Salby's work ground-breaking. It is probable therefore that they have analysed Salby's maths and confirmed its accuracy, have gone through the process of analysing the SkS and other arguments and have found the logical flaws that you seek. That is what a sceptic would do to overthrow an accepted science, isn't it? I am surprised that they have not chipped in to help.

Regarding Salby's legal history, people should not be so pious. It is impossible to imagine, given the intensity of feeling towards Mann and Jones exhibited on various blogs, that if there had been any dirt to dig up on the two it would not have been front page news and the center of any discussion of the pair for weeks, months or years on Bishop Hill, WUWT etc. The fact that there hasn't been such discussion is probably because there is nothing to find, not because you all felt it was somehow off limits.

Jul 22, 2013 at 8:08 PM | 23{[Missy](#)}

I have visited Bishop Hill for many years and seen many many trolls come and go but I have never seen such an obnoxious troll as Missy.

Why don't you stop rubbishing everyone else and start giving us your opinions Missy?

Jul 22, 2013 at 8:16 PM | 23{[Dung](#)}

Shift goal posts much, Missy?

I did not say that anything negative about someone's character would be "off limits" in terms of judging someone's character..... I simply said that it would not be relevant to judging the scientific content of the work. A great scientist might kick puppies and a bad scientist might be devoted to animal rescue in



spare time. Sound scientific work might come out of a good or bad person, or many shades of grey in between. Bad scientific work or simply an unsuccessful (though well tested) hypothesis could come from the most saintly climate scientist.

Of course there are intimate links between integrity, judgment, reliability, honesty, etc. and what we term overall "character" -- but scientific output is what it is in terms of data and methods, whether or not the person who provided it is exemplary in all other ways.

Jul 22, 2013 at 8:51 PM | 23 {Skiphil}

Salby \_invited\_ scrutiny with public accusations against his university. His version of events then became ever less credible the more that was learnt of him. And revelations about his private life are not distracting attention from his scientific theories as you suggest. His theory has received plenty of attention, including unconditional applause from some of you and derision from some scientists.

Dung, I am rubbishing nobody, just asking you and others to justify your faith in a theory that has no scientific support. If you lack the knowledge to understand Salby's ideas or to find holes in the consensus counter arguments, then you are supporting the theory just because you'd like it to be true. Don't pretend 'scepticism'.

Jul 23, 2013 at 12:25 AM | 23 {Missy}

Missy

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Why don't you tell us the theory that you support Missy? Do you actually support any theories or do you just get your kicks from picking holes in other people's opinions?

Jul 23, 2013 at 12:57 AM | 23 {Dung}

*Dung, I am rubbishing nobody, just asking you and others to justify your faith in a theory that has no scientific support.*

Salby's work will either be verified or shown to be erroneous when others reproduce it or extend it. Theories of atmospheric physics don't depend on "scientific support" to decide whether they are valid or not.

Some bits of Salby's work I have been able to reproduce without difficulty using downloaded temperature and CO2 data. So far we have just a couple of videoed talks he has given, so it's too early to expect others to have reproduced his results entirely.

I have given talks on my own work in the past, outlining methods and conclusions of forthcoming results in papers due to be published in due course.

But even given my description of the new methods I'd devised, it would have been very difficult for anyone to reproduce my work without the detailed information conveyed in a paper.

So, for the time being we'll have to wait patiently either for the publication of Salby's work, or for others to reproduce it from the outlines given in his talks. However, everything he presented seems inherently capable of being confirmed (or otherwise).

Despite the sophistication of the maths he used, his computations are all pretty straightforward and based on processing observed data. They do not depend on, for example, unverifiable concepts such as "radiative forcing" or large-scale models incapable of being validated - things that mean that (for me) it is doubtful whether the term "science" should even be used for what the Met Office et al get up to.

Jul 23, 2013 at 9:54 AM | 23 {Martin A}

Dung wants my opinion. Which theory do I support? Well the question is the cause of the rise in CO2 and there are two options, the consensus (it's anthropogenic) and Salby. It seems unnecessary to spell it out, but if I must, I favour the consensus.

Martin,

- I asked people to justify their faith in a theory that has no scientific support. and you reply that

- Theories of atmospheric physics don't depend on "scientific support" to decide whether they are valid or not.

Do you really think I said that scientific support is necessary to determine whether Salby's theory is valid or not? I think your English is better than that. These two are quite different.

Salby's theory might or might not be valid. I cannot judge, and though you seem to be the most mathematically and scientifically capable here, I think neither can you. Unless I misjudged other posters, this means that they have faith in a theory they don't understand. There is nothing wrong with that per se. I can believe theories that I don't understand because I know that, of the people who do understand, all believe them to be true. In other words the theories have scientific support (even though they might be wrong). However if people believe Salby without understanding and verifying, they are on their own (except for Salby presumably). Salby might be right of course but people are just displaying faith, not making a rational choice in believing him over the view that the rise in CO2 has an anthropogenic cause. Hence my desire for them to justify that faith.

My earlier question asking people to justify their faith in temperature and CO2 records from several hundred thousand year old ice cores in contrast to their dismissal of any analysis of the last few millennia using similar techniques (or

of thermometers) remains unanswered, so I will not hold my breath for an answer to this question.

Jul 23, 2013 at 8:27 PM | 23{[Missy](#)}

Dear devious little Missy

Which consensus would it be that you support?

Would it be the one where scientists were asked if man contributed to global warming? If so then most people on this blog would support you (not me).

There is no scientific consensus that anthropogenic CO2 is causing the warming because that question was never asked. So Missy, what exactly do you believe?

Do tell.

If you want people to answer your questions then you need to start answering our questions, fair is fair and all that..

Jul 23, 2013 at 8:54 PM | 23{[Dung](#)}

Mr Dung, I answered you in the first paragraph of my 8:27PM post. I identified the question and gave my answer. I don't know how much clearer I can make it for you.

On there being no consensus, that is silly. There is clearly agreement amongst climate scientists that the rise in atmospheric CO2 has an anthropogenic source (why would Salby's theory be 'ground-breaking' - or whatever the term was - if not). A similarly overwhelming majority will agree that CO2 is a greenhouse gas and will agree what that means. And they will also agree that increasing concentrations of CO2 will change the equilibrium state of the planet towards warming. They will probably not agree exactly to what extent the planet will warm and how fast as a result of the changing CO2 level.

Jul 23, 2013 at 11:40 PM | 23{[Missy](#)}

Missy

You are very slippery and evasive, The consensus of 96%/97% of climate scientists who believe in AGW was based ONLY on the question of whether they believed that humans CONTRIBUTED to global warming, not whether humans were the primary cause of global warming. Now if you are not happy with that then go read the details of Cooks poll.

Are you aware of the logarithmic relationship between CO2 and temperature and if so at what level of CO2 ppm do you think CO2 ceases to have any effect? Should you not be aware of this relationship then go read the IPCC reports because it is verified in there.

Jul 24, 2013 at 1:59 AM | 23{[Dung](#)}

"And they will also agree that increasing concentrations of CO2 will change

the equilibrium state of the planet towards warming."

Anybody know what that means?

Dungy you're wasting your keystrokes with someone who believes that "nullius in verba" is nonsense, and can't do hard sums.

Rhoda was right.

Jul 24, 2013 at 6:46 AM | 23{[geronimo](#)}

Missy

Theory: The CO2 added to the global atmosphere is the MAIN cause of the increase in global temperatures.

Test empirical measurement of global temperatures show that no rise has occurred for 17 + years whilst the CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere continue to rise. Therefore the human increase in CO2 in the atmosphere cannot be the MAIN or any significant drive of global temperature increase. Theory FAILS by empirical measurement.

Jul 24, 2013 at 9:03 AM | 23{[Ross Lea](#)}

Mr Dung, you answer what you would prefer had been said rather than what was actually said. I made no mention of polls or percentages or even of 'main' causes (Ross Lea). Read again what I said at 11:40 last night, it was circumscribed and clear. If you or the one who yawns are challenged by the meaning of that post, you have no chance of understanding Salby.

So please explain your faith.

Jul 24, 2013 at 12:57 PM | 23{[Missy](#)}

Missy

The only Consensus that can be "verified" is the one that has been recorded based on a poll of climate scientists which produced a 97% consensus that man is contributing to global warming (or was when it was happening).

Any other consensus is speculation and unverifiable.

Jul 24, 2013 at 3:50 PM | 23{[Dung](#)}

Missy

I do not have a "faith" I leave that to others. I have an opinion based on empirical evidence. Currently I have read TAXING AIR by Prof. Bob Carter et al. He lists not just one but six empirical test that the current theory of MGW has failed. What is the empirical evidence on which you base your faith that man-made emissions of CO2 are the principle driver of Global Warming. ?

Jul 24, 2013 at 4:58 PM | 23{[Ross Lea](#)}

Mr D, the facts I listed at 11:40PM (Ross Lea, they are sufficient) are so basic that they would probably gain the support of most readers of this blog, let

alone that of climate scientists.

Jul 24, 2013 at 6:23 PM | 23 {Missy}

Missy

Bishop Hill is a strange choice of blog for someone who has no intention of giving a straight answer to a straight question.

In addition I do not see hordes of Bishop Hill readers rushing to support your

Oh so basic facts, did I miss something?

Jul 24, 2013 at 10:13 PM | 23 {Dung}

Mr D, as far as I'm aware I have answered your questions.

Why would readers bother to support me? I stated some basic science, understood for many years, which few would be silly enough to reject. But I understand there are various anti-science blogs where your kind of thinking is de rigueur (wattsupwiththat.com seems to be an example of such), so maybe you would be happier there.

Jul 25, 2013 at 1:52 PM | 23 {Missy}

"But I understand there are various anti-science blogs where your kind of thinking is de rigueur (wattsupwiththat.com seems to be an example of such)..."

Missy is the thieving fraudster, much lauded in the alarmist community, Peter Gleick and I claim my £5.00.

Jul 25, 2013 at 3:09 PM | 23 {geronimo}

Missy

When one person poses a question to another, the questioner is the one who decides whether it has been answered satisfactorily, fail.

Jul 25, 2013 at 3:42 PM | 23 {Dung}

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What's the question then, Mr D?

Jul 25, 2013 at 7:52 PM | 23 {Missy}

Missy

Dung wants my opinion. Which theory do I support? Well the question is the cause of the rise in CO2 and there are two options, the consensus (it's anthropogenic) and Salby. It seems unnecessary to spell it out, but if I must, I favour the consensus.

Jul 23, 2013 at 8:27 PM | Unregistered Commenter Missy

I then asked you which consensus it was that you supported?

Which consensus would it be that you support?

Would it be the one where scientists were asked if man contributed to global warming? If so then most people on this blog would support you (not me). There is no scientific consensus that anthropogenic CO2 is causing the warming because that question was never asked. So Missy, what exactly do you believe?

Jul 23, 2013 at 8:54 PM | Registered Commenter Dung

From here on you refer me back to this post

Jul 23, 2013 at 11:40 PM | On there being no consensus, that is silly. There is clearly agreement amongst climate scientists that the rise in atmospheric CO2 has an anthropogenic source Unregistered Commenter Missy

The only actual polls of scientists (however bad) have been very recent and have been based on infantile questions such as the Cook et al poll which asked if scientists believed humans made a significant contribution to warming. You stated that you were not referring to any polls and so I ask again what consensus? Where is your evidence that there is a consensus?

What is fact is that for a couple of decades the media have been stating that it exists, politicians have been stating that it exists and a powerful group of climate scientists have stated that it exists, there is no proof.

It has also been the case that the powerful group of warmists have tried very hard to prevent the publication of scientists who disagreed.

Would you now tell me where the consensus comes from?

Jul 25, 2013 at 8:36 PM | 23 {Dung}

Mr D, the trouble you go to over the idea of consensus is amusing. You really do belong on the dork side at WUWT.

As a wild guess, I imagine there has never been an opinion poll to test whether people believe that trees are green. Or that ice floats. Or that things fall downward. Does that make these things untrue? It is blindingly obvious that if the rate of increase in CO2 concentrations is half the rate of anthropogenic emissions then the cause of the increases is anthropogenic (sorry Martin, it is). No opinion poll is needed.

Jul 25, 2013 at 9:03 PM | 23 {Missy}

Missy

Sadly that is the kind of response I expected. Well actually that is wrong; it is the kind of response I hoped for because it reveals just how devoid of knowledge you are.

It is blindingly obvious that if the rate of increase in CO2 concentrations is half the rate of anthropogenic emissions then the cause of the increases is anthropogenic

CO2 started increasing before man started increasing his emissions, that fits with your fag packet science doesn't it? ^.^

Temperature has not risen for 16 years even though we are still increasing CO2 emissions, further fag packet fail.

Salby showed (without any maths and simply using accepted observations including Mauna Loa) that the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere did not vary in step with daily human emissions.

Oh dear I think you should give up smoking.

Jul 25, 2013 at 9:29 PM | 23 {Dung}

Missy

If it is the case that you do not smoke then you don't have a fag packet to stand on.

Jul 25, 2013 at 9:47 PM | 23 {Dung}

"CO2 started increasing before man started increasing his emissions..."

I watched Salby again to see where that statement came from. His evidence seems to be that according to Law Dome ice cores, emissions were rising before the instrumental record began the 1957. But our emissions did not start in 1957; the industrial revolution was in the 18thC. The Law Dome record is interesting, showing an almost perfect hockey stick for CO2.

CO2 levels have been relatively stable for hundreds of thousands of years, as some of your fellows here will happily claim. Salby says differtly, but his account is not believable. He plots a curve that shows an exponential rise in the inaccuracy of ice core measurments and claims that 10k years ago the cores are out but a factor of two (in other words 100ppmv in the core was actually 200ppmv in the atmosphere) and 100k years ago they are out by a factor of fifteen (100ppmv was actually 1500ppmv (he says 1000)). He doesn't go any further back for obvious reasons. His graph is exponential remember so at 200k years, levels must be much more than 1000ppmv. And back to 300ka, 400ka etc - the levels must have been huge. Do you really believe that?

And then there is his cross correlation of observed CO2 rises to temperature over the instrumental period. He shows a graph with a peak at a 10 month lag - CO2 lagging temperature and suggests this is significant. But it seems to me that what he is correlating is the wiggles in the graphs, not the slope of the rising CO2. We know that CO2 peaks at the end of spring which is around 10 months after the previous mid-summer, so the correlation is clearly just between the annual northern hemisphere growth cycle and the summer/winter temperature cycle, nothing more. Big deal!

I'm not able to nail any other fallacies in his presentation as it is too complicated. He pulls equations out of the air and I have no idea of their relevance or correctness. (Neither do you you I would guess.) But if even I can spot simple things that seem wrong or insignificant, the chances are that there are more.

So I'd repeat the basic facts that few will reject (ie there's a consensus):

- the rise in atmospheric CO2 has an anthropogenic source
- CO2 is a greenhouse gas
- increasing concentrations of CO2 cause an energy imbalance resulting in energy accumulation.

Jul 26, 2013 at 10:22 PM | 23 {Missy}

Missy

Now at last you make some good points, two of which are correct; I do not follow his maths and I do not believe the figures you have given for past CO2 if they are indeed Salby's figures then I would say they were totally impossible. However at least one of your conclusions goes against the facts:

Increasing concentrations of CO2 cause an energy imbalance resulting in energy accumulation.

I am not convinced by the radiation feedback argument so if you would allow I will just deal with "Increasing CO2 concentrations cause warming".

It is universally accepted that the effect of CO2 is logarithmic and therefore that continuously increasing the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere will continuously reduce its effect.

What amazes me is that nobody on either side seems to want to put any figures on this but the ultimate effect is that CO2 has no effect on temperature.

I said nobody on either side but in fact one well qualified poster on Bishop Hill has given a figure with very believable explanation.

AlecM stated that the manufacture of industrial electric furnaces assumes that all the effects of CO2 cease at concentrations higher than 200ppm. The furnaces all work perfectly.

I want to write a long post in the Sense and Sensitivity discussion and I do not want to write it all twice so I will stop there. Maybe you might look there tomorrow night if you are interested.

Jul 27, 2013 at 2:56 PM | 23 {Dung}

Dung

Have you read the two most recent posts at Climate Audit? Might inform the debate a little.

Jul 27, 2013 at 7:27 PM | 23 {Mike Jackson}

Missy - an alternative view of what Salby said on diffusion in ice cores...

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(he says 1000)). He doesn't go any further back for obvious reasons.

He's not saying the CO2 fluctuations get bigger as you go back. What he is saying is that you have to multiply the ice record figures by bigger and bigger scaling factors as you go back. After you've done this, you find that rates of change and levels of CO2 in recent times are not exceptional.

Let's suppose you had a year when CO2, for some weird reason, was 10 times normal but then returned to normal the following year. You'd then have a thin layer of ice with 10 times normal CO2 in it (eg 4000ppmv). Over the centuries, that layer of ice would "descend" (in reality, be buried under more ice).

The CO2 in the originally thin layer will diffuse into the ice just above and just below the thin layer. So, in 10,000 years, (taking Salby's example) what had been 4000ppmv for one year, will now look roughly like 2000ppmv spread over around two or three years.

Or after 100,000 years, the original layer will have around 1/15th of its original concentration, with the CO2 spread over 10 - 20 layers of the same thickness. Both rates of change and the sizes of variations measured directly from the ices record are reduced by blurring. The further back you go, the more the record is blurred by diffusion.

I would have thought this would have all been worked out years ago by people analysing ice proxy stuff.

His graph is exponential remember so at 200k years, levels must be much more than 1000ppmv. And back to 300ka, 400ka etc - the levels must have been huge. Do you really believe that?

As I said, I don't think he is saying that at all. He is saying that the variations in the ice record need to be multiplied by a bigger and bigger number as you go further back, because they have been attenuated by greater and greater factors. He's making the point that recent variations are not exceptional - not that ancient variations were colossal.

Jul 27, 2013 at 8:49 PM | 23 {[Martin A](#)}

Mike Jackson

Yes I had read those articles and now I have also read the article in Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society.

Can you tell me what specifically you are drawing my attention to? Many apologies if I am being very dumb here.

Jul 28, 2013 at 12:43 AM | 23 {[Dung](#)}

Martin A,

Yes, that's fairly close to my take on it. It is not necessarily the case that levels were xyz amount higher or lower back in the mists of time, just that the peaks and troughs are smoothed out by mixing/diffusion. You wouldn't expect to see

the extreme short-term excursions.

Of course, the same principle applies to many other measurements in the real world.

Jul 28, 2013 at 1:31 AM | 23 {[michael hart](#)}

michael hart: "Of course, the same principle applies to many other measurements in the real world."

Yes, and in the real world, the effects of noise or measurement accuracy severely limit the extent to which blurred signals can be de-blurred to obtain the original.

Essentially on the same theme... After the Met Office published a link to the notorious Marcott paper on its My Climate & Me website with the title "New analysis suggests the Earth is warming at a rate unprecedented for 11,300 years", I posted the following comment:

Well, I haven't been able to read the paper, but I wonder if they switched to using instrumental data for the last 150 years? Doing this seems to be accepted practice in climate science. If they \*did\* splice instrumental data to temperatures estimated from proxies, did they ensure that the temporal resolution was the same before and after the splice?

I assume they did, but if they failed to do so, it would explain why rates of warming (or cooling) similar to recent warming don't appear before 150 years ago. I understand that temperature data estimated from proxies normally has low temporal resolution, so that rapid changes would simply not be seen.

This illustrates Salby's point - that to compare the instrumental record with the proxy record, the latter needs to be corrected so that you are comparing like with like.

[ The Met Office eventually deleted the article from their website - though not as a result of my comment, I am sure.]

Jul 28, 2013 at 9:02 AM | 23 {[Martin A](#)}

Well it is quite possible that I misunderstood :-). My comprehension skills seem to be failing me here, for example when you said:

"He's not saying the CO2 fluctuations get bigger as you go back. What he is saying is that you have to multiply the ice record figures by bigger and bigger scaling factors as you go back."

these two sentences seem contradictory. Like saying "he's not saying x, he's saying y", but to me, y is the same as x.

Of your description of a spike being attenuated by diffusion, without any knowledge of the diffusion properties of deep ice cores how can you or I say whether or not this is plausible? Is Salby an expert in the chemistry of ice cores? There are many very clever people who study cores as their day job, surely some qualified and competent people among them, and it seems strange that they would have overlooked this. Maybe Salby knows more about their



subject than they do. That doesn't seem likely. Compare this apparent out-of-domain super-sense with his treatment of the correlation between temperature and CO2 over short periods (the 10 month lag) as something significant to his arguments. This seems laughable even to me and I think indicates that he is dabbling in areas of which he has no expertise - he is out of his depth and doesn't realise it.

If there really were such spikes in CO2 then you need a mechanism for producing those spikes. If you are saying it was temperature, then what caused the temperature to spike?

Jul 28, 2013 at 3:09 PM | 23 {Missy}

Missy - hand-waving discussions tend to be inconclusive. We'd be better off waiting for Salby's stuff to be published and see in detail what he is saying. However...

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Please try very carefully re-reading the last paragraph of my Jul 27, 2013 at 8:49 PM posting. I think it should resolve what you see as a contradiction.

Of your description of a spike being attenuated by diffusion, without any knowledge of the diffusion properties of deep ice cores how can you or I say whether or not this is plausible?

Well, diffusion is diffusion, whether it is heat flowing along a metal bar, neutrons diffusing through the moderator of a nuclear reactor or gas molecules diffusing through ice. So understanding the principle is not hard and what he said seems entirely plausible to me. It's a universal effect that diffusion results in things that are initially sharply defined becoming smoothed out and blurred. I don't have any data to try doing a calculation for ice cores but presumably we'll see the details in due course.

I came across a quote in the Journal of Glaciology of 2008: *"One common assumption in interpreting ice-core CO2 records is that diffusion in the ice does not affect the concentration profile. However, this assumption remains untested (...)"* so it seems pretty clear that ice core experts do not normally consider it.

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Well, diffusion is physics rather than chemistry and Salby is a physicist whose speciality is climate, so it seems quite possible to me that he does know more about that aspect than most ice core experts do.

As I said, hand waving discussions are not going to settle this. When the work is eventually published in detail it will be scrutinised and rejected if it is erroneous, or become standard practice if it is valid:

Jul 28, 2013 at 7:30 PM | 23 {Martin A}

Missy,

"Of your description of a spike being attenuated by diffusion, without any knowledge of the diffusion properties of deep ice cores how can you or I say whether or not this is plausible?"

Re-phrasing and re-iterating what Martin A has said, diffusion is diffusion. It is not only plausible, but it is required by the 2nd Law of thermodynamics. The questions are "how much" and "how fast?"

For me, Salby's presentation was certainly lacking in how he arrived at the details of his ice core calculations, but I consider the basis of his assertion as sound. The peaks and troughs of historical data will always be smoothed, and more so the further back you go. Recent data must always be considered with this in mind. I think Marcott (and others) wilfully ignore this aspect.

Some years ago I also presumed that those who made a living in this field had addressed all these issues. These days I am less sure. You can call it physics, or you can call it chemistry. But calling it climate-science does not move it into a higher realm where physicists and chemists gain no admittance.

Jul 28, 2013 at 9:23 PM | 23 {michael hart}

I've mentioned twice the apparent naivety in his treatment of the correlations in observed CO2/temp and you prefer to totally ignore this in favour of promoting his assumed surfeit of skill relative to his peers. Your faith in Salby is remarkable - but then he is saying what you want to hear.

Now I'm hand waving. Well aren't we all? We are not sufficiently qualified to have an opinion. If you wanted to wait until Salby publishes, then why start the thread?

Diffusion is diffusion? Well it is not without surprises. Consider how graphene membranes can be Helium-tight and yet allow water to pass through. Even if you cannot, I will admit that I don't know enough about diffusion in deep ice cores to comment usefully. Spikes might be attenuated by diffusion and they might not. If they are, then once again, what is your proposed cause for such spikes?

Jul 29, 2013 at 1:41 PM | 23 {Missy}

The Sun burped.

Jul 29, 2013 at 2:11 PM | 23 {splitpin}

Missy

My bottom line belief is that we humans are still in the foothills of knowledge about how our climate works. The problem is that the other side claim to understand it well enough to predict it which is total rubbish. Since they continue to make claims, all that is left to us is to pick holes in their evidence. The best solution is for all concerned to admit their relative ignorance and leave this subject alone for a few hundred years.

I for one am not happy to say nothing when our government is embarked on such a stupid energy policy.

Jul 29, 2013 at 3:25 PM | 23 {Dung}

You lot still arguing with Missy? I'm going to need an extra decimal place to calculate your average IQs at this rate.

Jul 30, 2013 at 3:02 PM | 23 {TheBigYinJames}

Well we don't care what you compute our average IQ to be. Probably average IQ is more meaningful than average temperature, so go ahead with your calculations.

Jul 30, 2013 at 5:58 PM | 23 {Martin A}

BigYin. I wanted to add but got distracted...

We are well aware that Missy is very unlikely to come back and say "OK guys, you convinced me. I have to admit your logic is unassailable". In fact, we are know that she often does not even finish reading our postings before coming up with other reasons why Salby must be wrong.

By the way.... What do you make of the mass balance argument of the SkS folk that the origin of increased atmospheric CO2 has to be due to burning of fossil fuel? They (and Missy) seem to find it utterly convincing whereas, to me, it seems a plausibility argument, rather than a proof.

Jul 30, 2013 at 6:26 PM | 23 {Martin A}

Missy -

And then there is his cross correlation of observed CO2 rises to temperature over the instrumental period. He shows a graph with a peak at a 10 month lag - CO2 lagging temperature and suggests this is significant. But it seems to me that what he is correlating is the wiggles in the graphs, not the slope of the rising CO2. We know that CO2 peaks at the end of spring which is around 10 months after the previous mid-summer, so the correlation is clearly just between the annual northern hemisphere growth cycle and the summer/winter temperature cycle, nothing more. Big deal!

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Jul 26, 2013 at 10:22 PM | Unregistered CommenterMissy

I've mentioned twice the apparent naivety in his treatment of the correlations in observed CO2/temp and you prefer to totally ignore this in favour of promoting his assumed surfeit of skill relative to his peers.

I don't know why you describe his computed cross correlation between CO2 and temperature as a 'fallacy', an exclamation-marked 'big deal', or 'apparent naivety'. He simply computed what it turns out to be from the data. How can doing such a thing possibly be described as 'apparent naivety'?

You have given an explanation for why it has that form but I don't see that that invalidates anything he said.

It is absolutely normal for cross-correlation functions to be computed from only the wiggles in the time series - mean values or trends/slopes have to be removed first if you want to get something meaningful.

He explained how the same thing would show up from the proxy record - it would be a simple spike, if the proxy record's temporal resolution were limited so that only details coarser than 1500 years could be seen. To me, it seems perfectly reasonable to give such an example in a discussion of the relation between the atmospheric and proxy records.

Jul 30, 2013 at 11:16 PM | 23 {Martin A}

Martin,

Sorry, you miss my point. Missy is not here to be convinced by argument, she's not even here to read your replies to her unending questions. She's here to waste your time, and as a sideshow, to demonstrate how gullible deniers are in being led up the garden path. She's being fed questions and responses by someone very well informed on the consensus position - it wouldn't surprise me if somewhere there is a private blog where your and Dung's responses are being measured, recorded and laughed at by a group of people - perhaps even as another Lew-esque psychology experiment. Expect the paper "The Unending Gullibility of Deniers" soon.

You seem to think she wants us to prove how 'scientifically knowledgeable' we are. She doesn't. She wants to see how long she can spin out a pointless thread for, because there's more than one way to be stupid, and they have noticed we beat them on the science every time.

I don't even think Missy is a 'she' as such. I suspect the name was chosen carefully to elicit certain male responses from the denier demographic. Perhaps if this person was called GrumpyBloke or say BitBucket, that you probably would not be wasting so much time on it. This is perhaps a side experiment. Compare and contrast the length of threads when the nick is male or female. She's not here to be convinced by your arguments, she's here to demonstrate how foolish deniers are. Please don't prove her correct.

Jul 31, 2013 at 8:44 AM | 23 {TheBigYinJames}

Well, I admit that I had assumed Missy was someone at SkS's old lady.

"You seem to think she wants us to prove how 'scientifically knowledgeable' we are." I do?

I was finding it interesting to observe how her responses would degenerate - the last being "well it seems obvious to me he's talking rubbish on correlation so he must be talking rubbish on other things too".

Jul 31, 2013 at 9:19 AM | 23{[Martin A](#)}

Martin, it is not the cross correlation that is fallacious, but its use. He wants to show that CO2 rises \_after\_ temperature rises (that it follows the integral of temperature) and his correlation result purports to show just that. If he were just doing an interesting side-exercise in comparing annual plant growth and CO2 cycles, he would have surely have said so instead of giving the impression that the 10 month lag strengthens his theory. He uses that correlation plot more than once I think, which is odd for a graph showing that summer is warmer than winter and plants grow in the spring.

James, you are a cynic. I thought we were having a nice discussion, not an argument. However it would indeed be interesting research project to study how many conflicting ideas some of those here can hold at the same time. I have seen it written that this is a right-wing phenomenon, so it would be interesting to find whether left wing blogs have the same characteristics. The discussion here is not perhaps very useful, as you say, especially as, taken together, people demonstrate that they are happy to rely on arguments supplied by others with which they disagree if it helps the group as a whole score 'points'. Pretty point-less really.

I am not controlled by others as you think, but you are right that there are some colleagues with whom I have discussed our conversation. They actually think I am nutty talking to you. Come September I shall be too busy to play here so you'll be rid of me. You'll no doubt be happier just talking among yourselves.

Jul 31, 2013 at 1:30 PM | 23{[Missy](#)}

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BYJ

When I applied to join Mensa my IQ was 152 in an unsupervised test and 148 in a supervised test so I guess 150 would be a reasonable claim. It may be that I come across as stupid some or even all of the time but Martin has demonstrated to any reasonable person that he is a highly intelligent mathematician and for him at least you have no business calling him stupid. I have now given up on Missy however just because you have your own reasons for ignoring her, that does not mean that others do not have **their** own reasons for engaging.

Jul 31, 2013 at 2:52 PM | 23{[Dung](#)}

OK thanks Dung but I was not put out in any way by BYJ's comment. I had

intended to add that our IQ, computed by BYJ's undisclosed formula, might well finish up needing negative or even imaginary numbers to compute but that would not bother me. But my 14 minutes was up.

Jul 31, 2013 at 3:45 PM | 23{[Martin A](#)}

OK, Missy, I think I see what you are saying. But I don't think the peak at 10 months in his cross correlation function can be due to the effect you described. Salby's graph of the cross correlation function between CO2 and temp (at 09:05 - I have the benefit of having captured his viewgraphs as .gif files) - does not seem to confirm what you have said.

There is no doubt that the CO2 record has a sinusoidal (approximately) ripple at 1 cycle per year. I think you have assumed that the temperature record will also have such a ripple (which would be hidden in the noise, as it is not visible in the temp record he displays).

You have said that the correlation at +10 months is because CO2 peaks around 10 months after the peak temperature.

I think there probably is no periodic component in the temperature record so there will be nothing to correlate with the periodic component in the CO2 record.

I think that this is because he's using \*global\* temperatures, so summer temperatures in the North are balanced by winter temperatures in the South, with essentially no cyclic summer/winter fluctuation in the global record.

If you cross correlate two periodic signals (of the same frequency), you'll get a cross correlation function that is periodic also at the same frequency, in this case, one cycle per year. But Salby's cross correlation function does not appear to be periodic at one cycle per year (nor at any other frequency). If your explanation were correct, the cross correlation function should have positive peaks at +10, +22, +34, ... and at -2, -10, -22,... months.

The instrumental record is only 50 years long so I'd say his assertion that the CO2/temperature relation in the instrumental record is the same as in the proxy record is plausible but is not incontrovertible, unless I have missed a point.

Jul 31, 2013 at 4:10 PM | 23{[Martin A](#)}

Martin A/Dung. I agree with TBYJ Missy is playing with you, and being fed answers. She's not even here to put an argument forward, That doesn't, of course, mean that I believe either of you aren't knowledgeable, or anything less than 40 points ahead of me in terms of your IQ. Just hat your wasting your time.

Jul 31, 2013 at 7:35 PM | 23{[geronimo](#)}

My IQ quip was in reference to an earlier post of mine which described an IQ test where the IQ was inversely proportional to the number of pages of the test

you suffered before abandoning it.

The fact that this thread has gone on so far that you didn't remember this is evidence itself that the Missy-bot is succeeding in sapping you both of energy best spent elsewhere.

Jul 31, 2013 at 8:01 PM | 23 {TheBigYinJames}

Well I assumed your formula was  $IQ = 100/Np$  but I wasn't sure.

Comments noted.

Jul 31, 2013 at 9:55 PM | 23 {Martin A}

Well Martin, I don't suppose I can shake your faith in Salby whatever I say.

But just as a final shot, I'll add a few thoughts.

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Aug 1, 2013 at 3:01 AM | 23 {Missy}

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*But just as a final shot, I'll add a few thoughts.*

I would not use the term "faith", which implies a belief that will not be changed by the presentation of alternative explanations that explain things better, or by contradictions between theory and observation.

What he has presented so far seems to me to provide a better explanations of some things than mainstream climate science does and he seems to have avoided using concepts that have no physical existence, yet which form the foundations of much of mainstream climate science. Not to overlook that his work looks as if it should be capable of making predictions capable of subsequently being compared with observations.

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I'd agree that correlation is only useful for showing relations between records with lots of wiggles (ie degrees of freedom, duration × bandwidth product or whatever you want to call it). If you have long trends that extends over most of the the length of your record, then I don't think that correlation calculations can tell you anything much about the relation between them.

On the other hand, if short term fluctuations in temperature have high correlation with short term fluctuations in CO<sub>2</sub>, which implies a physical effect linking the two, then it's hard for me to see why the same effect should not also link long term fluctuations in the two things. (In other fields, you can have effects where only rapid fluctuations have an effect but there are clear physical reasons for this.)

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No, it's not obvious that the Southern hemisphere temperature should be the precise complement of the Northern hemisphere temperature. A Fourier spectrum analysis of the global average temperature record over a long enough period should reveal the presence of a discrete frequency component at 1 cycle per year, if there is one. Dunno if such an analysis has ever been done.

*I wish you, Martin, all the best - I'll leave the rest of you to slap each others backs now as my presence is clearly unwanted.*

Yes, sorry about that. All the best to you too Missy, and thanks for bringing up points which provoked the need to think.

Aug 1, 2013 at 11:24 AM | 23 {Martin A}

A comment by Bart at the discussion of David Coe's paper refers to Salby's work and the (net CO<sub>2</sub> emission/temperature) relationship, with some possible explanations.

<http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2013/8/1/a-new-look-at-the-carbon->

[dioxide-budget-part-2.html?lastPage=true#comment20240508](http://dioxide-budget-part-2.html?lastPage=true#comment20240508)

Aug 2, 2013 at 10:05 AM | 23 {Martin A}

In a subsequent comment, Bart gave the answer to a question posed by Missy:  
(in my words)

"OK, so the wiggles in the record of CO2 emissions may be correlated with temperature, but this says nothing about trends so Salby is incorrect"  
[trends equate to fluctuations with low frequency content; wiggles have more high frequency content.]

Bart said:

**"It is also unphysical to assume that temperatures can drive CO2 variations while something else drives the long term behavior without any phase distortion appearing at the crossover frequency where they blend."**

Bart continued...

"It also runs afoul of Occam's Razor, in that the temperature accounts for both the long and the short term without needing any additional input. As Laplace would say, we have no need of the hypothesis of an additional significant driver."

Aug 2, 2013 at 6:40 PM Bart

Aug 3, 2013 at 10:16 AM | 23 {Martin A}

Correct URL for Bart's comment

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<http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2013/8/1/a-new-look-at-the-carbon-dioxide-budget-part-2.html#comment20240508>

Aug 4, 2013 at 8:43 AM | 23 {Martin A}

Stage (4) started here, but no commentary.

From Jo Nova on WUWT and on her own blog:

[Murry Salby responds to critics](#)

[Murry Salby responds to the attacks on his record](#)

[Blockbuster: Planetary temperature controls CO2 levels — not humans](#)

Aug 11, 2013 at 9:48 PM | 23 {Martin A}



**Z.24 10 09:10pm WUWT.3 Anthony Watts**

Josh on the Salby – Macquarie University affair

[www.webcitation.org/6I47weMpx](http://www.webcitation.org/6I47weMpx) 3 24{Anthony Watts}

**POST**

(Just the ***JOSH.1*** cartoon.

Macquarie University Chronicle

“IN FLAGRANTE SCIENTIFICO:”

Scientists discovered doing science

at the University

“We were appalled” says the University,

this kind of thing should be banned.”

**COMMENTS (30)**

□ 24{David, UK} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:11 pm

Who'da thunkit.

□ 24{Latitude} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:14 pm

oh the shame.....

LOL

□ 24{Bob Tisdale} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:17 pm

Thanks, Josh.

□ 24{Ric Werme} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:18 pm

It's worse than we thought!

□ 24{A.D. Everard} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:22 pm

Brilliant Josh! LOL.

Okay, who's going to be the first to send a copy of this to Macquarie University? I wonder how many they'll get in a day? This should not only be sent to them, this should go into poster size and be plastered up all over town. I love it.

□ 24{Annie} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:37 pm

Ha! Ha! Well done Josh.

□ 24{George Montgomery} says:

July 10, 2013 at 2:59 pm

For more inspiration, Josh, check out Murray's rating on Rate My Professor.

★RateMyProfessors 10 09:59pm UTC

□ 24{Janice Moore} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:04 pm

**JOSH! Am I glad to see you post!**

THIS CARTOON IS YOUR WITTIEST — EVER!

Hope all is well in general; you are obviously doing very well in the creativity department.

A loyal fan,

Janice

– And, please, next time you climb Mt. Everest, let us know so we (er, I mean I) don't start to form a search party.

□ 24{John} F. Hultquist} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:06 pm

Maybe Josh could do a cartoon of the wanted-to-be-hurricane.

T.D. Chantal dissipated at 5 PM EDT July 10.

□ 24{Robin} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:14 pm

Anthony,

Thought you might appreciate the link to the curricula National Geographic has created to teach “Climate Change” to students.

[http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/media/changing-climate/?ar\\_a=1](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/media/changing-climate/?ar_a=1)

You can really have fun with what is officially science these days. No wonder Salby is being rejected.

□ 24{UK Sceptic} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:33 pm

That should be put on a T shirt. Nice one, Josh!

□ 24{siliggy} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:36 pm

Can they prove that they stopped it from occurring?

□ 24{Josh} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:41 pm

Many thanks for the kind words. And John F. Hultquist, what a nice idea for a cartoon ;-)

□ 24{*Alberta Slim*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:44 pm

To moderator;

Please note my new e-mail address

□ 24{*siliggy*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:54 pm

On ya Josh! Tears of laughter.

Mcmonoversity, the best money can buy. 97% agreement guaranteed.

□ 24{*Lank*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:58 pm

Will Trevor Keenan be next to go?

Reported in The Australian paper today....'The efficiency dividend, shown by long-term data from forests around the world, was bigger than predicted by sophisticated computer models.

"This could be considered a beneficial effect of increased atmospheric carbon dioxide," said Macquarie University's Trevor Keenan, lead author of a Nature paper today reporting the results. "

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/plants-are-learning-to-live-with-extra-carbon/story-e6frgcjx-1226677347957>

□ 24{*Gary Hladik*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 3:59 pm

Another winner, Josh. Thanks.

□ 24{*Karl*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:20 pm

Robin: That is an eye-opening NatGeo course plan for kids. In the section on what to do about Climate Change, California is touted as the "cool" state when it comes to mitigation. How do all you Californians paying your energy bills feel about that?

□ 24{*pesadia*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:27 pm

Maybe you should call your sketches lunytoons. In view of the subjects, this maybe a more appropriate description of your artwork.

Wonderful stuff. More please.

□ 24{*Chad Wozniak*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:30 pm

Yes, in some quarters "science" now means "propaganda" "idolatry", "blindness", "mendacity" and "venality".

And "liberal" today actually means "selfish," "callous," "dishonest", "**control freaky**", "**sociopathic**". "**reactionary**" and "**fascistic**". Funny how words can be twisted to mean their opposite – or maybe not so funny, but rather sad and dangerous.

□ 24{*Eric Worrall*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 4:34 pm

Hilarious :-)- and sadly so true. Science is only acceptable these days if your findings don't embarrass your academic seniors. Deutsche Physik reborn.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsche\\_Physik](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsche_Physik)

□ 24{*Lil Fella from OZ*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 6:51 pm

Top of the drop Josh!!! Spot on! Truth?!@?

□ 24{*bushbunny*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:24 pm

I assume you are referring to Macquarie University near Sydney. Maybe they got a grant to prove climate change (AGW causation) and he was going against their mission. They are very political places universities. They have a scorpion's sting if you go against their basic principals.

□ 24{*atheok*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 7:35 pm

Well, there is a claim that the Manniacal one will never receive... ;->

Excellent one Josh!

Dr. Salby should get that one engraved onto a plaque for his wall. Best job recommendation ever.

□ 24{*David Cooke*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:11 pm

Macquarie has always been one of our "toy" universities that sprang up in the late 20th century when almost every highschool kid expected to go on to uni. Now the Labor government is cutting back on university funding, these tertiary institutions are like overcrowded lifeboats. It's survival of the toughest, or the best-connected.

□ 24{*Phil.*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:38 pm

*George Montgomery says:*

July 10, 2013 at 2:59 pm

*For more inspiration, Josh, check out Murray's rating on Rate My Professor.*

Wow, that's embarrassing!

20{WUWT} Mod REPLY: Hmm Phil,maybe we should check out your rating at Princeton.

□ 24{*Bluey From Oz*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 10:53 pm

Here is the cached page for Professor Salby from the Department of Environment and Geography – Environmental Science:

<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:0NGZj8BkhfUJ:envsci.mq.edu.au/staff/ms/+&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=au>

□ 24{*Richard111*} says:

July 10, 2013 at 11:32 pm

Plants are learning to live with extra carbon dioxide! ! !

Aren't plants clever? /sarc

□ 24{*Hot under the collar*} says:

July 11, 2013 at 5:16 am

In the future our children won't know what a University is.

□ 24{*Rob Painting*} says:

July 12, 2013 at 2:43 am

On a personal level, it's a bit sad really. Salby apparently did reasonable work on atmospheric science before descending into crank territory. It's a clear sign that something is terribly wrong when a scientist doesn't understand that mass (in the form of human-made CO<sub>2</sub>) doesn't just spontaneously vanish from existence.'

**DeSmogBlog.1 12 05:53pm UTC, DeSmogBlog.2 12 06:44pm UTC, unmentioned here, but comments just stopped.**

Z.25 10 hh:mmxx CCDIS.1 ???

**The Climate Mafia Strikes Again: The Curious Case of Murry Salby**

[www.webcitation.org/6IAGCjENs](http://www.webcitation.org/6IAGCjENs) 25{CCDIS}

## POST

*(copy of **POWERLINE.1**)*

## COMMENTS (0)

This site seems mostly to reblog others, including a repost of John O'Sullivan's §Z.11 on July 10, the same day.

**Scientist Fired by University for Exposing Truth on Climate Fraud**

## Stage(4)

In addition, another recently found post by Dr. Ileana Johnson Paugh, concerned with Agenda 21, supported Salby in passing

### **Climate Change Deniers, Better Drink the Kool-Aid**

‘Questioning this climate change “consensus” alarmism is a sure way to kill anybody’s academic career, so much for academic freedom. Ask Professors James Enstrom of UCLA, Richard Lindzen of MIT, Henrik Svensmark of the Danish Space Research Institute, Fred Singer, a rocket scientist who founded the U.S. Satellite Weather Service, and **Murry Salby** of Macquarie University in Sidney, what happened to their careers when they debunked the false “consensus” riddled with scientific dishonesty.’

**Z.26 10 hh:mmxx 1000frolly on YouTube**

[www.youtube.com/user/1000frolly/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/1000frolly/videos) 26{Christopher Monckton}

“1000frolly’s channel” seems likely to be the Viscount Christopher



Monckton himself OR some someone using his identity and simulating him fairly well. In some 11/15/12 posts, *1000frolly* appears at

left, but, later has Monckton’s picture, as shown below.

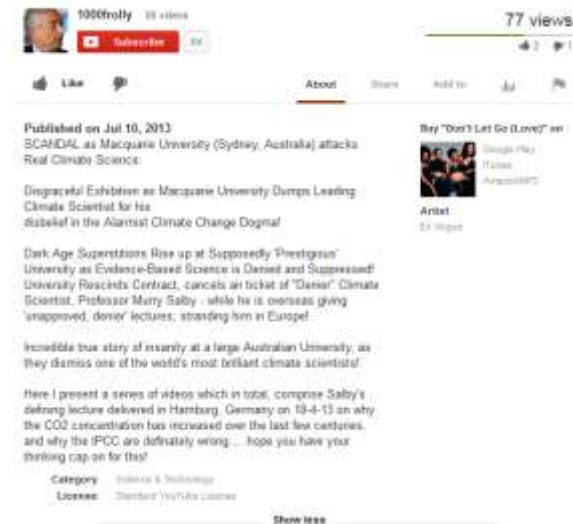
In any case, on 07/10/13, *1000frolly* published 5 videos of Murry Salby’s April 2014 talk in Hamburg, basically retitling earlier videos.

The same text is repeated in Parts 1-5, shown only once here. Videos each have the extra minute at front, with music and a picture of Salby, overlaid with the text below. Comments were copied 07/17/13, 05:30pm PDT

**The second set has since been removed, no later than 08/15/13.**

**Macquarie University Fires Prof Murry Salby Part 1**

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For readability and text searching, the text is:

‘SCANDAL as Macquarie University (Sydney, Australia) attacks Real Climate Science:

Disgraceful Exhibition as Macquarie University Dumps Leading Climate Scientist for his disbelief in the Alarmist Climate Change Dogma!

Dark Age Superstitions Rise up at Supposedly 'Prestigious' University as Evidence-Based Science is Denied and Suppressed! University Rescinds Contract, cancels air ticket of "Denier" Climate Scientist, Professor Murry Salby - while he is overseas giving 'unapproved, denier' lectures; stranding him in Europe!

Incredible true story of insanity at a large Australian University, as they dismiss one of the world's most brilliant climate scientists!


Here I present a series of videos which in total, comprise Salby's defining lecture delivered in Hamburg, Germany on 18-4-13 on why the CO2 concentration has increased over the last few centuries, and why the IPCC are definately wrong.....hope you have your thinking cap on for this!’



All Comments (5):


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Reply · 1 · 0




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His line of research is potentially explosive for CAGW and that is why the alarmist side are so frightened of him.

Reply · 1 · 0 · [in reply to Coke Supply \(Show the comment\)](#)



**bankerpuppetobama** · 1 week ago  
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Reply · 1 · 0




**Ox AO** · 1 week ago  
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 **seaplaneguy1** · 6 days ago

This guy has nailed it! Well done. Thanks for this valuable upload. Finally, someone who does science!

[Reply](#)  

 **seaplaneguy1** · 6 days ago

This is a must see series. Thanks for the upload. I love how he pauses to see if people get what he just said. When they do, they realize he has nail Gore and the IPCC to the wall. Count after count he drives the stake into the AGW cult.

[Reply](#)  

**Macquarie University Terminates Prof Murry Salby Part 5**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhqt08aO04s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhqt08aO04s) 26{Christopher Monckton}



*This must be Stage(3).*






26{Christopher Monckton} 1000frolly writes:

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 **johndaddy444** · 5 days ago  
Prof. Salby should be hailed as the Einstein of Climate Science, not sacked as unceremoniously as was done by Macquarie University. What is wrong with the directors of the University? Are they completely unable to recognize genius when they see it?

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 **1000frolly** · 4 days ago  
After cancelling his air ticket, stranding him in Paris so that he could not attend their kangaroo court (where they fired him), Macquarie have now started the smear campaign against him by claiming that for years he was violating university rules by owning a company and having other income.  
You can guess who in climate science is going to believe this story and who won't.

26{johndaddy44} writes, repeated here for readability:

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**Z.27 11 00:01pm LMF.2 – Chris Dawson**

**STATEMENT REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF  
PROFESSOR MURRY SALBY**

[www.webcitation.org/6IC1chgbc](http://www.webcitation.org/6IC1chgbc) 27{Chris Dawson}

**POST**

'In reply to Jo Nova's email request, a spokesperson from Macquarie replied today. The entire response to [Murry Salby's 20-point-list of serious accusations](#) is reproduced in full (Jo Nova's full post [HERE](#)):'  
(copy of *Macquarie.1* from *NOVA.2*)'

**COMMENTS (0)**

**Z.28 11 02:01pm THE.AUST.1 Graham Lloyd****Climate chair left high and dry by uni**

[www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/climate-chair-left-high-and-dry-by-uni/story-e6frgcjx-1226677907258](http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/climate-chair-left-high-and-dry-by-uni/story-e6frgcjx-1226677907258) 28{Graham Lloyd}

This summarizes [Salby.email](#), with a few paragraphs for [Macquarie.1](#).

**POST**

'THE chair of Macquarie University's Climate Department was left stranded at Paris airport while on a European lecture tour presenting research that questioned the orthodox climate science view of global warming, and then sacked.

In an email to friends obtained by The Australian, Murray Salby has outlined a five-year struggle with the university, which he said had denied him agreed computer resources to complete his controversial research.'

*(Above is the text seen if one visits the site without subscribing. Rest is below.)*

Professor Salby has written highly critical reviews of the work of the Climate Commission, most recently rejecting the much publicised "angry summer" report in an article in The Australian.

Supporters of Professor Salby said the affair raised questions about the culture of climate science and the difficulty many had accepting alternative views.

Macquarie -- which also has Climate Commission chief commissioner Tim Flannery in its climate department -- said Professor Salby was not sacked because of his views, but because he refused to teach students.'

"The decision to terminate Professor Murray Salby's employment with Macquarie University had nothing to do with his views on climate change nor any other views," a Macquarie statement said. "The university supports academic freedom of speech and freedom to pursue research interests.

"The second reason for his termination involved breaches of university policies in relation to travel and use of university resources."

Professor Salby declined to comment on his termination. But in an email to supporters he has given a history of his relationship with the university since his recruitment from the US in 2008.

"After five years of cat-and-mouse Macquarie has continued to withhold the resources that it had committed," he says. "During the protracted delay of resources, I eventually undertook the production of a new book.

"The endeavour compelled me to gain a better understanding of greenhouse gases and how they evolve. Insight from this research contradicts many of the reckless claims surrounding greenhouse gases. More than a few originate from staff at Macquarie, which benefits from such claims. The preliminary findings seeded a comprehensive study of greenhouse gases.

"Despite adverse circumstances, the wider study was recently completed. It indicates:

(i) Modern changes of atmospheric CO2 and methane are (contrary to popular belief) not unprecedented.

(ii) The same physical law that governs ancient changes of atmospheric CO2 and methane also governs modern changes."

Professor Salby said the new findings were entirely consistent with preliminary findings, which evaluated the increase of 20th-century CO2 from changes in native emission. "Under the resources Macquarie had agreed to provide, arrangements were made to present this new research at a scientific conference and in a lecture series at research centres in Europe," Professor Salby says.

However, he says presentation of the research was blocked by Macquarie, effectively silencing the release of the research.

He says the university then modified his professional duties.

"My role was reduced to that of a student teaching assistant: Marking student papers for other staff -- junior staff," he writes.

"In February 2013, Macquarie then accused me of 'misconduct', cancelling my salary. It blocked access to my office, computer resources, even to personal equipment I had transferred from the US."

Professor Salby said he then presented his research on greenhouse gases in Europe at personal expense. His contract was terminated in May.'

**COMMENTS NOT ENABLED**



**Z.29 11 12:55pm DEPOT.6 Marc Morano**  
**Macquarie Uni responds to Murry Salby. What they don't say, speaks volumes.**

[www.webcitation.org/6IAbyC70Y](http://www.webcitation.org/6IAbyC70Y) 29{Marc Morano}

**POST** (*copy from NOVA.2*)

'<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/07/macquarie-uni-responds-to-murry-salby-what-they-dont-say-speaks-volumes/>

In reply to my email request, a spokesperson from Macquarie replied today. I thanked them for their promptness. The entire response to Murry Salby's 20-point-list of serious accusations is reproduced in full (my thoughts below): 10 July 2013 STATEMENT REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF PROFESSOR MURRY SALBY Prof Murry Salby Macquarie University does not normally comment on the circumstances under which employees leave the University. However, we feel in this instance it is necessary to do so in order to correct misinformation. The decision to terminate Professor Murry Salby's employment with Macquarie University had nothing to do with his views on climate change nor any other views. The University supports academic freedom of speech and freedom to pursue research interests. Professor Salby's employment was terminated firstly, because he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach. After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take. The University took this matter very seriously as the education and welfare of students is a primary concern. The second reason for his [...]Rating: 9.3/10 (3 votes cast)'

**COMMENTS NOT ENABLED**

**Z.30 11 hh:mmxx PONDER.1 kim2000**

**Macquarie University responds to Murry Salby termination issue**

[www.webcitation.org/6I9GQ1uOz](http://www.webcitation.org/6I9GQ1uOz) 30{kim2000}

Tagline is interesting:

"In science, whatever you may personally believe or wish to be so, it is the truth and only the truth that matters." Lord Monckton

**POST**

(reblogged from **WUWT.2**)

**COMMENTS (0)**

**Z.31 11 hh:mmxx PONDER.2 kim2000**

**Josh on the Salby – Macquarie University affair**

[www.webcitation.org/6I9HUVa6I](http://www.webcitation.org/6I9HUVa6I) 31{kim2000}

**LOCAL TIME: unknown location**

**POST**

(Josh cartoon reblogged from **WUWT.3**)

**COMMENTS (0)**

Wave-1, Stage(2)

Z.32 TURBLE.1, Z.33 GREEN

**Z.32 11 hh:mmxx TURBLE.1 SizzleChest**

**Professor Murry Salby vs. University of Macquarie - Scientist Fired  
by University for Exposing Truth on Climate Fraud**

[www.webcitation.org/6I9L7sctg](http://www.webcitation.org/6I9L7sctg) 32{SizzleChest}

**POST**

(reblogged from John O'Sullivan's PSI.1)

**COMMENTS (0)**

"SizzleChest" (who may or may not be real) has several blogs.

**Z.33 11?hh:mmxx GREENIE.1 John Ray**

**Dissident scientist fired: Shades of the old Soviet Union**

**Blog is "Greenie Watch"**

[www.webcitation.org/6IAGCjENS](http://www.webcitation.org/6IAGCjENS) 33{John Ray}

**LOCAL TIME: UTC+10 (Brisbane)**

**POST**

*'How did Soviet values get transplanted to an Australian university? No  
mystery. The Soviets were Leftist; Universities are mostly Leftist. Tolerance  
and free speech are alien to both'*

*(copies most of [POWERLINE.1](#))*

*'SOURCE' (links to [POWERLINE.1](#))*

**COMMENTS (0)**

**Z.34 12?hh:mmxx AUSPOLITIC.1 John Ray**

**Dissident scientist fired: Shades of the old Soviet Union**

**Blog is "Australian Politics"**

[www.webcitation.org/6IATJCxsW](http://www.webcitation.org/6IATJCxsW) 33{John Ray}

**LOCAL TIME: UTC+10 (Brisbane)**

**POST** *(identical to previous)*

*(He seems to have ~20 blogs or websites to express his messages..)*

**COMMENTS (0)**

**Z.35 12 hh:mmxx GWPF.1 Benny Peiser?**

**Climate Chairman Left High And Dry By University**

[www.webcitation.org/6I46JxMiw](http://www.webcitation.org/6I46JxMiw) 35{Benny Peiser}

**LOCAL TIME: UTC+1**

**POST**

*(copy of [THE.AUST.1](#), plus link)*

**COMMENTS NOT ENABLED**

**Z.36 12 02:26pm DEPOT.7 Marc Morano**

**"Climate Chairman Left High And Dry By University: Salby was 'left  
stranded' at Paris airport while on a European lecture tour presenting  
research that questioned the orthodox climate science view of global  
warming, and then sacked" "**

[www.webcitation.org/6IAcAXqQm](http://www.webcitation.org/6IAcAXqQm) 36{Marc Morano}

**LOCAL TIME: UTC-4**

**POST**

*'<http://www.thegwpf.org/climate-chairman-left-high-dry-university/> ...*

*(Reblogged from [GWPF.1](#), which came from [THE.AUST.1](#), so story bounced  
back and forth, having finally gotten a mainstream outlet.)*

**COMMENTS NOT ENABLED**

**Stage(3) – Macquarie.2 and *DeSmogBlog* articles, NSF****Z.37 12 01:59pm Macquarie.2****Professor Murry Salby and his dismissal from Macquarie University**[www.announcements.mq.edu.au/vc/professor\\_murry\\_salby\\_and\\_his\\_dismissal\\_from\\_macquarie\\_university](http://www.announcements.mq.edu.au/vc/professor_murry_salby_and_his_dismissal_from_macquarie_university)

‘In a story reported in The Australian newspaper today, based upon postings on climate change related blogs, several allegations attributed to Professor Murry Salby are made against Macquarie University. These allegations are false.

Macquarie University strongly supports the rights of academic staff to pursue and disseminate their research work, and associated opinions independently.

The University provided the resources needed to allow Professor Salby to conduct his research including start-up funding of several hundred thousand dollars, and supported his applications for 2 prestigious fellowships which included commitments of over \$1 million dollars in support, contingent on the success of his application.

Professor Salby's employment was not terminated in any way related to his views on climate science, but rather due to misconduct in two areas. The first was his repeated refusal to teach, over a sustained period of time, in contravention of his contract of employment.

The second reason was inappropriate use of University resources. Professor Salby travelled to Europe during a time when he was obliged to be at the University against direct, written instruction. Furthermore he used a University credit card to pay for the flights through an unapproved agency. This is against University policy.

It is true that his return flight was cancelled in an attempt to prevent the unauthorised travel and limit the unauthorised expenditure. This was done in error and the University is reviewing relevant processes.

At all times, due process has been followed in these matters, both before and since formal proceedings commenced, according to the enterprise agreement, and with external independent oversight.

This message was sent by Professor S Bruce Dowton, Vice-Chancellor.’

**Z.38 12 05:53pm DeSmogBlog.1 Graham Readfearn**  
**Climate Sceptic Professor Sacked From Australian University Was Banned By National Science Foundation For "Deceptive Conduct"**  
[www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/12/murry-salby-sacked-australian-university--banned-national-science-foundation](http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/12/murry-salby-sacked-australian-university--banned-national-science-foundation)

Readfearn is located in Australia, but *DeSmogBlog* is based in Vancouver, BC, so local times are there. He focused on [NSF2009].

**Z.39 12 06:44pm DeSmogBlog.2 John Mashey**  
**Murry Salby: Galileo? Bozo? Or P.T.Barnum?**  
[www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/12/murry-salby-galileo-bozo-or-p-t-barnum](http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/12/murry-salby-galileo-bozo-or-p-t-barnum)

Attached court results showed that Salby had a long history of making intense accusations that held up poorly in the face of others' evidence. Some commenters rejected the above, denigrating *DeSmogBlog* or the authors, although both posts essentially just extracted text from and linked to official NSF or court documents.

This got a few comments, of which just one is worth noting for calibration:

**'Sorry but**

Mon, 2013-08-12 10:30 — 39{[Brian G Valentine](#)

Neither Bozo nor P T Barnum attempted to defraud the public by promoting some quack "science."

NSF may well have had legitimate gripes with Salby, although couldn't be too bad because any proven fraud will disbar somebody from receiving public funds for life.

On the other hand, it appears very likely that Maquarie U did abandon Salby because they didn't like the flavor of Salby's "message."

"There's nothing to fear from CO2 in the air." Some folks just can't stand to hear that message and will go to any lengths to shoot the messenger and encourage others to do the same. Go figure.

So John, go find a few shovelfuls of dirt to throw on me and show everybody how great you are and how crummy I am. That appears to be your authentic talent.

**Z.40 15 hh:mmxx PAPUNDITS.1 John Droz, Jr**  
**Recent Energy And Environmental News – July 15, 2013**  
[www.webcitation.org/6ICAZUIbV](http://www.webcitation.org/6ICAZUIbV) 40{ John Droz, Jr}  
**LOCAL TIME: UTC-4 (Droz is in North Carolina)**

**POST 40{John Droz, Jr}**  
*(This is mostly links, in this case to NOVA.1 and earlier story on Bob Carter.  
This was the featured note at the top of the page.)*

‘Two very disturbing stories are about how in two different institutions, two leading scientists apparently lost their job for not supporting the global warming narrative. See [here](#) and [here](#) from Australia’s JoNova site.  
*More reports about greed energy economics: ...*’

**COMMENTS (0)**  
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**Wave 2 July 23-Aug 03 – THE.AUST, brief teapot tempest**

Articles §Z.41 and §Z.42 appeared 10+ days after §Z.37-§Z.39, but apparently *The Australian* had not noticed. §Z.41 could plausibly have marked Stage(4), but no blog posts were found, *understandable for some, a bit surprising for NOVA*. Had comments occurred, §Z.43 would have begun a Stage(5). The Australian followed up with §Z.43 several weeks later, although without mentioning Graham Readfearn.

**Z.41 23 02:01pm THE.AUST.2 Bernard Lane****Academic's dismissal could face scrutiny**

[www.webcitation.org/6IST1x179](http://www.webcitation.org/6IST1x179) 41{Bernard Lane}

**POST**

‘MACQUARIE University's sacking of Murry Salby, a scientist whose work casts doubt on the orthodox climate change thesis, may face scrutiny by the International Council for Science.

Distinguished physicist Marie-Lise Chanin, who is a French representative on the Paris-based council suggested the Salby case was a matter for the council's committee on "freedom and responsibility in the conduct of science".’

*(The first part appears on the website without subscription. The rest is below.)*

“I am scandalised by what happened to Murry Salby,” said Dr Chanin, a founding member of the Academy of Europe and an expert on the role of the stratosphere in climate.

Cases before that committee have included government threats to scientific freedom, detention of scientists and assassination attempts against physicists.

Macquarie, which recruited Dr Salby from the US in 2008 to fill its chair of climate science, this year refused him permission to travel to Europe to present research findings which he said countered "reckless claims" about the role of mankind in greenhouse gases.

"Modern changes of atmospheric CO2 and methane are -- contrary to popular belief -- not unprecedented," Dr Salby says in an email to supporters detailing his falling out with Macquarie.

He has been a critic of the government's Climate Commission, which includes two Macquarie academics among its members.

Asked about the case, Dr Salby said he could not say much because it was "headed to court".

The university said his sacking had nothing to do with scientific freedom. A Macquarie spokesman said Dr Salby was dismissed for "failure to fulfill his teaching obligations, repeatedly and consistently over several months" and for going to Europe anyway "despite repeated written instruction not to travel".

Contrary to policy, he used a Macquarie credit card to buy a ticket through an external travel agency, the spokesman said.

Dr Salby was refused permission because the trip clashed with his teaching duties, not because of the nature of the research findings he wanted to present, the spokesman said.

Dr Salby said the teaching was imposed "without discussion, in breach of my contract, and reduced my role to . . . menial support". Macquarie disputed this, saying that although Dr Salby was employed under a program to bring in research stars, standard conditions required "a commitment" to teaching’

**COMMENTS NOT ENABLED****Z.42 23 02:01pm THE.AUST.3 Editorial****Are academics whingers or just really unhappy?**

[www.webcitation.org/6ISSVDT36](http://www.webcitation.org/6ISSVDT36) 42{Bernard Lane} (for lack of name)

**POST (lead paragraph of short notes)**

‘**BETWEEN a rock and a hard place...**

**And the truth lies somewhere: Murry Salby**, who claims he was sacked by **Macquarie University** for holding unpopular views on climate change, has won the support of one very big gun. Bernard Lane reports today that **Marie-Lise Chanin**, an eminent French physicist with a CV adorned with a long list of distinguished prizes and medals, says she is scandalised by Salby's treatment by the university and has asked the **Paris-based International Council for Science** to look into it.’

**Z.43 28 09:08am DeSmogBlog.3 Graham Readfearn**  
**Top Physicist Withdraws Support For Climate Sceptic Professor**  
**Sacked By Australian University**

[www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/29/top-physicist-withdraws-support-climate-sceptic-professor-sacked-australian-university](http://www.desmogblog.com/2013/07/29/top-physicist-withdraws-support-climate-sceptic-professor-sacked-australian-university)

‘A PROMINENT and influential French physicist who had voiced support for a climate change sceptic fired from his Australian university has withdrawn a threat to report the case to a prestigious international science council.

Dr Marie-Lise Chanin had previously told [The Australian](#) newspaper that she was "scandalised" by the sacking of former Macquarie University professor Dr Murry Salby, who claimed he was fired from his job because he was a climate change sceptic.

In a page three report on July 24, [The Australian newspaper](#) reported that Dr Chanin intended to refer Dr Salby's case to a key committee at the International Council for Science (ICSU) - the [Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the conduct of Science](#).

**But now it appears Dr Chanin had been canvassed for her support without being given the full facts.** After a reading a [DeSmogBlog report](#) into a previously damning investigation into Dr Salby's conduct while at the University of Colorado, Dr Chanin has reconsidered her support.

The ICSU includes the world's leading scientific academies amongst its members, including Britain's Royal Society, the Australian Academy of Science and the US National Academy of Sciences. As the French representative on the ICSU, support from Dr Chanin would no doubt have been seen as something of a coup.

**I contacted Dr Chanin** to ask if she was aware of the long investigation into Dr Salby by the National Science Foundation in the United States, [reported by DeSmogBlog](#), which resulted in the scientist being barred from having anything to do with the foundation's taxpayer-funded grants for three years. The investigation, finished in February 2009 - a year after Dr Salby joined Macquarie, concluded that Dr Salby had "engaged in a long-running course of deceptive conduct involving both his University and NSF". The investigators wrote that Dr Salby's conduct "reflects a consistent willingness to violate rules and regulations, whether federal or local, for his personal benefit".

Dr Chanin told me, via email, that she had not been aware of the NSF case when she had communicated with The Australian newspaper and now wanted nothing more to do with the issue.

‘I had been made to believe that Murry Salby had been fired because of his position concerning anthropogenic greenhouse warming. Even though I disagree with his position, I did not think it was a reason to fire him, because I strongly believe in the freedom of scientists as long as they honestly state their case. Therefore, being distant of the proceedings, I feel unable to formulate any qualified opinion and obviously will

not involve ICSU into that affair. **I hope this ends my involvement with the issue.**’ Macquarie University was forced to correct a number of statements made by Dr Salby and [published via an email he had written and promoted through a number of climate sceptic blogs](#). In a [statement](#), Macquarie University said Dr Salby had been fired because of a "repeated refusal to teach", for breaching university rules and for booking a flight to Europe on a university credit card via an unauthorised travel service at a time when he should have been teaching students.

Dr Salby's claims were also enthusiastically reported by a number of high-profile sceptic bloggers and commentators, who all suggested that Dr Salby had been victimised because he was a sceptic.

The Australian newspaper also ran a [separate short story](#) about Dr Chanin, lauding her credentials as a scientist. The story said that "Salby is also an outspoken critic of the government's Climate Commission, which includes two Macquarie academics". One of those academics is Tim Flannery, Australia's Climate Commissioner, who in fact no longer works at Macquarie University. The [first report](#) referred to Dr Salby as the "chair of Macquarie University's Climate Department" despite the fact that Macquarie University does not have a "Climate Department".

So far The Australian newspaper has run three stories about the Dr Salby case. None of the three reports have mentioned the key National Science Foundation investigation, but seem to have relied too greatly on sceptic blogs for their information. How Dr Chanin was canvassed - and by who - is an open question.

**Z.60 03 Aug SPECTATOR.1 James Delingpole**

In the WebCited page, each commenter has a clickable popup that shows other comments made via Disqus, and sometimes link to web page. if they have one. Such can offer evidence on related views of other topics, not covered here. This was found late, so has a nonsequential number and the Stage designation is ambiguous, since Delingpole did not reference much.

**Silencing climate change dissenters**

<http://www.webcitation.org/6PQLwTL73> 60{James Delingpole}



‘Two Australian universities have ostracised eminent scientists for straying from the ‘consensus’

**POST**

‘Something is rotten in the state of climate science. The atmosphere is so poisonous it’s like a throwback to the days when the Nazis tried to discredit the ‘Jewish physics’ of Albert Einstein by commissioning a book called ‘100 Authors Against Einstein’. Einstein was unimpressed by this appeal to authority: ‘If I were wrong, then one would be enough.’

But see — already I am in breach of Godwin’s Law, the nebulous code so tirelessly invoked by those on the green-tinged liberal-left whenever their dodgy antics are compared to those of the Nazi Germany regime. Apparently, the moment you mention Hitler you’ve lost the argument.

So maybe they’d feel more comfortable if I invoked Stalin, for that comparison works just as well. I’m thinking in particular of Trofim Lysenko, the morally and intellectually corrupt junk scientist who flourished in the Soviet Union by telling the regime exactly what it wanted to hear, even as his more honest colleagues were carted off to the Gulag.

The point I am making is this: suppressing open scientific inquiry in order to promulgate a heavily politicised ‘official’ version of the truth is the behaviour of totalitarian dictatorships, not Western liberal democracies like Australia. Or so you might have imagined if you weren’t familiar with the recent treatment by two Australian universities — Macquarie and James Cook — of two eminent scientists working in the field of ‘climate change’. Both have been ostracised by their institutions for reaching conclusions unsatisfactory to the controlling regime.

Murry Salby, an American astrophysicist was appointed professor by Macquarie in 2008 but fell out of favour when his research into greenhouse gases contradicted the so-called ‘consensus’. Salby’s discovery that — contra the Alarmists — there is nothing unprecedented about modern changes in

atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> went down like a lead balloon with his politically correct colleagues. First, Macquarie made its displeasure known by giving him increasingly menial tasks unbecoming to his professorial status; then, when that didn’t do the trick, it accused him of misconduct and terminated his contract.

Bob Carter, the other recent Green purge victim, will be familiar to many readers as one of Australia’s most articulate, brave and outspoken resident climate sceptics. A marine geologist, Carter was for many years professor and head of James Cook University’s School of Earth Sciences. On his retirement, he kept his adjunct professor status which, though unpaid, enabled him to supervise the occasional graduate student while continuing to have a university email account and access to the library. Last month, however, these privileges were withdrawn. Staff at the School of Earth and Environmental Studies had decided that Carter’s ‘views on climate change did not fit well within the School’s own teaching and research activities’.

Still, at least in one respect, the timing of this humiliation — and the resulting media furore — could not have been better for Carter. It coincides with the publication of his latest book *Taxing Air: Facts And Fallacies About Climate Change* (Kelpie) which he has written with cartoonist (and fellow sceptic) John Spooner from (of all places) the *Age*. There are many excellent works I could recommend on climate change written from a sceptical perspective — by Ian Plimer, by Christopher Booker, by that skinny, swivel-eyed pom with the funny glasses whatever his name is — but this is the most useful of the bunch because it keeps things so very simple.

Each chapter comprises a series of commonly asked questions — to each of which it gives two answers: a pithy one in italics, then a longer, more detailed one. Its short answer to ‘Is today’s temperature unusually warm?’ is ‘No — and no ifs and no buts.’ Then it goes on to note all those periods — from the Pliocene to the Minoan, Roman and Medieval Warm Periods — when temperatures were higher than they are now, despite the fact that not a single person back then was driving around in 4x4s or flying in CO<sub>2</sub>-belching airliners.

This, you could argue, represents the biggest flaw in the Warmist argument. If the planet’s temperatures have fluctuated so dramatically before without man’s intervention, how can we be so sure that late 20th century warming wasn’t largely natural too? The answer, as this book makes painstakingly and unarguably clear, is that we can’t. Eyewateringly vast sums of taxpayer’s money are being squandered, rent-seeking corporatists are being grotesquely enriched, corrupt science is being promoted, energy bills are being inflated, jobs are being killed, and the economy is being spavined with unnecessary carbon taxes — all to deal with a ‘problem’ which remains, at best, unproven. And at worst, the biggest and most expensive scientific fraud in history.

Anyone reading *Taxing Air* with an open mind will inescapably be drawn to the latter conclusion. Its argument doesn't rest on emotion, after all, but on basic and verifiable facts.

Is the science really settled? No. Scientific knowledge is always a moving feast.

But don't 97 per cent of all scientists say that dangerous warming is occurring? No. A majority of scientists have expressed public scepticism about dangerous warming.

But isn't there supposed to be a consensus about global warming? 'If it's consensus, it isn't science. If it's science, it isn't consensus. Period.' [It says, quoting the late Michael Crichton.]

Has Australia recently had more droughts than usual? No.

Has Australia recently had more 'flooding rains' than usual? No.

Is climate change destroying the Great Barrier Reef? No.

What was Climategate and why was it important? Scientists behaving badly. Not all scientists, of course. Just those scientists who for whatever reason — 'noble cause corruption'; ideology; self-preservation; pure, naked greed — have a vested interest in propping up the man-made climate change 'consensus.' Scientists, perhaps, like the ones who treated Professor Salby and Professor Carter so badly for the crime of 'incorrect' thinking.

At the risk of breaching Godwin's Law twice in one article, both Hitler and Stalin would have been proud of them.

*James Delingpole is the author of Watermelons, which is published in Australia as Killing The Earth To Save It: How Environmentalists Are Ruining The Planet, Destroying The Economy And Stealing Your Jobs (Connor Court).*

## COMMENTS (50)

'60{rtj1211} • 9 months ago

Actually, I think feminism right now is more pernicious than climate science. The reason for that??

There is no website anywhere in the world where a community of downtrodden men courageously examine all the nonsense of the wimmin and, a la WUWT with climatology, dissect clinically the truth from the lies, the misdirections and the distortions.

60{Fergus Pickering} to rtj1211 • 9 months ago

Oh come on. Downtrodden men. Where are we downtrodden? There are men who are afraid of their wives, but that can be found in the pages of Dickens.

60{Tim Reed} to rtj1211 • 9 months ago

"There is no website anywhere in the world"

There is, minus the downtrodden part...

<http://www.avoicetformen.com/>

This post addresses both issues together - feminism & climate change...

<http://www.avoicetformen.com/education/is-climate-change-a-man/>

60{Michael Brown} • 9 months ago

A few key facts are not reported by Delingpole.

Salby was sacked by Macquarie University for allegedly misusing a corporate credit card and refusing to teach. Most professors do not view teaching as menial tasks unbecoming of professorial status, but as a central part of what universities are for. Perhaps Delingpole has a different view.

Salby previously left the University of Colorado, where it is alleged companies Salby controlled improperly collected at least \$117,565 (perhaps as much as \$303,281) from taxpayer funded grants. Statements by Macquarie University, US court documents, and the US NSF investigation "closeout memorandum" are all readily available online.

60{maltesertoo} to Michael Brown • 9 months ago

Many scientists have been stonewalled (Galileoed) for exposing their skepticism. The others are just a bunch of

- 1.cowards and/or
- 2.troughers

60{Michael Brown} to maltesertoo • 9 months ago

Trougher: "a person who uses public coffers for personal, political, or monetary gain".



2009 NSF Closeout Memo on Salby (the Subject): "Company 1 improperly collected indirect costs on the subcontract issued to Company 2. These improperly collected indirect costs were derived from two NSF awards and one NASA award to Company 1. The total estimate of improperly collected indirect costs is \$117,565. Since the Subject's compensation through Company 2 was based on fabricated time and effort reports, the charges based on the reports may also be an unallowable cost in the total amount of \$303,281."  
Google search "NSF Closeout Salby" to find the original document.

60{NotThatStupidYet} Michael Brown • 9 months ago

It would appear this link does not work. As far as troughers go I would say that all AWG funding is there for the troughers, and I would go as far to say that the farther universities run down this path the sooner they will become virtually useless, or at least the paper they print, for they have lost the ability to think.

60{NotThatStupidYet} NotThatStupidYet • 9 months ago

Sorry AGW

60{Michael Brown} NotThatStupidYet • 9 months ago

I've modified my post and you can google search for the document. Surely universities would be useless if they kept professors who refused to teach?

60{NotThatStupidYet} Michael Brown • 9 months ago

Wouldn't that depend on what they were required to teach? For I would rather learn nothing from a professor than be taught a lie.

60{juandos} Michael Brown • 9 months ago

Sadly for you the facts are reported by Delingpole and not just once either... Man made global climate change is a **fraud** by the progress-0-tards in hopes of grabbing more money they didn't work for to spend on programs that are abysmally stupid any standard that one can apply to them...

60{Leigh Dayton} Michael Brown • 9 months ago

Michael Brown is correct and the documents are readily available online. Here is the link to the NSF report:  
<http://www.nsf.gov/oig/search/...>  
and Macquarie:  
<http://www.announcements.mq.ed...>

60{Bart} Michael Brown • 9 months ago

So, if they were in the wrong, you'd expect Macquarie just to own up to it, and not have a cover story at the ready?

The Colorado dispute was apparently settled without criminal charges which, given the moneys involved, would surely have been in the offing if the alleged behavior were true.

This is all an attack to tear down Salby via ad hominem and innuendo. His science is solid. .

60{Michael Brown} Bart • 9 months ago

Ad hom? Delingpole has claimed Macquarie University administrators had Salby fired because of his beliefs (e.g., there are no leaked documents). However, Delingpole has not provided any evidence to counter Macquarie's statements that Salby was fired for other reasons, including unauthorised use of a corporate card and refusal to teach. Given this article is (in part) about Salby's departure from Macquarie, and given Macquarie's claims, it is relevant that when Salby left his previous employer there were also allegations of financial misconduct and unauthorised activities. The NSF barred Salby from receiving further grants for a period of time, and I do not know if the NSF has undertaken or plans any other action.

60{Bart} Michael Brown • 9 months ago

It is not relevant. It is a red herring.

60{Cretin SetDeity} Bart • 7 months ago

Unauthorised use of a corporate card is irrelevant? I wonder if you'd cling to the same ridiculous claim if he were your employee. Clearly your Salby-worship overrides even basic logic.

60{GrumpyDenier} Michael Brown • 9 months ago

Peanuts then compared to Hansen. See, we can all play the man, not the ball, in this game.

Shame the alarmists play without shin-guards; they are a more fruitful target.

60{Michael Brown} GrumpyDenier • 9 months ago

How is Hansen relevant here? Does GrumpyDenier have evidence that Hansen has misused grant funds, refused to teach, or made unauthorised use of a corporate credit card? If not, then GrumpyDenier is diverting attention from more serious matters.



60{Bart} Michael Brown • 9 months ago

"...GrumpyDenier is diverting attention from more serious matters."  
That is rich.

60{Michael Brown} Bart • 9 months ago

How is Hansen relevant here, especially if GrumpyDenier cannot provide any evidence to back his claims?

60{Bart} Michael Brown • 9 months ago

He isn't relevant. Your entire input on this page isn't relevant. That tingling sensation you felt in your scalp was the passing of my point right over your head.

60{Cretin SetDeity} Bart • 7 months ago

To the contrary - he has a point; you display nothing more than hubris and contempt for anyone who dares question Salby's integrity. That tingling sensation you felt in your scalp was its expanding as a result of your self-espoused greatness.

60{orach24463} CJ • 9 months ago

When future historians write about the war against Climate Change they will conclude that it has never been anything but a genocidal fraud started by Sven Aarhenius, president of the Swedish Eugenics Society. Doubling CO2 will do nothing to the temperature since the CO2 band already totally absorbs radiation in the 10 micron band. The so-called "climate scientists" are nothing but paid stooges. Anyone still pushing the AGW fraud is little more than a criminal and needs to be brought to justice. That include politicians, yellow journalists and Green activists who still push the B.S. that Obama can control the Climate by "skyrocketing" the price of fuel for the poor.

60{Michael Brown} CJ • 9 months ago

A conspiracy by thousands of scientists over a century? Really? To look at how the atmosphere absorbs different wavelengths (types) of light, check out <https://commons.wikimedia.org/...> for an introduction.

60{Nullius in Verba} CJ • 9 months ago

"Doubling CO2 will do nothing to the temperature since the CO2 band already totally absorbs radiation in the 10 micron band."

Unfortunately, that's not how it works.

The Earth absorbs a certain amount of energy, and has to radiate roughly the same amount of energy to outer space. The warmer a body is, the more energy it radiates, so if it is too cool to emit enough energy, there will be

more coming in than going out, and it will warm up. If it is too warm and is emitting too much energy, it will cool down for the same reason. This process holds the visible surface of the planet very close to a temperature able to emit as much energy as the Earth receives, and is easily calculated to be -18 C.

However, the visible surface of the Earth (as seen by infrared eyes) emitting to space is not the solid surface, but about 5 km up in the fuzzy-opaque atmosphere, because of IR-opaque greenhouse gases. It is this layer that settles at -18 C.

When air is pushed above or below that level by convection, it is compressed or allowed to expand by changes in air pressure. Compression causes the temperature to rise, and decompression causes it to fall. (This is how a refrigerator works.) The air warms about 6.5 C for every kilometre you descend. So air descending to the surface is warmed by about 6.5 C/km \* 5 km = 33 C (roughly), which means instead of being -18 C, it is at +15 C.

Adding extra greenhouse gases makes the atmosphere more opaque and visually thicker. Doubling CO2 raises the average altitude of emission to space by about 150 m, so the separation between the solid surface and the -18 C surface is 150 m wider, and 6.5 C/km \* 0.15 km = 1 C warmer (roughly).

This much, even sceptical scientists agree with.

Then it is claimed that the warmer surface evaporates more water from the oceans, melts ice, alters cloud patterns, and so on, and that these effects magnify the warming. The mainstream claims they triple or more the CO2-only effect. However these effects are poorly understood and poorly quantified. We don't know how much magnification - if any - actually occurs, or even if its a sensible question. This is where the sceptical scientists dispute the mainstream story.

60{Bart} Nullius in Verba • 9 months ago

As a matter of fact, this is just one of many explanations which have been offered for how the greenhouse effect "actually" works. The problem is, there is no genuine empirical evidence for any of them. Laboratory experiments have been performed, but there is no basis to extend these experiments under simple and controlled conditions to the Earth's chaotic atmosphere at large. It depends on far more than the amount of CO2. It also depends on the distribution, on the local climate state, and on countervailing (negative feedback) effects. That the greenhouse effect generally heats the planet beyond what it would be without greenhouse gases is almost surely true. However, there is no guarantee that the heating function, if you will, is monotonic,

and that the partial derivative, or sensitivity, to additional greenhouse gases is positive at every point. Due to negative feedback, in the form of natural sinks which expand due to forcing, there is not even any guarantee that atmospheric CO2 concentration is sensitive at all to human inputs. In fact, this is the focus of Salby's work. He has found convincing evidence that CO2 in the atmosphere is driven by global temperatures, and not the reverse. You can't have qualified scientists like Salby, who wrote THE BOOK on Physics of the Atmosphere and Climate, running around knocking out the very foundation of the AGW panic. He had to be dealt with.

60{Nullius in Verba} Bart • 9 months ago

It depends what you would count as "empirical evidence". The theory is based on two physical phenomena: a heated grey body reaching radiative equilibrium in a vacuum, and the adiabatic lapse rate that results from temperature changes when gases are compressed or decompressed. There's plenty of empirical evidence for both. And IR cameras can *\*see\** the opacity of the atmosphere. You are, however, perfectly correct that this is not the only thing going on in the atmosphere, and negative feedbacks could indeed change the outcome. That wasn't my point, though. I was only indicating that given the way the greenhouse effect is claimed to work, the total absorption in the 10 micron band is not a forceful objection to it. I'm not a supporter of the consensus - but I do think successful attacks on the consensus require that we understand what their claims and arguments actually are, just as they need to understand ours.

I'm fully supportive of scientists like Salby offering challenges to the foundations, even if I don't entirely agree with his arguments. However, I've no interest in either his qualifications or what books he's written. You should save those sort of irrelevancies for people who believe in argument ad verecundiam. The only question is whether the arguments themselves are valid.

And an assertion that he's found "convincing evidence" without saying what that evidence is is not convincing. :-) Pursuing that would take us even further off-topic, though.

We have to be just as sceptical of scientific claims we like as those we don't. Or we'd be no better than they are.

And we are better, aren't we? :-)

60{Bart} Nullius in Verba • 9 months ago

*"There's plenty of empirical evidence for both. And IR cameras can*

*\*see\* the opacity of the atmosphere."*

No, no, no. There is plenty of evidence that the functional dependence is *positive*, such as what IR cameras "see". But, that does not mean that it is everywhere locally increscent. The question is *not* whether greenhouse gases increase the temperatures above what they would otherwise be without them - they do. The question is whether an incremental increase in greenhouse gas concentration in the present climate state necessarily results in an incremental increase in surface temperature.

As far as that sensitivity is concerned, there is no evidence at all establishing that it is locally positive. In fact, the current decade+ hiatus in global temperature rise suggests that it is, at best, insignificant. In the past 15 years, global atmospheric CO2 has increased an additional 30% above what is assumed to be the pre-industrial level of 280 ppmv, yet global temperatures have utterly failed to rise significantly. This is occurring at a time when, according to the doomsayers, CO2 should be fixed firmly in the driver's seat, overwhelming all other influences.

Despite all the desperate handwaving of the AGW crowd, the hypothesis is in a crisis. In order to regain its footing, global temperatures would not only have to resume their previous rise, but they would have to make up all the lost ground of the past 15 or so years - according to the hypothesis, the energy *had* to be intercepted, and it *has* to manifest itself. That is extremely unlikely to happen. Any honest evaluator would have to admit that, no matter what comes, the initial hypothesis is broken.

*"However, I've no interest in either his qualifications or what books he's written."*

You may not. But that is the tactic the AGW advocates use to sway the untutored, and so it is very germane when they are trying to impeach his authority. See Michael Brown's M.O. below.

*"We have to be just as sceptical of scientific claims we like as those we don't."*

Who's "we"? I and many others had noticed [the undeniable linkage between temperatures and the rate of change of CO2](#) long before Salby put it on a firmer footing by explaining how the relationship extends into the distant proxy past, as well as in the modern record of direct measurements. It is almost trivial. To deny the relationship takes a very special kind of struthio camelus temperament.

60{Nullius in Verba} Bart • 9 months ago

*"The question is not whether greenhouse gases increase the*

*temperatures above what they would otherwise be without them - they do. The question is whether an incremental increase in greenhouse gas concentration in the present climate state necessarily results in an incremental increase in surface temperature."*

There are two questions you may be referring to here: the one I was actually answering, which is whether total absorption in the 10 micron band implies that doubling CO<sub>2</sub> will have no effect, and the question in the larger debate as to whether increases in greenhouse gases necessarily increase surface temperature.

The latter is certainly not my position, since as you say recent history shows that a rise in greenhouse gases has not led to a concomitant rise in surface temperature (for whatever reason). I'm not disputing the latter point.

My answer was intended to address only the former question - and from some of your side remarks I get the impression you would agree with me. Please don't ascribe to me positions or arguments that I am not making.

*"I and many others had noticed the undeniable linkage between temperatures and the rate of change of CO<sub>2</sub> long before Salby put it on a firmer footing [...] To deny the relationship takes a very special kind of struthio camelus temperament."*

I'm not denying it. Nor is the mainstream - I've seen discussion of the phenomenon in atmospheric physics textbooks that are years old. Again, you seem to be trying to deduce what my reasons for scepticism are from incomplete information.

Incidentally, it is imprecise wording to say that rate of change of CO<sub>2</sub> is proportional to "temperature", as Salby has said in his talks and you have alluded to. Temperature in scientific terms is measured in Kelvin, and is always a large and positive number around 288 K. The rate of change of CO<sub>2</sub> level changes sign. They cannot be proportional.

I've no doubt it's fixable and using 'temperature' is just a simplification for the purposes of easy explanation, but on such minor details have many theories foundered. If you're going to challenge scientific foundations, the utmost rigour is essential. Constants of integration cannot be ignored.

60{Bart} Nullius in Verba • 9 months ago

*"...from some of your side remarks I get the impression you would agree with me."*

More or less, yes, I think. I do not believe the argument that the band is already saturated holds water. But, I do not believe it is a given nevertheless that increasing concentration necessarily leads to additional warming.

*"Incidentally, it is imprecise wording to say that rate of change of CO<sub>2</sub> is proportional to "temperature", as Salby has said in his talks and you have alluded to."*

You are correct. Temperature *anomaly*, with respect to a particular baseline. There are many details to go into, but this is not the proper venue, so I will simply address your comment that constants of integration cannot be ignored. No, they cannot. But, the only free constant is the baseline temperature and, since the rate of human emissions has not been constant, we cannot attribute it to them. Please do not make the mistake of taking what I have said personally, or that I am suggesting that there are matters of which you are unaware. There is a wider audience here, and I am assuming they are not generally as familiar with the topic as you.

60{Nullius in Verba} Bart • 9 months ago

*"But, I do not believe it is a given nevertheless that increasing concentration necessarily leads to additional warming."*

Agreed.

*"You are correct. Temperature anomaly, with respect to a particular baseline."*

It's the difference from the temperature corresponding to equilibrium with the mean mixed-layer concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> (and carbonate/bicarbonate) in seawater. You can't use a seasonal anomaly (i.e. anomaly with respect to average temperature for the time of year), the anomaly baseline can't be picked arbitrarily, and the baseline is not necessarily a constant (for example, the mixing depth to consider depends on timescale).

But I know what you mean. :-)

*"There are many details to go into, but this is not the proper venue"*

Agreed! That's why I was trying to avoid discussing it. :-)

*"Please do not make the mistake of taking what I have said personally, or that I am suggesting that there are matters of which you are unaware."*

Oh, I never take offence! (But I do appreciate the consideration.)

And I never mind people telling me things I know, because sometimes I don't.

*"There is a wider audience here, and I am assuming they are not as familiar with the topic as you."*

Understood. It's well worth phrasing such clarifications as an expansion on the point, rather than a correction or rebuttal, since miscommunication and misunderstanding are rife in this debate. I'm less than perfect in that regard myself, so likewise, please don't take it personally. It's just general good advice.

60{Bart} Nullius in Verba • 9 months ago

"...and the baseline is not necessarily a constant..."

That is true, it isn't. However, an assumed constant value [fits the data remarkably well since 1958](#). We could certainly have extended discussions on that, but it all leads back to the conclusion that human inputs are rapidly sequestered by natural regulation, and temperature *dependent* (note that I did not say "temperature induced") natural processes dominate.

If you wish to express your continued withholding of judgment, please feel free to do so, and we will consider this thread concluded.

60{Brian\_R\_Allen} CJ • 8 months ago

Well said! (*from indent, must be for CJ*)

60{Tuci78} • 9 months ago

But see — already I am in breach of Godwin's Law, the nebulous code so tirelessly invoked by those on the green-tinged liberal-left whenever their dodgy antics are compared to those of the Nazi Germany regime. Apparently, the moment you mention Hitler you've lost the argument.

Tsk. That last sentence needs amendment. Thus:

"Apparently, the moment you mention Hitler, [the 'Liberal' fascists speciously claim that] you've lost the argument."

There. All better.

60{Graham Coghill} • 9 months ago

Ah. The interpreter of interpretations has interpreted incomprehensibly again! "A majority of scientists have expressed public scepticism about dangerous warming." Evidence for this "interpretation" please.

60{KeithLevet} Graham Coghill • 9 months ago

The Oregon Petition. There is no comparable list of warmist scientists who have actually put their name to the claims of the AGW industry.

Not surprising really. When the truth gets out, as it is currently doing, there will be a lot of careers ruined by association with New Lysenkoism and a lot of people scurrying for cover.

60{Graham Coghill} KeithLevet • 9 months ago

You can't be serious! The Oregon Petition! I'm astounded that you'd even mention it. Even if it were not [full of holes](#), do you really think it measures the views of "a majority of scientists"?

60{Nullius in Verba} Graham Coghill • 9 months ago

The skeptical science piece doesn't present any holes.

They say they disagree with the statement (not a surprise), they don't know the response rate, and the number on the list is a small fraction of the total population. They seem to be under the false impression that it is a survey rather than a petition. They then list a number of other studies that cover an even smaller fraction of the population, are not surveying scientists generally but specific subsets of climate scientists, and don't say what they claim they say, only referring to 'anthropogenic climate change' rather than 'catastrophic climate change'.

None of these points constitute 'holes'.

But it would be fair to say that the Oregon petition only shows that a majority of scientists *who have expressed a public opinion* have expressed public scepticism about

60{Graham Coghill} Nullius in Verba • 9 months ago

Looks like we'll have to disagree on what constitutes a hole.

Admittedly, the SS article doesn't mention the [false names and the imitation of NAS style](#).

I can't agree with your last sentence. How can you possibly quantify any connection between *scientists who signed this petition* and *scientists who have expressed a public opinion*?

60{Nullius in Verba} Graham Coghill • 9 months ago

The fake names in the Oregon petition were removed. At least some of them turned out on investigation not to be fake.

Scientists who signed the petition expressed a public opinion by doing so. Unless you have a corresponding list of 31,000 scientists who have affirmed a belief in *dangerous* climate change, the point stands.

It is, incidentally, more or less the same methodology as Anderegg used, in the paper which SS cites approvingly. (Anderegg's list contained 1,372 climate researchers of who 472 were judged to be sceptical. That's 66% for the consensus, although for a different question and not for scientists generally. Doran, who they also cite, got around 85% before they whittled the sample down to the last 79

to get the answer they wanted, again for a different question and a different population. The Cook survey didn't even *pretend* to survey scientists, but paper abstracts, and even then, 66% of them were neutral on the (wrong) question.

So far as I know, nobody has done any systematic survey of the opinions of scientists *generally*, particularly on the question of *dangerous* climate change, so the question of whether a majority believe or disbelieve it is unknown. But a majority of those who have felt moved to make a public statement have come out against it.

Not that argument ad populam isn't a fallacy that any *real* scientist would be ashamed to be caught using, anyway. Science is not determined by a vote.

60{Bart} Nullius in Verba • 9 months ago

"Science is not determined by a vote."

I would go even further than that and suggest that, on matters of contention, there is not in general a strong correlation between what "most" scientists believe and what is eventually determined to be the truth.

This is the fundamental problem with all the appeals to consensus.

At the root of them is the assumption that most scientists, in general, are well-informed and likely to be correct in their judgments. But, in fact, it is *normal* for most scientists to be *wrong*, dead wrong, at the cusp of a paradigm shift.

60{Graham Coghill} Nullius in Verba • 9 months ago

This time I totally agree with your final sentence. You'll no doubt agree that there is no supporting evidence for the claim that "*A majority of scientists have expressed public scepticism about dangerous warming*" and that bringing up the Oregon Petition (or any other petition) as purported evidence is absurd.

60{Nullius in Verba} Graham Coghill • 9 months ago

If it's brought up out of the blue, as an argument in itself, then I agree. As an answer to someone claiming something daft like: "Ninety-seven percent of scientists agree: #climate change is real, man-made and dangerous", it's a reasonable rebuttal. The one is no more absurd than the other. It depends how precise/pedantic one wants to be, and what standards you choose to set.

60{Graham Coghill} Nullius in Verba • 9 months ago

Of course the typical claim regarding the Cook et al paper you refer to (e.g. by the [Consensus Project](#)) is that "*97% of published papers with a position on human-caused global warming agree global warming is real and we are the cause.*" A much more precise and meaningful statement, don't you agree, than a claim based on a dubious petition of non-experts.

60{Bart} Graham Coghill • 9 months ago

Actually, no, if you read up on the astoundingly shoddy methodology of that study. But, as you now agree, it is meaningless in any case anyway.

60{pointman} • 9 months ago

A great piece James.

Pointman

60{orach24463} CJ • 9 months ago

The Belief That CO2 Can Regulate Climate Is "Sheer Absurdity" Says Prominent German Meteorologist

<http://notrickszone.com/2012/0...>

By P Gosselin on 9. Mai 2012

Physicist and meteorologist Klaus-Eckart Puls was interviewed by Bettina Hahne-Waldscheck of the Swiss magazine "factum". I've translated and summarized the interview, paraphrasing for brevity.

factum: You've been criticising the theory of man-made global warming for years. How did you become skeptical?

Puls: Ten years ago I simply parroted what the IPCC told us. One day I started checking the facts and data – first I started with a sense of doubt but then I became outraged when I discovered that much of what the IPCC and the media were telling us was sheer nonsense and was not even supported by any scientific facts and measurements. To this day I still feel shame that as a scientist I made presentations of their science without first checking it. The CO2-climate hysteria in Germany is propagated by people who are in it for lots of money, attention and power.

factum: Is there really climate change?

Puls: Climate change is normal. There have always been phases of climate warming, many that even far exceeded the extent we see today. But there hasn't been any warming since 1998. In fact the IPCC suppliers of data even show a slight cooling.

factum: The IPCC is projecting 0.2°C warming per decade, i.e. 2 to 4°C by



the year 2100. What's your view?

Puls: These are speculative model projections, so-called scenarios – and not prognoses. Because of climate's high complexity, reliable prognoses just aren't possible. Nature does what it wants, and not what the models present as prophesy. The entire CO2-debate is nonsense. Even if CO2 were doubled, the temperature would rise only 1°C. The remainder of the IPCC's assumed warming is based purely on speculative amplification mechanisms. Even though CO2 has risen, there has been no warming in 13 years.

60{[Brian\\_R\\_Allen](#)} • 8 months ago

.... Apparently, the moment you mention Hitler you've lost the argument.

.... So maybe they'd feel more comfortable if I invoked Stalin ....

And, given they're ideologically-co-joined totalitarian fascissocialists, why not?

That econazis don't get it that fascists (definitively "'modified" Marxists') are "socialists," too, does not entitle them to alternative "facts."

□

60{[Robert Holmes](#)} • 6 months ago

These disgusting episodes are a stain on our Universities.

The horrific treatment and then sacking of Professor Murry Salby (one of the most brilliant climate scientists on the planet), by the now infamous Macquarie University, will go down in history as more resembling Lysenkoism in Stalin's Russia of the 1930's than 'free' Australia in the 21st century.

1000frolly on YouTube

60{[Neil Craig](#)} [neilcraig](#) • 4 months ago

The alarmist use of the word "denier" is designed to falsely imply a link with Holocaust deniers, ie Nazis. As such, if Godwin is to be introduced the entire alarmist movement lost long before I ever called them wholly corrupt, lying, thieving, murdering eco-Nazi scum with less human decency than rabid dogs", even though I normally avoid all questionable language by saying "wholly corrupt, lying, thieving, murdering ecofascist scum with less human decency than rabid dogs".

**Wave 3 August 11-15, Salby vs NSF, small squall****Stage(4) – Salby NSF commentary available****Z.44 11 06:20am NOVA.3 Joanne Nova****Murry Salby responds to the attacks on his record**<http://www.webcitation.org/6KCX5hSfQ> 44{joannenova}**POST** (see §C.4 and §C.5 for annotated versions of Salby’s texts)

‘Murry Salby was sacked from Macquarie University, and Macquarie struggled to explain why, among other things, it was necessary to abandon, and strand him in Paris and hold a “misconduct” meeting in his absence. Since then he has been subject to attacks related to his previous employment. I’ve asked him to respond, which he has at length in a PDF here. The figures listed below refer to that PDF, which encompasses 15 years of events.

I don’t have the resources (unlike the National Science Foundation, the NSF) to investigate it all, but wanted to give Murry the right of reply. On closer inspection the NSF report used by people to attack Salby does not appear to be the balanced, impartial analysis I would have expected. Indeed the hyperbolic language based on insubstantial evidence is disturbing to say the least. Because of the long detailed nature of this I cannot draw conclusions, except to say that any scientist who responds to a question about Murry Salby’s work with a reference to his employment is no scientist.

Remember the NSF report was supposedly an inhouse private document. It was marked “Confidential”, subject to the Privacy Act, with disclosure outside the NSF prohibited. In the end, a confidential, low standard, internal document with legalistic sounding words, may have been “leaked” to those in search of a character attack.

**My summary of his reply**

First and foremost, there is nothing in any of the NSF claims that questions Murry Salby’s scientific research. This is about paperwork and whether bureaucratic procedures have been properly followed, not about his science.

There is another side to the story and a long and complex history regarding Murry Salby’s work at Colorado University (CU). It started way back in 1997 when he noticed funds were going missing from his NSF-funded research group. After requests for their return were ignored, he reported it to the NSF. By 2003 it reached the stage where the NSF launched a criminal investigation into Colorado University for misappropriation of research funds. The investigation stopped when \$100,000 was returned to Salby’s group. Salby was unable to find out where half those missing funds had been placed during the time they had been missing. Possibly this did not make him friends at CU.

Later after Salby left CU in 2008 to come to Australia, Colorado University withheld his computer files and work. After requests for those were also ignored, he launched a case from Australia, and won access to everything — CU paid legal costs as well. Curiously, soon after Salby launched that case, the NSF revived a dormant scientific investigation against Murry which went on to make some extremely serious claims — claims that Salby completely disputes (see his full letter).

Salby had already moved to Australia when the NSF investigation was revived, so he could not apply for any more NSF grants. He explains that given the expense and distance, there was little point in launching a major legal protest to a debarment from funding that he was no longer eligible for in any case.

**Hyperbole and tenuous reasoning?**

At a glance, anyone reading the NSF report might come away thinking Salby “fabricated” time-sheets, a rather serious accusation. Yet on page 30 of the NSF document, even the Acting Deputy Director of the NSF admitted there was “insufficient evidence to support this allegation”.

NSF Report, Deputy Director Cora B. Marrett, p 30

The time and effort reports were a key point, mentioned more than 20 times, and referred to in dramatic language with words like “inaccurate”, “fabricated” and “fraudulent”. The allegation over the time sheets were described as “The most egregious act...” in the report. Other points also hinged on this point for which evidence was “insufficient”.

The report even goes so far as to declare they were “separately created years after the fact”. How did such a serious and unsupported claim become written all through the final report?

For the record, Salby notes that timesheets were filed years earlier by his administrative staff, who kept them on file and later invoiced his hours (see his Fig 2a and Fig 3). Salby wonders why the NSF did not pursue those records more diligently, and if the cumulative hours were so unbelievable why they found no fault when they were originally submitted.

As for evidence, apparently the NSF report authors thought that Salby’s hours were “highly implausible”, saying that scientists would not work 14 -16 hours stretches for three months at a time. This may be true for administrators, but it is not necessarily so for scientists. Those hours are unusual, but not implausible for a dedicated researcher.

One other major claim by the NSF was that Salby had submitted two proposals that overlapped. Apparently 53% of one proposal was identical to an earlier one (which didn’t get funding, so this was not about “extra income” or double dipping). I wouldn’t have thought it was that out-of-the-ordinary for submissions to reuse the reviews and references in similar research. Salby certainly feels the submissions were very different projects, and explains one concentrated on dynamics in the troposphere with meteorological data whereas the other concentrated on chemistry in the stratosphere with satellite data. Salby’s documentation shows that NSF officials had even been notified of the other proposal, which was to be considered for co-sponsorship (see Fig 1a and Fig 1b) Note in Fig 1a, the reviewers were very impressed with the proposal, which was knocked back on a technicality. Later, when it was resubmitted, the

reviewers were critical of the NSF for wasting their time by not approving it the first time around. The NSF investigation began a couple of weeks after those criticisms).

Some of the other claims with drastic terms include allegations of overcharging and compensation in excess of approved amounts. I gather this is because at one point a member of Salby’s team left. When no one else could be found, Salby filled in for the more junior staff member (and at lower pay rates) during leave from his CU employment (Fig 5 shows reduced CU employment during one such year). Salby evidently displeased the NSF by getting onto the job, and not seeking pre-approval. The NSF claim it was a reason for debarring him and say he was obligated to inform them. Salby replies that this was no different than the re-assignment of duties to other research staff, performed routinely to meet grant obligations. He notes also that NSF had in fact been informed every quarter, in regular expense reports (see Fig 6). Salby notes that the grant charges were unchanged from what had been budgeted. And, curiously, NASA operated under the same arrangements, yet had no such issues.

This is not a bun-fight I want to get into, I’m more interested in the scientific research he is doing. But unskeptical activists are spinning what appears to be an unbalanced, inconsistent report to do what they do — attack the man, to distract us from his research. (If only DeSmog had scientific evidence they wouldn’t need to run the smear campaigns, would they?)

Note that the NSF report, as “authoritative” as it appears on the surface, made a serious allegation that couldn’t even be supported. This was not a criminal investigation. There were no financial repercussions in the sense that there were no repayments involved, no changes to the grants being investigated, and no question that his scientific work did not measure up. Ultimately it boils down to paperwork and bureaucratise. That doesn’t mean Salby was a Saint, but I am surprized at the hyperbole used in the NSF investigation. To make repeated claims without evidence seems most untoward. It would appear that the author(s) were not approaching this calmly and dispassionately. Now, can we please get back to the science?’

**COMMENTS (137 in original, extended to 158 by 09/02/13)****‘158 comments to Murry Salby responds to the attacks on his record**

44{crosspatch} #1  
 August 11, 2013 at 2:26 pm · +5 -0  
 I think I shall go make the Prime Minister a sandwich.

44{Cohenite} #2  
 August 11, 2013 at 2:58 pm · +32 -0  
 The NSF report does contradict itself and wants to have a bob each way.  
 It is itself egregious given the stark admission it has no evidence to sustain its hyperbole.  
 But then we live in the age of no consequence where those who have crawled through the system can pronounce, lie and declaim.

44{Graeme No.3} #2.1  
 August 11, 2013 at 3:10 pm · +81 -0  
 If these are true  
 ‘They cancelled an air ticket on him leaving him in a foreign city with no accommodation and no warning, or even a courtesy call’. ‘They held a misconduct proceeding which he was unable to attend because of the flight cancellation’  
 then Macquarie administration needs a very big shake-up; starting with the people involved being asked to show cause why they shouldn’t be sacked.

44{ Peter Lang} #2.1.1  
 August 11, 2013 at 3:57 pm · +67 -0  
 Graeme No.3,  
 I’d go further than that. I want to know all the behind the scenes discussions, lobbying and manipulations that were involved in removing and trying to seriously damage the career of a scientist whose research is a potential threat to so many special interests.  
 We need a mini ClimateGate to expose what was being done behind the scenes to remove him.

44{Dave} #2.1.1.1  
 August 11, 2013 at 5:25 pm · +53 -0  
 Yes Peter,  
 I find it amazing that someone like Tim Flannery who has a 3 day week and pulls in \$180,000 per year, plus ALL expenses paid, and the government does nothing about the garbage he tells to all and sundry.  
 Because his views agree with the Green Scheme, simple as that.  
 Tim Flannery, who contributes nothing apart from a cocktail circuit of appearances, creating climate fear scenarios etc and gets rewarded.

Murry Salby views disagree and he gets vilified by the institution.

Have a look at the difference:

1. Tim Flannery: “that even if it rained again, it wouldn’t fill the dams” **Big reward.**

2. Murry Salby: Presents a [video](#) slowly dissecting the climate models accepted by and promoted by the IPCC to continue their cause. **Sacked.**  
 I have seen the start of a trend in this area in government departments also (federal, state and local) in regard to termination of employment if skeptical views are aired publicly. It seems to have halted very quickly in Queensland fortunately.

44{Rereke Whakaaro} #2.1.1.1.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 5:40 am · +22 -0  
 I have seen the start of a trend in this area in government departments also (federal, state and local) in regard to termination of employment if skeptical views are aired publicly.

Not only that, Dave.

At the risk of appearing to be a conspiracy theorist, it seems that some Government departments have people “who are encouraged” to promote the warmist message on sceptical blogs.

Our very own Margot, being one.

I accused her (him?) of just that, last week, when (s)he used a phrase that was obvious bureaucratese. (S)he was not happy, but did not deny it.

44{Jon} #2.1.2  
 August 12, 2013 at 1:34 pm · +3 -0  
 This gives me a dejavu with how they treated Lomborg and his book “The Sceptical Environmentalist”. Critique without substance and attack on person.  
 Politics? International Marxism?

44{Jon} #2.1.2.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 1:43 pm · +2 -0  
 International Marxism trough WWF, Greenpeace and National environment departments?

44{Brian G Valentine} #3  
 August 11, 2013 at 3:44 pm · +29 -0  
 I believe I know who is NSF program officer is, I will try to have a chat with the official about this and report back  
 BGV

44{Rereke Whakaaro} #3.1

August 11, 2013 at 4:59 pm ·  
Good landings.

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44{Brian G Valentine} #3.1.1  
August 16, 2013 at 2:36 am ·  
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My approaches to the NSF were mostly unproductive. The individual who actually managed the NSF award is not at NSF any longer. Attempts to clarify Salby's ban on NSF awards for 3 years were not successful, they referred me to the "final report," which doesn't say very much. The ban was instituted not on unproven claims (time sheet falsification), rather on apparently dubious allegations of establishing a fake company that served no other purpose than billing NSF for more hours. Anyway it was pointed out that proven fraud results in a lifetime ban on receiving Government awards, which is true. I have seen this happen on a couple of occasions. Salby himself did not do he could to dispute unproven claims, he was apparently engaged in other matters. The NSF program officer who since left the NSF, is known to me not to have been antagonistic toward AGW sceptics. NSF has no relation to Salby and his work in Australia if Salby is not an NSF investigator in Australia. I do believe that Maquarie abandoned Salby because they did not care for the taste of Salby's message. Other people will have to take up Salby's cause before some international scientific organization with influence on Maquarie's administration.

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44{Combat-Aging} #4  
August 11, 2013 at 4:14 pm ·  
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A colleague of mine had a similar experience as a consultant with the Asian Development Bank. My colleague was on his way from the airport taxi stand when an ADB staffer who he had met on the flight invited him to ride in a limousine sent by the ADB for the staffer. Later, my colleague was reprimanded by the ADB for unauthorized use by a consultant of an ADB vehicle provided for staffers only. The reasoning? The lump sum per diem paid to consultants is intended to cover the cost of taxis. Seems like Dr. Salby was the victim of underworked bureaucrats.

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #4.1  
August 11, 2013 at 5:05 pm ·  
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A lot of the ADB bureaucrats are Indian. They are well educated, very dedicated, and extremely hard working. They are also unbelievably pedantic if a rule is questioned, or "misinterpreted."

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44{Streetcred} #4.1.1  
August 11, 2013 at 5:46 pm ·  
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They were well trained by the British bureaucracy.

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #4.1.1.1  
August 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm ·  
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Well ... India became independent in 1947, on the 15th August as a matter of fact (why do I remember that detail?), so I doubt that any of the current bureaucrats were trained by the British. But their grandparents would have been, and being Indian, the knowledge would have been passed down in meticulous detail.

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44{Bernd Felsche} #4.1.1.1.1  
August 11, 2013 at 9:36 pm ·  
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The British gave India something worse than cholera when it left them with a penchant for bureaucracy.

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44{Joe V}. #4.1.1.1.1  
August 11, 2013 at 10:50 pm ·  
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That is somewhat like the EU has done to Britain, making rules that Britain likes to complain about but cannot resist following, while much of the rest of Europe gets on with life.

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #4.1.1.1.2  
August 12, 2013 at 5:42 am ·  
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Ouch!

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44{Kevin Lohse} #5  
August 11, 2013 at 4:47 pm ·  
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One should not infer evil intent when incompetence provides an adequate explanation. In any case, Dr. Selby would appear to have been shamefully used. I thought in absentia proceedings were no longer acceptable in the West. Obviously, Aussie academia still believes in the Star Chamber approach using the principle of Morton's Fork.

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44{NikFromNYC} #6  
August 11, 2013 at 4:50 pm ·  
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"As for evidence, apparently the NSF report authors thought that Salby's hours were "highly implausible", saying that scientists would not work 14 -16 hours stretches for three months at a time. This may be true for administrators, but it is not necessarily so for scientists. Those hours are unusual, but not implausible for a dedicated researcher."

Those are Ivy League hours, being criticized by state school careerists!



44{AndyG55} #6.1  
 August 11, 2013 at 5:35 pm · +23 -0  
 Unfortunately. I'm not that dedicated 😊  
 .. but I know my boss certainly has put in those sorts of hours on a regular basis, and several other researcher where I work also put those in long hours at various times.  
 Once one of these guys gets a bee in his bonnet, they often only stop to go for a rest break and a few hours occasion sleep.

44{Joe V}. #6.2  
 August 11, 2013 at 7:47 pm · +20 -0  
 That's the creative process of the inquiring mind at work. Dedicated investigators inquiring into the natural laws will work till they drop, then resume when they wake again as their thoughts become consumed by the problem at hand.  
 9-5 administrators just can't relate to such driven ways of working.  
 Administrators talk of Passion as a 'value' on a powerpoint list of bullet points that we should all aspire to, yet they cannt recognise it when they see it for real..

44{Rereke Whakaaro} #6.3  
 August 11, 2013 at 7:55 pm · +37 -0  
 I think that actually highlights a very important point.  
 I once worked at a University (as a non-academic researcher) for a little under a year. The academic staff I came into contact with, both professionally and socially, were very supportive and helpful. In fact, a number of them volunteered their time to assist me in finding some of the more esoteric information.  
 The same could not be said for some of the clerical support staff. They were polite enough, and sometimes overly polite, but I always had the impression that they did not approve of somebody who did not have a PhD, and yet was conducting research.  
 Little things happened, that although trivial by themselves, carried a very clear message that I was not one of them, and I certainly was not on a par with the academics.  
 For example, I was denied access to the staff tea room, on the basis that I was not a member of staff.  
 So I bought a small coffee plunger, and made coffee for myself in my office. This apparently severe breach of protocol was escalated up the administrative line, to somewhere with a rarified atmosphere, where it came to the attention of a Deputy Vice Chancellor, whereupon a "please explain" descended to my humble depths. The reason for this serious complaint was that the smell of my

coffee was distracting to staff. I promised to keep my door closed, whilst concocting my brew, and the matter was dropped.  
 So, from my experience, I can quite understand how Murray Salby might have run foul of the administrative arm of the university, by not abiding by The Rules (capitalisation intentional), especially if those rules were not clearly explained.  
 As was explained to me, there is the easy way, and there is the right way. And nobody will tell you which is which.

44{Ric Werme} #6.4  
 August 12, 2013 at 10:26 pm · +2 -0  
 At a computer company I worked for, after a particularly grueling week, a friend submitted a time sheet reporting just over 100 hours. This was one of those annoying time accounting things. We were salaried, so basically 60+ hours were going to be unpaid.  
 The payroll dept rejected the time card saying their system only had a two digit field. Herb stood his ground pointing out he was required to submit accurate time cards. His manager probably told them something similar but stronger. I don't know what the resolution was, they may have slid some hours onto the next week or just entered 99 and discarded the extra. After all, it didn't affect his paycheck.

44{Geoffrey Cousens} #7  
 August 11, 2013 at 5:05 pm · +7 -1  
 Excellent and very telling article.

44{TonyfromOz} #8  
 August 11, 2013 at 5:10 pm · +32 -0  
 As most of you know, I (think I) have an area of expertise, and when it comes to Science discussions, I prefer to use those more as an area where I can learn things, rather than comment and show my novice status with respect to Science.  
 However, this just looks like flat out injustice to me.  
 It seems convenient that in the run up to the federal election year, it's always best to have *yes men* at your beck and call, and Prof. Salby was not one of them, and in fact sniped at the preferred yes man of choice Prof Flannery.  
 I suppose the powers that be can marginalise Prof. Salby and it seems they were assiduous in doing just that, covering their tracks so it can't be sheeted back to them, and Macquarie Uni is a big body that will just ignore flak, and hey, they already receive huge grants so you know, favours in return, but hey never let that be mentioned, as this in an August body after all.  
 However, when coupled with his article released in April that did to the

establishment what Drake did to the Spanish, it just seems umm, *coincidental* that all of a sudden, all of this happens to him.

That article was released in The Australian in their National Affairs area and [is at this link](#). Now, note it is hidden behind a paywall, hey how convenient is that. Why I bothered to post the paywall link is this. You can chase it up at other sites and get, well, part of the article, and then it just adds a link back to the paywall for the full article.

So, you're actually going to have to do a bit of work here for yourselves, because even though I have the full article here in front of me, when I add that link and post it here, it still takes you to the paywall site.

So, this is what you need to do. Go to that Paywall link. Cut and paste the whole title into the search engine of your choice, and once that is done, add the following on to the end of the text in your search engine ..... *full article*. It is the top title on that list. Voila, there it is, the whole article.

In that article, Professor Salby fires a broadside at the Government's poster boy Tim Flannery.

Then, and hey, it's nothing more than a coincidence and the two matters are not even related, (and do I really need to add /sarc) but all this happens.

It all just sounds so *sus* to me.

Tony.

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44{Bulldust} #8.1  
[August 12, 2013 at 8:34 am](#) · +2 -0

Ahem ... how many times have I posted this? Just Google the title and click the obvious link. Google pierces right through the Oz's 'paywall.' 😊 Same goes for SMH new 30+ reads paywall. Just did it on my tablet of all things.

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44{Turnedoutnice} #9  
[August 11, 2013 at 5:16 pm](#) · +12 -0

This form of witch hunt is to be expected when you have Lysenkoist, State-sponsored science.

I can reliably inform reader that in the UK there was 20 years' ago an attempt to set up a Virtual Gulag, private databases seeded with fake information to destroy careers.

### **Diversion 6 pages into arguments about carbon cycle.**

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44{AndyG55} #10  
[August 11, 2013 at 5:27 pm](#) · +19 -0

Notice that there is NO QUESTION about Mr Salby's actual scientific work. He certainly seems to have been held back from his research, (why, we can

only guess), and attacked on rather dubious grounds, NONE of which have been proven.

Murray's work has actually been **replicated** (do other climate scientists know what the term even means?) by a Swedish scientist. I'll see if I can find a suitable link to use.

Really, his work is so thoroughly researched and so well presented, its no wonder the climate cult wants to shut him down.

Temperature drive CO2..... CO2 DOES NOT drive temperature.

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44{AndyG55} #10.1  
[August 11, 2013 at 8:58 pm](#) · +12 -0

Was looking for a pdf of the work that I could actually read. (I don't do Swedish language)

But try here.

<http://hockeyschtick.blogspot.com.au/2013/07/swedish-scientist-replicates-dr-murphy.html>

What this essentially shows is that Dr Salby's SCIENCE and calculations **can be replicated**.

His hypothesis also gels **with actual real data**.

These two points are basically unheard of in mainstream climate science.

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44{Ferdinand Engelbeen} #10.1.1  
[August 12, 2013 at 6:40 am](#) · +4 -6

Sorry to disappoint you, but Salby's (and other's) work contains several errors. Not that that should be a reason to fire him. Only a reason to discuss things out. I have discussed that here in the past and I have reacted on WUWT on his speech in Germany, see:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/06/21/nzclimate-truth-newsletter-no-313/#comment-1346717> and following.

Main points:

- he alludes that there is no way to know if the increase is man-made or from vegetation based on the 13C/12C ratio, but it is, based on oxygen use. As less oxygen is used than can be calculated from fossil fuel burning, it is clear that vegetation is a net sink for CO2 and thus preferentially of 12CO2, leaving relative more 13CO2 in the atmosphere. Thus not the cause of the decline in 13C/12C ratio in the atmosphere. See:

[http://www.bowdoin.edu/~mbattle/papers\\_posters\\_and\\_talks/BenderGBC2005.pdf](http://www.bowdoin.edu/~mbattle/papers_posters_and_talks/BenderGBC2005.pdf)

Neither are the oceans (too high in 13C/12C ratio).

- he integrates the increase rate in the atmosphere, based on the good correlation between temperature and CO2 increase rate over short time (1-3 years), but the increase in the atmosphere and the variability of the increase are



HAHAHA

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44{cohenite} #10.1.1.2.2

[August 13, 2013 at 11:35 am](#) · +2 -0

Geez Ferdinand, that is a big assumption; that is the rate of C14 absorption is different from the other CO2 isotopes.

And I'm sure Pettersson's analysis takes into account the differential decay rate produced by the longer stored C14 as compared to the 'fresher' C12.

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44{cohenite} #10.1.1.2.1

[August 13, 2013 at 2:00 pm](#) +1 -0

Hi again Ferdinand, just following on from your point about the differential release of C14 from the oceans due to the longer period it has been there compared with C12.

If, as you say, the relative rates at which C12 returns from the ocean, compared to the rate of C14 return is three times the ratio of C12/C14 from the atmosphere to the ocean, this is easily tested — for this to be true, the concentration ratios would also have to be three times greater (C12/C14) in the ocean than the atmosphere.

Do you know if that is the case?

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44{Eli Rabett} #10.1.1.2.2

[August 13, 2013 at 2:47 pm](#) +0 -0

There are different rates for 14C and 12C uptake by plants if nothing else

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44{cohenite} #10.1.1.2.3

[August 13, 2013 at 4:47 pm](#) +2 -0

That's true eli; plants prefer 13C which explains the decline in the 13C/12C ratio which was once claimed as a marker of human emissions of CO2 being the cause of the increase in CO2 levels.

Anyway going back to the main point. The half life of C14 is 5730 years, which gives a time constant (e-folding time) of  $5730/.7 = 8185$  years.

The amount of C14 that would remain in 1000 years, therefore, is  $\exp(-1000/8185) = 0.885$ .

Hence, only 11.5% of the C14 would decay in 1000 years (<9% in 800 years), so the idea that C14 would decay "3 times as fast" as C12 is problematic.

The part of the decay that can be affected by radioactive decay is only the "long tail" anyway, and the data constrains that to < 3% of the impulse. So, it really doesn't matter if the decay of the last 3% is 5000 years, or 'only' 3000 years, if 97% is permanently removed from the atmosphere in ~20-30 years?

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44{Eli Rabett} #10.1.1.2.4

[August 13, 2013 at 11:22 pm](#) +0 -0

The same biological mechanism for incorporation for 13C applies to 14C, except a bit more so because the mass is higher. Still, you are using the term decay here is two different ways, first for 14 C there is radioactive decay. That is well known, except amongst creationists. Second for 14C there is the issue of how a concentration pulse in the atmosphere is diluted by exchange of 12, 13 and 14 C from the deep oceans where the concentrations are lower into the atmosphere as well as how quickly the 14C pulse in the atmosphere is incorporated into the oceans and biosphere, which may differ from that of 12C due to the biological isotope effect.

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44{KinkyKeith} #10.1.1.3

[August 12, 2013 at 6:10 pm](#) · +5 -1

Hi Ferdinand,

You my remember my strong disagreement with your mathematics in past posts.

Very simply it went like this:

You assumed that Natures CO2 output was constant.

You knew that Human CO2 output was rising; this based on the analysis of total volumes of coal and oil sales per anum.

You knew that world atmospheric CO2 level were rising from chemical, measurements.

Putting this all together you "Proved" that CO2 level increases were caused by that ugly beast MAN.

Trying to camouflage the fact that C12 C13 radio isotope analysis is not the "God Particle" of climate change analysis was, in my estimation, your crowning achievement and perhaps deserving of the Mike Mann Medal for the Advancement of Climate Change.

As I pointed out, there was no way that you can say that natural origin CO2 is a zero sum game.

Given that human excrescences of CO2 are dwarfed, let me say that again DWARFED, by Natural output of same, it is a mathematical ridiculousity to say that human oil/coal usage rates are the major drivers of atmospheric CO2 levels.

Sorry, we didn't do it, because we CAN'T.

KK

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44{Ferdinand Engelbeen} #10.1.1.3.1

[August 12, 2013 at 8:32 pm](#) · +0 -5

KK,

The human emissions are ~3% of the natural emissions. Natural sinks are 101.5% of the natural emissions. Thus nature is a net sink of 1.5% extra CO2

emitted in the atmosphere. A net sink over the full 50+ years since Mauna Loa and other stations.

The year by year variability in sink rate from the CO<sub>2</sub> cycle is +/- 1 ppmv or +/- 2 GtC, (far) less than the 2-9 GtC (1-4.5 ppmv) humans emitted over the past 50+ years:

[http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim\\_img/dco2\\_em2.jpg](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/dco2_em2.jpg)

Pure theoretically, it is possible that the 3.5 fold increase of human emissions is accompanied with a 3.5 fold increase in natural circulation, but that violates about all known observations, including an observed slightly increasing residence time over the past decades, while that should be reduced with a factor 3.5 too...

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44{KinkyKeith} #10.1.1.3.1

August 12, 2013 at 9:34 pm ·

Hi Ferdinand.

Yes, we have been over this before.

The idea that only natural CO<sub>2</sub> has an available "sink capacity" is scientifically unfounded.

ALL CO<sub>2</sub>, regardless of origin, is available for uptake by whatever sinks are there.

Residual Man Made CO<sub>2</sub>, such as it is, creates its' own sink and after 5.4 years, according to the latest estimate, any NEW man made CO<sub>2</sub> is gone.

The natural sequestration that develops as a result of this "forcing" created by the availability of extra Man Made CO<sub>2</sub> remains after the original CO<sub>2</sub> is gone.

New grass or new trees, or new soil bio cultures are not going to die and wither at the end of 5.4 years; they remain active and hungry for more CO<sub>2</sub>.

The concept that man made CO<sub>2</sub> is not subject to sequestration is contrary to basic reaction science.

In photosynthesis, the availability of extra reagent, CO<sub>2</sub>, is going to drive the reaction; more green grass is on the way.

I have indicated new sequestration will be created in plant life and active life in soils but have left the other main item for last.

The ocean is the great and always available CO<sub>2</sub> repository and source and

ALL CO<sub>2</sub> is welcome home regardless of its' origin.

Basic maths trumps complex isotope analysis.

KK

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44{KinkyKeith} #10.1.1.3.1

August 12, 2013 at 10:01 pm

And digging up the past:

Ferdinand,

nov 2012

But we have to disagree on the issue of Stable Nature.

You say that CO<sub>2</sub> from nature has been stable and that man made CO<sub>2</sub> has been the only recent input.

In terms of geologic time we can see a clearer picture.

Up until about twenty thousand years ago the Earth was in a 100,000 year long big freeze.

In practical terms this means that there is not going to be much natural circulation of CO<sub>2</sub> from vegetation, oceans and atmosphere for the very obvious reason that the low temperatures present stopped most activity.

In New York Central Park for example the Ice Field was one and a half kilometers DEEP, not wide, deep!

There is not much biological activity in that situation.

The warming over the last twenty thousand years has liberated a lot of trapped bio material including only recently a Woolly Mammoth together with vegetation in the tundra.

My continued criticism of your mathematics is based on the 3 factors you are trying to link:

1. Natural turnover of CO<sub>2</sub> which is not estimated, let alone given an accurate measurement.

It is enormous and that is probably the only quantification that can be given to it.

ie. This quantity is not known.

2. Human CO<sub>2</sub> input. This is relatively easy to estimate but I'm not sure whether it is a figure that is being misused by others to accentuate human output.

There is a way that is used that involves estimates of fossil fuel use by detailing coal, oil and gas production.

That is a good idea but is liable to scientific misuse if the base populations of say India, China and Brazil are not accounted for.

The reason I say this is that these huge populations do obviously use wood or local coal or even cow dung for cooking but are not included in the Fossil Fuel energy audit.

This could give seriously skewed impressions of changes in Fossil Fuel use when in many cases peoples CO<sub>2</sub> production is actually not increasing but just going from the unaccounted "village" lifestyle to on the record electric powered cities.

An appearance of rising human CO<sub>2</sub> output which is not actually there can be blamed for increased CO<sub>2</sub> in the air.

3. The measurement of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels is fairly accurate NOW, and IF done correctly.

Your thesis is that :



Item 1 plus Item 2 is proportional to Item 3.

Of those items there is no way that No1 can be used as you do. It is a rising quantity that is unknown.

Item 2 is OK to a point but as I pointed out there are possible flaws.

You cannot just arbitrarily delete Item 1 and say that rising human CO2 output is proportional to rising world CO2 levels.

The major factor has been deliberately left out of the assessment.

One of your biased comments :

“- Humans are responsible for the observed increase of CO2 over the past 160 years (and yes, the CO2 data from Mauna Loa in recent times and from ice cores are reliable and the data collected by the late Ernst Beck are largely unreliable)”.

Why are Ernst Becks figure wrong?

Hope people can follow this because I think that science deserves to be checked and there seems to be a problem in this analysis that eliminates natural CO2 production from scrutiny.

KK 😊

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44 {Ferdinand Engelbeen}  
August 13, 2013 at 1:28 am

#10.1.1.3.2  
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KK,

Indeed we have been there several times...

I never said that the natural CO2 cycle is stable. But the variability is quite small over the past 50 years, less than 25% of the human emissions. That is all. Over the past 800 kyr we see a temperature – CO2 relationship of about 8 ppmv/K, where CO2 lags temperature. The same for the MWP-LIA transition. Nowadays we see short term relationship of 5 ppmv/K for the global seasonal shift and 4-5 ppmv/K for the interannual variation. How do you think that natural variations can be responsible for 70 ppmv increase over the past 50 years with an increase of a few tenths of a degree over the same period?

While humans have emitted twice that much?

Human CO2 is sequestered in the same way and the same speed as all CO2 released from other sources. The point is that the release of this extra CO2 is faster than what nature can sink over the same time frame. Until the pressure is high enough. But that has nothing to do with the residence time of 5.3 years. Then further:

*1. Natural turnover of CO2 which is not estimated, let alone given an accurate measurement.*

Although rough estimates, the turnover is based on seasonal 13C/12C changes (for vegetation), O2 changes (for vegetation) and solubility vs. temperature fluxes for the oceans. The direct result or the estimated 150 GtC in/outflux is shown by the residence time. But that doesn't matter at all. Even if the turnover

was 10 times higher, that doesn't remove one gram of CO2 at the end of the year, as long as the inflows and outflows are equal.

*Human CO2 input. This is relatively easy to estimate*

The estimates are based on fuel sales (taxes!) in national inventories, in the best case rather accurate, worst case underestimated, but that only adds to the extra CO2 input...

*3. The measurement of atmospheric CO2 levels is fairly accurate NOW, and IF done correctly.*

*Your thesis is that :*

*Item 1 plus Item 2 is proportional to Item 3.*

Item 1 is not important at all. What is important is item 3 minus item 2, that is the sink rate of all sinks together. And the increase in the atmosphere above the (temperature driven) equilibrium. That is the pressure driving more CO2 into the oceans (and plant alveoles). For the current situation, the sink rate is ~4 GtC/year (2 ppmv/year) for an increase of 212 GtC (100 ppmv) above equilibrium. That gives a decay rate of  $212/4 = 53$  years e-fold time or a half life time of the extra CO2 of ~40 years. Nothing to do with the residence time/turnover...

*Why are Ernst Becks figure wrong?*

Wrong places. Samples taken over land near huge sources and sinks show values between 200 ppmv and 650 ppmv (and more) within a few hours.

Completely unreliable for “background” CO2 measurements. Samples taken in deserts, high on mountains and over sea or coastal with wind from the sea are around the ice core values, taken decennia later...

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44 {Backslider  
August 13, 2013 at 3:17 am

#10.1.1.3.1  
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Samples taken in deserts, high on mountains and over sea or coastal with wind from the sea are around the ice core values

That is a very interesting assumption, that because these reading agree with an interpretation of ice cores they must be correct. It is just an assumption. You do realize that, do you not?

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44 {KuhnKat}  
August 13, 2013 at 6:41 am

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“3. The measurement of atmospheric CO2 levels is fairly accurate NOW”

This is hallucinatory. The measurement of CO2 in specially selected areas to find the BACKGROUND level does NOT show the spikes in CO2 levels over SEASONS in areas NOT measured. Your measurements don't even START to show the actual flux of CO2 on our planet!!!

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44 {Ferdinand Engelbeen}

#10.1.1.3.5

August 13, 2013 at 7:25 am

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August 13, 2013 at 3:17 am

That is a very interesting assumption, that because these reading agree with an interpretation of ice cores they must be correct. It is just an assumption. You do realize that, do you not?

From the CO2 measurements of similar places over the past 50 years, it is known that such places have little local disturbance. Thus historical measurements done at such places are probably more representative for the real background CO2 levels in the bulk of the atmosphere of that time than those taken in the middle of Paris...

That the ice cores confirm the levels – al be it smoothed over about a decade (Law Dome ice cores) – adds to their reliability.

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44{AndyG55}

#10.1.1.3.6

August 13, 2013 at 7:31 am

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What we need is something similar to the UHA satellite atmospheric temperature record.

But we don't got it. Not yet anyway. (bad English intentional)

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44{Ferdinand Engelbeen}

#10.1.1.3.7

August 13, 2013 at 7:40 am

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KuhnKat

August 13, 2013 at 6:41 am

*This is hallucinatory. The measurement of CO2 in specially selected areas to find the BACKGROUND level does NOT show the spikes in CO2 levels over SEASONS in areas NOT measured. Your measurements don't even START to show the actual flux of CO2 on our planet!!!*

To know the effect of extra CO2 on temperature (as far as there is an effect) the local, regional and/or seasonal fluxes are of not the slightest interest, neither are the CO2 levels in the lower 1000 meter over land. Even if that was 1000 ppmv, that hardly influences local temperatures.

To know the decay time of the extra CO2 in the atmosphere, the measurements at one suitable station are sufficient to do the calculation. No matter if that is at the South Pole or near the North Pole (Barrow, AK; Alert, Canada). Again local, regional and/or seasonal fluxes are not of the slightest interest.

Which doesn't mean that the fluxes are not of interest at all. Many such fluxes are measured via tall towers, here one example:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2141884/>

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44{KuhnKat}

#10.1.1.3.8

August 13, 2013 at 9:38 am

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WATTs has good timing:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/08/12/nsf-says-biosphere-is-breathing-in-co2-more-deeply/#more-91524>

[http://hippo.ucar.edu/HIPPO/HIPPO\\_News\\_Release\\_f.pdf](http://hippo.ucar.edu/HIPPO/HIPPO_News_Release_f.pdf)

<http://hippo.ucar.edu/>

Apparently experts are now telling us what KK has been arguing.

The flux is increasing the biosphere causing an increase in the delta of CO2 in areas especially the arboreal north over the seasons!!

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44{Mark D}

#10.1.1.3.9

August 13, 2013 at 2:31 pm

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KuhnKat, don't you like:

It's not yet understood, she says, why the increase in seasonal amplitude of carbon dioxide concentration is so large, but it's a clear signal of widespread changes in northern ecosystems.

It's not understood yet it is a clear signal?

Dumbasses run rampant

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44{KuhnKat}

#10.1.1.4

August 13, 2013 at 8:53 am ·

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“- he calculates that there must be a huge migration of CO2 in ice cores, to fit his hypothesis, but there are no signs of such huge migration at all, to the contrary.”]

Well, the lost squadron managed to migrate across thousands of years in the Greenland Glacier. A little CO2 would be nothing!!!

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44{RoHa}

#10.1.2

August 12, 2013 at 11:39 am ·

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“I don't do Swedish language”

I do. Find me the original and I'll translate it for you.

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44{AndyG55}

#10.1.2.1

August 12, 2013 at 12:15 pm ·

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Here ya go.

<http://www.theclimatescam.se/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Rekonstruktion-av-Murry-Salbys-teori.pdf>

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44{RoHa}

#10.1.2.1.1

August 13, 2013 at 5:29 pm ·

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O.K. I've done it. Not the most elegant bit of Swedish prose I've faced, but far from the worst. Swedish bureaucrats are like their oppos in other countries.

(What my wife says about bureaucratic Japanese is a lesson in the sort of colloquial Japanese that you don't learn from Linguaphone courses.) But once I was working with a Swede and we were trying to translate a bit of company

policy. We gave it up because we couldn't figure out what it meant in Swedish, let alone translate it.

I'll send it to Jo, and she can pass it on in whatever way is best. To pay my fee, please send me the entire sum of the next cheque you receive from Big Oil.

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44{Rafe Champion} #11  
August 11, 2013 at 5:30 pm · +16 -0

”, saying that scientists would not work 14 -16 hours stretches for three months at a time... Those hours are unusual, but not implausible for a dedicated researcher.”

I suspect that serious scientists have always been prepared to work over 12 hours a day on a regular basis and longer than that when they are running hot. Now that practically all scientists are 9-5 public servants (and “normal” scientists as well) the idea of working like serious scientists has gone out the window for the most part. And what would modern university administrators know about serious research and scholarship?

Peter Medawar told his wife Jean “You have first call on my love but not on my time.”

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44{Geoffrey Cousens} #12  
August 11, 2013 at 5:54 pm · +1 -0

Excuse me; where is “unthreaded weekend” this weekend?

**Sorry. Will fix that! – Jo**

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #12.1  
August 11, 2013 at 8:06 pm · +4 -0

It unravelled.

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44{Joe V}. #12.1.1  
August 11, 2013 at 8:40 pm · +1 -0

That's what happens when you go unscripted. There's no telling where it might lead.

Carbon cycle diversion ends, back to Salby.

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44{Judy Ryan} #13  
August 11, 2013 at 6:02 pm · +23 -0

Murry Salby presents his evidence clearly and concisely on Youtube. The corruption of the peer review process of barring publication of his work has backfired because his work is viewed by a much larger audience. People outside his discipline can detect the difference between impartially presented evidence and a smear campaign. This is recognised as the strategy of those

who have no evidence. The end result is the political suicide of the Australian Labor party in which prominent climate alarmists will be the collateral damage incurred. Roll on Election Day.

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44{Rod Stuart} #13.1  
August 12, 2013 at 7:51 pm · +1 -0  
Very well put, Judy.

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #13.2  
August 12, 2013 at 8:40 pm · +4 -0

I agree.

When you look at the way that Colorado University behaved by “impounding” equipment, data sets, and findings, and then when you look at the actions of Macquarie University, in their reaction, to what was probably no more than a series of misunderstandings, the more it becomes apparent that there is a fair amount of bureaucratic malice involved in both institutions.

I always forget which credit card I am supposed to use for what, especially when I am waiting in line with a queue of people behind me. So I pay with the first acceptable one that comes to hand, and then sort it out later with a cheque, or whatever. That is not, and should not be, a dismissible offense unless willful intent to defraud can be proven.

The fact that these institutions are focussing on administrative matters, including the availability of lecture theatres, etc, hints to me that there are other, deeper issues involved.

Very often, what is not being discussed is considerably more important than what is openly discussed. I have a distinct whiff of smokescreen from the academic institutes in the way this has been mishandled.

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44{John Morland} #14  
August 11, 2013 at 6:07 pm · +14 -0

This is what we can do: First vote for the Liberals (or even Palmer United Party) on September 7, then once the incoming liberal government is sworn in, all of us write to Tony Abbott imploring for a Royal Commission in this AGW scaremongering.

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44{MemoryVault} #14.1  
August 11, 2013 at 6:33 pm · +5 -1

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Good luck with that – you'll need it.

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44{cohenite} #14.2  
August 11, 2013 at 7:11 pm · +13 -0

Better still vote for the No Carbon Tax Climate Sceptics.

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44{Michael P} #14.2.1  
 August 11, 2013 at 10:06 pm · +10 -0

As much as I would like to, I don't want labor getting back in under any circumstances, and have worries about diluting the vote by voting for minor parties. I think voting for the Nats is best this time around.

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44{michael hart} #15  
 August 11, 2013 at 6:26 pm · +10 -1

A common irony of applying for research funding is a requirement to supply preliminary results as proof of concept. Funding agencies are well aware of this chicken and egg situation. How the problem is resolved is frequently dumped in the lap of the researcher. It is also common for the institution where the research is to be done to take a hefty chunk out of a grant to pay for overheads. The definition of overheads and the actual amount can come as quite a shock to the individual named on the grant as principal investigator. Unsurprisingly, attitudes to this vary widely and can cause friction.

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44{Yonniestone} #16  
 August 11, 2013 at 6:32 pm · +7 -0

I'd say it's a case of good old Character Assassination at work, as an aside I recalled character assassination is a typical modus operandi of extreme Narcissist's, something else to think about.

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44{Siliggy} #17  
 August 11, 2013 at 6:42 pm · +5 -0

"it was necessary to abandon, and strand him in Paris"  
 Hmmm a mob i annoyed by overachieving wanted to send me to Pakistan.

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #17.1  
 August 11, 2013 at 8:10 pm · +10 -0

That is good. I only ever got sent to Coventry.

### **Diversion 2 pages into arguments about carbon cycle.**

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44{Bernd Felsche} #18  
 August 11, 2013 at 8:13 pm · +26 -0

Back to Salby's science:  
 I remembered that Ernst-Georg Beck had surveyed the literature on historic CO2 measurements and noted data sets from the 1920's and 1930's pertaining

to sea surface CO2 levels on Atlantic Oceans.

After some digging around, I found a [PDF](#) in which Beck documents CO2 levels against sea surface temperature as surveyed by Kurt Buch in 1936 (Figure 17) with a **strong (logarithmic) correlation between air temperature and atmospheric CO2 concentration**. The "missing data" (from Beck's summary) are the sea surface temperatures. The temperature of the air is only loosely coupled to the temperature of the surface of the water. Earlier expeditions in the South Atlantic as described by Hermann Wattenberg and others also show a variable distribution of CO2 over the Oceans, with a peak in the tropics. The expedition not only surveyed CO2 levels but also took different chemical samples of a variety of salts while "plumbing" much of the South Atlantic's sub-surface profile and charting the direction of currents at the surface and below. Alas, the expedition's CO2 measurements aren't tabulated by Beck against SST so one has to go to the source documents. Expedition reports were widely published but I can't find a "free" source nearby. All the major scientific libraries and scientific research organizations probably ordered a copy of the scientific reports from one or both expeditions in the 1930's. e.g. NZ's NIWA [has at least one copy](#).

**Aside: I'll leave it to others to speculate why the 80-year-old research is being left to gather dust by the "researchers" who have free access to materials that clearly demonstrate the behaviour of the system as predicted approximately by some basic physics and physical chemistry. The "new science" gives worse results.**

As the oceans not only present the greatest area but also the lowest albedo subject to insolation, they are substantially responsible for absorbing the energy and heating the air above. The oceans also contain the bulk of available CO2; dissolved within the water and available for release to the atmosphere (Henry's Law) or to biological processes (e.g. photosynthesis), especially near the surface. Henry's Law defines the direction of CO2 movement between the oceans' vast surface and the atmosphere above; dependent upon the water's temperature.

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44{Ferdinand Engelbeen} #18.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 7:46 am · +2 -2

Bernd, I have had years of discussion with the late Ernst Beck (unfortunately he past away last year). Simply said, most of the historical data are completely unreliable. All samples taken over land suffer from a CO2 "heat island" effect which can go up to 600 ppmv (and more) at night under inversion and below 300 ppmv during sunshine hours in forests and agricultural land. His 1942 "peak" is mainly based on two long series: Poonah (India) and

Giessen (Germany). Poonah measured CO<sub>2</sub> levels below, inbetween and over growing crops. Completely worthless for “background” CO<sub>2</sub> levels. Giessen was and is semi-rural. Fortunately there is a modern station at Linden/Giessen not far from where the historical measurements were taken. Here a nice graph of the CO<sub>2</sub> levels during a few days at Giessen, compared to the “background” stations at Barrow, Mauna Loa and the South Pole. All raw data, including local influences at all stations:

[http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim\\_img/giessen\\_background.jpg](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/giessen_background.jpg)

The historical data were taken three times a day, where 2 were at the down and upgoing flanks of the daily curve. Standard deviation of the samples was 132 ppmv (1 sigma), range 240-680 ppmv. Says enough...

About the ocean data: there are only few taken in the atmosphere over the oceans or coastal with wind from the sea. These show values around the ice core values for the same period. Unfortunately, there are no seaside data around 1942, so no comparison with the “peak is possible.

But what is sure, is that he misinterpreted Wattenberg’s data: these show the pCO<sub>2</sub> of seawater at the surface (0 meter depth in the tables), not the CO<sub>2</sub> levels of the atmosphere at the sea surface...

All of Beck’s researched data can be found here:

<http://www.biomind.de/realCO2/historical.htm> or directly at:

<http://www.biomind.de/realCO2/literature/CO2literature1800-1960.pdf>

Including the Wattenberg expeditions.

See further my comment on Ernst Beck’s data interpretation at:

[http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/beck\\_data.html](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/beck_data.html)

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44 {cementafriend} #18.1.1  
August 12, 2013 at 11:28 pm · +2 -0

Kreutz, did measure CO<sub>2</sub> at four different heights three times a day for his long series of 1.5 years. he also collected at the same time considerable other data such as wind velocity and wind direction which allowed calculation of background CO<sub>2</sub> levels published in a peer reviewed paper. However, if you read the German paper and report honestly you will find that Kreutz also made measurements over weekly periods where CO<sub>2</sub> was measured at each height each hour. The instrument he used was accurate to 0.3% (ie 1ppm) and was capable of making 120 measurements per day.

You have been twisting and stretching information now for many years. As an engineer who has made CO<sub>2</sub> measurements I have no respect for your writings.

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44 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} #18.1.1.1  
August 13, 2013 at 2:12 am · +0 -0  
cementafriend,

I have read Kreutz’ paper in German, no problem. Indeed one can more or less deduce “background” CO<sub>2</sub> levels from the noisy historical data, if there are enough data at high wind speed (over 4 m/s). That is not the case for Giessen in the Kreuz paper, there are simply not enough data at high wind speed. The few data over 4 m/s are scattered over near the whole range.

For those interested, here is the literature list of Ernst Beck including the Kreutz paper:

<http://www.biomind.de/realCO2/literature/CO2literature1800-1960.pdf>

There is an English translation available at:

[http://www.biokurs.de/treibhaus/literatur/kreutz/Kreutz\\_english.pdf](http://www.biokurs.de/treibhaus/literatur/kreutz/Kreutz_english.pdf)

If one looks at the hourly samples taken during one week, these are from below 400 ppmv to 700 ppmv. Not quite regular, which makes me wonder about the accuracy of the sampling/reagents/sample treatment/method. But simply compare that to the data from a modern station at Linden/Giessen in the above comment.

Even the modern station shows a monthly average bias of 40 ppmv above background, with enormous peaks in some months:

44 [http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim\\_img/giessen\\_mlo\\_monthly.jpg](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/giessen_mlo_monthly.jpg)

The method to estimate the historical “background” CO<sub>2</sub> levels from scattered data, prepared by Massen and Beck is here:

[http://www.biokurs.de/treibhaus/CO2\\_versus\\_windspeed-review-1-FM.pdf](http://www.biokurs.de/treibhaus/CO2_versus_windspeed-review-1-FM.pdf)

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44 {Backslider} #18.1.1.1.1  
August 13, 2013 at 3:10 am · +1 -0

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So you are saying that we cannot have accurate figures on atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.

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44 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} #18.1.1.1.1  
August 13, 2013 at 7:49 am · +0 -0

Not at such places over land: too many sinks and sources on short distance. Either go above the vegetation (mountain ranges, airplanes) or measure at sea, in deserts, salt flats,... The measurements in the middle of the Pacific or at the South Pole represent over 95% of the atmospheric mass of CO<sub>2</sub>.

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44 {cementafriend} #18.1.1.1.2  
August 13, 2013 at 11:18 pm · +0 -0

Ferdinand, good that you have read Kreutz’ original paper -it gives some more information than the partial translation. Thanks for posting the latter it is also on my website ([www.cementafriend.wordpress.com](http://www.cementafriend.wordpress.com))



A couple of findings which Kreutz did not mention or pick up, 1/ There is no radiation (top curve in the figures) from the sun at night, pretty obvious but some believers will say that the measurement is wrong because no back-radiation has been measured. 2/ the temperature lags radiation -also obvious to anyone who has watched a sun rise or sunset. 3/ not so clear but CO2 lags the temperature -this occurs on a daily and seasonal basis (and is found in other measurements)

It would be nice to obtain the actual numerical data but in this there is no evidence that CO2 (even at the high measurements obtained) has any effect on atmospheric temperature. The scale of the humidity is small but it appears that humidity is inversely related to radiation and that this then affects the temperature.

If climate scientists were real and competent they would be repeating Kreutz' measurements (plus more such as cloud cover) over longer periods and in different parts of the world but no, they have a theory based on pseudo-science rather than facts.

#### Carbon cycle diversion ends

44{Sunray} #19  
August 11, 2013 at 8:16 pm · +13 -0  
This should come as no surprise, the techniques have been in action since 1848. In this case, first comes the character assassination, second comes the more sinister activity. The Left have been preparing the battlefield for many decades, with great assistance from the "Education/Indoctrination System, the Schools of Journalism, the Judiciary and Green Totalitarianism/Global Warming, etc etc etc. It appears that they believe that Critical Mass is at hand and no criticism will be tolerated. They even believe that they can understand and handle Islam. This blatant removal of dissenting voices in all areas is for me, frightening, however, I will just weaponise my walking frame.(PS. That is a JOKE), nobody should scream, faint or call ASIO. Sorry, but sometimes crude experience needs to be expressed, thank you.

44{MangoChutney} #20  
August 11, 2013 at 8:34 pm · +9 -0  
Evgenia Titova was also removed from her position as a PhD student. To date Macquarie have not confirmed or denied she has been sacked, but her email is unresponsive.  
Anybody know what has happened to her?

44{Ian H} #20.1  
August 11, 2013 at 11:24 pm · +7 -0

I don't know what has happened to her. However she is a student not an employee, so sacked is not the right word. If the University was unable to find her another supervisor then at minimum they would need to refund her fees.

44{mangochutney} #20.1.1  
August 13, 2013 at 7:30 am · +0 -0  
Aren't PhD's funded?

44{Ian H} #20.1.1.1  
August 13, 2013 at 9:19 am · +0 -0  
PhD students pay fees and are expected to support themselves like every other student.

They support themselves in various ways. Many have scholarships or obtain some kind of government support. Some simply take out massive loans. A few are supported by their partners or other family members. Most have part time jobs. It isn't easy being a PhD student so have some sympathy for them. The generally work like dogs and struggle to make ends meet.

Often PhD students will find part time work with the university doing things like marking and tutoring. These jobs are preferred because they are on campus and related to the student's studies.

Funded research projects can include provision to pay the fees of a PhD student to work with the Principal Investigator. If you manage to luck into one of these situations as a PhD student you are very fortunate. But unless Salby has managed to get a research grant of this type recently, his student will not have been funded in that way.

I really have no idea how Salby's student has been funding herself. I would hate to be in her situation. I hope the University finds a way to do right by her as none of this is her fault.

44{MangoChutney} #20.1.1.1.1  
August 13, 2013 at 10:24 pm · +0 -0  
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Except her work (or at least her published work) was against the cAGW meme

44{Mark D.} #20.2  
August 12, 2013 at 1:03 am ·  
Yes good point Mango, why would Macquarie do that to her?

44{rockape} #21

August 11, 2013 at 9:23 pm ·

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@ TonyfromOz

August 11, 2013 at 5:10 pm #8

Article is at [Rational Trader blogspot](#)

Last summer was not actually angrier than other summers | The Australian  
see graph at <http://resources3.news.com.au/images/2013/04/03/1226612/015595-130404-n-temperatures.jpg>

Temperatures

Source: The Australian

CLAIMS from the latest report by the Climate Commission, titled The Angry Summer, have been widely circulated through international media. On the basis of a few sporadic episodes, which in any other era would have been regarded as marginal weather (infrequent but perennial), the Climate Commission has proclaimed that such events are now the norm – the signature of climate change come home to roost.

This report is but the latest in a series of dire proclamations from this panel. It just happens to buttress the government's controversial carbon tax, a maladroitness policy that will be pivotal in the forthcoming federal election.

The commission's position, as proclaimed by its chief commissioner, is that "the baseline has shifted" like "an athlete (who) takes steroids". "The same thing is happening to our climate system . . . We're getting fewer cold days and cold events and many more record hot events" (The New York Times, March 4).

The evocative nature of these claims is matched only by the imagination behind them. On a continental scale (the scale relevant to climate), Australian temperature this summer was unremarkable – it was within the range of previous variability.

The Climate Commission was enshrined as an "independent panel of experts". It was installed and paid for by the government. The panel is comprised of biologists and ecologists, a materials engineer and members of the business community. It has no demonstrated expertise in the physics or chemistry of climate, or even in meteorology, the scientific underpinnings of its conclusions.

The Climate Commission bases its claims on a selection of temperatures from the latest reincarnation of the record of surface thermometers, recently regenerated by the government-funded Bureau of Meteorology.

The surface record has been termed by the bureau as its high-quality data. If it is high quality, it is certainly not robust. The bureau's record is routinely readjusted, the next high-quality reincarnation rendering its predecessor obsolete. The adjustments performed are discretionary, applied differently to different sites in the surface network. And if the adjustments are understood, it is by few, if any, outside the bureau.

For this reason, the recent proclamation that this summer was unprecedented arrives with curious timing: it coincides with the onset of campaigning for the next federal election.

Even exclusive of uncertainties surrounding its adjustment, the surface record suffers from two intrinsic limitations:

1 Contamination by urban development. Operational thermometers historically have been installed in association with human settlement. Station measurements are therefore biased through the so-called urban heat island effect.

Consequently, individual measurements are often representative of localised conditions, but not of the expansive area.

2 Non-uniform sampling of the continent. Owing to Australia's sparse population, historical records of temperature are concentrated in a small fraction of the continent. Exacerbated by their proximity to infrastructure, the irregular sampling by the surface network complicates the evaluation of continental mean temperature.

One record averts these limitations: satellite measurements from microwave sounding units and advanced microwave sounding units provide continuous coverage of Australia, with uniform sampling of the continent. The satellite record derives from a single instrument family. It follows from a single treatment applied uniformly to all data, yielding a record of continental temperature that is homogenous and stable. Unlike surface measurements, it represents temperature in the lowest couple of kilometres of the atmosphere. However, departures from average temperature in this layer mirror departures from average surface temperature – especially under summertime conditions, when convective overturning exchanges air vertically on time scales of only hours.

Figure 1 displays the record of Australia mean temperature during January (blue) in its anomalous value (the departure from the long-term average January temperature).

Last January was warmer than recent Januaries, but hardly unprecedented. It lies about a standard deviation above the average January temperature. And even during the relatively short satellite era, two Januaries were warmer. Superimposed is anomalous summertime temperature (red). It is even less remarkable. Near the three-decade average, it is no more significant than in preceding years. Neither record evidences a sustained shift in the continental baseline.

Figure 2 displays the record of anomalous temperature for all months. It places the summer of 2012-13 into perspective. Anomalous temperature (red solid circles) lies well within the envelope of other warm anomalies during the preceding three decades. Cold anomalies are just as numerous. If anything, they are even stronger.

For many on Australia's eastern seaboard, this summer was not anomalously hot but, rather, anomalously cool and wet. This is confirmed by the temperature record at Sydney. The central station reported only two marginal days. And during the entire summer maximum temperature reached 32C on only three days.

In the light of the satellite record, as well as the absence of any systematic change in global temperature for almost two decades, the proclaimed interpretation of this summer should be recognised for what it is: a simplistic explanation of a complex physical system.

Murry Salby is professor of climate at Macquarie University.

Posted 3rd April by Ymr

## Diversion 2 pages into arguments about carbon cycle.

44 {Bernd Felsche}

#22

August 12, 2013 at 3:27 am ·

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More corroboration of Salby's competence at [The Hockey Schtick](#):

**Paper finds lifetime of CO2 in atmosphere is only 5.4 years**

A paper presented at the SEVENTEENTH SYMPOSIUM ON THERMOPHYSICAL

PROPERTIES finds that the lifetime and residence time of man-made CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere are only about 5.4 years, far less than assumed by the IPCC. The paper corroborates prior work by Salby, Humlum et al, Frölicher et al, Cho et al, Calder et al, Francey etl, Ahlbeck, Pettersson, Segalstad, and others which has demonstrated that man-made CO<sub>2</sub> is not the primary driver of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

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44{KinkyKeith} #22.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 1:49 pm · +3 -0  
 Right on Bernd.  
 Most sensible papers end at a max of 7 years.  
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44{Ferdinand Engelbeen} #22.2  
 August 12, 2013 at 8:41 pm · +0 -1  
 Oh help! Another confusion which returns every year or so...  
 The residence time of ANY CO<sub>2</sub> molecule, whatever its origin, indeed is in average 5.3 years, before being *exchanged* by a CO<sub>2</sub> molecule of another reservoir (vegetation, oceans). That is because some 150 GtC goes in and out of the atmosphere (currently at 800 GtC) within a year, partly over the seasons, partly permanent between the equatorial and the polar waters. That gives a residence time of 800/150 = 5.3 years. Everybody, warmers as well as skeptics agree on that.  
 That doesn't change one ppmv in the atmosphere, as long as what goes into the atmosphere also goes out. The only way to get rid of some extra injection of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere (whatever the source) is by a *difference* between inputs and outputs. That is caused by the increase of CO<sub>2</sub> above the (temperature dictated) equilibrium. The difference nowadays is some 4 GtC/year (2 ppmv/year) more sink than source. The extra pressure is from 100 ppmv above equilibrium, that is 212 GtC. That gives an e-fold decay rate of the extra CO<sub>2</sub> of  $212/4 = 53$  years or a half life time of ~40 years.  
 Far longer than the 5.3 year residence time, but much faster than the centuries of the IPCC...

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44{Ferdinand Engelbeen} #22.2.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 8:56 pm · +0 -1  
 BTW, see the 1997 page of Peter Dietze at the website of the late John Daly:  
<http://www.john-daly.com/carbon.htm>  
 for the right interpretation of the CO<sub>2</sub> decay rate...

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44{Lars P. } #22.2.2  
 August 12, 2013 at 9:42 pm · +2 -0  
 "The extra pressure is from 100 ppmv above equilibrium, that is 212 GtC. That gives an e-fold decay rate of the extra CO<sub>2</sub> of  $212/4 = 53$  years or a half life time of ~40

years."

CO<sub>2</sub> is not "injected" in the atmosphere. That is alarmist speak to underline human generated CO<sub>2</sub> as being unnatural, same as climate change to define catastrophically from human produced global warming and so on.

Btw the noble target of reducing the content in CO<sub>2</sub> of the atmosphere by 100 ppm would condemn about 1 billion people to die of famine by keeping actual agricultural surface and tools and further reduce the general biosphere.

To talk about 100 ppm above equilibrium is also wrong. The ocean content in CO<sub>2</sub> at surface varies greatly from region to region – look at the scala and the colours:

<http://scienordic.com/co2-map-provides-quality-control-climate-research>

Much too much of the "data" otherwise used is only result of models and not based on real measurements. We got to have the measurements correctly in, then we can talk.

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44{Ferdinand Engelbeen} #22.2.2.1  
 August 13, 2013 at 2:24 am · +0 -0  
 Lars,

Human emissions are straight into the atmosphere. That is not a natural process. Forest fires do exactly the same, that is a natural process.

I don't see any reason to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> content of the atmosphere, as I think that the extra CO<sub>2</sub> is largely beneficial. But that doesn't mean that humans are not responsible for the increase in the atmosphere.

The equilibrium of temperature – CO<sub>2</sub> levels is what is seen in ice cores of different resolution over the past 800 kyr and is found on all time scales until some 160 years ago. That are global averaged (and smoothed) CO<sub>2</sub> levels.

Nothing to do with variable CO<sub>2</sub> levels over different regions.

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44{Lars P. } #22.2.2.1.1  
 August 13, 2013 at 8:39 am · +2 -0  
 The ice cores are a 80-100 years smoothened CO<sub>2</sub> filter, not a proper snapshot of the composition at the time. And this, if the CO<sub>2</sub> captured there and all other gases would remain in the same composition as captured, which has not been proven, but may be. The CO<sub>2</sub> ice core are overvaluated and gives a false impression that we have a clear understanding of the natural variability. Not. Humans do produce lots of CO<sub>2</sub> this is clear and known, not sure what is your point?:

[http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/overview.php?v=CO2ts\\_pc1990-2011](http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/overview.php?v=CO2ts_pc1990-2011)

What is not so clear is: how much CO<sub>2</sub> is produced through soil destruction, how much from forests destructions, what would have come out if humans would not be here etc.

Btw ants emissions are also straight into the atmosphere? But I digress.

As you can see through the high variations in ocean surface CO2 content, some parts of the ocean are emitting CO2 some are absorbing. Natural variation widely oversteps what we yet produce.

Would be interesting to know where do the high CO2 concentration waters come from? The variability is very high and does not seem to be a slave of the pressure from the atmosphere? I guess we still have much to learn about the carbon cycle.

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44{Margot} #22.2.2.1.1  
 August 26, 2013 at 4:26 pm · Reply +0 -0

The point is, Lars, that we can calculate how much CO2 is being emitted by humans every year, and that amount is \*more\* than the increase of CO2 in the atmosphere, which means the land and oceans together are a net sink.

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #22.2.2.1.1  
 August 26, 2013 at 5:51 pm +0 -0

... we can calculate how much CO2 is being emitted by humans every year ... Really? That is exciting. How is it calculated? Do tell.

No, hang on, you say, “calculated”, not measured, so it is another case of “the models tell us ...”. Boring.

Are you a modeller, Margo? You use the phrase “we can calculate”. Or are you usurping the royal “We”?

No, I forgot, you are a press hack, aren’t you, so all you can do is work off the script, and just dream ...

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44{KuhnKat} #22.2.2.1.1  
 August 27, 2013 at 10:11 am +0 -0

Margot,  
 let’s play the game the warmers love to play, but, I will make it a simple one. Assume that ALL the human generated CO2 is absorbed by the environment relatively close to the point of production. How would this affect the overall levels of CO2 in the atmosphere or out in the middle of the ocean or over the poles??

It would not. Now, you have to show that the human CO2 is NOT absorbed close to its source to even be able to start stating your case. THEN you have to show that the BSers, er, the IPCC supporting Scientists really do have reasonable figures for the CO2 flux coming out of the earth and oceans and going back in.

Ya see, the IPCC types are DENIERS of simple physics. The amount of CO2 coming out of the oceans is affected by the pressure and content of CO2 in the atmosphere along with temps of course. If we humans actually create CO2 that is NOT absorbed locally it will increase the concentration of CO2 in the

atmosphere over the water INHIBITING natural release to the extent that we have caused an increase in the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere!!!!

Many of our SMART guys on the blogs can’t seem to get their heads around this very simple FACT!!!

All else being equal, human production of CO2 will NOT increase the amount in the atmosphere as it inhibits the natural release from the oceans AND grows the bio sinks!!

Finally, this is why the IPCCers HAD TO fake the 280ppm level pre industrial. Without that huge LIE no one would have fallen for their CO2 mythology!!

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44{KinkyKeith} #22.2.3  
 August 12, 2013 at 10:25 pm · +8 -1

I have absolutely no problems with anyone doing a mass balance for CO2.

My problem with this, is that it is not done.

No mass balance on CO2 has been done.

They have been half done and maybe even 60% done but not to completion.

If you don’t even understand ALL of the sources and sinks of CO2 you obviously cant quantify them.

My problem with Ferdinand Engelbeen is that he misses out on many factors and then blandly assumes, as you say, that the Earth was in perfect equilibrium before modern man came along.

That is total junk science.

I take this seriously too because I don’t like being lied to by anybody but especially politicians.

Especially don’t like to see my taxes used by politicians to cement their future with some voters.

Some will give their vote to the pollie with the biggest social security package and that’s not working here or in Greece.

This Carbon Dioxide tax collection by fraud is just a modern form of slavery and that was supposed to have been outlawed 200 years ago.

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44{Craig King} #23  
 August 12, 2013 at 5:27 am · +3 -0

Thanks Bernd, I have been thrashing about trying to find that connection having seen it a few weeks ago.

No doubt the devout believers will ignore the 5.4 years and Salby’s stuff but it does make the point clearly and succinctly.

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44{mememine69} #24  
 August 12, 2013 at 5:49 am · +1 -0

This costly debate to save our planet will end when science their vey own crisis will happen, not just “might” happen and “could” happen. The scientists can



say comet hits are real but the world of science won't say their own comet hit of a climate crisis is as real as they love to say comet hits are as in "eventual". Science has agreed for 28 years now that it "could" happen and have never said anything beyond "maybe". Help my planet is on fire maybe?

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44{Lars P.} #25  
 August 12, 2013 at 6:13 am · +7 -0  
 "Now, can we please get back to the science?"

Nice try Jo.

Why warmista will not talk about science and try to discuss Salby's work the same way skeptics do with Gergis, Lew & co?

I fear skeptics will further focus on the science and get the warmista attack dogs biting whenever they find a weakness or the situation allows them to invent anything.

The reason is simple, their "science" is not something that can be understood using the scientific method.

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #25.1  
 August 26, 2013 at 6:03 pm +0 -0  
 ... their "science" is not something that can be understood using the scientific method.

Thank you for putting the word "science" in quotes.

If it cannot be understood using the scientific method, then it might be religion, or fairy tales, but it is certainly **not** science.

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44{RCS} #26  
 August 12, 2013 at 6:36 am · +11 -0  
 Contrast the way that Prof Salby has been treated with how the University(?) of East Anglia rallied around Jones after Climategate.  
 The trouble with bureaucrats is that they think they done frightfully well when they behave like this but they haven't the insight to realise the damage they do their institution's reputation.

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44{Greg Goodman} #27  
 August 12, 2013 at 7:28 am · +3 -0  
 Jo says: "This is not a bun-fight I want to get into, I'm more interested in the scientific research he is doing."

Indeed. The best way to hit back would be to publish the work they are apparently trying to suppress.

Your article from Aug 2011 said his "blockbuster" paper had already passed

peer review and would be published in about six weeks.

That was two years ago.

His Hamburg letcure looked interesting. So now, where's the beef?

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44{joannenova} Joanne Nova #27.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 11:45 am · +12 -0

Greg, all good points. Both David and I have asked Salby about those publications, and my impression is that the gatekeeper-role of peer reviewed journals is working perfectly. I won't give details, as I think Salby prefers to keep a low profile. But at least one of the reasons for delay was bizarre. I think the point is coming where real scientists need to give up on the peer-reviewed subscription journal model. Real science is being slowed.

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44{dbstealey} Smokey #28  
 August 12, 2013 at 7:37 am +3 -0  
 These peer reviewed papers show that CO2 residence times are between 5 and 10 years:  
<http://c3headlines.typepad.com/.a/6a010536b58035970c0120a5e507c9970c-pi>

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44{Ferdinand Engelbeen} #28.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 9:01 pm +1 -4  
 Smokey, different processes at work. Residence time and decay rate of an excess amount of CO2 have little to nothing to do with each other.  
 That doesn't mean that the IPCC Bern model is right, but that is a complete different discussion.

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44{richardscourtney} Richard S Courtney #28.1.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 10:18 pm · +4 -0  
 Friends:

Many will know that Ferdinand and I have severe disagreements about the carbon cycle, the 'mass balance argument', and etc..

But Ferdinand is completely right about this. Residence time of atmospheric CO2 is NOT indicative of the decay rate of atmospheric residence time.

Please return to the important issues of

(a) Salby's work

and

(b) the political actions being undertaken to discredit Salby and, thus, acceptance of his work.

Richard

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44{KuhnKat} #39  
 August 12, 2013 at 8:14 am · +8 -0  
 Seems the powers that be are AFRAID of Dr. Salby's work!!!

44{Roy Hogue} #30  
 August 12, 2013 at 9:25 am · +5 -0  
 Find out exactly who's boat he rocked and those will be the people responsible for the problem. And it may not be the people who're actually doing the hatchet job.

44{Gary Pearse} #31  
 August 12, 2013 at 9:40 am · +7 -0  
 Hmm... Do you think that an angry head at Colorado U had a friend inside NSF – retaliation for their glomming his computer and data and losing the court case to keep them. These are very very ugly people. At least he won't end up on the asterisked PhD list.

44{Eli Rabett} #10.XXX  
 August 13, 2013 at 2:56 pm · +0 -1  
 That angry head at Colorado was Peter Webster who is Judith Curry's husband. Sure you want to go there?

44{Patsi baker} ★RateMyProfessors August 12 3:10am UTC #32  
 August 12, 2013 at 11:10 am · +0 -14  
 Hmmm.

Macquarie University is ADAMANT that Salby was NOT sacked for his science, but because he wasn't doing his job, ie teaching.

See [this statement](#) from Macquarie:

"Professor Salby's employment was not terminated in any way related to his views on climate science, but rather due to misconduct in two areas. The first was his repeated refusal to teach, over a sustained period of time, in contravention of his contract of employment.

"The second reason was inappropriate use of University resources. Professor Salby travelled to Europe during a time when he was obliged to be at the University against direct, written instruction. Furthermore he used a University credit card to pay for the flights through an unapproved agency. This is against University policy."

and their [second statement](#):

"Professor Salby's employment was terminated firstly, because he did not fulfil his academic obligations, including the obligation to teach. After repeated directions to teach, this matter culminated in his refusal to undertake his teaching duties and he failed to arrive at a class he had been scheduled to take."

So. He was travelling to Europe, using the University credit card without permission, when he when he should have been back at Macquarie, teaching

his students. NONE of this had ANYTHING to do with his views on climate science.

Mind you, seems the students were probably better off without him. Check out this [student rating](#) of him at UC:

"Worst class I've taken at CU. Very unapproachable, rude, didn't explain diagrams he drew, uninteresting. If you're going to take this class, make sure you get the other teacher."

And

"One of the worst professors I've encountered. The class could have been interesting and clear but he made it complicated and completely unclear. Terrible instructor."

And

"Lectures very boring and dull...notes taken right out of the textbook so why bother going?

There isn't a shred of substantiated evidence, anywhere, that he was sacked from Macquarie for his views on climate science. Yet you continue to claim this, time after time. Give me some evidence, by all means, please!

44{joannenova} Joanne Nova #32.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 12:00 pm · +17 -0

And if MQ sacked him because they didn't like the results of his research, they are hardly going to tell us that are they?

Those teaching duties were not part of the contract Salby signed, MQ added them in, Salby never agreed to the changed conditions. MQ were adding in so many onerous hours of teaching, marking and what-not that Salby would have been unable to do much research.

Not a shred of evidence? MQ don't disagree that they sacked him, nor that they abandoned him in Paris without even a phone call, nor that they canceled his non-refundable ticket and held a meeting to discuss his work in his absence. That's evidence of petty spite and denial of natural justice, as well as plain bad unprofessional manners. Find me an example of where they have done this for alarmist scientists? There are plenty who work at MQ.

44{AndyG55} #32.1.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 12:26 pm · +14 -0

"that they cancelled his non-refundable ticket and held a meeting to discuss his work in his absence"

This I think is the clincher.. says it all.

He was **deliberately** prevented from have a say at his trial.. The **right of reply was refused** to him.

If the ticket was wrongly purchased, they should have insisted he pay back the money, but to cancel it and leave him stranded overseas **so that he could not attend**.. that is a despicable and unconscionable act!

44{jorgekafkazar} #32.1.1.1  
 August 13, 2013 at 2:56 am · +2 -0  
 “Here at Global Warmism, despicable and unconscionable acts are our most important products.”

44{Backslider} #32.1.2  
 August 13, 2013 at 1:35 am · +3 -0  
 The very fact that MQ was able to cancel the ticket indicates that Professor Salby was **not** the person who purchased it, since if he was he would be the only person who could cancel it.  
 The ticket was purchased by MQ. Let them explain that simple fact.

44{Eli Rabett} #32.1.2.1  
 August 13, 2013 at 2:59 pm · +0 -1  
 Business cards do not work that way. The card belongs to the university, but the professor is authorized to use it until he or she is not.

44{Chris} #32.1.3  
 August 19, 2013 at 10:05 pm · Reply +0 -0  
 If this action was due to his skeptic beliefs, why would MQ hire him in the first place? You say teaching duties were not part of his responsibilities. If his role was to be research only, and they had an issue with his skeptical beliefs, why would they have hired him in the first place? His skeptical views were known prior to their hiring decision.  
 This recent article from the Australian, which as I understand it is typically conservative, does not paint Salby in a positive light:  
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/physicist-marie-lise-chanin-changes-her-mind-on-murry-salby-support/story-e6frgcjx-1226696589221>

44{Patsi baker} #33  
 August 12, 2013 at 11:29 am · +0 -4  
 given I cannot answer you on my blogpost, I'll keep posting them – you can delete them but I can't respond to you in any other way.  
 You asked me for substantiation, and I gave you all the links. I corrected one link, and you asked me to substantiate Macquarie statement, so I did, with links. You're happy to post any old shit that Salby says, none of which is substantiated, but you won't post my comment, which is backed up by statements from Macquarie itself.

44{joannenova} Joanne Nova #33.1  
 August 13, 2013 at 12:18 am · +5 -0

Patsi, just because MQ says something doesn't make it true. The same applies to Prof Salby. But when he said they cancelled a non-refundable ticket and stranded him in Paris, they responded and they didn't deny it, nor did they deny holding a misconduct meeting in his absence. If he was making it up, they've had every chance to set the record straight. I emailed and phoned MQ to confirm. I posted the entire reply that MQ sent me.  
 And I have seen legal documents substantiating Salby's claims, but I am not at liberty to post them. I did post your comment with links to MQ statements.  
 Methinks you doth protest too much.

44{Patsi baker} #34  
 August 12, 2013 at 12:07 pm · +2 -14  
 “And if MQ sacked him because they didn't like the results of his research, they are hardly going to tell us that are they?”  
 so where is your evidence that they did? There's nothing in any document nor letter to Salby nor anything else, apart from all of you lot saying that's why. Where is your substantiation of your allegation they sacked him for his climate views. Give me ONE PIECE of evidence.

44{Streetcred} #34.1  
 August 12, 2013 at 1:19 pm · +6 -0  
 “Patsi” for MQ ?  
 Where've you been sleeping all of this time ? The evidence is there ... you need to open it.

44{Duster} #34.2  
 August 12, 2013 at 4:18 pm · +5 -0  
 The question is, why did they sack him? Indeed, why did they hold an “inquiry” which they insured he could not attend by stranding him in Germany? It might not be his science, or his paperwork, but if not, then what was he rocking if it wasn't a scientific boat?

44{Backslider} #34.3  
 August 13, 2013 at 1:58 am · +2 -0  
 Give me ONE PIECE of evidence  
 The evidence is circumstantial. Circumstantial evidence alone has put people away for life, or even death. It only takes an open mind to see it, something which clearly you lack Patsi.

44{Rereke Whakaaro} #34.4  
 August 13, 2013 at 3:08 pm · +1 -0

Patsi,  
Why don't you make yourself a nice cup of herbal tea, and then have a little lie down?  
Once you are rested, I am sure you will feel a lot better.

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44 {joannenova} Joanne Nova #34.5  
August 14, 2013 at 4:16 am · +1 -0  
And the number of alarmist scientists you've been able to name that they sacked under similar bizarre conditions is ... zero.

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44 {Greg Goodman} #35  
August 12, 2013 at 4:53 pm · +3 -2  
Joanne Nova  
August 12, 2013 at 11:45 am ·  
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I think the point is coming where real scientists need to give up on the peer-reviewed subscription journal model. Real science is being slowed.

Thanks for the reply Jo.

Journals no longer have the monopoly on information that they once had. If they continue to allow editorial bias, gatekeeping games and act like newspapers rather than scientific repositories they will become less and less relevant.

If Murray Salby has been thwarted for over two years he should simply publish on line, in some russian or hungarian journal or arxiv.org like most physics and maths researchers do. There are far more competent people out here that could peer-review his work than the 3 or 4 possibly hostile reviewers any journal will pick.

If there is some petty politics going on to suppress his work, the best retaliation is to ensure it gets seen widely and publicly.

I've done some work on this out-gassing question myself and am very interested in what he has to say.

But further delay at this stage starts to look like his ideas do not stand up to close scrutiny. At some stage wailing about gate-keeping is just going to start looking like an excuse.

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44 {richardscourtney} Richard S Courtney #35.1  
August 12, 2013 at 10:31 pm · +12 -1

Greg Goodman:

You assert

But further delay at this stage starts to look like his ideas do not stand up to close scrutiny. At some stage wailing about gate-keeping is just going to start looking like an excuse.

**Sorry, but NO!**

Salby's paper passed peer review but has not been published.

There can be no excuse for failure to publish it so it can become part of the scientific literature to be refuted or accepted.

**Delay of its publication AFTER peer review reflects on those inhibiting its publication and NOT on its contents.**

I know from personal experience how papers can be prevented from publication by nefarious method; see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmsctech/memo/climatedata/uc0102.htm>

Richard

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44 {NoFixedAddress}s #36  
August 12, 2013 at 5:04 pm · +0 -0  
Thank you for that precis.

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44 {Davet916} #37  
August 13, 2013 at 12:47 am · +0 -0  
Joanne,

When I first came upon Prof Salby's situation and read the whole story, the thing that I was left wondering about was the 'contract'. If there was a contract, present it. It would end all the he said/she said and show exactly who did or didn't do as promised. If MQ stated in the contract that they would provide all that Prof Salby claims, end of story. If not, well . . . .

I didn't read all the comments above so if this was already covered, bad on me.  
Dave T

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44 {Backslider} #38  
August 13, 2013 at 1:50 am · +7 -0  
My gut feeling on the whole Salby affair is that he was seen as highly dangerous to the warmist meme a long time ago and was lured to Macquarie U, home of such warmist luminaries as Tim Flannery and John Cook, to set him up and dispense with him for good.

One only needs to look at how impossible it was made for him to carry out his ongoing research. That did not stop him however, thus the killer blow had to be swift and sure.

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44{Margot} XXX #38.1  
August 26, 2013 at 4:21 pm · +0 -2

If you can find any Salby climate-related work that is sympathetic to the “sceptical” position and that appears \*prior\* to his move to Macquarie in 2009, then you will have demonstrated that you have a point.

Can you, though, Backslider, or is this just more of your fantastical opinionating?

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44{MemoryVault} #38.1.1  
August 26, 2013 at 5:18 pm +1 -0

Sneaking in a critical reply on a thread TWO WEEKS old!!.

Have you no shame, Margot?

Current threads too difficult?

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44{jorgekafkazar} #39  
August 13, 2013 at 2:51 am · +2 -0

“Now, can we please get back to the science?”

Science has passed on, sad to say. It is no more, has ceased to be, expired. It’s a stiff. Bereft of life, it rests in peace. It’s off the twig, has kicked the bucket, shuffled off its mortal coil, rung down the curtain, and joined the bleedin’ choir invisible.

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44{Anton} #40  
August 13, 2013 at 7:17 am · +3 -0

I hope he sues the living daylight out of MacQuarie and wins copious compensation and a grovelling apology.

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44{Macquarie University Insider} #41  
August 13, 2013 at 1:52 pm · +0 -0

Joanna wrote: “Murry Salby was sacked from Macquarie University, and Macquarie struggled to explain why, among other things, it was necessary to abandon, and strand him in Paris and hold a “misconduct” meeting in his absence.” “They cancelled an air ticket on him leaving him in a foreign city with no accommodation and no warning, or even a courtesy call”. ‘They held a misconduct proceeding which he was unable to attend because of the flight cancellation”.

Sacking Murry Salby was operated by Michael Egan (former Bob Carr’s Treasurer). Macquarie university struggled to explain because Human

Resources (Tim Sprague – Director) did a “doggy” job (with evil tactics). With the Communist Party of China’s sponsorship (using a range of top-down and bottom-up global tactics) via the Labor Party and a number of affiliate networks, they can influence Government administrations and public services (including Australian universities). Even Australian unions (e.g. deals & donation) and CPA (e.g. immigration visa factory from Mainland China) have also taken huge benefits from the Communist Party.

Do you know agent Penny Wong, Leader of the Government in the Senate? Do you think Rudd can get back his job on 26 June without the sponsorship? Do you think Bob Carr can come back as a senior politician without the sponsorship?

Will soft-political policies (e.g. environment, education, multiculturalism and poverty) change future Australia? Will Australians want to give everything away or live in the same standard as third world? Lets see what Australians really want..

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44{Mark D.} #41.1  
August 13, 2013 at 2:06 pm · +0 -0  
Interesting. Very interesting....

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #41.1.1  
August 13, 2013 at 3:03 pm · +1 -0  
Interesting. Very interesting...

Only in the sense of Hogans’ Heros.

And that adequately describes the comment, to which you refer.

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44{KinkyKeith} #41.1.1.1  
August 13, 2013 at 10:22 pm · +0 -0

We may have had the same response there.

No doubt the influence is there but I doubt that China would be concerned about Murry Salby.

KK

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44{Macquarie University Insider} #41.1.1.1.1  
August 14, 2013 at 3:24 pm · +0 -0  
Thats why Labor split. Gillard vs Rudd?

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44{Eli Rabett} #42  
August 13, 2013 at 3:23 pm · +0 -3

Some very curious things in that statement by Prof. Salby:

The proposal was declined – over a technicality.

To avert wasting more of the scientific community's time, the revised proposal included a description of the original proposal's reviews, along with why it had been declined. NSF then required the reviewers to repeat the process. Reviewers, after having instructed NSF to fund the work, were then critical of NSF officials, over their handling of the proposal. Despite the vulnerability of their own support, they questioned why the original proposal had not been funded and why, instead, NSF officials had needlessly wasted the scientific community's time and resources.

First, reviewers do NOT instruct NSF or any other agency to fund any proposal. They rank proposals and provide reasons for that ranking. One may find strong statements such as "NSF should... or even NSF must...", but NSF, NASA, NOAA, etc. don't have to, that is the decision of the program manager and everyone, including Prof. Salby knows that.

Second, resubmissions are always re-reviewed because they are competing with a different group of proposals from others. Something that reviewed well in one group but was not funded may run into a bunch of really great proposals later on and fall down relatively in the rankings. If Salby got the same reviewers the program manager was being nice to him. There is nothing so calming as being whipsawed by two different panels of reviewers and Prof. Salby must know that.

Third, well yeah, you don't meet the requirements of the call for proposals and you don't get funded. Eli has seen proposals (including one of his own) tossed out because magic words required by the program were missing. Others have gone over page limits or used too small type, etc. and lost. The budgets and budget justifications have places where tigers lurk if you are not careful. The moral is read the damn instructions.

So some, not Eli to be sure, wonder about the impression Prof. Salby is trying to convey

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44{Brian G Valentine} #42.1  
 August 17, 2013 at 3:59 pm · +1-0  
 Eli baby, welcome to the real world. Proposal choices are the sole discretion of the source selection official.  
 I never filled that role. If I did, I would be the unique Source Selection Official and absolute denialist in the Federal Government.  
 There won't be one of those for 30 years.  
 Wanna bet? (A common interjection of yours, I am simply mimicking your approach to life)  
 On the other hand, neither you nor I will be around to collect on the bet.

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Eli Rabett} #42.1.1  
 August 19, 2013 at 9:32 am · +0 -1

Brian baby, you appear to have missed the sentences:

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So we furiously agree. Wanna bet on that?:)  
 However there is a caveat, at least wrt NSF,

After scientific, technical and programmatic review and consideration of appropriate factors, the NSF Program Officer recommends to the cognizant Division Director whether the proposal should be declined or recommended for award.

[http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf13001/gpg\\_3.jsp#IIIE](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf13001/gpg_3.jsp#IIIE)

So there, strictly speaking it is the Division Director's call, although AFAEK, they very seldom differ.

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44{KuhnKat} #42.1.1.1  
 August 19, 2013 at 1:50 pm +1 -1  
 Hey, Brer Rabbet,  
 that is a really nice explanation of how things are SUPPOSED to work.  
 Doesn't really fit the kinds of activities that were exposed in Climategate.  
 Thanks for wasting our time with your lame excuses.

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44{Gee Aye} #42.2  
 August 19, 2013 at 10:18 am · +0 -1  
 Is there another person called Eli you are talking to? It is not a common name.

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44{Rereke Whakaaro} #42.2.1  
 August 26, 2013 at 5:31 pm +1 -0  
 You haven't been to Israel recently, I see ...

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44{robert} #43  
 August 17, 2013 at 12:26 am ·  
 thank you for that post richard s courtney.i live in the uk and was aware that the select committee enquiry into climategate was a bit of a sham.  
 your above post beggars belief at what has gone on in the uk since.  
 we are about to see a huge publicly funded proliferation of useless wind farms in the north sea off the back of what you have shown to be very dubious



evidence.none of which will achieve the projected lifespan of 25 years.the north sea has a habit of destroying even the toughest structures man places in it.

we can be sure that the companies installing these heavily subsidised wind farms will all be out of business by the time decommissioning comes around,leaving the uk taxpayers to subsidise that as well.

all while our peak power usage periods are supplied by diesel generators.sadly this symptomatic of the lack of cohesive thought in uk politics today.

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44{Eli Rabett} #46  
 August 23, 2013 at 1:46 pm +3 -0  
 NSF has responded to the question of why the report was on the OIG web site}  
 ★ NSF response to FOIA claim Aug 23 05:46am UTC

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44{Margot} #46.1  
 August 26, 2013 at 4:26 pm +0 -0  
 Nice work Eli – good to see scepticism paying off.

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44{joannenova} **Oh yes – skepticism about someone’s biography. Has Eli discussed the science? I couldn’t find it? \_ Jo**

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44{joannenova} Joanne Nova #46.2  
 August 26, 2013 at 6:03 pm +0 -0  
 Since the NSF report contains so-called “findings” that even the NSF admits are not backed by evidence, questions of defamation stand untouched. Frankly the document shows how sloppy the NSF is.  
 And now the NSF author admits that it is confusing to label it “confidential” when supposedly it isn’t really? Another detail the NSF managed incompetently? Their publication standards are low aren’t they?  
 And perhaps it was released under FOI, but the NSF is strangely vague on that. Who requested it, and who decided that the release of such an unbalanced article, with specious unbacked claims was “in the public interest?”.

It’ll kill you if his scientific work turns out to be right won’t it? You will have been one of the petty ad hom attackers trying to do character assassination instead of getting the science right.

So Eli, have you any thoughts on his equation about how Temp and CO2 are related?

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44{Eli Rabett} #47  
 August 31, 2013 at 2:09 pm +0 -0

Much of the discussion has centered around what was promised to Dr. Salby by Macquarie and what was in his contract, insofar as there is a contract that extends beyond the standard university conditions of employment stated in a faculty handbook of a general academic staff agreement. By experience the usual thing is that in the offer letter a series of undertakings are made by the University, but only exceptionally is a separate contract differing from the academic staff agreement made.

Now some, not Eli to be sure, might believe that if they exist Dr. Salby has copies of relevant documents which he might share or provide links to same.

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44{Backslider} #47.1  
 August 31, 2013 at 3:54 pm +0 -0  
 Perhaps Eli you might consider taking the time to study just what is a contract? You might be surprised.

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44{Eli Rabett} #48  
 August 31, 2013 at 11:10 pm +0 -0  
 The question, of course, is does Murry Salby, and can he produce one that matches his claims.

**Z.45 11 05:30pm WUWT.4 Anthony Watts****Murry Salby letter to critics**

[www.webcitation.org/6IqyWFp3t](http://www.webcitation.org/6IqyWFp3t) 44{Anthony Watts}

**POST**

'Murry Salby responds to the attacks on his record  
Jo Nova writes:

Murry Salby was sacked from Macquarie University, and Macquarie struggled to explain why, among other things, it was necessary to abandon, and strand him in Paris and hold a "misconduct" meeting in his absence. Since then he has been subject to attacks related to his previous employment. I've asked him to respond, which he has at length in a PDF (see below). The figures listed below refer to that PDF, which encompasses 15 years of events.

I don't have the resources (unlike the National Science Foundation, the NSF) to investigate it all, but wanted to give Murry the right of reply.

On closer inspection the NSF report used by people to attack Salby does not appear to be the balanced, impartial analysis I would have expected. Indeed the hyperbolic language based on insubstantial evidence is disturbing to say the least. Because of the long detailed nature of this I cannot draw conclusions, except to say that any scientist who responds to a question about Murry Salby's work with a reference to his employment is no scientist.

Remember the NSF report was supposedly an inhouse private document. It was marked "Confidential", subject to the Privacy Act, with disclosure outside the NSF prohibited except through FOI. Desmog vaguely suggest there "must have been an FOI", but there are no links to support that. In the end, a confidential, low standard, internal document with legalistic sounding words, may have been "leaked" to those in search of a character attack.  
My summary of his reply:

See: <http://joannenova.com.au/2013/08/murry-salby-responds-to-the-attacks-on-his-record/>  
The PDF:

[http://jonova.s3.amazonaws.com/guest/salby-murry/re\\_nsf\\_r.pdf](http://jonova.s3.amazonaws.com/guest/salby-murry/re_nsf_r.pdf)

**COMMENTS (214)**

Diversion: After 1-2 days, Salby-MQ or NSF discussions diverted almost entirely to long-running repetitive carbon-cycle arguments, mostly omitted here, except for a few comments to calibrate commenters on orange-vs-blue. As of 01/04/13, there were 569 comments.

□ 45 {ferd berple}ferdberple says:

[August 11, 2013 at 10:32 am](#)

If the facts support your case, argue the facts. If the facts support your opponent, argue the man. Salby is arguing the facts, Desmog is arguing the man.

I believe it was no less a figure than Abraham Lincoln that used this technique with great success. When faced with a case he could not win on the evidence he argued that the city slicker lawyer for the other side clearly didn't know what he was talking about, because he couldn't even figure out how to tie his collar.

(At the time collars were worn separate from the shirt, and it had become the fashion in the city to wear your collar back to front, while country folks still wore their collars front to front.)

□ 45 {milodonharlani} says:

[August 11, 2013 at 10:43 am](#)

Graham Readfearn, who "found" the NSF report, in the linked Desmog blog post, refers to Anthony Watts as a "denialist", along with a reporter. IMO the antiscientific IPCC denies reality, by asserting without evidence that humans are responsible for 90% of "climate change" over the past 50 years.

□ 45 {Ox AO} says:

[August 11, 2013 at 10:51 am](#)

NSF investigation started with this as it's primary reason:

From the PDF report:

"The investigation pursued numerous targets, finding little of substance. When one target proved fruitless, it adopted another. After years of searching, the best it could come up with was:

"...Acknowledged as the investigation's most significant finding, the claim was, by its own admission, mere speculation. It was inconsistent with the physical evidence..."

Since we do not know what this 'inconsistency' is and I doubt they did either because after this letter the NSF used the bureaucracy in order to eliminate him. Not on the bases of the science presented.

□ 45 {Nyq Only} says:

August 11, 2013 at 11:13 am

“Because of the long detailed nature of this I cannot draw conclusions, except to say that any scientist who responds to a question about Murry Salby’s work with a reference to his employment is no scientist.”

A reasonable point – but the NSF report did not come to light with regard to Prof Salby’s claims about CO2 but in relation to his allegations regarding his termination of employment.

□ 45 {*Christoph Dollis*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 12:10 pm

I’m willing to look at both sides and consider the possibility that perhaps Murray is a screwball.

But.

Macquarie University stranding him in Paris and holding a hearing they went out of their way to make sure he couldn’t attend *speaks volumes* about them.

There are also many other points in support of Murray and few if any in support of Macquarie.

It looks very much like Macquarie University broke their commitments to Murray and then went out of their way to discredit their own professor when he did *science* they didn’t approve of.

□ 45 {*Christoph Dollis*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 12:11 pm

\*Murry a.k.a. Professor Salby

□ 45 {*Nyq Only*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 12:22 pm

“Macquarie University stranding him in Paris and holding a hearing they went out of their way to make sure he couldn’t attend *speaks volumes* about them.”

Wait – According to both Prof Salby and the Uni they had not given approval for the trip and according to Prof Salby he had to fund the trip himself as a consequence. The university claims that Prof Salby bought the plane ticket using unapproved university funds and that claim fits with Prof Salby’s own account. So what we have is a university cancelling a plane ticket that had been improperly bought and Prof Salby abroad AGAINST THE ADVICE of the university. What should the university have done in such a circumstance? Personally I don’t think they should have cancelled the ticket but rather have recouped the money in a way that wouldn’t have left Prof Salby stranded. However it certainly isn’t as cut and dried as you describe it.

□ 45 {*RACookPE1978*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 12:34 pm

So, the CAGW-crowds’ hero-status goes to Jim Hansen who illegally and publically as a public employee not only received hundreds of thousands of dollars in extra pay and benefits and international travel from international agencies and gifts and “awards” DESPITE his illegal political statements and activities, but also that international acclaim and publicity came specifically BECAUSE of his political posturing.

but another man, NOT on the CAGW-crowds’ politically corrupt CAGW bandwagon, get stranded overseas wrongly and fired while stranded and without recourse because of .... what now? False claims and unsubstantiated “potential” problems while funding his own way to a conference?

□ 45 {*Christoph Dollis*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 12:37 pm

Fair points, Nyq.

□ 45 {*limogerry*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 12:49 pm

Desmogblog’s slanderous forays seem near comical in the context of James Hoggan’s public \$ tough-slurping behavior. What a piece of work he is. <http://archive.citycaucus.com/2009/02/was-council-bypassed-for-60k-contract>

□ 45 {*Nyq Only*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 12:51 pm

“but another man, NOT on the CAGW-crowds’ politically corrupt CAGW bandwagon, get stranded overseas wrongly and fired while stranded and without recourse because of .... what now? False claims and unsubstantiated “potential” problems while funding his own way to a conference?”

If he had funded his own way to the conference then the university couldn’t have cancelled his plane ticket. There is basic issue of facts here. Also according to Prof Salby’s account the problems with Macquarie U started years before Prof Salby’s public comments about the behavior of CO2.

□ 45 {*M Courtney*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 1:24 pm

This is not a bun-fight I want to get into, I’m more interested in the scientific research he is doing. But unskeptical activists are spinning what appears to be an unbalanced, inconsistent report to do what they do — attack the man, to distract us from his research. (If only DeSmog had scientific evidence they wouldn’t need to run the smear campaigns, would they?)

Jo Nova says it all.

Yet, I would add (being cynical) that if I wanted to take down a sceptical scientist in this manner – publically portraying him as weird- then I would

make sure he had priors and would have some vulnerability.  
They didn't try it with Pat Michaels, for example.  
But they did *tinker* with his career within academia.

□ 45{dbstealey} says:

[August 11, 2013 at 1:26 pm](#)

Nyq Only says:

*Personally I don't think they should have cancelled the ticket but rather have recouped the money in a way that wouldn't have left Prof Salby stranded. However it certainly isn't as cut and dried as you describe it.*

Agree with your first sentence. However, *it is* as 'cut and dried' as described by Mr Dollis. This was simply back room water-cooler politics. The feeders at the CAGW trough wanted to cause Prof Salby grief. Is there any doubt? The university's explanations are a load of hogwash. They never even attempted to get Salby's side of anything; they saw an opportunity to strand him at the airport and did. Then they saw an opportunity to decide his fate in their "investigation" — which they made sure he could not attend.

Maybe Salby isn't a team player. Maybe he is even off his rocker. I don't know. But you can be certain that if someone like Michael Mann or James Hansen was the issue, they never would have been stranded like that [in Mann's case, he was even allowed to sit in and help formulate the questions he was going to be asked in one of his "investigations"!]

The whole thing stinks. Macquarie acted unethically, repeatedly, as did [Colorado U](#). If you want to defend their actions, I look forward to your rationale. Because given the facts presented by both sides, I think they done him wrong.

□ 45{Keitho} says:

[August 11, 2013 at 1:29 pm](#)

Nice to see the argument here is about whether Salby acted outside the financial controls of his research. What about his research itself regarding CO2, surely that's the issue here.

□ 45{dbstealey} says:

[August 11, 2013 at 1:50 pm](#)

One of the comments on JoNova's site hits home:

I find it amazing that someone like Tim Flannery who has a 3 day week and pulls in \$180,000 per year, plus ALL expenses paid, and the government does nothing about the garbage he tells to all and sundry.

Because his views agree with the Green Scheme, simple as that.

Tim Flannery, who contributes nothing apart from a cocktail circuit of appearances, creating climate fear scenarios etc and gets rewarded.

Murry Salby views disagree and he gets vilified by the institution.

Have a look at the difference:

1. Tim Flannery: "that even if it rained again, it wouldn't fill the dams" **Big reward.**

2. Murry Salby: Presents a video slowly dissecting the climate models accepted by and promoted by the IPCC to continue their cause. **Sacked.**

I have seen the start of a trend in this area in government departments also (federal, state and local) in regard to termination of employment if skeptical views are aired publicly...

That kind of retaliation has been happening in the U.S., as documented in Montford's *The Hockey Stick Illusion*, and elsewhere.

We are witnessing a slide into intolerance. History repeats. Those defending the university's actions should think long and hard about what they are defending.

□ 45{Greg Goodman} says:

[August 11, 2013 at 1:54 pm](#)

The link to "Salsby's work" on Jo Nova's site is over two years old now.

Where's the "imminent blockbuster" paper ??! Supposedly six weeks away from being published two years ago.

I'm very interested from what I saw of Salsby's presentation in Hamburg recently but we need to see a paper not a lecture.

It does appear that there has been some very devious petty-politicking going on here, but the key issue is his work. Let's see what he's got.

□ 45{Greg Goodman} says:

[August 11, 2013 at 2:02 pm](#)

Don't forget Desmegblog was Peter Glick's "partner" in crime, collaborating in diffusing the fake Hearthland document.

How much cred can you give that site?

□ 45{Greg Goodman} says:

[August 11, 2013 at 2:08 pm](#)

Murry Salby says ice CO2 records may be off by a couple of orders of magnitude for the really old samples. That's a huge claim that needs backing up with some substantial arguments and quantitative evidence.

That was one part of his presentation that did not ring true to me. The rest of it "sounded" good but where is the much heralded paper?

It was reported at Jo Nova's the is had "passed peer review" in 2011 ..... where is it?

□ 45{Steve Short} says:

[August 11, 2013 at 5:03 pm](#)

Murray Salby has attempted to revive an old controversy about the accuracy of

ice core data for atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> simply because his theories now require that. But Salby is making (and needs to make for the sake of his theories) some very radical claims about a ‘reverse smoothing’ mechanism in the topmost (firn) layer of ice pre-load compaction. Salby has not cited any prior literature in support of the (his estimated) extremes of the ‘effect’ nor has he presented any published literature of his own on this ‘effect’ nor has he presented any published literature of his own on his theories per se (despite them now being quite some years in gestation). And yet he is clearly a good scientist in some other areas?! What gives?

Quite frankly, I find the previous claims by Prof. Zbigniew Jaworowski regarding a much milder ice core CO<sub>2</sub>-altering effect far more scientifically sound and supported by known data than those of Salby. See for example: <http://www.warwickhughes.com/icecore/>

It is noted that Jaworowski’s work (and minority position) was strongly supported by the historic review of the now deceased Ernst-George Beck on the body of pre-IR, chemically derived atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> data. As a former analytical chemist and geochemist I suggest it ‘beggars the imagination’ that all the pre-IR (pre-Keeling/Mauna Loa) historic atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> data could have been so wrong as Callendar, Keeling etc. (and the whole AGW bandwagon) have required.

But the fact remains that there is no sound evidence whatsoever that Salby’s radical levels of post-depositional reverse smoothing of past peak CO<sub>2</sub> levels have any credence.

Personally I find Salby’s stuff so extremely tendentious that it reaches even greater heights of imagination than the (latent and sensible heat transfer-free) fantasies of Ferenc Miskolczi. People in the sceptical camp who take up the baton on Salby’s behalf are ignoring the very same dictates of good science and sound logic that the thousands who ran amok with Miskolczi’s bizarre theory did. They do a great disservice to the sceptical community IMHO.

□ 45 {Nick Stokes} says:

August 11, 2013 at 5:26 pm

Here there is a long account now of how the NSF mistreated Salby. In fact the original investigation was actually by the Office of Inspector General (p 34). When Salby left UC, he sued the University, and the Governor of Colorado, for infringing on his civil rights; then he mounted a state suit against UC. But he didn’t legally challenge the OiG or NSF investigations leading to him being debarred from grant funding, which seem to be his primary problem.

□ 45 {Ian Wilson} says:

August 11, 2013 at 5:30 pm

Steve Short,

“...nor has he presented any published literature of his own on this ‘effect’ nor has he presented any published literature of his own on his theories per se (despite them now being quite some years in gestation). And yet he is clearly a good scientist in some other areas?! What gives?”

The history of science teaches us that when potentially new-ideas are put forward that question the status-quo [whether they are subsequently shown to be correct or not], they meet fierce resistance from the established scientific community. In an ideal world this is a good thing, since science requires a high level of proof before it abandons and established theory.

Unfortunately, we do not live in an ideal world, and so it is often the case that petty human spite and vindictiveness are used as the guiding principles in deciding whether or not these new ideas will appear in the peer-reviewed literature. Scientific history is replete with these pathetic attempts at gate-keeping.

If you are correct about Prof. Salby’s work then he will eventually put his ideas into the literature and they will be either fully/partially confirmed or rebuffed by the evidence.

The fact that the self-appointed gate-keepers of science are squealing like stuck-pigs about Prof. Salby’s work makes me feel that bulk of resistance he is experiencing is based upon the failings of human nature rather than genuine scientific concern.

□ 45 {Bart} says:

August 11, 2013 at 6:16 pm

Steve Short says:

August 11, 2013 at 5:03 pm

“...I suggest it ‘beggars the imagination’ that all the pre-IR (pre-Keeling/Mauna Loa) historic atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> data could have been so wrong as Callendar, Keeling etc. (and the whole AGW bandwagon) have required.”

Riggghhht. Because, as we all know, the history of Science is one smooth, unbroken progression of incremental modification of the consensus view.

In case it doesn’t come through, that statement is dripping with sarcasm. That is the whole problem with the appeals to the “consensus”. Even if it were true, it would only have weight if the consensus were usually correct. But, in fact, the “consensus” is *usually* hard over in the *wrong* direction prior to a **paradigm shift**.

□ 45 {Bart} says:

August 11, 2013 at 6:19 pm

BTW, Salby’s theory is almost trivially confirmed by **readily available evidence**. The rate of change of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is proportional



to temperature anomaly with respect to a particular baseline. No its, ands, or butts about it. Human inputs have little effect. It's right *there*, right before our eyes. The only way to miss it is to have a heavy bias against recognizing what is placed right under one's nose.

□ 45 {*Nick Stokes*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 6:28 pm

dbstealey says: August 11, 2013 at 1:26 pm

"This was simply back room water-cooler politics. The feeders at the CAGW trough wanted to cause Prof Salby grief. Is there any doubt?"

Is there any evidence? Prof Salby was suspended without pay in February, pending a misconduct hearing. That would entail cancelling his Uni credit card. Someone in the Finance dept would have had the job of dealing with any outstanding matters on the card. The ticket got cancelled.

"They never even attempted to get Salby's side of anything:"

Prof Salby took off for Europe after he had been suspended, with misconduct hearing pending. That is a *structured process* with the union represented and ample opportunity for the subject to be heard and quiz people. He preferred to be in Europe. The committee is required to meet within fifteen days, so it's hardly the case that being in Paris weeks later kept him away.

□ 45 {*Niff*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm

Nyq Only says:

August 11, 2013 at 12:22 pm

*Personally I don't think they should have cancelled the ticket but rather have recouped the money in a way that wouldn't have left Prof Salby stranded.*

What is even more obvious in regards to motivations is that the ticket was non-refundable and therefore Macquarie got nothing back, financially, for cancelling the ticket.

□ 45 {*Christoph Dollis*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 6:40 pm

The university's explanations are a load of hogwash. They never even attempted to get Salby's side of anything; they saw an opportunity to strand him at the airport and did. Then they saw an opportunity to decide his fate in their "investigation" — which they made sure he could not attend.

I agree with this. There simply was no good reason to hold the hearing in his absence. That stunk to high heaven.

If they felt really perturbed by the airline ticket, they could have cancelled it and rescheduled the hearing, and brought up the ticket at the hearing that Professor Salby then attended.

□ 45 {*Christoph Dollis*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 6:41 pm

What is even more obvious in regards to motivations is that the ticket was non-refundable and therefore Macquarie got nothing back, financially, for cancelling the ticket.

True that. To cancel a non-refundable ticket for *zero* financial gain, which also resulted (coincidentally? lol) in Prof. Salby being unable to attend the hearing.

□ 45 {*Christoph Dollis*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 6:51 pm

Even if the university was within their rights, to cancel the ticket and hold the hearing on schedule makes them look bad. They should have either let him fly back (and attempted to recoup any proper expenses rather than cancel a non-refundable ticket) or rescheduled the hearing a little later.

This would have given the appearance of proper behaviour and would make the hearing result seem more credible. As it is, they look terrible — facts aside.

□ 45 {*Steve Short*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 7:05 pm

Bart I am not at all convinced that "Salby's theory(s) (there are a number of them if you look closely) is/are almost trivially confirmed by readily available evidence." Your logic and reference) is faulty, in that respect. At least part of Salby's theory(s) is/are patently over the top when it boils down to 'post-depositional CO2 level smoothing' in ice. Where is the evidence for that?

But I am convinced there is indeed an unresolved discrepancy (putting aside the tribe-like tendency of a majority of little boys clubs to reach a consensus even if the consensus is not absolutely proven) between the reality of the CO2 in air bubbles in ice cores and the reality of CO2 in a contemporary atmosphere (trapped at the time). Murry Salby was only right about one thing — it is all about the firm layer. But he is a lot less right than Jaworowski who came well before. Jaworowski is a practiced hands on an core expert who speaks clumsy English. Salby is a moderately talented signal deconvoluter, not an experimentalist (see his published papers).

This paper reveals the rarely mentioned rot behind that consensus:

<http://cdiac.ornl.gov/trends/co2/siple.html>

The key sentences are of course:

"The ice could be dated with an accuracy of approximately  $\pm 2$  years to a depth of 144 m (which corresponds to the year 1834) by counting seasonal variations in electrical conductivity."

and

"On the basis of porosity measurements, investigators determined that the time lag between the mean age of the gas and the age of the ice was 95 years and that the

duration of the close-off process was 22 years (Schwander and Stauffer 1984).” Everything since has hinged on those subsequent (almost invariably never acknowledged) ‘fiddle factors’ called ‘time lag’ and (mean) ‘close off duration’. Yet another model.

What this really means is that we really only know the CO2 content of the atmosphere in (say) Victorian times to  $\pm 95$  years – coincidentally well within the majority of the pre-1900 chemical determinations which (in all fairness) averaged about 335 ppmv around 1884 (then ‘consensus value’) – very close indeed to the 345 ppmv (‘new consensus’) value for 1984!

Those Bern Swiss; Friedl, Neftel, Oeschger et al have a lot to answer for IMHO. It is where this rotten new consensus first really took root. Thirty years later their fiddle-factored consensus has still not been put to a burden of absolute truth. Fact.

□ 45 {*John Whitman*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 7:53 pm

I have Murry Salby’s climate textbook published in early 2012. In it there is little corroboration of the IPCC’s assessment of alarming AGW from burning fossil fuels.

I recommend for all to access it. One (of several) observations is that he is very critical of the Bern Carbon Cycle Model.

Salby is very publicly in fundamental opposition to Australian and US climate science establishments. That alone calls forth very critical vigilance / due diligence on their version of their story about the instances of their treatment of him.

We saw CG1 & CG2 provide widespread evidence showing a significant number of establishment scientists thwarting scientists which opposed their own; that is thwarting skeptical climate science that was critical of the IPCC’s ideologically biased meme of alarming AGW from burning CO2.

When a situation arises where there is an internationally based establishment focussing pejoratives toward a single individual, it should be of concern to those who have had the experience of opposing establishment.

John

□ 45 {*Allan MacRae*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 9:22 pm

Thanks Bart. Good comments.

Steve – not so much.

Best, Allan

□ 45 {*limogerry*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 10:12 pm

‘James Hoggan’s public \$ tough-slurping behavior.” Correction: “trough-slurping”

□ 45 {*Steve Short*} says:

August 11, 2013 at 11:32 pm

If anyone were to doubt that the extraction of ALL CO2 from ice core i.e. of a sample truly representative of the total partial pressure in the atmosphere at time of ice deposition AND of its delta13C ratio is not quite the ‘open and shut case’ which has been presented to the general public by the ‘consensus crowd’ since the early 1980s, they need only read the following RECENT papers:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1029/97JC00159/abstract?deniedAccessCustomisedMessage=&userIsAuthenticated=false>

<http://epic.awi.de/25634/1/schmitt11amt.pdf>

My apologies that Alex Wilson’s paper is behind a firewall (noting he is one of the grand old men of ice core CO2 work) but the Introduction to the 2nd paper by Schmitt et al more or less let all of the long well-concealed cats out of the bag.

Please note that, ironically, these methodological issues also profoundly effect the reliability of both the CO2 and the 13C data Murry Salby has relied on for his Fourier Transform analysis etc.

(not for the MacRaes of this world ;-)

□ 45 {*richard verney*} says:

August 12, 2013 at 1:43 am

Obviously none of us know the full and true facts. It is usually the case that matters are not black and white, and neither side openly and accurately conveys the true and full position.

That said, I find it completely unacceptable for the University to hold a hearing in Prof. Salby’s absence. This is almost certainly against the rules of natural justice. It is almost certainly the case that whatever the cause behind Prof Salby’s absence (ie., whether it was justified or not), the correct and appropriate procedure would have been to postpone the hearing and re-schedule it for a date when Prof Salby could attend and/or was in some other way represented.

In Court cases, it is my understanding that hearings are rarely conducted in the absence of one of the parties, and usually there is an adjournment with cost consequences which may depend upon the reason for the absence. I would have thought that the reasoning behind such approach to be even more compelling in the case of disciplinary hearings which may lead to dismissal. It would surprise me greatly if the University can justify its position with respect to the hearing, but then as noted at the outset, perhaps the full facts and circumstances are not known.

Whilst it is obviously of great concern to Prof Salby personally, and whilst I can see the wider implication for scientists who do not tow the 'party line', my utmost concern is the science. I am predominantly interested in whether and to what extent (if any) there is validity in the scientific points (or some of them) raised by Prof Salby.

Attacks against the man carry no weight, and hopefully this episode will not silence Prof Salby and he will continue to explore and push the science that he considers to be correct and relevant. Hopefully, the debate on this science will continue unabated.

□ 45 {*richard verney*} says:

August 12, 2013 at 1:54 am

Bart says:

August 11, 2013 at 6:19 pm

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Bart

i have seen you raise this point a number of times together with your supporting plot. I have never seen Nick Stokes respond to your point and it would be interesting to read Nick Stokes' comments on your point and the plotted data to which you refer (in your hyper link).

If Nick Stokes is still following this thread, perhaps he would kindly respond to it, but, of course, that may well depend upon whether he has a good counter argument.

□ 45 {*Ferdinand Engelbeen*} says:

August 12, 2013 at 2:11 am

Steve Short says:

August 11, 2013 at 7:05 pm

Simply said: let Ernst Beck and Jaworowsky rest in peace, together with their theories of historical measurements and ice cores .

I had some long year discussions with the late Ernst Beck about the historical measurements. Most should be discarded as taken in "CO2 heat islands" to compare with the interpretation of temperature readings. Taken midst of towns, forests, growing crops, etc. levels between 200 and 650 ppmv at the same place within hours...

Samples taken over the oceans were around the CO2 values of ice cores, confirmed decades later. See further:

[http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/beck\\_data.html](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/beck_data.html)

As problematic is what the late Jaworowsky said: migration of CO2 from lower concentrations to higher ones, misinterpretation of the difference between the ice age and gas age of ice cores, etc... Most of his objections were already answered by Etheridge e.a. in 1992 by drilling three ice cores at Law

Dome with different techniques (wet and dry) and carefully measuring CO2 levels in firn and ice, top down. Including an overlap of ~20 years with the direct measurements at the South Pole. See further:

<http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/jaworowski.html>

The ice cores d13C is measured by sublimating all ice just under the melting point under vacuum and separating all gases cryogenically. That effectively destroys all clathrates which have been formed under pressure. See further:

<http://courses.washington.edu/proxies/GHG.pdf> for the CO2 distribution and the different techniques used and more in depth for the sublimation technique: [http://www.awi.de/de/forschung/fachbereiche/geowissenschaften/glaziologie/techniques/high\\_precision\\_d13c\\_and\\_co2\\_analysis/](http://www.awi.de/de/forschung/fachbereiche/geowissenschaften/glaziologie/techniques/high_precision_d13c_and_co2_analysis/)

Last but not least, Salby, Bart and others all interpretate the nice correlation between temperature and CO2 rate of change on short time variability as causing the whole increase over the past 160 years, or at least the past 50 years. But that is curve fitting, based on an completely arbitrary base line. One can make the same fit for every combination of temperature influence and human emissions. Thus one need to look at other observations to see what really happened. See for a comparison:

[http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim\\_img/co2\\_T\\_dT\\_em\\_1960\\_2011.jpg](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/co2_T_dT_em_1960_2011.jpg)

and

[http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim\\_img/co2\\_T\\_dT\\_em\\_1900\\_2011.jpg](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/co2_T_dT_em_1900_2011.jpg)

both are fitted to the least squares residue over the period 1960-2011

Then it becomes interesting: human emissions fit all observations, temperature doesn't. Thus according to Salby and Bart, the observations must be wrong and Salby makes his own interpretation of the migration in ice cores to fit his theory... But there is no such migration: over 800 kyr the peaks and drops in CO2 exactly follow the peaks and drops in temperature (with some lag) at a ratio of ~8 ppmv/K. If there was any substantial migration, the peaks of CO2 would fade over each interglacial 100 kyr back in time...

Bart simply rejects all other observations and "shows" that the oceans are the main source, be it that he doesn't include the negative feedback from a higher CO2 pressure in the atmosphere...

Where it goes wrong is that Salby and Bart think that the short term variation and the increase over the period 1850-current are caused by the same processes. But the short term reaction of (tropical) vegetation on temperature is by releasing more CO2, while the longer term reaction of (mid-latitude to polar) vegetation on temperature is more uptake. For short term reactions temperature is the main cause, while for the increase pressure related processes are at work...

□ 45 {Nick Stokes} says:

August 12, 2013 at 2:45 am

richard verney} says: August 12, 2013 at 1:54 am

“If Nick Stokes is still following this thread, perhaps he would kindly respond to it, “I don’t know how well what Bart is saying relates to any Salby theory. The reason is that while two years ago we **were told**

“The up and coming paper with all the graphs will be released in about six weeks. It has passed peer review, and sounds like it has been a long time coming.”

there’s been nothing in writing – not even a blog post.

But Bart’s theory has a big gap. He shows the derivative of pCO<sub>2</sub> against temperature, but with a fudge number, which aligns the graphs. That number includes the gradient of the steady rise of CO<sub>2</sub>, and corresponds to what sensible people see as the natural consequence of burning nearly 10 Gtons of carbon a year. That just disappears from the graph..

But that aside, if you look at the graph, it does track the El Nino peaks quite well. That’s not surprising – no one disputes that seas will outgas some CO<sub>2</sub> when they warm. Otherwise, tracking isn’t great. Since 1980 the CO<sub>2</sub> rate dips quite frequently with little corresponding temperature movement. Before then, it’s temperature that makes unrequited dips.

□ 45 {dbstealey} says:

August 12, 2013 at 2:54 am

Ferdinand,

Given that everything you say is true, what is your opinion on Macquarie U deliberately stranding Salby at he airport, and denying him the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing?

□ 45 {Nyq Only} says:

August 12, 2013 at 3:05 am

“Given that everything you say is true, what is your opinion on Macquarie U deliberately stranding Salby at he airport, and denying him the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing?”

The uni had asked Prof Salby not to travel and hadn’t approved his travel. What do you think the university should have done. What would YOU do if an employee of yours bought a plane ticket without approval?

□ 45 {Nyq Only} says:

August 12, 2013 at 3:09 am

“Even if the university was within their rights, to cancel the ticket and hold the hearing on schedule makes them look bad. They should have either let him fly back (and attempted to recoup any proper expenses rather than cancel a non-refundable ticket) or rescheduled the hearing a little later.

This would have given the appearance of proper behaviour and would make the

hearing result seem more credible. As it is, they look terrible – facts aside.”

I agree – just in this thread alone people keep returning to the stranded-at-the-airport story even though in Salby’s own account it was actually one of his weakest points. It is easy to see how the stranding occurred but it was a PR error on the uni’s part.

□ 45 {Nyq Only} says:

August 12, 2013 at 3:17 am

“Yet, I would add (being cynical) that if I wanted to take down a sceptical scientist in this manner – publically portraying him as weird- then I would make sure he had priors and would have some vulnerability.”

The problem with most of these plots-against-salby theories is they tend to mismatch with the sequence of events. In this case please remember that it was Prof Salby who publicized his dispute with Macquarie Uni and it was only after his public complaint (via this blog and others) that a prior dispute with his previous employer was publicized. Notably the NSF report did not appear on warmist sites in response to Prof Salby’s Sydney Institute lecture.

45 {dbstealey} says:

August 12, 2013 at 3:28 am

Greg Goodman says:

“It does appear that there has been some very devious petty-politicking going on here, but the key issue is his work. Let’s see what he’s got.”

Greg, you are on point, and the entire issue here is the university’s actions. They were not aboveboard, and they had nothing to do with Salby’s science. This was politics, nothing more or less.

And regarding this:

“...there is a long account now of how the NSF mistreated Salby. In fact the original investigation was actually by the Office of Inspector General (p 34). When Salby left UC, he sued the University, and the Governor of Colorado, for infringing on his civil rights; then he mounted a state suit against UC...”

Dr Salby prevailed in all of his actions, according to Jo Nova. When someone forces an institution and state bureaucrats to back down, there are hurt feelings, and some folks don’t forget. These vindictive attacks seem to have hounded Salby all the way to Australia. What else would explain what is going on here? I’m not defending or attacking Salby’s science. But it appears obvious that some un-named people are using the weight of the university to cause him personal grief. That seems reprehensible to me. His scientific facts should stand or fall on their own, without being hobbled by the university’s unethical actions.

Nyq Only says:

“What would YOU do if an employee of yours bought a plane ticket without



approval?”  
Please. You make it too easy.

45 {*DonShockley*} says:

[August 12, 2013 at 3:48 am](#)

After reading the ENTIRE report from the NSF (using the Desmog link) yesterday, a couple self-contradictions jumped out at me. Some were related to Salby's response and some were not. I won't address Salby's explanations in his response, only what was included in the NSF report itself. Equally troubling was the fact that all the supporting evidence mentioned in the report was not included. The only facts and figures were the NSF summary interpretations.

The main contradictions that bothered me were:

1. A footnote at the start of the report mentions the “duplicate” application with another agency was not funded. Yet later in the report it states Salby broke the rules by not disclosing the “pending” application. If the first application was already denied, then it wasn't pending and didn't need to be disclosed.
2. Much of the report focuses on the issue of the Company 2 as a subcontractor. But the NSF report goes back and forth concerning Company 2 being just Salby or being another actual company doing work. When they want to dismiss all but the first \$25,000 as being overcharges, NSF assumes that the “indirect” charges limit should be applied because the subcontractor was doing all the work. But when they want to characterize the subcontract as a sham to funnel money clandestinely to Salby, they say that Salby was the only employee. They switch again when Salby points out that Company 2 is a personal corporation that all his financial dealings go through, it suddenly has other employees also. Similarly, when discussing the ability to do the work the NSF says it's financial so would be no good at doing scientific work. Yet is Company 2 is Salby then he as the Principal Investigator is obviously capable of doing the work.
3. There was also a major Catch-22 going on. They contacted Salby in Australia to provide supporting evidence of the documented hours. Yet when he is able to provide it, they assume it's fake because he is in Australia. So either way, they had already decided there was no evidence that would be accepted.
4. Another aspect of the “indirect” limitation application. To justify the “overcharging” by imposing the indirect limitation, they discuss all the additional company related expenses that a subcontractor would not be entitled to. Yet when suggesting Salby is a tax cheat to boot, they point out that not all the money paid to Company 2 shows up on Salby's taxes. This too comes from

the Just Salby/Real Company flip flopping throughout the report.

5. Although not an explicit contradiction, there is one damning point that is implied but never actually stated. This suggest that the actual fact would contradict the implied fact. Throughout the report, much hay is made of need to report staffing and assigned duty changes because of how they will affect the financial cost and timely outcome of the grant. The strong implication is that Salby made these changes to enrich himself and allowed the research to suffer. However, nowhere in the report does it state that the research was late, over budget, or of substandard quality.

□ 45 {*Allan MacRae*} says:

[August 12, 2013 at 3:48 am](#)

Actually Steve, I don't mind your post of 7:05 pm – not sure how I missed it with my 9:22pm – maybe it was not visible yet. My apologies.

To be clear, I am increasingly convinced that since atmospheric  $dCO_2/dt$  changes almost contemporaneously with temperature, and  $CO_2$  lags atmospheric temperature by about 9 months, this is compelling evidence that  $CO_2$  drives temperature – not the reverse as the popular consensus falsely dictates. Bart wrote this point on August 11, 2013 at 6:19 pm.

BTW, this is not originally Salby's theory – I published it in January 2008 on icecap.us, and others had published parts of it before me (the new part was the  $dCO_2/dt$  vs. T relationship).

[http://icecap.us/index.php/go/joes-blog/carbon\\_dioxide\\_in\\_not\\_the\\_primary\\_cause\\_of\\_global\\_warming\\_the\\_future\\_can\\_no/](http://icecap.us/index.php/go/joes-blog/carbon_dioxide_in_not_the_primary_cause_of_global_warming_the_future_can_no/)

The argument from the consensus crowd is that the above  $CO_2$ -after-temperature lag is a “feedback mechanism” is utterly specious, imo.

But if temperature primarily drives atmospheric  $CO_2$ , not the reverse, why has atmospheric  $CO_2$  continued to increase even as there has been no significant warming of average atmospheric temperatures for the past ~10-20 years?

I think it is safe to say that we really do not have a good understanding of atmospheric  $CO_2$  concentrations pre-1958. There are many valid questions about absolute accuracy of the ice-core record. The late Ernst Beck raised some good questions based on chemical analyses, but was unfortunately shouted down by the consensus crowd. Beck, Salby and others make counter-arguments that may or may not prove true. Richard Courtney and Ferdinand Engelbeen have ably debated the “mass balance argument” in these pages and elsewhere.

In the end, we just do not know enough about atmospheric  $CO_2$  concentrations pre-1958. I suggest that if, as we predicted in 2002, atmospheric temperatures will soon cool, then we will reach a better fundamental understanding of the





The refusal did not come as a surprise. Several years earlier, in a peer-reviewed article published by the Norwegian Polar Institute, Dr. Jaworowski criticized the methods by which CO<sub>2</sub> levels were ascertained from ice cores, and cast doubt on the global-warming hypothesis. The institute's director, while agreeing to publish his article, also warned Dr. Jaworowski that "this is not the way one gets research projects." Once published, the institute came under fire, especially since the report soon sold out and was reprinted. Said one prominent critic, "this paper puts the Norsk Polarinstitut in disrepute." **Although none of the critics faulted Dr. Jaworowski's science, the institute nevertheless fired him to maintain its access to funding....**

In both instances politics and not science is used to take down the man. This makes you wonder just how dangerous the line of research they were pursuing is to the CAGW religion.

I would hazard a guess, VERY DANGEROUS. **".... the research would be "immoral" if it served to undermine the foundations of climate research...."**

45 {Nick Stokes} says:

August 12, 2013 at 5:25 am

dbstealey says: August 12, 2013 at 2:54 am

"Macquarie U deliberately stranding Salby at he airport, and denying him the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing?"

If you're going to keep on with this, you should find out the timing. Salby says he was suspended without pay for misconduct in February. That requires that a committee meets within fifteen days. Salby himself says:

"14. While I was in Europe presenting our new research on greenhouse gases, Macquarie undertook its misconduct proceedings – with me in absentia. Macquarie was well informed of the circumstances. It was more than informed."

And clearly, Salby was informed. But he went to Europe anyway. His first date there seems to have been EGU, April 8th. The committee would have been going for weeks at that stage. It may well have finished. How do you get that Salby was rendered unable to defend himself by lack of an air ticket at end April?

"Dr Salby prevailed in all of his actions, according to Jo Nova."

No, he abandoned both court actions.

Gail Combs says: August 12, 2013 at 4:26 am

"He was giving a presentation. This means he had probably made COMMITMENTS long before the brohaha blew-up AND the plane reservation was also made long before there was any mention of the hearing."

No, he says he applied for permission and the University refused. They are, or were, paying his salary. They also refused to fund the air ticket.

45 {dbstealey} says:

August 12, 2013 at 6:27 am

Allan MacRae says:

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Then how do you explain [this](#)? It is clear that  $\Delta T$  is the cause of  $\Delta \text{CO}_2$ .

Nick Stokes,

I suggest you read Jo Nova's [summary](#). If you've read it, read it again. Among other things, it reports: *By 2003 it reached the stage where the NSF launched a criminal investigation into Colorado University for misappropriation of research funds. The investigation stopped when \$100,000 was returned to Salby's group.* Sounds like a win to me. But then it's clear your mind is made up. So maybe re-reading the summary would be a waste of your time.

45 {richardscourtney} says:

August 12, 2013 at 6:36 am

Nick Stokes:

You reply to dbstealey and Gail Combs at August 12, 2013 at 5:25 am

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/08/11/murry-salby-responds-to-critics/#comment-1387541>

In reply to dbstealey having said

Macquarie U deliberately stranding Salby at he airport, and denying him the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing?

you say

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Firstly, there is a misunderstanding (or deliberate misrepresentation) in what you have written.

It is clear that when Salby writes that, "Macquarie was well informed of the circumstances. It was more than informed", then the "circumstances" he mentions are his absence and the reason for it. He was NOT referring to his informing the Hearing about the matters it was to investigate.

Importantly, Salby was attending a Speaking engagement that could only have been arranged months in advance. As Gail Combs says: August 12, 2013 at 4:26 am

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long before the brohaha blew-up AND the plane reservation was also made long before there was any mention of the hearing.

Your reply to that says

No, he says he applied for permission and the University refused. They are, or were, paying his salary. They also refused to fund the air ticket.

Frankly, that is ridiculous. The commitment would have been long before the disciplinary matter arose. Either they agreed to it then, or they were malign by refusing it then (attendance to speak at such conferences is normal for an academic in his position), or they were malign when they withdrew the permission. The only way their refusal could not have been malign was if Salby had recently attended many similar conferences, and I can find no evidence that he had.

And you make presumptions; viz.

“The committee would have been going for weeks at that stage. It may well have finished.”

Your suppositions are noted but I observe that Macquarie has made no statement which supports them, and it is strange that Macquarie has made no such statement if your suppositions are true. Frankly, your suppositions are not credible in the absence of such a statement.

So, Salby had an existing commitment to attend the conference. And insistence on holding the Hearing prior to his return could only be malign: either Salby is discredited by failing to fulfil the commitment together with a public statement at the Conference of his reason (i.e. attending a Disciplinary Hearing), or Salby is prevented from defending himself at the Hearing.

dbstealey wrote

Dr Salby prevailed in all of his actions, according to Jo Nova.

And you have replied in total saying

No, he abandoned both court actions.

Really?

Dbstealey and Jo Nova make no reference to “court actions”.

Jo Nova refers to his defence against the NSF accusations in which it seems he was successful. She provides this link to his account of that

[http://jonova.s3.amazonaws.com/guest/salby-murry/re\\_nsf\\_r.pdf](http://jonova.s3.amazonaws.com/guest/salby-murry/re_nsf_r.pdf)

Indeed, if the NSF had found that Salby was guilty of false accounting and improper tax returns then there would have been “court actions” AGAINST HIM. Are you claiming there were such “court actions” but they were withdrawn? If so, then he could not have “abandoned” them.

Richard

45 {Steve Short} says:

[August 12, 2013 at 6:40 am](#)

Thanks Allan for your kind response. I agree with what you say.

I’ll say this about Ferdinand Engelbeen’s amateurish and nasty attacks on the dead Beck and Jawarowski and the whole body of pre-1983 chemical (Pettenkoffer etc) CO2 measurements going right back to the 1850s.

Abstract

Criteria minimizing differences in operators, location, and time of observation are established for selecting comparative data on atmospheric CO2 concentration during the past 100 years. The resulting selection showed in all cases the period 1907–1956 to have a higher mean than 1857–1906. The difference between means was not statistically significant for 5 unweighted comparisons. Weighting by estimates of reliability resulted in a significant difference for yearly and summer non-urban values, but not for the other 3 comparisons. Additional comparisons of all values in the study, of six entire distributions, and of five paired studies with closely comparable data showed increases in a more recent period, with one exception. The magnitude of the increase for weighted yearly non-urban data was 25 ppm (from 294 to 319) for the quarters 1857–1881 to 1932–1956. Several possible explanations for the increase include: 1) an actual atmospheric increase, 2) a coincidence of the influence of micro-atmospheres, 3) improvement (or change) in chemical technique. Need for further sampling is emphasized and suggestions made for considering local influences in this sampling.

Published my good friend and excellent scientist Roger Bray in Tellus, 1959.

The assertion that the old 1992 David Etheridge et al paper discredited all Jawarowski’s criticisms is also nonsense when it contained a 10 year hiatus (fall even) in CO2 between 1935 and 1945 subsequently found to be methodological is simply laughable.

Engelbeen’s comments show no real understanding of the nature of the CO2 and 13C data produced from the sublimation method between just after Alex Wilson seminal paper of 1997 and the final perfection of the method around around 2010, some 13 years later.

□ 45 {richardscourtney} says:

[August 12, 2013 at 6:52 am](#)

Steve Short:

I write to thank you for your defense at August 12, 2013 at 6:40 am of my late good friend (Jawarowski) and late associate (Beck).

They are far, far to maligned on the web. Both did excellent scientific work. Richard

□ 45 {benfrommo} says:

[August 12, 2013 at 7:26 am](#)

I think in the end the entire stranding him at the airport thing is going to bite them in the butt. That kind of childish antics are rather uncalled for and obviously its grounds to prove that they had malicious thought and actually attempted to railroad him without using the proper channels. If you think about

it, they fired him when he was out of the country. Someone had to time it like that and they had to realize that he was using the University Credit Card. The simple fact that they left him stranded goes to motivation. If they were going to fire him, you normally fire someone not through distance but through sitting down and talking to them. That is what grown-ups do. And yes, you often use security so that they can take their personal belongings out of their office, but you never simply fire them from afar. That is childish to the extreme.

This speaks volumes about the university. They fired him while he was out of the country. Its a remote possible they had no idea that he couldn't get home, but in their attempt to be subtle and clever they end up looking childish, arrogant and of course rude. I guess they thought they could be more clever than most employers and fire the guy without even telling him so. A cancelled university credit card and a call home would have done the trick with the person informing them being some low-level bureaucrat who has no idea what is going on. Childish really. And I bet the person who did the firing STILL believes they are clever to do it like that. Its a power trip more likely than not with some over-promoted incompetent basically making sure the university gets a nice lawsuit out of the deal. All because they refused to follow proper etiquette. Most times, lawsuits can be avoided if you simply stay civil to someone you are firing and treat them with respect.

45 {Mickey} Reno says:

August 12, 2013 at 7:37 am

The Australian university that sacked Salby while he was traveling on their own university business was shameful and wrong on its face. I'm not a fan of the Australian university system in general, as they appear to promote CAGW almost blindly, and have produced leading lights like Gergis and Karoly's Southern Hemisphere Hockey Sticks, and are responsible for Lewandowsky's crap.

I'm generally inclined to give Prof. Salby every benefit of doubt. But the back story of conflicts over his work at Colorado University is too obtuse and convoluted to interest me. Salby should make a brief summary (abstract, timeline) of those events, before jumping into the deep minutia, as he has done in his PDF. Brevity... soul of wit... major editing or rewrite needed...

□ 45 {Ian Wilson} says:

August 12, 2013 at 7:42 am

Allan MacRae says:

August 12, 2013 at 3:48 am

But if temperature primarily drives atmospheric CO2, not the reverse, why has atmospheric CO2 continued to increase even as there has been no significant warming of average atmospheric temperatures for the past ~10-20 years?

Allan,

I think the point is that  $d(\text{CO}_2)/dt$  is proportional to temperature.

This means that CO2 levels are proportional to the integral of temperature.

I think you will find that even though the instantaneous temperature has recently flattened out, the integral of the atmospheric temperature with time is still rising. Hence, you would expect CO2 levels to still be going increasing.

□ 45 {richard verney} says:

August 12, 2013 at 8:17 am

Steve Short says:

August 12, 2013 at 6:40 am

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I have never fully understood the reasoning for disregarding the old chemical CO2 measurements.

I have on a number of occasions suggested that before the results of those experiments be disregarded, they should today be replicated (ie., same equipment, same methodology, same geographical location, same season/time of year/time of day sampling etc) and see what results would be achieved today using that approach to the assessment of CO2 levels.

In my opinion, it would be interesting to compare results achieved today with the results which were achieved when those experiments were conducted all those years back, and to see whether there is some relationship with today's levels of CO2 measured at ML etc., for example, are the results now achieved greater in some proportionate manner to which CO2 levels have increased in the latter part of the 20th century?

□ 45 {Davet916} says:

August 12, 2013 at 8:22 am

As I posted on Jo's site, where is the contract between Salby and MQ? That alone will move this whole issue away from all this emotional theater and name calling into factual reality. I've wondered this from the first time I read about Prof Salby's quandry.

Davet916

□ 45 {Gail Combs} says:

August 12, 2013 at 8:39 am

Steve Short says:....

Dr Short, Thank you for the defense of Beck and Dr Jawarowski. If there is any true justice in the world both will go down in history as heroes.

As an industrial chemist I find the assumption that "CO2 is well mixed in the atmosphere" completely laughable but Engelbeen continues to cling to this very important assumption for CAGW like a ship wreck survivor clings to a



floating plank.

Without that assumption the whole edifice of CAGW crumbles because Callendar's cherry picking of historic atmospheric CO2 analysis loses all credibility. As does all the present Mauna Loa data because of the *"data selection criteria"*

At Mauna Loa we use the following **data selection criteria**:

1. **The standard deviation of minute averages should be less than 0.30 ppm within a given hour.** A standard deviation larger than 0.30 ppm is indicated by a "V" flag in the hourly data file, and by the red color in Figure 2.

2. **The hourly average should differ from the preceding hour by less than 0.25 ppm.** A larger hour-to-hour change is indicated by a "D" flag in the hourly data file, and by the green color in Figure 2.

3. There is often a diurnal wind flow pattern on Mauna Loa driven by warming of the surface during the day and cooling during the night. During the day warm air flows up the slope, typically reaching the observatory at 9 am local time (19 UTC) or later. The upslope air may have CO2 that has been lowered by plants removing CO2 through photosynthesis at lower elevations on the island, although the CO2 decrease arrives later than the change in wind direction, because the observatory is surrounded by miles of bare lava. In Figure 2 the downslope wind changed to upslope during hour 18. Upslope winds can persist through ~7 pm local time (5 UTC, next day, or hour 29 in Figure 2). Hours that are likely affected by local photosynthesis are indicated by a "U" flag in the hourly data file, and by the blue color in Figure 2. **The selection to minimize this potential non-background bias takes place as part of step 4.** At night the flow is often downslope, bringing background air. However, that air is sometimes contaminated by CO2 emissions from the crater of Mauna Loa. As the air meanders down the slope that situation is characterized by high variability of the CO2 mole fraction. In Figure 2, downslope winds resumed in hour 28. Hour 33 in Figure 2 is the first of an episode of high variability lasting 7 hours.

4. **In keeping with the requirement that CO2 in background air should be steady, we apply a general "outlier rejection" step, in which we fit a curve to the preliminary daily means for each day calculated from the hours surviving step 1 and 2, and not including times with upslope winds. All hourly averages that are further than two standard deviations, calculated for every day, away from the fitted curve ("outliers") are rejected. This step is iterated until no more rejections occur.**

[http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/about/co2\\_measurements.html](http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/about/co2_measurements.html)

In other words they use the "CO2 is well mixed in the atmosphere" assumption as the reason for cherry picking the results they want.

Before data selection: [graph](#)

After data selection [graph](#)

□ 45{richard verney} says:

August 12, 2013 at 8:47 am

@Ferdinand Engelbeen says:

August 12, 2013 at 2:11 am

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There may well be merit in much you say, although to some extent it suggests that CO2 is not a well mixed gas.

It may well be the case that the results from the old chemical method experiments were polluted and distorted by the local factors that you raise. However, if that be the case, if those experiments were today replicated (see my post of 08:17am) the results achieved today would be similarly polluted/distorted save that on top of that pollution/distortion we should see overlaid, the signal from the increase in CO2 levels that took place post mid 20th century.

Of course, I accept that the local environmental conditions may not be exactly the same as they were in the past (eg., there may have been intervening land change, development, de-forestation, agricultural changes etc) and some further interpretation to take account of such changes may be necessary. But that said, before I would dismiss those old results out of hand, I would like to know what results would be achieved today, if those experiments were replicated as best possible.

Personally, I am surprised that papers dealing with those old results and dismissing them as not being representative did not attempt to replicate those experiments since that would certainly strengthen the position taken by the authors of the paper(s).

□ 45{Bart} says:

August 12, 2013 at 11:12 am

Ferdinand Engelbeen says:

August 12, 2013 at 2:11 am

*"One can make the same fit for every combination of temperature influence and human emissions."*

That is completely untrue. The human emissions have been increasing in rate over the time interval. There is no significant room for such a term to be added in. The temperature relationship already accounts for the acceleration in atmospheric CO2.

"Then it becomes interesting: human emissions fit all observations, temperature doesn't."

Temperature does. It's right [here](#). As far as the relationship to proxy data before 1958, Salby has explained how it is manifested.

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*"He shows the derivative of pCO2 against temperature, but with a fudge number,*



*which aligns the graphs."*

The only arbitrary value in the model is the constant offset which defines the baseline temperature with respect to which the temperature anomaly is measured. So, you would be correct that I had a gap IF the rate of human emissions had been constant. But, the rate of human inputs ([top plot](#)) has most definitely and decidedly NOT been constant.

Any influence of the trend in human emissions is already accounted for by the temperature relationship. Ergo, human emissions can have little effect.

Allan MacRae says:

August 12, 2013 at 3:48 am

*"BTW, this is not originally Salby's theory..."*

What Salby has done is answered Ferdinand's complaint above about how the relationship extends into the proxy record.

TO ALL:

Discussions of Salby's alleged behavioral deficiencies have no place in a discussion about the science. Those of you pushing this angle clearly have an ulterior motive.

□ 45 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} FerdiEgb says:

[August 12, 2013 at 11:14 am](#)

Gail Combs says:

August 12, 2013 at 8:39 am

Gail, this is the second time that I see that you are dishonest: the two graphs that "prove" that the CO2 data are "selected" are from different stations, as the title above the graph clearly shows. One station is Neuglobsow, near Berlin midst a forest, thus completely unsuitable as "background" station. The other data are from Mace Head, coastal Ireland, which gives nice background data without any "selection".

If you want to show the "manipulation" of the data, then plot the same data before and after selection and show what difference that gives in average, trend and variability.

□ 45 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} FerdiEgb says:

[August 12, 2013 at 11:53 am](#)

richard verney says:

August 12, 2013 at 8:47 am

*although to some extent it suggests that CO2 is not a well mixed gas.*

In 95% of the atmosphere, CO2 is quite rapidly mixed. That is everywhere over the oceans and above a few hundred meters over land. Only in the first few hundred meters over land, fast sources and sinks can mess up things, especially under low wind conditions and inversion.

There is no need to revive the old instruments. The accuracy of most was around 3%, or +/- 10 ppmv. But one can use modern instruments to measure CO2 variability at the same spots as the historical measurements. Fortunately we have a few such places already in use.

Beck's compilation shows a "peak" of about 80 ppmv around 1942. Besides the fact that that implies a change in CO2 release and uptake in the order of 1/3rd of all carbon contained in land vegetation, such a "peak" doesn't show up in any other proxy (including stomata data and coralline sponges) or ice cores of high resolution (less than a decade).

When I searched all the papers that the late Ernst Beck used for that period, I saw that the "peak" was mainly caused by two long series: Poonah, India and Giessen, Germany. The former measured CO2 below, inbetween and above growing crops and only few were ambient. Not the slightest correlation with CO2 in the rest of the atmosphere. Giessen (a small village, semi-rural) is more interesting, as there is a modern station, not far from the historical site. Here a few days of measurements in summer with nightly inversion conditions, compared to actual "background" stations data:

[http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim\\_img/giessen\\_background.jpg](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/giessen_background.jpg)

Most of the historical measurements were taken three times a day, where two were at the flanks of the largest change of morning and evening. So even with the best equipment of the world, such data are worthless for knowing the CO2 levels in the bulk of the atmosphere of that time...

Even today quite problematic, as the monthly averages show more or less the same trend as the Mauna Loa trend, but some of the averages are skyhigh:

[http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim\\_img/giessen\\_mlo\\_monthly.jpg](http://www.ferdinand-engelbeen.be/klimaat/klim_img/giessen_mlo_monthly.jpg)

□ 45 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} FerdiEgb says:

[August 12, 2013 at 12:27 pm](#)

Bart says:

August 12, 2013 at 11:12 am

*That is completely untrue. The human emissions have been increasing in rate over the time interval. There is no significant room for such a term to be added in. The temperature relationship already accounts for the acceleration in atmospheric CO2.*

The human emissions do fit the increase over time over the full period 1960-2011, even slightly better than your fit and certainly before 1960. There is no room for temperature in the acceleration of atmospheric CO2.

Main point: different processes at work, as vegetation reacts in opposite ways to short and longer time temperature changes.

BTW, I have changed the plot from direct effect from human emissions to the effect of the total CO2 above equilibrium. That makes that the small variations in year by year increasing human emissions have little effect on the decay

speed.

Temperature does. It's right here. As far as the relationship to proxy data before 1958, Salby has explained how it is manifested.

That is the only thing temperature fits, thanks to an arbitrary baseline. All other observations don't fit the theory. Salby's backcalculation of diffusion in firn and ice cores is pure theoretical to fit his hypothesis, but has no bearing in any known or observed migration.

It is impossible for nature to work in this fashion.

As in nature so many different, even opposite processes are simultaneously at work, I shouldn't bet that nature doesn't hold a lot of such surprises...

□ 45 {Nyg Only} says:

August 12, 2013 at 12:39 pm

"Discussions of Salby's alleged behavioral deficiencies have no place in a discussion about the science. Those of you pushing this angle clearly have an ulterior motive." It was Prof Salby who brought up the issue of his sacking and made it into a public issue. Are you saying HE had an ulterior motive or that HE was the one wanting to distract from the science?

□ 45 {Bart} says:

August 12, 2013 at 12:42 pm

FerdiEgb says:

August 12, 2013 at 12:27 pm

*"The human emissions do fit the increase over time over the full period 1960-2011, even slightly better than your fit and certainly before 1960."*

No. They don't. They cannot account for both the short and the long term like the temperature can.

"As in nature so many different, even opposite processes are simultaneously at work, I shouldn't bet that nature doesn't hold a lot of such surprises..."

Not this one. It is impossible to perform causal filtering in a natural system with no phase delay or distortion. You are inserting epicycles where none are needed. The temperature relationship explains all of it.

□ 45 {Bart} says:

August 12, 2013 at 12:43 pm

Nyg Only says:

August 12, 2013 at 12:39 pm

*"Are you saying HE had an ulterior motive or that HE was the one wanting to distract from the science?"*

No, I am saying YOU do and are.

45 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} FerdiEgb says:

August 12, 2013 at 1:14 pm

Steve Short says:

August 12, 2013 at 6:40 am

*I'll say this about Ferdinand Engelbeen's amateurish and nasty attacks on the dead Beck and Jawarowski and the whole body of pre-1983 chemical (Pettenkoffer etc) CO2 measurements going right back to the 1850s.*

Steve, in general I had friendly discussions with Ernst Beck during several years, including a personal discussion at the home of Arthur Rörsch in Leiden, The Netherlands.

I had not the slightest problem with Ernst as person, admired the tremendous amount of work he has done to recover all the old data, but I have a lot of objections against his compilation.

The main problem I had is that he lumped everything together: the good, the bad and the ugly data, without much quality control.

E.g. the data of Barrow, quite interesting as that is currently a "baseline" station for global CO2 data. Unfortunately the micro-Schollander equipment was accurate to +/- 150 ppmv, as the equipment was intended to measure CO2 in exhaled air. It was calibrated against outside air. If the values read were between 200-500 ppmv, the equipment was ready to use. The calibration figures were used by Beck in his compilation.

Something similar happened with the seawater data of Wattenberg: Beck interpreted the data of 0 meter depth in the tables as being from the atmosphere, while these were from seawater at the surface.

About Jaworosky, I never met him, but had some personal correspondence with him. It seems that he was a very nice person. Of course no problem with that, but problems with his science.

I had asked him why he persisted that there was an arbitrary shift in the ice core data to match the Mauna Loa data, while he obviously had used the wrong column in the table by Neftel (the ice age instead of the average gas age). He responded that there was no difference between gas age and ice age, as all ice was immediately sealed by remelt layers (there was mention of only one remelt layer at near closing depth in Neftel's work).

But what closed the door for me was his story that because of cracks in the ice, due to drilling, transport and storage, the levels of CO2 in the ice cores would go down, while the ambient air was 100-200 ppmv higher than what is measured in the bubbles.

If anyone can explain to me how CO2 can migrate from 180 ppmv within an ice core to 370 ppmv in ambient air, I may change my opinion.

□ 45 {Ferdinand Engelbeen} FerdiEgb says:

August 12, 2013 at 1:29 pm

Bart says:

August 12, 2013 at 12:42 pm

*No. They don't. They cannot account for both the short and the long term like the*

*temperature can.*

Temperature is responsible for the short term CO2 rate of change variability, the emissions (via the increase in the atmosphere) are responsible for the longer term change. No need for curve fitting via an arbitrary baseline.

Not this one. It is impossible to perform causal filtering in a natural system with no phase delay or distortion. You are inserting epicycles where none are needed. The temperature relationship explains all of it.

There is no filtering at work in either case. There is a similar CO2 response to short term temperature changes for a permanent or temporary difference in temperature.

□ 45 {Bart} says:

August 12, 2013 at 2:19 pm

FerdiEgb says:

August 12, 2013 at 1:29 pm

*"No need for curve fitting via an arbitrary baseline."*

Of course there is. You have an offset yourself in the beginning CO2 concentration. That offset has been assumed based on a model for the capture of CO2 in the ice. A model which, BTW, Salby has shown to be erroneous.

*"There is no filtering at work in either case."*

Any process which removes the long term leaving the short term is a filtering process.

*"There is a similar CO2 response to short term temperature changes for a permanent or temporary difference in temperature."*

In that case, you have contradicted yourself. Because your previous claim very specifically states that the processes which induce short term changes in CO2 from temperature are attenuated over the longer term.

□ 45 {Bart} says:

August 12, 2013 at 2:27 pm

The bottom line:

A) the temperature relationship holds across all frequencies – the rate of change of CO2 with temperature matches *in phase* in both the long term trend and in the short term variation. That's all you need to fit it the whole thing.

B) For your idea to work, there has to be high pass filtering of the temperature related processes, and blending with low pass filtered human inputs. It is, in the first place, absurd that the one would be high passed and the other low passed – the same processes are operating on both. In the second place, high pass filters in the natural world always induce phase distortion at the crossover frequency. There is no observable phase distortion anywhere in the record. The rate of change of CO2 is always coincident with the temperature for every trend or bobble in the record.

So, what you are arguing for is something very exotic and unnatural. That just

doesn't happen in the real world. Occam's Razor comes down very hard on the simplest explanation which fits the data: atmospheric CO2 is the result of a temperature dependent process which is pumping CO2 into the atmosphere, and that process is effectively independent of human activity.

□ 45 {Nick Stokes} says:

August 12, 2013 at 2:49 pm

Bart says:

*"Occam's Razor comes down very hard on the simplest explanation which fits the data: "*

Yes it does. The extra CO2 is there because we put it there.

□ 45 {dbstealey} says:

August 12, 2013 at 3:13 pm

Nyq Only says:

*"Are you saying HE had an ulterior motive or that HE was the one wanting to distract from the science?"*

I think the issue was raised *after* his sacking. What was he supposed to do?

Turn the other cheek? Would you?

Nick Stokes says:

*"The extra CO2 is there because we put it there."*

We agree on that. Humans have added CO2 to the atmosphere. I also agree with Bart that ocean outgassing causes a rise in CO2. There is solid empirical evidence showing that to be an observed fact over many years. Now would you also agree that the added CO2 has been harmless, and beneficial to the biosphere? Because that is what the evidence [and the lack of any evidence of global harm from CO2] shows.

**Long diversion into carbon cycle, not shown.**

45 {thingodonta} thingadonta says:

August 12, 2013 at 8:15 pm

Staff in academia often get treated differently according to the whims, prejudices, bias, misperceptions, etc of those in senior management. It's human nature. For some its simply routine procedure to blackball those outside the 'click'; that is the extent of their understanding of human beings and society-if you are different, you are no good. But of course this means that sometimes people make gross mistakes on how other people are treated etc, but what I really don't get is, why there isnt procedures and ways to reduce such mistakes, to strengthen the internal processes and regulation etc of such administrations, so that such is less likely to occur. Why are university

administrations so able to ignore the values which are already established in the rest of the community?

**Long diversion into carbon cycle, not shown, except note to calibrate Nyq**

45{*Nyq Only*} says:

August 13, 2013 at 10:39 pm

Bart says: August 12, 2013 at 3:35 pm “Occam’s Razor does not demand the simplest explanation, it recommends the simplest explanation consistent with theory and observations. The hypothesis that we are responsible for a significant portion of the atmospheric CO2 rise is inconsistent with those.”

No it isn’t because we know that when we burn hydrocarbons CO2 is one of the byproducts. There is no great mystery there nor is there any great mystery as to whether we have actually been burning fossil fuels. For humans \*NOT\* to have contributed significantly to the rise in CO2 you’d need a mechanism that removed the additional CO2 from the burning of fossil fuels + some other mechanism that added a similar amount of CO2.

Now perhaps that is exactly what has happened but without some startling observational data and some pretty solid theoretical work the scientifically parsimonious explanation is that the rise in CO2 has, to a large degree, come from human activity.

**Long diversion into carbon cycle, not shown.**

45{*Janice Moore*} says:

August 13, 2013 at 3:17 pm

Well, well, well, Old Nyq. LOL, from your doggedly arguing above for CO2 being the driver of global temperature, we can now clearly see your motive for your vehement defense of those who mistreated Dr. Murry Salby who boldly and publicly states (in his 2012 book and in his April 18, 2013 Hamburg lecture) a compellingly persuasive argument for the opposite view.

Your opinion on the matter of his mistreatment, thus, has little probative value.

dbstealey says:

August 13, 2013 at 8:16 pm

**Long diversion into carbon cycle, not shown.**

45{*Nyq Only*} says:

August 13, 2013 at 10:39 pm

Re Janice Moore says: August 13, 2013 at 3:17 pm

..we can now clearly see your motive for your vehement defense of those who

mistreated Dr. Murry Salby who boldly and publicly states...etc”

I’m afraid I’m less adept at the kind of faith based argument you seem to be using here – how does your point work exactly? If somebody doesn’t adhere to a tenet of your faith their arguments on anything (regardless of their content – which naturally you didn’t address) must be wrong? I can see the kind of brilliance within that idea but it isn’t for me. I prefer science and maths.

**Long diversion into carbon cycle, not shown.**

□ 45{*Allan MacRae*} says:

August 14, 2013 at 8:03 am

Hello Richard and all,

Richard, in response to your question, one of my longer posts went into moderation for a while, although all did appear after a reasonably short time. I very much appreciated this latest exchange on the “mass balance argument”, etc. Discussions like this will ultimately sort out the truth, and that will be a very good development for climate science.

I cannot agree with Nyq at all – his arguments seems to be religiously-based rather than scientific – he says “we KNOW CO2 is a greenhouse gas”. This is apparently a specious statement, either false or insignificant. There is NO compelling real-world observational evidence that increased atmospheric CO2 causes significant global warming at these concentrations, and there IS compelling evidence that the actual effective “sensitivity of temperature to CO2” is near-zero or even non-existent, since CO2 lags temperature at all measured time scales, and there has been NO significant global warming for ~10-20 years despite increased atmospheric CO2.

In summary, the evidence strongly suggests that the alleged global warming crisis does not exist. We confidently published this statement more than a decade ago.

Also, it appears that increased atmospheric CO2 is a significant benefit to humanity and the environment, resulting in increased botanic activity, better crop yields, and improved water utilization by plants.

However we do not yet know how much of the increase in atmospheric CO2 is due to natural causes, and how much is due to human activities such as fossil fuel combustion, deforestation, etc. We do know that the natural seasonal CO2 flux dwarfs the humanmade components, and we also know that at least during the growing season, CO2 emissions seem to be captured quickly close to the source by increased botanic activity. This is an area where more data and discussion could prove beneficial.

Here are some thoughts I have been pondering since about 2008:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/07/23/new-research-in-antarctica-shows-co2-follows-temperature-by-a-few-hundred-years-at-most/#comment-1041309>



<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/05/29/an-observational-estimate-of-climate-sensitivity/#comment-996002>

[Excerpt]

Some Thoughts Regarding the Evidence of Longer Cycles and Lags:

We know there is a ~9 month lag of atmospheric CO2 concentration after temperature on a ~4 year cycle of natural global temperature variation.

[http://icecap.us/index.php/go/joes-blog/carbon\\_dioxide\\_in\\_not\\_the\\_primary\\_cause\\_of\\_global\\_warming\\_the\\_future\\_can\\_no/](http://icecap.us/index.php/go/joes-blog/carbon_dioxide_in_not_the_primary_cause_of_global_warming_the_future_can_no/)

We also know that CO2 lags temperature by ~800 years on a much longer time cycle (ice core data).

... there is probably at least one intermediate lag, and quite possibly several, between these two – perhaps associated with the Wolf-Gleissberg Cycle, Hale Polarity Cycle, etc., AND-OR with the PDO, etc.

The lag of CO2 after temperature observed in these longer cycles is probably mostly physical in origin, related to ocean solution and exsolution of CO2, but also includes a long term biological component.

Willis's analysis deals with the seasonal (annual) cycle, in which the biological component of the CO2 lag is comparatively much greater.

I have the opinion that we are looking at several natural cycles of varying duration in which there are external natural drivers (Sun, Earth orbits, stars), then some randomization associated with large ocean phenomena (PDO, etc.); these drive Earth's natural temperature cycles at all time scales, and result in a series of related CO2 lags after temperature.

Finally:

Atmospheric CO2 variation is primarily a result, not a driver of temperature, and human fossil fuel combustion is probably NOT causing the recent increases in atmospheric CO2 – it is more likely the result of the cumulative impact of all these aforementioned natural cycles – for example, the Medieval Warm Period was ~800 years ago.

□ 45 {richardscourtney} says:

August 14, 2013 at 8:37 am

...

'In other words, the man-made global warming from man's emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) would be much smaller than natural fluctuations in global temperature so it would be physically impossible to detect the man-made global warming. I hold this view because I am an empiricist so I accept whatever is indicated by data obtained from observation of the real world. ...'

**Long diversion into carbon cycle, not shown.**

□ 45 {Bart} says:

August 14, 2013 at 12:27 pm

Nick Stokes says:

August 14, 2013 at 2:27 am

I do want to say, Nick, in case my frustration hides it, that I do have respect for your capabilities in general. You have shown in the past that you clearly have some formal training and reasonable understanding of issues involving signals and systems. If my comments to you appear caustic, it is because I am frustrated by what I see as your dogmatic refusal to think outside the box, and these needling potshots you take when you undoubtedly could reason these clearly evident considerations out for yourself.

□ 45 {Bart} says:

August 14, 2013 at 12:28 pm

Nyq Only says:

August 14, 2013 at 12:25 pm

You bring nothing to the table in this discussion. Please go away.

**Long diversion into carbon cycle, not shown.**

45 {Nyq Only} says:

August 14, 2013 at 12:47 pm

Allan MacRae says: August 14, 2013 at 8:03 am

"I cannot agree with Nyq at all – his arguments seems to be religiously-based rather than scientific – he says "we KNOW CO2 is a greenhouse gas". This is apparently a specious statement, either false or insignificant."

Well me and Murry Salby think CO2 is a greenhouse gas – I know the Slayer crowd have some issues with that but I think it should be OK to refer to basic physics and chemistry as stuff that we know without it being regarded as a religious statement. Of course if you think I've gone too far and would like to challenge the claim that CO2 is a greenhouse gas (one of the most significant greenhouse gases according to Prof Salby) then you should explain your argument.

45 {Nyq Only} says:

August 14, 2013 at 12:50 pm

Bart says: August 14, 2013 at 12:28 pm

"You bring nothing to the table in this discussion. Please go away."

Well not the most gracious admissions of defeat that I've ever read but I guess it will do. Regarding your request for me to "go away" I believe that is a request solely within the domain of the managers of this blog rather than



yourself.

**Long diversion into carbon cycle, not shown. Bart vs {Ferdinand Engelbeen, jimmi\_the\_dalek, Nyq Only, Phil.**

45 {Phil.} says:

August 23, 2013 at 2:33 pm

*Bart says:*

August 21, 2013 at 11:46 am

If upwelling waters continually pump CO<sub>2</sub> into the system, then the waters will trend upward in CO<sub>2</sub> content. Part of that upward trend will outgas to the atmosphere.

Atmospheric concentration will keep rising as the CO<sub>2</sub> rich waters diffuse into the surface system over time.

Bart you need to learn some physics, apparently mass balance is not the only principle you don't understand, read up on continuity. For every cubic meter of upwelling seawater there's a cubic meter of downwelling seawater carrying absorbed CO<sub>2</sub> into the depths.

**Long diversion into carbon cycle, not shown.**

45 {David Riser} says:

August 15, 2013 at 5:14 pm

Well I must say that Doctor Salby sparked a most interesting discussion concerning CO<sub>2</sub> and Temperature. Go Doctor. I do hope that the folks persecuting Doc Salby get theirs as it were. Since I rather enjoy his science. He is an articulate speaker and should be given a chance to publish his science for a proper debate. Proper science would flourish if it weren't for the actions of a bunch of dogma infused folks such as hockey stick Mann and apparently Nyq only screaming their dogma with their eyes closed and ears plugged.

v/r,

Dave Riser

**As of 08/29/31, the comment total was 569, but those after 214 were endless arguments about carbon cycle or ice-cores, not shown here. WUWT.4 had very little actual discussion of Salby and NSF or CU.**

**Z.46 13 05:45pm DEPOT.8 Marc Morano**

Skeptic Murry Salby responds to the attacks on his record: ‘Salby was sacked from Macquarie U., & Macquarie struggled to explain why, among other things, it was necessary to abandon, and strand him in Paris and hold a ‘misconduct’ meeting in his absence’

LOCAL TIME: UTC-4 46{Marc Morano}

**POST**

‘Murry Salby responds to the attacks on his record

<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/08/murry-salby-responds-to-the-attacks-on-his-record/>

Murry Salby was sacked from Macquarie University, and Macquarie struggled to explain why, among other things, it was necessary to abandon, and strand him in Paris and hold a “misconduct” meeting in his absence. Since then he has been subject to attacks related to his previous employment. I’ve asked him to respond, which he has at length in a PDF here. The figures listed below refer to that PDF, which encompasses 15 years of events. I don’t have the resources (unlike the National Science Foundation, the NSF) to investigate it all, but wanted to give Murry the right of reply. On closer inspection the NSF report used by people to attack Salby does not appear to be the balanced, impartial analysis I would have expected. Indeed the hyperbolic language based on insubstantial evidence is disturbing to say the least. Because of the long detailed nature of this I cannot draw conclusions, except to say that any scientist who responds to a question about Murry Salby’s work with a reference to his employment is no scientist. Remember the NSF report was supposedly an inhouse private document. It was marked “Confidential”, subject to the Privacy Act, with disclosure outside the NSF prohibited [...]

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**Z.47 13 02:01pm THE.AUST.4 Bernard Lane**  
**Physicist Marie-Lise Chanin changes her mind on Murry Salby support**

[www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/physicist-marie-lise-chanin-changes-her-mind-on-murry-salby-support/story-e6frgcjx-1226696589221](http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/physicist-marie-lise-chanin-changes-her-mind-on-murry-salby-support/story-e6frgcjx-1226696589221)

47{Bernard Lane}

**POST**

'THE distinguished physicist who said she was "scandalised" by Macquarie University's sacking of climate scientist Murry Salby has changed her mind and will not take up his cause with the International Council for Science. Marie-Lise Chanin, a French representative on the Paris-based council, said she had "not been informed" about aspects of the Salby case last month when she suggested she would refer his dismissal to the council's scientific freedom committee.

"Now that I know more about the debate, I withdraw my earlier comment and obviously will not involve (the council)," she said by email. She did not say what had changed her mind but bloggers had alerted her to findings against Dr Salby made by the US National Science Foundation.

"I thought that (Dr Salby) had been fired because of his position towards climate change and even though I disagree with his position, I did not think it was a reason to fire him, because I accept the freedom of scientists as long as they can prove their case," Dr Chanin said.

Dr Salby said his research cast doubt on the consensus view that the world was witnessing unprecedented changes in greenhouse gases but Macquarie insists he was sacked for his conduct, not his science.

Macquarie, which recruited Dr Salby from the US in 2008, said he was dismissed this year for "failure to fulfil his teaching obligations" and for going overseas "despite repeated written instruction not to travel". Dr Salby was refused permission because the trip clashed with his teaching duties, a Macquarie spokesman said. Dr Salby said the teaching was imposed without discussion.

In 2009, the NSF barred Dr Salby from receiving federal grants for three years. In a report on the NSF website, the agency's Office of Inspector-General says it substantiated five allegations against Dr Salby, including claims to do with duplication in grant proposals, the receipt of compensation from NSF awards in excess of budget amounts, and a failure to comply with policy on conflicts of interest.

The OIG says it "established an extensive pattern of deceptive statements made by (Dr Salby) to his university and to NSF".

Prior to joining Macquarie, Dr Salby was a professor at the University of

Colorado. Macquarie did not become aware of the NSF findings until after it had dismissed Dr Salby this year, a university spokesman said yesterday.

Salby could not be reached for comment.'