

# Bottling Nonsense – Peter Wood and the National Association of Scholars

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Anthropologist Peter Wood is President of The National Association of Scholars and he recently published “Bottling Up Global Warming Skepticism” (*Bottling*) in a Chronicle of Higher Education blog. *Bottling* mentioned a 3-week-old *Science* profile (about me) and was later republished at NAS. *This seemed a very strange post to appear under the credible umbrella of CHE. It not only lacked substance and relevance to CHE concerns, but seemed written only to damage reputations of myself and Michael Mann, using well-known false association tactics from politics.*

Wood devoted 60% of the article to scam artist P. T. Barnum, but then dismissed that as “vacant thoughts,” and shifted to the *Science* profile. He quote-mined short phrases, losing context. He termed my reporting of serious plagiarism as “flyspecking.” He tried to conflate me, Mann and climate science with Barnum and Bruno Latour. Mann has been attacked incessantly for years. I mostly get attacked in certain blogs and ignore them, but I was surprised to find an article at CHE that many might consider libel. Wood had strong opinions, often erred on simple facts and displayed little obvious expertise. I had never even heard of Wood or NAS. *So how did this attack arise? What was NAS about?* Since I study the machinery of climate science and the ways in which people get science wrong, I was stirred to investigate, as I have before. *Mirabile dictu*, a fascinating story appeared, analyzed here in detail.

Since 2009, Wood has run articles at NAS attacking climate science and Mann. He has supported Ken Cuccinelli’s attack on Mann. He called Steve Milloy “an informed observer.” Kerry Emmanuel, a NAS member and fine climate scientist objected eloquently, but was ignored. ” Fred Singer was feted. Wood recently spoke twice at a fringe anti-science conference dominated by the Viscount Christopher Monckton (keynote, 4 panels). Wood wrote favorably of Monckton at CHE, ignoring the swastikas in the keynote. The pattern was pervasive. *So why?*

As usual, it pays to follow the money. NAS has been core –funded by Richard Mellon Scaife and the L&H Bradley Foundation, the key backers of the two key thinktanks that organized attacks on climate science, the hockey stick, and Mann. NAS membership dues declined 40% from 2002 to 2009. NAS lobbied and managed to get the majority of its revenues from Federal grants for Teaching American History, i.e.. training high school teachers. It is unclear how that fit NAS’ own mission statement, and the funding paths are somewhat murky, but no new grants are being made. It was good money while it lasted. *Perhaps Wood is trying reinvigorate the organization with new ideas.* In any case, some of Wood’s comments might be considered even more libelous than the original article, and he has upped the ante with “Climate Thuggery” a few days ago, to be covered later. The main story is followed by the usual large appendices, including detailed financials. Hopefully, more NAS members will join the discussions and offer their own viewpoints.

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He is a member of AAAS, AGU, APS, ACM, and IEEE CS. There are bound to be errors, please report them. There may well be an update to cover Peter Wood’s recent CHE post, “Climate Thuggery.” JohnMashey (at) yahoo DOT com, *Italicized* text here is opinion, **Bold** mine.

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## 1 Introduction

Dr Peter Wood recently published “Bottling Up Global Warming Skepticism” (*Bottling*) in a blog at Chronicle of Higher Education (CHE). Anthropologist Wood is President of The National Association of Scholars, (NAS), which describes itself thus:<sup>1</sup>

“NAS is an independent membership association of academics working to foster intellectual freedom and to sustain the tradition of **reasoned scholarship** and **civil debate in America's colleges and universities**. The NAS today is higher education's most vigilant watchdog. We stand for **intellectual integrity** in the curriculum, in the classroom, and across the campus. ...”

*Bottling* appeared the day after the AAAS Board strongly decried attacks on climate scientists, continuing its long support for reality of anthropogenic global warming (AGW).<sup>2</sup> *Bottling* mentioned a 3-week-old *Science* profile (about me) and was later republished at NAS, leaving unanswered many questions raised at CHE. The chronology was:

06/10 [www.sciencemag.org/content/332/6035/1250.summary](http://www.sciencemag.org/content/332/6035/1250.summary)  
 (4 other Wood articles appear at CHE, 06/16-06/27, .... then  
 06/29 [www.aaas.org/news/releases/2011/media/0629board\\_statement.pdf](http://www.aaas.org/news/releases/2011/media/0629board_statement.pdf)  
 06/30 [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/bottling-up-global-warming-skepticism](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/bottling-up-global-warming-skepticism)  
 07/07 [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?Doc\\_Id=2080](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?Doc_Id=2080) CHE article → NAS

Wood has often denigrated climate scientists and AGW.<sup>3</sup> The reader may evaluate Wood's CHE article and his comments in the light of NAS values. Is “*Bottling...*” normal academic opinion or a libelous political attack?

Wood's article tries to link together, in *truly strange* combination:

PT Barnum: 7 mentions

Contemporary higher education:3

Bruno Latour (& postmodernism): 2

John Mashey (me): 5

Michael Mann (and climate science in general): 2

Thus: (Barnum ~ Con.high.ed ~ Latour) ~ (Mashey, Mann and AGW)

*Bottling* is dissected sentence-by-sentence in §2, §3. Scam artist Barnum is the focus of 60% of the text, forming a pervasive background. The general public, CHE audience or NAS audience may have differing reactions to **Barnum**, **contemporary higher education** (Cont.high.ed) or **Latour** (postmodernism). These might be “dog-whistle politics”-like code phrases<sup>4</sup> that have specific meanings for a selected subgroup, in this case NAS. Barnum is negative for many people, but the others are likely quite negative for NAS members.(\*).

	Public	CHE	NAS	My Opinion
Barnum	Neg	Neg	Neg	Strongly negative for most
Cont.high.ed	Pos	Pos	Neg*	Common negative, NAS website
Latour(pomo)	Who?	???	Neg*	Strongly negative at NAS

*Con.high.ed seems to have a tenuous relationship with the rest. Was it needed to manufacture relevance for CHE?*

*Bottling* used well-known political techniques to attach negative emotional associations to people, akin to political attack ads. Such associations often persist, especially regarding unfamiliar people, even when irrelevant or later disproved. It is hard to imagine any goal for this strange article beyond creating such associations, thus to damage reputations.

*Some readers may wonder if Bottling makes the slightest sense or is really a case of “bottling nonsense.”*

<sup>3</sup>See A.2 for more examples, such as “Climate Conspiracy,” 11/23/09, “Climategate Deniers,” 03/16/10, “To Serve Mann: Virginia's AG Puts Climate-Researcher on the Menu,” 05/12/10.

<sup>4</sup>[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog-whistle\\_politics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog-whistle_politics)

As usual, Wikipedia is not considered authoritative, but is often a good start.

<sup>1</sup> This NAS ([www.nas.org/who.cfm](http://www.nas.org/who.cfm)) is not the US National Academy of Sciences NAS. I had never heard of this NAS or Peter Wood before 06/30.

<sup>2</sup> [www.aaas.org/policy\\_pos.shtml](http://www.aaas.org/policy_pos.shtml) This timing may be a coincidence, of course.

Wood's 653-word article is quoted in its entirety below, any emboldening mine. Annotations are coded in {} and discussed in §3.

## 2 Bottling, CHE 06/30/11

{A}

### 'Bottling Up Global Warming Skepticism' {A<sub>1</sub>}

'At 15, P.T. **Barnum** showed what he was made of. He shrewdly traded some trash for a peddler's wagon full of green bottles. Then he opened a lottery, sold a thousand tickets, and handed out the empty bottles as prizes. **Barnum** eventually grew rich with his museum, his circus, and his spectacular coup in bringing the singer Jenny Lind to America, but he longed for something else. As his biographer Neil Harris put it, **Barnum** sought "approbation"—Swindlers had existed for a long time, but none had the effrontery to call themselves philanthropists or to make money from revelations of their own cunning and deceit. The public loved his spectacles but a certain class of people deplored his ethics.' {A<sub>2</sub>}

{B}

'I am not sure why **contemporary higher education** hasn't more forthrightly claimed P.T. **Barnum** as its true progenitor. His influence surely outshines Thomas Jefferson, Mark Hopkins, Charles Eliot, Nicholas Murray Butler, Robert Maynard Hutchins, or Clark Kerr.

**Contemporary higher education** has its own "greatest show on earth" tactics, but fondness for spectacle isn't the heart of **Barnum-ism**. **Barnum's** genius was in matching his entertainments to public yearnings and the vagaries of taste. He was deeply democratic, attuned to the press, and knew that he could use incredulity in his own favor. As Harris put it, "an exhibitor did not have to guarantee truthfulness: all he had to do was possess probability and invite doubt.'" {B<sub>1</sub>}

{C}

'But let's put aside these vacant thoughts {C<sub>1</sub>} and turn to some serious news. {C<sub>2</sub>} *Science* reports that retired computer scientist Dr. John **Mashey** is attempting to patch the tattered reputation {C<sub>3</sub>} of "hide the decline" {C<sub>4</sub>} Michael **Mann**, the climate scientist whose famous "hockey stick" chart shows exponentially increasing global temperatures in the near term. {C<sub>5</sub>} Mashey has been, as he puts it, "trying to take the offense" against global warming skeptics by flyspecking their publications. {C<sub>6</sub>} "You hope they make a mistake," he says, and when they do, he pounces with demands {C<sub>7</sub>} that journals retract whole articles. Some journals indeed have. As *Science* puts it, "His critics say

Mashey is more interested in destroying his foes than in debating the issues." Professor **Mann** is extolling his efforts at "exploring the underbelly of climate denial.'" {C<sub>8</sub>}

{D}

'**Mashey's** crusade brings to mind an article published in the journal *Critical Inquiry* back in 2004 by French social theorist **Bruno Latour**, "Why Has Critique Run Out of Steam? From Matters of Fact to Matters of Concern." {D<sub>1</sub>} **Latour**, who had been a key intellectual force in efforts to undermine the authority of modern science first by insisting that science is "socially constructed," and later by deploying the obsessive obscurantism of "ethnomethodology," had come to the abrupt realization that by undermining the authority of science, he had inadvertently helped those who were skeptical of global warming. Since he *knew* (on what authority?) that man-made global warming was a scientific fact, it now struck him as crucial to combat "excessive *distrust* of good matters of fact.'" {D<sub>2</sub>}

{E}

'But how is this to be done? I suppose **Mashey** offers an instructive example of one way to put "excessive distrust" of authority back in the green glass bottle. {E<sub>1</sub>} Making the bottle the only safe refuge from abuse might work on a limited scale, but it isn't really attuned to our sense of fair play. We don't need perfect assurance in our scientific theories but we do need to believe that the scientists are doing their best to get to the truth.' {E<sub>2</sub>}

{F}

'As P. T. **Barnum** taught us, skepticism is tricky business. "Perfect and absolute conviction in exhibits made them less valuable," says Harris summarizing **Barnum's** perspective. "Spectators required some hint of a problem, some suggestions of difficulty." The trick is to evoke just the right amount of skepticism, and not too much difficulty. A little too much either way and the game is over.' {F<sub>1</sub>}

{G}

'Of course, man-made global warming is just one exhibit in the **contemporary higher-education** circus. If it grows stale, we have others.' {G<sub>1</sub>}

*The reader might pause here and reflect on the nature of this article, before going on to the dissection. Does it have much substance? Is the substance correct? What sort of associations would be suggested to anyone unfamiliar with this topic or people?*

### 3 Bottling Annotated

#### {A: Barnum was deceitful, 18% of total words}

**A<sub>1</sub>** This seems a combination of Barnum's bottles and the idea that the mainstream science is mistreating legitimate skepticism. Reasonable skepticism is normal in science, but also assumes competence. Persistent skepticism in the face of basic physics and vast evidence is not skepticism, but anti-science. It occurs for many reasons, including ideology or e Barnum was a rich swindler who still desired approbation. *Perhaps this implies similarity with others mentioned. Why else was this included?*

#### {B: contemporary higher education ~ Barnum, 17%}

**B<sub>1</sub>** "Contemporary higher education" is equated to Barnum. This might appeal to NAS members, regardless of the extent to which it might or might not be accurate.<sup>5</sup>

#### {C: Vague Science, Mann discredited, Mashey flyspecks, 20%}

**C<sub>1</sub>** "vacant thoughts." Barnum is covered or mentioned in {A, B, E, F, G} or about 60% that ought to be labeled "vacant thoughts." All else is thus immersed in pervasive Barnum-ness likely to create false emotional associations. Do scholars normally spend 60% of their text on material self-labeled "vacant"? The CHE article is "tagged Bruno Latour, John Mashey, Michael Mann, Neil Harris, P. T. Barnum." *Is there any doubt of intended association?*

*I would guess that a small fraction of NAS members have heard of Mann, except via previous Wood posts in the NAS blog. Almost none would have ever heard of me. Such associations can be effective tactics.*

**C<sub>2</sub>** Although Wood labels the *Science* article as the serious news, he offers no reference so it takes more effort to find, and then is paywalled. I would guess very few non-AAAS-members would ever see it.<sup>6</sup> *The chronology hints of a connection with the AAAS position the day before, but it might have been submitted earlier. Perhaps Wood prefers this venue over substantive arguments with Mann, myself or especially the AAAS.* He has attacked Mann before via the NAS blog although not at CHE.

**C<sub>3</sub>** "tattered reputation." In real science, Mann's reputation needs no patching.<sup>7</sup> Mann has been just one of many victims of a 20-year climate anti-science campaign.<sup>8</sup> He has long been the target of groups funded by Richard Mellon Scaife, the primary core funder of NAS. Anti-science memes, repeated endlessly and long refuted by scientists and others,<sup>9</sup> and do not need any more refutation from me. My reports focus on the machinery behind the attacks on scientists and others, hardly limited to Mann. I know too many people who get death threats or dead rats.

**C<sub>4</sub>** "hide the decline" this is at best serious error on Wood's part, at worst something worse. *Does Wood have the slightest knowledge of this, or is this a slogan he picked up from blogs?* **Kerry Emmanuel explained this and other issues on the NAS blog a year ago.**<sup>10</sup> Wood ignored him. In any case, **Mann did not write this, Phil Jones wrote about a study by Keith Briffa.**<sup>11</sup> In context, no one was hiding anything, as the topic has been widely published, as in *Nature*, and removing known bad data is quite appropriate. *So why is Mann tarred with something that was not wrong and that he did not even write?*

<sup>5</sup> Search [www.nas.org](http://www.nas.org) for "contemporary higher education." This seems a likely (negative) dog-whistle code phrase for NAS members. Perhaps all higher education is disdained or perhaps it is a code-phrase for specific schools or departments. Academe is filled with perfectly-legitimate arguments, not mine as I have not been an academic since 1974 PhD. I have lectured at hundreds of fine universities worldwide and worked with many academics, but usually in engineering or physical sciences, where some of these battles seem less prevalent. Physicists rarely face personal attacks against any existence of atoms. I have also cooperated closely with some fine historians, psychologists and sociologists. Some areas of academe leave great scope for ongoing arguments, and policies and implementations will vary wildly, some good, some not so good.

<sup>6</sup> Searching for Mashey at either CHE or NAS found only *Bottling*.

<sup>7</sup> [scholar.google.com/scholar?q=me+mann&hl=en&btnG=Search&as\\_sdt=1%2C5&as\\_sdt=on](http://scholar.google.com/scholar?q=me+mann&hl=en&btnG=Search&as_sdt=1%2C5&as_sdt=on) Google Scholar is imperfect, but certainly offers a quick idea. If Peter Wood is a scholar of 20+ years, it is surprisingly difficult to find peer-reviewed work (see A.6), whereas Mann has often published in the most prestigious science journals and coauthored with other well-known researchers.

<sup>8</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony](http://www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony)

<sup>9</sup> [www.skepticalscience.com/fixednum.php](http://www.skepticalscience.com/fixednum.php) has a fine list of such memes.

<sup>10</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype\\_code=Article&doc\\_id=1214](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype_code=Article&doc_id=1214), see A.2.

<sup>11</sup> [www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2009/11/the-cru-hack](http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2009/11/the-cru-hack)



**{C<sub>5</sub>}** “exponentially increasing global temperatures in the near term” The fast-rising “blade” of the hockey stick is taken from modern temperature measurements, not from the work of Mann, Bradley and Hughes. They and others worked on reconstructing the earlier periods, leading to the “handle.” “Near-term” is complete nonsense as projection is a separate area of research - modeling, not reconstruction. In **{C<sub>4</sub>}** and **{C<sub>5</sub>}** *Wood seems unable to get even basic facts right about the hockey sticks and Mann. He cannot even repeat standard anti-science memes correctly.*

**{C<sub>6</sub>}** “flyspecking” Wood has written very negatively of plagiarism,<sup>12</sup> but labels me as flyspecking people’s publications, which can **only** refer to my 250-page analysis of the Wegman Report and related topics.<sup>13</sup> Of 91 pages, 35 had obvious plagiarism. Plagiarism experts have labeled examples “shocking.”<sup>14</sup> Other serious problems pervaded the entire Report, of which even more were shown later by blogger “Deep Climate.”<sup>15</sup> Falsification/fabrication issues require more expertise to explain to a general audience.<sup>16</sup> The Wegman Report was so problem-filled it took hundreds of pages to cover some of them.

NAS and its predecessor Campus Coalition for Democracy (CCfD) have gotten funding from the same conservative family foundations (led by Scaife) that have funded many thinktanks, including the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) and George Marshall Institute (GMI), long leaders of climate anti-science campaigns, **A.4**. CEI and GMI were the keys in building the attack on Mann that eventually led to the Wegman Report.<sup>17</sup> Wood claims to have no opinion on Wegman, but what else

could he have been referencing? *How can he label my work “flyspecking unless he has studied my reports on Wegman? How then can he know nothing of Wegman’s work? My earlier reports had little or nothing to do with plagiarism or poor scholarship.”*<sup>18</sup>

**{C<sub>7</sub>}** “pounces with demands” is a *bizarre* definition of a 6-month effort to produce a dense 250-page report. **I have made no demands**, simply documented and reported conduct normally considered academic fraud, which Wood lauds when it is done elsewhere. I strongly value academe’s brand reputation for truth and disdain of plagiarism.<sup>19</sup> So do a handful of others who have submitted related academic misconduct complaints. I do not even know the identities of all – I have submitted reports only to be told they were the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> complaints. Potential Federal funds mis-use problems also arise in this case. *Does Wood prefer all this to be ignored* **There had been exactly one retraction, so he is wrong about that simple fact, too.** (Of course, there may be more on the way.)

**{C<sub>8</sub>}** This is supposedly the serious news of the piece, but, Wood does not cite the actual *Science* article. *I would guess only motivated AAAS members would trouble to find this and read it.* Wood often quote-mines<sup>20</sup> short phrases from *Science*, then finishes sentences with his own words. The original context completely disappears. He quotes a few phrases of critics.<sup>21</sup> **Anyone who accepts Wood’s interpretation might want to read the actual article in *Science*. People especially might want to assess critics’ credibility in context. Why did *Science* editors run this article?**

<sup>12</sup> See **A.2**, “She Do the Plagiarists in Many Voices: An Anthropologist’s New Rationale for Academic Dishonesty,” 09/03/08, “Beehive Whacking,” 11/16/08, “Chastening Churchill: The Justice of Judge Naves’ Opinion,” 07/10/09.

Tim Lambert has useful commentary:

[scienceblogs.com/deltoid/2011/07/peter\\_wood.php](http://scienceblogs.com/deltoid/2011/07/peter_wood.php)

<sup>13</sup> [deepclimate.org/2010/09/26/strange-scholarship-wegman-report](http://deepclimate.org/2010/09/26/strange-scholarship-wegman-report)

<sup>14</sup> Dan Vergano, USA Today, [www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/globalwarming/2010-11-21-climate-report-questioned\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/globalwarming/2010-11-21-climate-report-questioned_N.htm)

<sup>15</sup> [deepclimate.org/2010/11/16/replication-and-due-diligence-wegman-style](http://deepclimate.org/2010/11/16/replication-and-due-diligence-wegman-style)

DC showed use of bad statistics and use of a 1% cherry-pick.

<sup>16</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/wegman-report-not-just-plagiarism-misrepresentation](http://www.desmogblog.com/wegman-report-not-just-plagiarism-misrepresentation)

<sup>17</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony](http://www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony) p.93,

[deepclimate.org/2010/09/26/strange-scholarship-wegman-report](http://deepclimate.org/2010/09/26/strange-scholarship-wegman-report) pp.25-32.

<sup>18</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/science-article-recognizes-john-mashey](http://www.desmogblog.com/science-article-recognizes-john-mashey)

This also links to 600+ pages total of my reports over last few years.

<sup>19</sup> When teaching 40 years ago, I warned students that copying computer programs was guaranteed an “F” for the course. Every term some tried and they were failed.

<sup>20</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fallacy\\_of\\_quoting\\_out\\_of\\_context](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fallacy_of_quoting_out_of_context)

<sup>21</sup> Will Happer is Chairman of GMI, a 20-year fount of climate anti-science, and a key entity in the attack on the hockey stick and Mann, with core funding from the same core funders of NAS. Happer was also one of the leaders of an unsuccessful petition to the American Physical Society. Some APS people liked the report. He did not. Ed Wegman has been forced to withdraw one paper for straightforward plagiarism, and meanwhile continues to deny the well-documented array of others: [www.desmogblog.com/mashey-report-reveals-wegman-manipulations](http://www.desmogblog.com/mashey-report-reveals-wegman-manipulations)

**{D: Mashey ~ Latour, 19%}**

**{D<sub>1</sub>}** Although Wood only vaguely notes *Science*, he gives a URL for Latour, in support of a truly silly comparison.<sup>22</sup> My “crusade,” such as it is, tries to help climate scientists versus political/economic anti-science attacks, the same that AAAS decried strongly the day before Wood’s article. Perhaps that is why such efforts are profiled in *Science* or help lead to editorials in *USA Today* or *Nature*<sup>23</sup>. Since NAS claims to stand for academic freedom and against politicization of science, its President might applaud such efforts, not associate them with Barnum and Latour.

Having had a 5-decade-long interest in science and its history, I think that science works even with imperfect humans.<sup>24</sup> Critical analyses of science by experts is just fine, but postmodernist ideas on science never fit very well. I followed the Sokal affair<sup>25</sup> and read several books that convinced me postmodernism’s views of science were mostly silly.<sup>26</sup> I especially enjoyed physicist John Huth’s analysis of Latour and relativity.<sup>27</sup>

*So why does Wood compare me to Latour?*

I certainly accept the reality of AGW, for many technical reasons beyond simply agreeing with most relevant science societies.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>22</sup> *Comparing me with Latour is humorous.* I was training as a physicist (3 credits short of BS Physics (dual with Math) before finding computer science irresistible). I worked at Bell Labs for 10 years and since then in Silicon Valley, *neither a postmodernist hotbed*. As SGI Chief Scientist, I spent much time with physicists and other scientists. I attend AGU meetings. I have long read *Skeptical Inquirer* and sometimes write articles. *Non-science occurs at either end of the political spectrum and is wrong anywhere. Maybe the far ends join circularly?*

<sup>23</sup> *Nature* editorial, “Copy and paste,” 05/26/11

[www.nature.com/nature/journal/v473/n7348/full/473419b.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v473/n7348/full/473419b.html)

This was likely informed by reports 4) and especially 5) listed in:

[www.desmogblog.com/science-article-recognizes-john-mashey](http://www.desmogblog.com/science-article-recognizes-john-mashey)

<sup>24</sup> Naomi Oreskes, *The rejection of continental drift: theory and method in American earth science* (1999) is a fine history of relevant human complexities.

<sup>25</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sokal\\_affair](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sokal_affair)

<sup>26</sup> Alan Sokal, Jean Bricmont, *Fashionable Nonsense: Postmodern Intellectuals' Abuse of Science*, 1998, [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fashionable\\_Nonsense](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fashionable_Nonsense).

<sup>27</sup> John Huth, “Latour’s Relativity,” in Noretta Koertge, Ed, *A House Built on Sand: Exposing Postmodernist Myths About Science* (1998).

<sup>28</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific\\_opinion\\_on\\_climate\\_change](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_opinion_on_climate_change)  
[americasclimatechoices.org/panelscience.shtml](http://americasclimatechoices.org/panelscience.shtml) 2011, From the “other NAS.”

Latour happens to be right about AGW, Wood wrong, but *I do not know why anyone should ascribe any weight to either opinion*. It is easy enough to study real science and talk to real climate scientists, whose opinions on AGW actually matter.<sup>29</sup> People can avoid Dunning-Kruger, if they are willing to try,<sup>30</sup> but many avoid education to retain intense beliefs.

**{D<sub>2</sub>}** Rather than debating anything I have written, Wood drags in (totally irrelevant) Barnum and Latour, attaching familiar negatives to an unfamiliar person. Once formed, such associations are difficult to reverse.<sup>31</sup> Of course, such tactics are familiar to political writers.

<sup>29</sup> People might read general-audience books written by experts, of which many exist. I recommend David Archer, *The Long Thaw*, 2008 or the fine book/website by USGCRP, Global Climate Change Impacts in the US (2009), [www.globalchange.gov/publications/reports/scientific-assessments/us-impacts](http://www.globalchange.gov/publications/reports/scientific-assessments/us-impacts) Those who can handle more math and physics might read Archer’s *Global Warming: Understanding the Forecast*, 2006, whose video lectures for college non-science majors are online: [geoflop.uchicago.edu/forecast/docs/lectures.html](http://geoflop.uchicago.edu/forecast/docs/lectures.html) Wood’s office near Princeton is a few miles from GFDL, one of the premier USA sites for climate modeling research. *Has Wood talked to them?*

<sup>30</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dunning%E2%80%93Kruger\\_effect](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dunning%E2%80%93Kruger_effect)

<sup>31</sup> “Wrong facts stick in memory,”

[www.sciencealert.com.au/news/20110607-22360.html](http://www.sciencealert.com.au/news/20110607-22360.html) and peer-reviewed papers: Ullrich K. H., Lewandowsky, Stephan and Apai, Joe(2011) 'Terrorists brought down the plane!—No, actually it was a technical fault: Processing corrections of emotive information', *The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 64: 2, 283 — 310, First published on: 06 August 2010 (iFirst) To link to this Article: URL: [dx.doi.org/10.1080/17470218.2010.497927](http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17470218.2010.497927) OR

Ullrich K. H. Ecker & Stephan Lewandowsky & Briony Swire & Darren Chang, “Correcting false information in memory: Manipulating the strength of misinformation encoding and its retraction,” *Psychon Bull Rev* (2011) 18:570–578, DOI 10.3758/s13423-011-0065-1 It concludes:

“The practical implications of the present research are clear:

**If misinformation is encoded strongly, the level of continued influence will significantly increase, unless the misinformation is also retracted strongly.**

Hence, if information that has had a lot of news coverage is found to be incorrect, the retraction will need to be circulated with equal vigor, or else continued influence will persist at high levels. Of course, in reality, initial reports of an event, which may include misinformation (e.g., that a person of interest has committed a crime or that a country seeks to hide WMDs), may attract more interest than their retraction.”

**{E: Mashey ~ Latour & Barnum; innuendo about climatology, 13%}**

**{E<sub>1</sub>}** “excessive distrust of authority” – Wood tries to take a Latour phrase and make it mine. *This is nonsense, as confused as Latour’s ideas of relativity.* Rejecting basic physics and massive data is not “excessive distrust of authority,” it is at best ignorance, but sometimes purposeful.<sup>32</sup> Is the bottle full of hot air? **{A<sub>2</sub>}** Or is there an attempt to put skepticism into a bottle? **{A<sub>1</sub>}** Or is the bottle a refuge for scientists who Wood thinks might not be doing a good job? **{E<sub>2</sub>}** *There is not even a coherent analogy.*

**{E<sub>2</sub>}** “we do need to believe that the scientists are doing their best to get at the truth.” That is exactly what climate scientists are doing, but much well-funded climate anti-science machinery is used to obscure the truth and propagate nonsense. NAS has gotten funding from the same key foundations who fund that machinery elsewhere. *Perhaps Wood wants NAS to be a bigger cog in that machinery.<sup>33</sup> Does the reader believe that Wood is trying to “get at the truth?”*

**{F More Barnum, 10%}**

**{F<sub>1</sub>}** Barnum returns again.

**{G: AGW ~ higher education ~Barnum, 3%}**

**{G<sub>1</sub>}** Wood effectively declares AGW a hoax, but offers zero evidence or even reasoned argument. A USA Today editorial offered strong words:

“Coincidentally, [USA TODAY’s Dan Vergano reported Monday](#), a statistics journal retracted a federally funded study that had become a touchstone among climate-change deniers. The retraction followed complaints of plagiarism and use of unreliable sources, such as Wikipedia.

**Taken together, these developments ought to leave the deniers in the same position as the “birthers,”** who continue to challenge President Obama’s American citizenship — a vocal minority that refuses to accept overwhelming evidence.”<sup>34</sup>

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[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pair\\_by\\_association](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pair_by_association) is also useful.

<sup>32</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony](http://www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony), pp.13-14.

<sup>33</sup> *If so, funding sources may be more available than for other concerns of NAS members. It is difficult to understand any other reason for intense writing on a topic so far removed from Wood’s own academic background or NAS mission.*

<sup>34</sup> “Our view: America, pick your climate choices,”

[www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2011-05-16-Report-puts-climate-change-deniers-in-hot-seat\\_n.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2011-05-16-Report-puts-climate-change-deniers-in-hot-seat_n.htm)

Many issues in politics, policies and sometimes in social sciences can be reasonably arguable. I might well even agree with NAS on some issues as I’ve seen well-meant policies be taken too far, implemented poorly or yield unintended consequences. But expertise-less anti-science is a credibility-destroyer, just as are falsification, fabrication and plagiarism.

Unthinking repetition of errant memes and slogans does not magically nullify basic physics. Wood sometimes fails to get even the simplest facts correct. Meanwhile, he ignores a distinguished climate scientist in NAS member Kerry Emmanuel:<sup>35</sup>

“NAS stands at a crossroads: is it truly committed to upholding standards of objective scholarship and free inquiry untainted by political agendas, or is it merely a particular brand of political passion masquerading as high principle? If the former, it should stop attacking climate science and turn its guns against those who are politicizing.”

Wood of course is entitled to express his opinions. **If he wants to claim the moon is made of green cheese and that astronauts never landed there, that is his right and CHE has the right to publish it. On the other hand, if he names specific astronauts as scam artists and charlatans for saying otherwise, then there may well be libelous intent, whether or not one should be bothered to bring suit in the US.**<sup>36</sup>

*It is strange to find an AGW green-cheese equivalent under a CHE masthead. I hope that this is an oversight occasioned by the oddities of blogging and hope CHE thinks about possible crossover from legitimate expression of opinion into defamation.*

*Wood’s article was interesting, but the attached comments were even more instructive of his approach to reasoned discourse, covered in §4.*

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<sup>35</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1444](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1444)

<sup>36</sup> The US’s state-by-state laws make libel complex enough that many simply ignore the laws, and most scientists lack the time or money to pursue it. Internet libel is especially awkward: where exactly is the Internet? In Canada or UK, it would likely be a different story. Several climate-related libel suits are under way in Canada, via Roger McConchie, a lawyer who literally “wrote the book” on Canadian libel law. (I own a copy, 1000 pages.)

#### 4 *Bottling Comments Annotated*

As of 07/30/11, 63 comments have been added.<sup>37</sup> The reader is urged to read the whole comments sequence for context.<sup>38</sup> Following are a few selections, including all of Wood's comments.

##### **peterwood:**

"My thanks to Tenney Naumer and Scott Mandia for their strong endorsements of the higher education orthodoxy. To say as Tenney Naumer does that Dr. Mann's reputation is "very much intact," however, is to set aside a **substantial body of criticism within the scientific community {H<sub>1</sub>}** as well as from the informed public. Tenney Naumer may wish it otherwise, and Scott Mandia may used all caps to assure us "DR. MANN'S WORK HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY MANY OTHER SCIENTISTS," but capitalization **doesn't erase the statistical trickery and suppression of discrepant data that were essential ingredients of the hockey stick graph.**{H<sub>2</sub>}

Let me clear that I accept the scientific orthodoxy that carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas and that the temperature record of the last century show some global warming. What we make of these facts, however, is very much a matter of ongoing scientific investigation attending by considerable controversy. **The Barnum-esque hokum comes from those who are certain that we have an adequate model of how and why global warming has happened {H<sub>3</sub>}** and are eager to proceed to "solutions." No one I know of opposes "energy efficiency," but right now continued use of fossil fuels is part of the picture."

**{H<sub>1</sub>}** *What does Wood know about the real scientific community?* He seems to take Viscount Monckton seriously, totally destroying credibility.

**{H<sub>2</sub>}** *That is a deadly-serious charge in academe and if anthropologist Wood cannot prove it, some might consider it libelous.*

**{H<sub>3</sub>}** *Wood has erred on simple facts.* Within reasonable uncertainties, relevant people understand AGW quite well, as the basic knowledge has developed over the last century.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>37</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/bottling-up-global-warming-skepticism](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/bottling-up-global-warming-skepticism)  
To see all, the reader must click "Load more comments" at the end.

<sup>38</sup> The CHE blog has neither post numbers nor fixed dates, which somewhat hinders retrospective analysis of posting sequences.

**Scott A. Mandia:**<sup>40</sup> replies quickly:

"a substantial body of criticism within the scientific community" Sources? Dr. Mann's research was supported by the National Academy of Sciences and many subsequent paleo reconstructions also show the hockey stick. His work is very well respected by those that understand his research.

**You are libeling not only Dr. Mann but also the scientific method when you claim (without proof) that Mann is resorting to trickery and data suppression. These are serious charges.** Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence but all you have offered is rhetoric.

On the other hand, I showed evidence that reveals the hockey stick results using different types of data and different types of techniques from various international scientists. Shall we assume that you believe these scientists also used tricks and data suppression?"

##### **peterwood:**

"tedkirkpatrick, EliRabett, taylor\_b, and darkmountain seem pretty certain that all is well with Professor Mann's reputation. This is a pretty good illustration of **academic cocooning. Even if one were totally unacquainted with the controversies, It takes no more than a few minutes of googling to acquaint oneself with the situation.** {I<sub>1</sub>} Indeed the whole point of **Dr. Hashey's (sic) crusade** is to attempt to counter the widespread view that **Professor Mann's scientific pronouncements have been, at least in some prominent cases, compromised by special pleading and other forms of academic dishonesty.** {I<sub>2</sub>} If it is "slander" to mention this fact, Professor Mann has before him hundreds if not thousands of critics against whom he can pursue litigation. I expect I am pretty far down the list."

Various posters, including Wood, were confused. Written word is libel.

**{I<sub>1</sub>}** Wood refuses to give a single citation, unsurprisingly, as experienced people can guess which sources he might use, having seen them often.

**{I<sub>2</sub>}** Wood adds more serious, unsupported attacks. Academic dishonesty is a serious charge. *If he cannot prove it, this might be libel, again.*

<sup>39</sup> Spencer Weart, *The Discovery of Global Warming*, 2008 book or online: [www.aip.org/history/climate/co2.htm](http://www.aip.org/history/climate/co2.htm) fine work by physicist/science historian.

<sup>40</sup> [www2.sunysuffolk.edu/mandias](http://www2.sunysuffolk.edu/mandias) Mandia actually knows something about the topic and teaches it and is one of the organizers of the Climate Science Rapid Response Team, [www.climateapidresponse.org/](http://www.climateapidresponse.org/)



**James Haughton:**

"It would seem that "a few minutes of googling", presumably at climateaudit is indeed all the effort that Peter Wood has put into researching this piece.

The one factual claim in the original article, that Mann's work "shows exponentially increasing global temperatures in the near term." is incorrect - Mann's work was about reconstructing the temperature record from 1400 to ~1900, the exponential increase is in the instrumental record from multiple, independent other sources.

Mr Wood then claims that Professor Mann indulged in "statistical trickery", "data suppression", "special pleading" and "academic dishonesty". He provides no evidence for any of these assertions, despite repeated requests and pointers towards the numerous enquiries, reexaminations, etc, all of which have cleared Professor Mann. This leads one to conclude that he is unable to produce the evidence, that he doesn't understand the issues, and that he wouldn't know a Principal Component Analysis if he fell over it."

**peterwood:**

"Dear darkmountain, **I see nothing to apologize for**, thank you. I stand by my comments and rather welcome this display of **self-congratulatory ignorance on the part of people who are desperately afraid to look at the facts. I am not going to spoil it by providing citations. Those are easily available to anyone willing to look.**"

Various readers asked him to back his claims, mentioning potential libel. His reply is shown above. *It is fascinating that citations spoil arguments.*

**\_perplexed:**

"It could be that he just doesn't know a damn thing about climate science."

**peterwood:**

"Could be, and then again, maybe he does."

*That is not very convincing. On the evidence so far, \_perplexed appears right.*

**peterwood:**

"Our friend chuckle, the fantasist, has outdone himself. **Why ask me about "Creation Science?"** Perhaps because I was once provost of a Christian college? Granted, that college neither taught nor espoused "Creation Science," and I have no interest in the topic, **{L<sub>1</sub>}** but why let those little details in the way? **In the effort to defend academic orthodoxy on topics such as the**

**rate of man-made global warming, it seems virtually any tactic aimed at silencing skeptics is welcome. {L<sub>2</sub>}** I know how reassuring this is to the true-believers. 'Look at how many of us there are! Look how we agree with each other! Look at how smart we are! We must surely be right! And those who disagree with us must surely be stupid or paid-off by oil companies!'

This fine chain of reasoning is well represented in this thread leading up the capstone of chuckles' non sequitur. Still, most of these writers who have bravely defended the reputation of Professor Mann and the climate change orthodoxy for which he stands have prudently chosen to write under pseudonyms. That will save some awkward explaining if things don't work out quite as they expect."

**{L<sub>1</sub>}** See A.3, where Wood was recently several times a panelist for the American Freedom Alliance, one of whose activities is promoting "Intelligent Design."<sup>41</sup>

**{L<sub>2</sub>}**"Skeptics" can say whatever they want. Whenever they say anything useful, scientists listen, but it almost never happens. Most just repeat the same, long-debunked memes, such as "Hide the decline."<sup>42</sup> Uninformed "skeptics," especially those new to these fights, even get the simple facts wrong.

**Peterwood: (about ~07/07/11)**

"Thanks for catching that typo taylor\_b. I have corrected it.

On the broader matter, **I have written not one word about Edward Wegman** for or against, and yet you cast me as his defender **{M<sub>1</sub>}** and draw quite a few inferences from this supposition. This is a near perfect example of academic dishonesty on your part, and probably "slander" in the exact meaning of the term. You are attributing views to me you know very well I don't hold in order to damage my reputation **{M<sub>2</sub>}** . **Given that this is acceptable procedure among the ranks of "climate scientists" and their supporters**, is it any wonder that the field is having what might be called "public relations problems?"

<sup>41</sup> [www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/darwindebates/index.htm](http://www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/darwindebates/index.htm)

<sup>42</sup> [www.skepticalscience.com/fixednum.php](http://www.skepticalscience.com/fixednum.php), #77.

I have seen the same memes hundreds of times, not worth rebutting. I've seen OpEds that managed to cram 10-15 of these into a few paragraphs. I just give the numbers from Skeptical Science. *I do not think Wood is even up to the more sophisticated ones, seeming mostly limited to repeating wrong Climategate claims.*

taylor\_b:

“Since your original article lacks any facts or substance and is based largely on innuendo and supposition, and you've repeatedly refused to back up your allegations against Dr. Mann with any evidence, we're left to infer what views you have about anything, and guess for ourselves from what evidence you draw your conclusions. **{M<sub>1</sub>}** **What you've said is that Dr. Mann's reputation is "tattered," Dr. Mashey's work consists of "flyspecking," and that "journals" have responded to Dr. Mashey's "demands" by retracting said flyspecked articles.** In fact, the only journal that has yet retracted any article about which Dr. Mashey has written is the journal Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, and the article was co-authored by Wegman and Said. The article tracked closely the material on Social Networks in climate science that Wegman presented in his report and testimony to Congress, and is the only work Wegman produced in fulfillment of promises he made in that testimony. **As you might even be aware from your Googling, Dr. Mann's "hockey stick" graph was the subject of Dr. Wegman's report.**

**Since you're attacking Dr. Mann without providing any evidence, and the plagiarism in Wegman's record of publication is the subject of Dr. Mashey's work in the *Science* editorial you quoted, I think it's fair to conclude that you feel Dr. Mann's and Dr. Mashey's alleged transgressions are far worse than those of the authors whose paper was retracted (Wegman and Said).** You've been conspicuously silent about the subject of the *Science* (*sic*<sup>43</sup>) editorial (in fact what you've written here so far is nearly content-free), which is GMU's much delayed investigation of Dr. Wegman. Therefore, I infer that you feel Dr. Wegman and his retracted article were treated unfairly, which I construe as a defense of Wegman on your part. But do let us know what are your views on these matters, including the plagiarism in Wegman's work, and **please support your allegations with evidence, whenever you get around to it.**”

**{M<sub>1</sub>}** taylor\_b answered this fairly well. Flyspecking had to refer to Wegman.

**{M<sub>2</sub>}** Wood's style of discourse is found widely across the Web. Such is almost certainly one of the reasons climate scientists routinely get harassed, as it acts as “echo chamber” for people who get excited enough to send threats or leave dead rats on doorsteps.

*In psychology, Wood's behavior might be called “projection.”*

<sup>43</sup> That was [www.nature.com/nature/journal/v473/n7348/full/473419b.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v473/n7348/full/473419b.html), i.e., *Nature*, not *Science*. Both premier science journals have opinions.

## 5 Conclusion *Bottling Nonsense*

*CHE of course has every right to offer its highly-respected imprimatur to anyone they choose, but Wood seems a strange choice. He repeatedly refuses to engage in serious or even civil dialog, preferring to insult readers. I had mentioned CHE on several blogs, imploring people to be polite, but some said they found it difficult, for reasons that may be clear.*

Although Wood is obviously the strongest voice of NAS, he wants to claim that NAS has no position on climate change. When NAS lauds Fred Singer or Wood applauds Viscount Christopher Monckton<sup>44</sup>, *anyone familiar with this topic might think differently. See examples in A.1 – A.3.* It is common for people to claim to have no position, then show repeatedly that they reject mainstream science, often found in Wegman Report.<sup>45</sup> Scientists gain great respect if able to competently challenge mainstream views and change them, but incompetent complaints are worthless.

Do NAS members vote on positions, or does Wood just say what he wants?<sup>46</sup> Wood posts as President of NAS, a useful platform. *Finally, Wood seems to want to claim that “opinion pieces” allow people to say anything about anyone without ever having to provide citations or evidence.* Recall the NAS description:

“NAS is an independent membership association of academics working to foster intellectual freedom and to sustain the tradition of **reasoned scholarship** and **civil debate** in America's colleges and universities. The NAS today is higher education's most vigilant watchdog. We stand for **intellectual integrity** in the curriculum, in the classroom, and across the campus. ...”

*Perhaps these rules apply only on-campus, but bottling nonsense is silly wherever it is done.*



<sup>44</sup> This alone totally discredits Wood's opinion on climate issues.

<sup>45</sup> [deepclimate.org/2010/09/26/strange-scholarship-nas-wegman-report](http://deepclimate.org/2010/09/26/strange-scholarship-nas-wegman-report)

<sup>46</sup> So far, (see comments from Anna Haynes), 3 NAS state heads have supported Wood's climate position. One is a professor of music composition, two are retired professors (history and sociology). On the other hand, Kerry Emmanuel, a well-published, current climate scientist, strongly disagrees. *Whose opinion counts?*

## A.1 CHE Innovations – Wood Articles

Every source is cited so the reader can check context.<sup>47</sup> The reader might peruse the attached comments to further understand Wood's approach.

### 11/20/10 CHE “Anthropology Association Rejecting Science?”<sup>48</sup>

“My doctoral degree is in anthropology (University of Rochester) and for 17 years I taught anthropology at Boston University, where I was tenured and also served in the university administration. My major publications—*Diversity: The Invention of a Concept* and *A Bee in the Mouth: Anger in America Now*, though aimed at an audience beyond anthropologists per se, still constituted works of ethnographic description and anthropological analysis.”

See A.6 for a brief biography collected from various sources.

### 12/28/10 CHE “Surfeits of Certitude”<sup>49</sup>

“explained that the frigid temperatures and heavy snowfalls afflicting Europe and much of North America this year are, *mirabile dictu*, the result of “the overall warming of the atmosphere.” Quick-draw skeptics made the obvious retorts: (1) that **advocates of the theory of global warming seem to have constructed a one-way street for interpreting data**. No matter what happens in the actual atmosphere of our planet—whether temperatures rise, fall, or remain the same; ditto the level of precipitation; ditto the severity of storms—the theory of anthropocentric global warming (AGW) is vindicated. (2) the **public is growing more and more jaundiced** about this theoretical legerdemain; and (3) **a fair amount of the skepticism now focuses on the capacity of climate scientists to be honest judges of the global warming evidence in view of the enormous amounts of money that flows their way and will continue to flow only if AGW retains its legitimacy**. ...

Like global warming, the topic is intrinsically complex, though probably **nowhere near as imponderable as the dynamics of heat transfer in the atmosphere**.”

Wood repeats standard climate anti-science memes numbered in Skeptical Science.<sup>50</sup> *Regarding funding, were any specific person named, I suspect*

<sup>47</sup> Selected from [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/author/pwood](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/author/pwood)

<sup>48</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/anthropology-association-rejecting-science](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/anthropology-association-rejecting-science)

<sup>49</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/surfeits-of-certitude](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/surfeits-of-certitude)

<sup>50</sup> [www.skepticalscience.com/fixednum.php](http://www.skepticalscience.com/fixednum.php), #88, #159 on snow, #15, #74 on cold. Warmer climate increases atmospheric water vapor. Changes in Hadley circulation move precipitation, as from US Southwest to Midwest. Frigidity in some areas can be normal variability.

*that might be thought libel as well*. It did encourage a close look at the funding history of NAS, A.5. Models of heat transfer in the atmosphere are good enough to get useful results, *although they may be imponderable to Wood, who may not have studied thermodynamics*.

### 03/30/11 CHE “Cronon’s Whirlwind”<sup>51</sup>

“Some of this is hyperventilating. Krugman, for example, compares the e-mail request to “**the ongoing smear campaign against climate science**,” and asserts that there is a “clear chilling effect when scholars know that they may face witch hunts whenever they say things the G.O.P. doesn’t like. ... I regret that Stephan Thompson filed this request, but Professor Cronon’s umbrage, the AAUP’s ire, the AHA’s distress, and Krugman’s shivers distract from the real point. Professors who sow the political wind reap the political whirlwind.”

Conon is a highly-respected historian. Wood supported Cuccinelli’s attack on U VA and Mann, A.2, 05/12/10.

### 04/01/11 CHE “The Smog of Reprisal”<sup>52</sup>

“Not everyone is buying the official story. *Reason TV* strongly suggests that Enstrom was fired in retaliation for his role as a whistleblower. Its nine-minute video treats the CARB regulations on fine particulate pollution as a rush to judgment by a body that benefits when it keeps the public alarmed.”

*Enstrom and Reason are well-known*.<sup>53</sup> CARB has long been a well-regarded organization by those in CA who enjoy breathing.

### 04/24/11 CHE “Critiquing Sustainability”<sup>54</sup>

“Sustainability, of course, is not so much a subject as an ideology. It mixes together psychological dispositions, beliefs, scientific premises, social activism, government funding, and campus bureaucracy into a heady brew. It also has a nasty authoritarian side.

*This is just one of numerous articles on sustainability*.

<sup>51</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/cronons-whirlwind](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/cronons-whirlwind)

<sup>52</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/the-smog-of-reprisal](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/the-smog-of-reprisal)

<sup>53</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony](http://www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony) p.121.

Enstrom has been well-connected with tobacco (and sometimes climate anti-science) interests, although Wood certainly does his best to claim otherwise. See p.72, 95 on Reason: it has gotten funding from tobacco companies, ExxonMobil, Richard Mellon Scaife, and the Koch brothers, among others.

<sup>54</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/critiquing-sustainability](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/critiquing-sustainability)

### 05/27/11 CHE “Untenuring Tenure”<sup>55</sup>

[chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/untenuing-tenure](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/untenuing-tenure)

“We should never underestimate the obtuseness of those who would politicize science.”<sup>56</sup>

*I can finally agree with Wood!*

The following 3 articles derive from Wood’s participation in a 06/12/11 fringe-group meeting “Big Footprint – Is Green the New Tyranny,” A.3.

### 06/16/11 CHE “Tyranny or Theft? Part 1”<sup>57</sup>

“The UCLA conference, on the other hand, was rambunctious and rather assertive in its diagnoses and prescriptions. **It aimed at kicking out the props holding up bad science, worse economics, and really awful politics.**

#### Big Footprint

The tone of “Big Footprint” was set by the opening keynote address by **Christopher Monckton**—Lord Monckton—a hereditary peer and deputy leader of the UK Independence Party who is an outspoken skeptic about anthropogenic global warming. “Skeptic” is perhaps an understatement in his case.

**Lord Monckton is an agile, nose-tweaking, derisive foe of those who believe that significant global warming has resulted from human contributions of CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere.**<sup>58</sup> He is more caustic still towards those who believe that carbon reductions, cap and trade, windmills, and the like can be deployed to achieve any meaningful reduction in greenhouse gases. Let’s say Lord Monckton’s keynote address was not an attempt to find the redeeming features of a flawed movement, or to discover a winsome approach to those who are ambivalent about the **alleged threat of global warming**. **Several other speakers took similar tough-minded approaches, though none were so wry in delivery.** “

<sup>55</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/untenuing-tenure](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/untenuing-tenure)

<sup>56</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/untenuing-tenure](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/untenuing-tenure)

<sup>57</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/tyranny-or-theft-part-1](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/tyranny-or-theft-part-1)

<sup>58</sup> Monckton claims to be a member of the House of Lords. He is not. [scienceblogs.com/deltoid/2011/07/house\\_of\\_lords\\_open\\_letter\\_to.php](http://scienceblogs.com/deltoid/2011/07/house_of_lords_open_letter_to.php)

He is deputy leader of the UK Independence Party, and his C.V. is interesting: [www.ukip.org/content/latest-news/1666-lord-monckton-is-new-deputy-leader](http://www.ukip.org/content/latest-news/1666-lord-monckton-is-new-deputy-leader)  
[www.ukip.org/content/latest-news/1675-christopher-a-man-of-many-talents](http://www.ukip.org/content/latest-news/1675-christopher-a-man-of-many-talents)

“Director responsible for invention and development of a broad-spectrum cure for infectious diseases. Patents have now been filed. **Patients have been cured of various infectious diseases, including Graves’ Disease, multiple sclerosis, influenza, and herpes simplex VI.**” *This seems unlikely, but typical.*

*Wood seemed to take Monckton seriously, a vast credibility problem. Wood failed to mention the swastikas*<sup>59</sup>. *Graham Readfearn wrote:*<sup>60</sup>

“As a sort of “grand finale” to a *presentation* at a conference earlier this month in Los Angeles, climate “sceptic” Lord Christopher Monckton displayed on the giant conference screen a large Nazi swastika next to a quote from Adolf Hitler.

A few seconds later came another quote, next to another large swastika – an emblem still offensive to most people seven decades after the end of WWII. The quote this time was from Australia’s climate change advisor **Professor Ross Garnaut, which suggested that “on a balance of probabilities, the mainstream science is right”** on human-caused climate change.

Professor Garnaut’s opinion was, according to the presiding hereditary peer, a **“fascist point of view”**. This paranoia sits beside Lord Monckton’s regularly expressed view that environmentalists are communists in disguise.”

*Following is a screen shot of Monckton’s talk*<sup>61</sup> *categorized by Wood as “wry delivery.” Wood claims to have no position on global warming.*



<sup>59</sup> [www.abc.net.au/unleashed/2765990.html](http://www.abc.net.au/unleashed/2765990.html)

<sup>60</sup> [www.abc.net.au/unleashed/2765990.html](http://www.abc.net.au/unleashed/2765990.html)

<sup>61</sup> [scienceblogs.com/deltoid/2011/06/monckton\\_says\\_that\\_if\\_you\\_acce.php](http://scienceblogs.com/deltoid/2011/06/monckton_says_that_if_you_acce.php)



**06/16/11 CHE “Tyranny or Theft? Part 2”<sup>62</sup>**

“I view the sustainability movement as something that generally overstates its claims and detracts from more important educational goals, but “tyranny?” I am not sure that is the best way to describe the mix of intellectual shortcuts, personal bullying, and other aggressive tactics we have seen so far. ...

**I have been concerned for several years about the rapid propagation on campus of the sustainability movement—but I have steered clear of whether global warming exists and how the matter has played out in the larger political arena.** Regardless of what one thinks about global warming or climate change, the sustainability movement in higher education is a phenomenon in its own right.”<sup>63</sup>

Wood also includes a long discussion of James Enstrom, states quite clearly that Enstrom never received any tobacco funding, simply not true, as shown in comments there, and earlier. *The comment on “steering clear of whether global warming exists ... is fascinating.*

**06/16/11 CHE “Tyranny or Theft? Part 3”<sup>64</sup>**

“I cited the Enstrom case as a concrete instance of the much larger problem of the moral inflation of the sustainability movement ... The sustainability movement is heir to the disappointments of European socialists and ex-communists. ...

It offers only a fantasy, however, no matter how much it dresses itself up as “scientific consensus.” Higher education at some point will have to shrug it off and get back to the work of seeing the world as it is. When it comes to education, indulging apocalyptic fantasies and dreams of Edenic restoration is just another form of pilfering, even if the students are willing accomplices.”

*Wood labels it theft, not tyranny, finally.*<sup>65</sup>

**06/30/11 CHE “Bottling Up Global Warming Skepticism”****07/29/11 CHE “Climate Thuggery”<sup>66</sup>**

This was too late to be integrated here, but Wood continues as before, and it will take another long analysis to dissect the errors and problems.

<sup>62</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/tyranny-or-theft-part-2](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/tyranny-or-theft-part-2)

<sup>63</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/tyranny-or-theft-part-2](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/tyranny-or-theft-part-2)

<sup>64</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/tyranny-or-theft-part-3](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/tyranny-or-theft-part-3)

<sup>65</sup> As with other good ideas, anything can be taken too far, but it may surprise Wood that some hard-headed business people, some quite conservative politically, take useful actions on sustainability. So do some world-class universities.

<sup>66</sup> [chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/climate-thuggery](http://chronicle.com/blogs/innovations/climate-thuggery)

**A.2 NAS Blog - Peter Wood and Others, One Expert**

NAS provides some writing guidelines<sup>67</sup> for its blog:

**“3. CONTENT:** NAS.org focuses on higher education. **We may glance at topics outside higher ed, but only if the connection to colleges and universities is transparently clear.** ...

**Please stick to the facts.** Do not include unverifiable information. Whenever documentation is available, provide it.

**4. TONE:** We have established a tone of ironic lightness. **We aren’t trying to blast into atoms those we disagree with.** We aren’t mourning the end of civilization as we know it. **Bitterness, spite, and over-the-top declarations have no place here.** Humor is OK, but it too requires a light touch.

**5. POLITICS:** **We avoid partisan politics,** but that doesn’t exclude writing about proposed legislation, presidential proposals, actions by federal and state agencies, etc.”

NAS republishes Wood’s CHE articles, listed briefly here for chronology, plus a few more from NAS,<sup>68</sup> omitting the large number of sustainability articles. All are by Wood, unless otherwise stated. Climate scientist [Kerry Emmanuel](#) also contributes an eloquent piece.

**03/27/08 “Is NAS Conservative?”<sup>69</sup>**

**“The National Association of Scholars does not adhere to any party or political ideology.** It is open to scholars across the actual political spectrum, and its actual membership reflects that ....

**I have no hesitation about calling myself a conservative.** I write with some frequency for *The National Review Online*, occasionally for *The American Conservative*, and every now and then for the *Claremont Review of Books*. These represent different flavors of conservatism that are often hostile to one another. **I take it as a measure of my own non-ideological conservative outlook that I don’t take part in these sectarian feuds.** Rather, I consider myself conservative in the sense that I respect our cultural inheritance and **regard it as an obligation of the present generation to act as a good steward of that inheritance for future generations.** ...

<sup>67</sup> [www.nas.org/documents/NASWritingGuide.pdf](http://www.nas.org/documents/NASWritingGuide.pdf)

<sup>68</sup> Selected from [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?Author\\_Desc=Peter%20Wood](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?Author_Desc=Peter%20Wood)

<sup>69</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype\\_code=Article&doc\\_id=109](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype_code=Article&doc_id=109)

**my cultural stance favors genuine open-mindedness in the search for the truest accounts.** I look to the NAS not as a vehicle for promoting conservative political views—it doesn't—but as a powerful **voice in defense of serious intellectual inquiry.**"

*Wood's idea of serious inquiry seems to avoid citations to back possibly-libelous attacks. NAS may be open to all, but A.4 and A.5 show that NAS has long received core funding from intensely conservative foundations, and its Board is strongly tilted Republican.*<sup>70</sup> *Why does not NAS just say "We are conservative?"* NAS member Emmanuel honestly says so. So do Republicans for Environmental Protection.<sup>71</sup> So does George Schultz. So does Rep. Sherwood Boehlert and many other respected people. But these folks appreciate science. NAS could easily call itself "National Association of Conservative Scholars."

#### 09/02/08 "She Do the Plagiarists in Many Voices: An Anthropologist's New Rationale for Academic Dishonesty"<sup>72</sup>

"Presumably even the fractured selves of postmodernist headbangers can learn to use quotation marks."

*Plagiarism is bad, except Wood trivializes it as "flyspecking" when we find 35 pages in the Wegman Report, and more elsewhere.*

#### 11/20/08 "Beehive Whacking"<sup>73</sup> Peter Wood and Ashley Thorne

"That might be one clue to his stringent position on academic cheating. Those who value the self-regulating world of open-source software don't usually have much use for people who debase public standards—which is, of course, exactly what plagiarists do. ...

And his reflections on the institutional culture that abets cheating and fosters dishonesty among students apply to a lot more colleges and universities than that dustdevil place down in the borderlands."

*Plagiarism is bad (I agree), except when it is only my "flyspecking."*

#### 01/12/09 "A Tribute to Stephen H. Balch"<sup>74</sup>

*This offers some useful history.*

#### 07/08/09 "Chastening Churchill: The Justice of Judge Naves' Opinion"<sup>75</sup>

"I hope this decision withstands the scrutiny of higher courts, if that is where it is headed. ... I hope courts will have the sense to distinguish the sober freedom needed to get on with the important work of scholarship from the rascally freedom used by con men in an attempt to get away with fraud."

*Plagiarism is bad, but Wood calls labels my efforts flyspecking.*

*Next was the first real mention of climate by Wood I could find.*

#### 11/23/09 "Climate Conspiracy"<sup>76</sup> Peter Wood and Ashley Thorne

**"The National Association of Scholars has never taken an official position on anthropogenic global warming. Our work on sustainability, however, has brought us into contact with scientists who have complained bitterly about the strong-arm tactics used by global warming theory proponents to impede other lines of research.** It has become increasingly apparent that the ideological fervency that NAS has documented in the sustainability movement has extended into the scientific journals and funding agencies. ...

Broadly speaking, this scandal will alter the burden of proof. From this point on, **proponents of global warming theory will receive no benefit of the doubt. Wanton extrapolations, reliance on models in which data can be endlessly readjusted to fit the thesis,** and attempts to stigmatize critics as scientifically illiterate will have to stop. **Ad hominem attacks on critics suggesting that they are in the hire of "big oil" or other interests will be seen for the shabby evasions they always were.**"

*What research has been impeded? Do Wood and Thorne display the technical competence to offer useful opinions on this?*<sup>77</sup>

<sup>70</sup> Personally, I am perfectly happy if someone straightforwardly labels themselves conservative (as Wood does), but claiming that NAS is not, is nonsense. NAS often acts very much other entities funded by Scaife, L&H Bradley, etc.

<sup>71</sup> [www.repamerica.org](http://www.repamerica.org)

<sup>72</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype\\_code=Article&doc\\_id=321](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype_code=Article&doc_id=321)

<sup>73</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype\\_code=Article&doc\\_id=428](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype_code=Article&doc_id=428)

<sup>74</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype\\_code=Article&doc\\_id=491](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype_code=Article&doc_id=491)

<sup>75</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype\\_code=Article&doc\\_id=935](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype_code=Article&doc_id=935)

<sup>76</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1102](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1102)

<sup>77</sup> [www.nas.org/people.cfm](http://www.nas.org/people.cfm) See A.6 for background on Wood and Thorne.

**11/23/09 “Stories We’re Watching”<sup>78</sup> Peter Wood and Ashley Thorne**

“Today we posted our [response](#) to the burgeoning scandal involving the release of hacked emails from the University of East Anglia’s Climatic Research Unit (CRU). **The evidence of longstanding scientific misconduct by advocates of global warming theory seems likely to change the terms of public debate on this issue. While there may well be good evidence backing some of the claims of global warmists,** this scandal will alter the burden of proof. From now on, proponents of global warming theory should receive no benefit of the doubt. Wanton extrapolations, reliance on models in which data can be endlessly readjusted to fit the thesis, and attempts to stigmatize critics as scientifically illiterate will have to stop.”

*One story seemed insufficient. What evidence? Global warmists? If people prove they are scientific illiterates, it seems fair to say so.*

**03/04/10 “Unimaginable Calamity”<sup>79</sup>**

“‘Unimaginable calamity’ is the phrase that Al Gore used this week in a Sunday *New York Times* **op-ed**. What summoned Mr. Gore from his igloo of recent silence is the increasingly wobbly public support for the idea that human activity is significantly warming our planet. The Climategate emails made public in late November and the cascade of news since about the **lies, evasions, missing data, ill-sourced extravagant claims, stonewalling, and cover-ups** that have been part of what Mr. Gore calls ‘the science of global warming’ have shaken public confidence.

The public might have been shaken still more if the *New York Times* and other major print and broadcast media had treated Climategate and the ensuing scandals more seriously. ...”

**The National Association of Scholars isn’t really suited to take positions on the scientific substance of a debate like this.** The *hypothesis* of human-caused global warming may stand or fall; ultimately that will be decided by good scientific work. The NAS, however, does have a stake in the integrity of science as one of the central enterprises of the modern university

*I agree NAS is not suited, but Wood keeps trying. Wood belittles AGW as an unproven hypothesis and possibly libels climate scientists.*

**03/10/10 “Is NAS Anti-Science?”<sup>80</sup> A Reply to a Critic”<sup>81</sup>**

“I let the rest of your statement stand as a nice monument to the moment in history when retired **psychology professors felt entitled to speak with authority on the integrity of climate science.** But in defense of the numerous physical scientists who are members of NAS, some of whom have been victims of the reign of intellectual intimidation and abuse of the peer review process that had become the hallmark of the **bogus “global warming consensus,”** I will add that yes, NAS does support freedom of inquiry and we are **robustly pro-science.** The reality or non-reality of global warming is now an open question precisely because **scientific inquiry has been undermined by the political advocacy of the warmists.**”

In this case, the retired psychology professor is right, anthropologist Wood is wrong. *Wood (the main voice of NAS) certainly writes climate anti-science, although he is late to the party and seems at best to repeat those with years’ more practice, although with extra errors.*<sup>82</sup>

**03/16/10 “Climategate Deniers”<sup>83</sup>**

**“Proponents of the theory of man-made global warming have been discomforted by the revelations beginning in late November that some members of the scientific community engaged in dubious conduct that reached the level of misleading the public.** They reported data that has since proved to be missing or non-existent; they devised mathematical algorithms that turned statistical noise into supposedly meaningful graphs; they erased deep discrepancies; they selectively omitted findings at odds with their own; and conspired to withhold documents they were legally obligated to share with researchers who had properly requested them; they sought to prevent the publication of scientific work that contradicted their favored hypotheses; and they sought to damage journals that accommodated that work. ...

Dean Chameides is certainly not the only Climategate apologist striking this line. Much the same view has been circulating from early on in the scandal. Here it is presented by an anonymous Canadian writer who hosts a blog called “Deep Climate” devoted to attacking “the climate science ‘skeptic’ movement in Canada.””

*DC is a very competent investigator, knowledgeable on the science and statistics, as well as plagiarism. He has shown that many times.*

<sup>80</sup> Yes, at least, Wood and Ashley Thorne seem to be, and some support them.

<sup>81</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1199](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1199)

<sup>82</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony](http://www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony)

<sup>83</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1214](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1214)

<sup>78</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1106](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1106)

<sup>79</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1189](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1189)

### 05/12/10 “To Serve Mann: Virginia’s AG Puts Climate-Researcher on the Menu”<sup>84</sup>

“In that sense, I am cautiously in favor of Cuccinelli’s review of Mann’s work. The potential for this review to turn into a “witch hunt” is real and we therefore need to be vigilant. Virginia should respect the underlying nature of scientific inquiry, which must have room for honest mistakes, failed hypotheses, and even some unseemly eagerness for the chips to fall one way rather than another. But academe has brought this crisis on itself. ...

**At NAS, we are neither supporters nor skeptics of climate science per se.”**

*Does the reader believe that?* In the first comment, Michael Kellman quit as head of the Oregon NAS chapter. One of Wood’s comments includes:

**““Grizzly” assumes correctly that the article presents my own view, not the official position of the NAS. The NAS seldom takes “official” positions, and when it does, we clearly label them as such. Articles posted on the website, including my own, represent personal views--although my own articles can also be understood as enunciating topics of continuing interest to NAS.”**

So, NAS rarely takes official positions, but Wood produces voluminous output as President of NAS. The article above is a classic in including a few measured caveats, while using semantically-loaded words to support a particular viewpoint.

*The governance and decision-making of NAS are unclear. It seems like Wood can write anything as NAS President, then say that he is reflecting the views of the membership. Who can tell?*

*On this topic, Wood has certainly has displayed intense political views quite typical of entities funded by Richard Mellon Scaife and allies, but has yet to show much expertise in the actual topic.*

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), with which NAS would appear to share many values and funders, takes the opposite tack in clearly defending Mann and U VA from Cuccinelli.<sup>85</sup>

Next we find a NAS member who rather disagrees with Wood’s position.

### 07/23/10 “Climategate”: A Different Perspective”<sup>86</sup> Kerry Emmanuel

Emmanuel is a heavily-cited researcher who has often published in peer-reviewed journals like *Nature*.<sup>87</sup> *His long piece is well-informed and worth reading in its eloquent entirety, not just these excerpts:*

“Much has been made in *Academic Questions* and elsewhere of the contents and implications of a series of hacked emails; the resulting scandal is now known as “climategate.” **As a climate scientist and member of NAS, I am inclined to agree with those who have described it as the “greatest scientific scandal of our generation”, but the scandal I see is very different from the one that has been presented to NAS members. Climategate is merely the latest in a series of coordinated, politically motivated attacks that represent an aggravated assault on scholarship that should be of concern to every member of NAS** who, if they are like me, joined this organization because we were tired of seeing scholarship enslaved to ideology, particularly in academia. NAS has been at the forefront of the battle against such assaults on reason as campus speech codes, affirmative action, deconstruction, and other horrors perpetrated mostly from the political Left. **A true test of NAS’s commitment to reason and scholarship is whether it is prepared to take on an attack that this time is mounted largely from the Right.** ...

**The true scandal is the attempt to catapult such behavior into high crime and to dismiss an entire scientific endeavor based on the privately expressed sentiments of a few (a very few) researchers working in an environment of ongoing harassment.** At the time of this writing, three separate panels convened in Great Britain, and two investigations conducted by the Pennsylvania State University have cleared the authors of the controversial emails of any serious wrong doing, and with good reason. Meanwhile, the gross mischaracterization of what those emails actually contain continues unabated. ...

The “**hide the decline**” remark concerns a decision made by the authors of the third assessment report of the IPCC not to include the part of the proxy record that disagrees with the instrumental record in a summary figure showing global temperature over the last millennium or so. In my view, this represents poor judgment on the part of the authors of that report. **But if those same authors**

<sup>84</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?Doc\\_Id=1315](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?Doc_Id=1315)

<sup>85</sup> [thefire.org/search/results/?cx=000961233129980584517%3AiIyoriBxziU&cof=FO RID%3A11&q=michael+mann&sa.x=0&sa.y=0&siteurl=thefire.org%2F#854](http://thefire.org/search/results/?cx=000961233129980584517%3AiIyoriBxziU&cof=FO RID%3A11&q=michael+mann&sa.x=0&sa.y=0&siteurl=thefire.org%2F#854)

<sup>86</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1444](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1444)

<sup>87</sup> [wind.mit.edu/~emmanuel/home.html](http://wind.mit.edu/~emmanuel/home.html)  
[scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&q=kerry+emmanuel&btnG=Search&as\\_sdt=0%2C5&as\\_ylo=&as\\_vis=0](http://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&q=kerry+emmanuel&btnG=Search&as_sdt=0%2C5&as_ylo=&as_vis=0)



were conspiring to hide something important from the public, they did an exceedingly poor job of it, as anyone with the slightest interest in pursuing the matter would rapidly come across the extensive literature on the divergence problem, which includes papers by the authors of the emails in question. The sin of those responsible for simplifying the summary figure pales in comparison to that committed by all those who have sought to elevate this to the level of a grand conspiracy among climate scientists and thereby to discredit a whole field of scholarship. ...

**NAS stands at a crossroads: is it truly committed to upholding standards of objective scholarship and free inquiry untainted by political agendas, or is it merely a particular brand of political passion masquerading as high principle? If the former, it should stop attacking climate science and turn its guns against those who are politicizing it.”**

Wood did not engage Emmanuel via public comments there, and articles continued.

#### 09/27/10 “Nouveau Relativism in Academe”<sup>88</sup>

“Learning to frame intelligent opinions is an indispensable part of higher education. And learning to assess the opinions of others—fair-mindedly, respectfully, and at times decisively—is an indispensable wheel within the wheel. We need to know what others think especially on matters that fall below the threshold of certainty. **Both the academic and the policy worlds got a sharp lesson in this last November when the “Climategate” emails revealed the skullduggery of some scientists who connived to prevent publication of views they regarded as mistaken.** That was a vivid instance of people who should have known better giving in to the temptation to overestimate the power of their own insights and to derogate rival views. The Climategate fiasco, built on false claims of “consensus” about global warming in the scientific community, ...”

*Wood shows zero understanding of the abuse of the peer review process or “pal review” conducted by Chris de Freitas at Climate Research, nor how truly bad the accepted papers were. Scientists were defending the quality of the published literature. CR editors resigned over this.*

#### 11/20/10 CHE “Anthropology Association Rejecting Science?”

#### 12/28/10 CHE “Surfeits of Certitude”

<sup>88</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1566](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1566)

#### 01/03/11 “The Father of Global Warming Skepticism: An Interview with S. Fred Singer.” Ashley Thorne<sup>89</sup>

“S. Fred Singer is a man you should know about. He is a genius in the literal sense and a key figure in one of the biggest policy debates of our day. ...

In addition, he is the founder and president of the [Science & Environmental Policy Project](#) (SEPP), an organization that, among other things, **seeks to promote scientific integrity in research on global warming. The National Association of Scholars, as we have stated before, takes no position on global warming.”**

*Fred Singer is well-known as a tireless producer of climate anti-science, but has also taken tobacco money to cast doubt on issues with secondhand smoke.<sup>90</sup> NAS keeps saying they have no position on global warming.*

#### 01/03/11 “Estimated 40 Percent of Scientists Doubt Manmade Global Warming”<sup>91</sup> This is press release about the Singer interview.

#### 03/22/11 “Video: Berkeley Physics Professor Lectures on Climategate...No Comment”<sup>92</sup> Ashley Thorne

#### 03/30/11 CHE “Cronon’s Whirlwind”

#### 04/01/11 CHE “The Smog of Reprisal”

#### 04/13/11 “Science Isn’t Partisan”: An Interview with Richard Muller”<sup>93</sup> Ashley Thorne.

#### 04/24/11 CHE “Critiquing Sustainability”

#### 05/27/11 CHE “Untenuring Tenure”

#### 06/16/11 CHE “Tyranny or Theft? Part 1”

#### 06/16/11 CHE “Tyranny or Theft? Part 2”

#### 06/16/11 CHE “Tyranny or Theft? Part 3”

#### 07/07/11 CHE “Bottling Up Global Warming Skepticism”<sup>94</sup>

This is identical to the CHE article a week earlier, but adds an image of Barnum, making 8 Barnum references in total.

<sup>89</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1726](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1726)

<sup>90</sup> Naomi Oreskes, Erik Conway, *Merchants of Doubt*, 2010.

[www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony](http://www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony) pp.154-155.

<sup>91</sup> [www.nas.org/polPressReleases.cfm?Doc\\_Id=1729](http://www.nas.org/polPressReleases.cfm?Doc_Id=1729)

<sup>92</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype\\_code=Article&doc\\_id=1881](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype_code=Article&doc_id=1881)

<sup>93</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc\\_id=1918](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doc_id=1918)

<sup>94</sup> [www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype\\_code=Article&doc\\_id=2080](http://www.nas.org/polArticles.cfm?doctype_code=Article&doc_id=2080)

### A.3 Wood at American Freedom Alliance's Big Footprint

The American Freedom Alliance (AFA)<sup>95</sup> website offers clear viewpoints. Others have interesting views about it as well.<sup>96</sup> The June 12-13 conference was “Big Footprint: Is Green the New Tyranny.”<sup>97</sup> AFA says of itself:<sup>98</sup>

“The American Freedom Alliance is a non-political, non-aligned movement which promotes, defends and upholds Western values and ideals. ...

- The Islamic penetration of Europe
- The threats to academic freedom
- The identification of media bias
- The growth of radical environmentalism
- The dangers presented by the global governance movement”

AFA offered a speaker’s list,<sup>99</sup> although it is unclear whether all attended. Certainly, the same speakers and panelists appear often. **Monckton gave the keynote and participated in 4 panels, one with Wood, who participated twice.** Monckton claims to be a member of the House of Lords.<sup>100</sup> He has been debunked repeatedly by scientists, but remains but simply keeps repeating errors, mixed with threats.<sup>101</sup> See A.1, 06/16/11.

Familiar climate anti-science names appear, Wood seems happy to be with them: **Berry**,<sup>102</sup> (**Horner, Milloy, Monckton, Peiser**)<sup>103</sup> See A.1, 06/16/11 articles, including screen shot of **Monckton** with swastika. **Phelim McAleer** and **Anne McElhinney** did “Not Evil, Just Wrong.”<sup>104</sup> Relevant parts of the program’s first day follow:<sup>105</sup>

<sup>95</sup> [www.americanfreedomalliance.org](http://www.americanfreedomalliance.org)

<sup>96</sup> [www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=American\\_Freedom\\_Alliance\\_thinkprogress.org/romm/2011/06/12/243127/deniers-creationists-islamophobes-american-freedom-alliance-monckton-lindzen-crichton/](http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=American_Freedom_Alliance_thinkprogress.org/romm/2011/06/12/243127/deniers-creationists-islamophobes-american-freedom-alliance-monckton-lindzen-crichton/)

<sup>97</sup> [www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/big-footprint/index.htm](http://www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/big-footprint/index.htm)

<sup>98</sup> [www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/big-footprint/about.htm](http://www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/big-footprint/about.htm)

<sup>99</sup> [www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/big-footprint/bios.htm](http://www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/big-footprint/bios.htm)

<sup>100</sup> [www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jul/18/climate-monckton-member-house-lords](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jul/18/climate-monckton-member-house-lords)

<sup>101</sup> [bbickmore.wordpress.com/lord-moncktons-rap-sheet](http://bbickmore.wordpress.com/lord-moncktons-rap-sheet)

[www.skepticalscience.com/abraham-reply-to-monckton.html](http://www.skepticalscience.com/abraham-reply-to-monckton.html)

<sup>102</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/another-silly-climate-petition-exposed](http://www.desmogblog.com/another-silly-climate-petition-exposed) p.79.

<sup>103</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony](http://www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony) , Index on p.4.

<sup>104</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not\\_Evil\\_Just\\_Wrong](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not_Evil_Just_Wrong)

<sup>105</sup> [www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/big-footprint/program.htm](http://www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/big-footprint/program.htm)

“Sunday, June 12, 2011 ...

9:10 am - 10:00 am:

Morning Keynote: **Lord Monckton<sub>1</sub>**, 3rd Viscount Monckton of Brenchley  
**What is the Green Movement and What Are Its Goals? ...**

GLOBAL WARMING

10:00 am – 11:15 am: Morning Panel

**Global Warming: Alarmism or Looming Catastrophe?**

Panelists: Chris **Horner<sub>1</sub>**, Ed **Berry**, Steve **Milloy<sub>1</sub>**, Benny **Peiser<sub>1</sub>**

Moderator: Lord **Monckton<sub>2</sub> ...**

11: 30 am – 12: 45 pm: Morning Breakout Sessions

**a. The Al Gore Road Show: The Media and Global Warming**

➔ Panelists: **Phelim McAleer**, Peter **Wood<sub>1</sub>**, Paul Taylor

Moderator: Larry Greenfield ...

**b. Are there Financial Incentives for Advocating Global Warming.**

Panelists: Stanley Trimble, Chris **Horner<sub>1</sub>**, Steve **Milloy<sub>2</sub>**

Moderator: Matthew Malkan ...

**c. Is there an Element of Religiosity to Global Warming Advocacy?**

Panelists: Michael **Chrichton** (dec’d.), Lord **Monckton<sub>3</sub>**, Anne **McElhinney**, Michael Coffman ...

SUSTAINABILITY

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm: Afternoon Keynote: Michael Shaw

Agenda 21 and the U.N. Mandate for Social Revolution ...

2: 45 pm- 4:00 pm: Afternoon Panel:

**The Sustainability Agenda: Who Gains, Who Loses?**

Moderator: Michael Shaw

Panelists: Richard Rothschild, Dan Happel, Michael Coffman ...

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm: Afternoon Breakout Sessions

**a. The Drive towards Population Control/ Non Governmental Organizations and their Power**

Moderator: Paul Taylor

➔ Panelists: Lord **Monckton<sub>4</sub>**, Peter **Wood<sub>2</sub>**, Steve **Milloy<sub>3</sub> ...**

**b. ICLEI and its Impact on Local Government / The Challenges to U.S Sovereignty**

Moderator: Avi Davis

Panelists: Michael Shaw, Michael Coffman, Dan Happel, Richard Rothschild

6:30 pm: **Cinema Gateway Screening of Cool It!**

to be followed by panel featuring producer Terry Botwick

Lord **Monckton<sub>5</sub>** , Ed **Berry** and Benny **Peiser<sub>2</sub>”**

#### A.4 Follow The Money –Scaife and L&H Bradley

*Crescendo to Climategate Cacophony*<sup>106</sup> (hereafter called CCC), examined the funding flows to entities whose activities included climate anti-science. Some family foundations strongly fund conservative thinktanks and front groups, most of which have also have had tobacco connections, as found in the Tobacco Archives<sup>107</sup> or elsewhere. Of course, people can fund whatever they like, *but fundees are sometimes not exactly what they claim to be. It is unclear why helping tobacco companies addict children should be a conservative value*, but most have tobacco connections.

The next 3 pages extract from and update CCC pp.93-95, showing the family foundations that fund NAS. The numbers are mostly taken from MMAN,<sup>108</sup> derived from various 990 forms. It is easy it to miss numbers, as this is tedious. These are lower bounds, some for differing years.

The first 3 foundations (Allegheny, Carthage, Sarah Scaife) are controlled by Richard Mellon Scaife.<sup>109</sup> Decades ago, the Scaife Family foundation was likewise aligned, but seems to have shifted focus. Scaife foundation investments are especially weighted towards tobacco and oil (CCC p.48). Oil is dominated by ExxonMobil, although Scaife actually inherited Gulf Oil → Texaco → Chevron.

The next 3 are run by the Koch brothers Charles and David, who own Koch Industries,<sup>110</sup> included here for context, as they, along with Scaife, Bradley and Olin have been the main funders, as seen in the totals. NAS funding from 2002-2009 is shown in the first column, analyzed in more detail in A.5. It fits right the profile. Scaife and Bradley are the two largest foundation funders of NAS, the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) and the George Marshall Institute (GMI), of which Will Happer

(Princeton University) is the Chairman.<sup>111</sup> CEI and GMI were involved in the American Petroleum Institute's GCSCT1998 strategy to confuse the public about climate science<sup>112</sup>. They were the two key organizers of the general attack on the hockey stick and Michael Mann, over years.<sup>113</sup>

With a little help from Bradley, Scaife funds Accuracy in Media (AIM), and Accuracy in Academia (AIA) (CCC p.52), in same office. AIA published 9 articles attacking Mann during 2009 and 2010.<sup>114</sup>

Scaife is the main funder of the Commonwealth Foundation for Public Policy Alternatives<sup>115</sup> in Harrisburg, PA (Comwlth, CCC p.57). Its chairman, Michael Gleba, is the President of the Sarah Scaife Foundation. It has run incessant attacks on Michael Mann at nearby Penn State.<sup>116</sup>

So, NAS claims not to be conservative, but its core funders certainly are. NAS' funding pattern fits the same profile. Richard Mellon Scaife often funds attackers of climate science, climate scientists, the hockey stick and especially Michael Mann, most frequently from nearby Harrisburg.

*Wood and Ashley Thorne are late to the “get-Mann” efforts, but they are certainly trying, if not especially competently.*

<sup>111</sup> Happer was also one of the organizers of the 2009 petition to the American Physical Society to undo its statement on climate change. It got less than 0.5% of the membership, strongly skewed towards older males, politically conservative. My [www.desmogblog.com/another-silly-climate-petition-exposed](http://www.desmogblog.com/another-silly-climate-petition-exposed) greatly displeased Happer, hence his comments in the June 10 *Science* article.

<sup>112</sup> CCC, various, search for GCSCT.

<sup>113</sup> [deepclimate.org/2010/09/26/strange-scholarship-wegman-report](http://deepclimate.org/2010/09/26/strange-scholarship-wegman-report)

<sup>114</sup> Both NAS author Ashley Thorne (A.6) and AIA's Bethany Stotts (CCC p.158), are recent graduates of small schools, with little obvious technical expertise, who have written strong attacks on Michael Mann and climate science.

<sup>115</sup> [www.commonwealthfoundation.org](http://www.commonwealthfoundation.org)  
[www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Commonwealth\\_Foundation\\_for\\_Public\\_Policy\\_Alternatives](http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Commonwealth_Foundation_for_Public_Policy_Alternatives)

<sup>116</sup> [www.commonwealthfoundation.org/search/default.asp?q=mann](http://www.commonwealthfoundation.org/search/default.asp?q=mann)

Disclosure: Scaife entities have often attacked not only Mann, but Penn State itself. I did my BS, MS and PhD there and still know many people, so unmerited harassment of my well-respected *alma mater* is not taken lightly.

<sup>106</sup> [www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony](http://www.desmogblog.com/crescendo-climategate-cacophony), (CCC). See this for further explanations and details not repeated here.

<sup>107</sup> [legacy.library.ucsf.edu/](http://legacy.library.ucsf.edu/)

<sup>108</sup> [mediamattersaction.org/transparency/?137](http://mediamattersaction.org/transparency/?137)

<sup>109</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Mellon\\_Scaife](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Mellon_Scaife)

<sup>110</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch\\_Industries](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_Industries)

The Koch brothers' father cofounded the John Birch Society.

Table A.4.1 (a) Funders X Organizations, data mostly 1989-2007 [MMAN]																		
ExxonMobil(UCS): [UCS2007], Appendix B. Bold funders: oil connection. Tobacco: Sourcewatch.																		
*1 TASSC/junkscience.com:Steve Milloy; *2 FoF/CSPP=>SPPI:Rob Ferguson; *3 Myron Ebell (FoF=>CEI)																		
Funder \$1000s	NAS	CEI	Fraser	GMI	SEPP	CFAC	FF/CSPP	Heartland	SPPI *2	TASSC	AdTI	ALEC	ATR	FreeWorks	Heritage	NCPA	PRI	TII
Tobacco connect		T	T	T	T		T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
\$ Funding here	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	?	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
nonprofit501(c)3	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	?	n	n		n	n	n	n	n	n
GCST1998		X		X	X	X	*2		X				X					
CHC Cooler Heads		*3	X	X		X	*2	X	*2	*1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Heart#1,#2,#3,#4		1-4		1-4	1-3	1-4	1,2	1-3	1-4				1,2,4	4	2,3	1		1,4
Exxon-UCS OR		2005	120	630	20	472	1002	561	50			1170			460	421		70
Exxon-MMAN		1690	120	640		482	1127	532	40			1200		275	385	520	540	70
Allegheny												1645			100			
Carthage		60	50	707		1205	35	10			15	325	200	2559	525			
Sarah Scaife	1950	2240	225	2785		375	100	325				375	2960	21235	1760	3072		
Scaife Family		350										50	325	703	100			
Charles G. Koch		15	18					38				273	674	78	7	370		
Claude R. Lambe		336	30	30			175	40			13	195	60	5725	3194	340	385	
David H. Koch		315											5957		260	401	160	
Earhart	208	120		270			100						35	10	100	184	111	
J M. Olin(-2005)	350	230	10	360			125	40			363	215	525	1300	8071	1069	735	65
L&H Bradley	735	900	95	3590			48				1344	283	223	205	14256	1597	900	
Castle Rock	320	165						70				450		65	2949	120	225	125
John Templeton	169	1	500												1008		100	727
P. M. McKenna	36	45									40			162	925	70		
Randolph	250	206																
S. C. Davis	45	100										7	3	97	45	20	30	
Found. Totals	4063	5823	928	7743	0	1580	730	2591	0	0	3517	3393	2306	18647	75698	9099	9841	1653



**Table A.4.1 (b) Funders X Organizations, data mostly 1989-2007 [MMAN]****ExxonMobil(UCS): [UCS2007], Appendix B. Bold funders: oil connection. Tobacco: Sourcewatch.**

Funder \$1000s	ACCF	ACSH	AEI	AFPF	AIA	AIM	AnnapCtr	Atlas	CATO	CMPA	Comwith	CSCDGC	ELC	Federalist	FCPP	GMU	GWPF
Tobacco connect			T	T			T		T		T					T	
\$ Funding here	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
nonprofit501(c)3 n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n?	n	n	n	n	n
<b>GCSCT1998</b>																	
<b>CHC Cooler Heads</b>																	
Heart#1,#2,#3,#4				2,4	2	2,3		2-4				1,2			4		
<b>Exxon-UCS OR</b>	125	1625					763	680	105			90					
<b>Exxon-MMAN</b>	1255	140	1910				705	868	110			75	50	120		230	
Allegheny											40						
Carthage		900				1720		1145	245	512	10			275		10	
<b>Sarah Scaife</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>6436</b>				<b>2640</b>		<b>1920</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>1917</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>3680</b>		<b>5381</b>	
Scaife Family		590				15					227						
Charles G. Koch								119	14		33		238	781		19673	
Claude R. Lambe	125	45		3177				28	9300				50	1022		4086	
David H. Koch		6							4043							1750	
Earhart		157	549					2695	393	120			60	485		1192	
J M. Olin(-2005)	100	915	7647		20			5	832	730			150	5432		6266	
<b>L&amp;H Bradley</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>17144</b>			<b>150</b>			<b>194</b>	<b>1057</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>186</b>			<b>2648</b>		<b>2393</b>	
Castle Rock		515							300					285		740	
John Templeton		426	100					4059	240					85		513	
P. M. McKenna		110						10			1057			320		221	
Randolph		65								25				67			
S. C. Davis								293	5	2				450		74	
Found. Totals	225	2767	48841	3448	180	4559	0	11572	21077	3061	3888	100	1376	17649	0	46136	0

Table A.41 (c) Funders X Organizations, data mostly 1989-2007 [MMAN]

ExxonMobil(UCS): [UCS2007], Appendix B. Bold funders: oil connection. Tobacco: Sourcewatch.

Funder \$1000s	H-S CFA	Hoover	Hudson	IER	InstHumn	Lavoisier	Manhat	Mercatus	NCPPR	PLF	Reason	SLF	STATS	TCS	WLF	YAF	Totals
Tobacco connect			T				T			T	T				T		
\$ Funding here	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
nonprofit501(c)3			n	n	n		n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	
<b>GCSCT1998</b>																	
<b>CHC Cooler Heads</b>																	
Heart#1,#2,#3,#4					2,4				4							2	
<b>Exxon-UCS OR</b>		295						80	280					95			11119
<b>Exxon-MMAN</b>	341	110	10	337			265	200	390	125	105			95	250		15312
Allegheny															200		1985
Carthage		1198	825		455		693			700	366	500	100		3060		18405
<b>Sarah Scaife</b>		<b>9845</b>	<b>3023</b>		<b>770</b>		<b>3815</b>	<b>320</b>		<b>3105</b>	<b>1791</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>950</b>		<b>610</b>		<b>87042</b>
Scaife Family			221				25				136						2742
Charles G. Koch		5		2	2523			8024		10	57				2	20	32974
Claude R. Lambe			13	235	455		1125				807			25	1105	38	32157
David H. Koch			20		2100		50				1522					50	16634
Earhart		330	92	15	260		465	53		10	10		100			20	7936
J M. Olin(-2005)		4991	2810		797		5900			665	276	130	450		1885	70	53178
<b>L&amp;H Bradley</b>		<b>2693</b>	<b>6897</b>		<b>210</b>		<b>3727</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>327</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>15</b>			<b>437</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>63055</b>
Castle Rock		25	115				140			695	100	335	125			105	7649
John Templeton			335		306		755	500		10							9665
P. M. McKenna					142					40					34		3176
Randolph		50			25		78						250				766
S. C. Davis		3200	365				475	80								75	5321

## A.5 Follow The Money: NAS

The following summarizes NAS Revenues 2002-2009, when 990 forms for both NAS and donor foundations are freely available.<sup>117</sup>

The known foundations were identified via MMAN,<sup>118</sup> then data was extracted from the donors' 990 forms, as MMAN occasionally misses some and I may also. Checking 990s is tedious.

Inconsistencies (shown as negative red numbers), are possibly due to changes in later years where some top-level numbers are restated. Changes in reporting leave ambiguities.

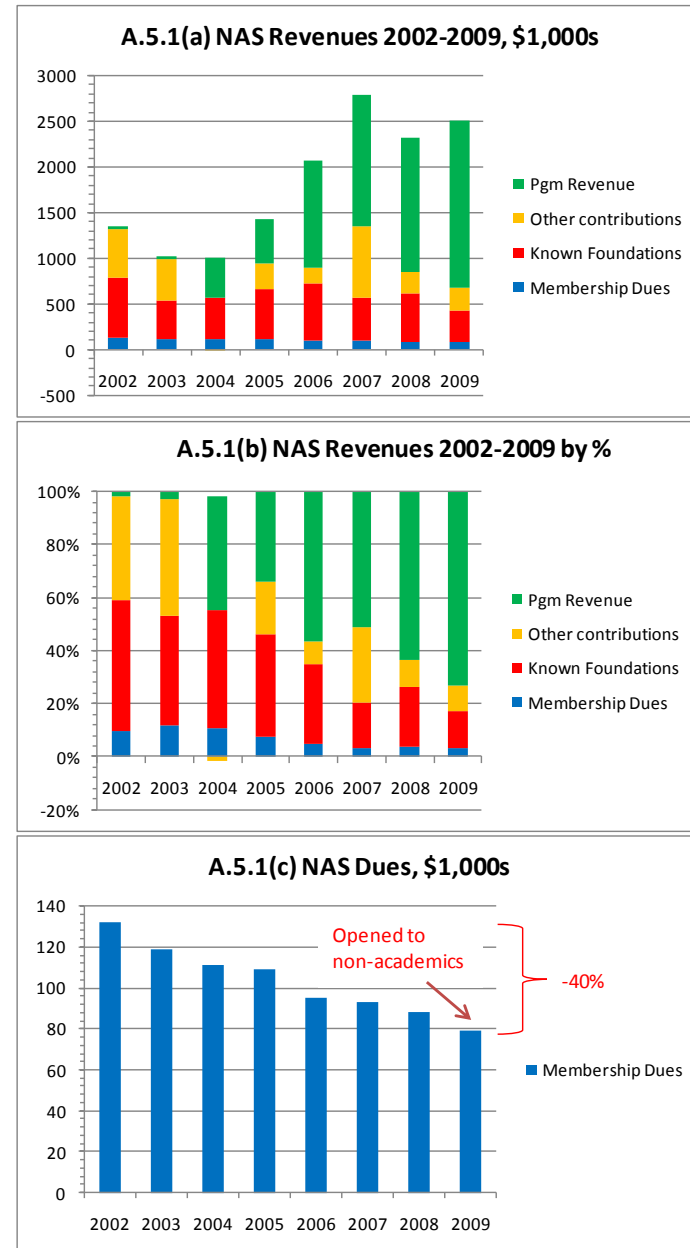
Charts A.5.1(a) and A.5.1(b) show NAS Revenues by dollar and by %, excluding interest/other (some of which is inconsistent anyway), color coded identically in A.5.2.

- **Membership Dues (A.5.1(c)) is a small fraction of revenue, slowly declining over time both in dollars and percentage.** Membership may be declining, or members may be retiring and paying lower dues (\$22 vs \$42). Dues dropped from \$132K to \$79K. NAS 2009 membership appears to have been ~1900 to ~3600.
- Known foundation giving has jiggled, with slight decrease on average. Typically foundations provide seed or core funding to start an organization and keep it going, but the staff must scramble for more donations or fundraising activities. As shown on next page, **the key sustaining funder is the Sarah Scaife Foundation, with help from L&H Bradley Foundation**, and sporadic help from a few others.
- Other giving has varied and is not public, or may have been missed in the tedious searching of 990s.
- "Pgm Revenue" has strongly increased, both in dollars and even more obviously as a percentage. It appears that much of this comes from a Bush-administration's Teaching American History (TAH) program, discussed later. It is winding down with no new grants.

<sup>117</sup> [www.eri-nonprofit-salaries.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=NPO.Search](http://www.eri-nonprofit-salaries.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=NPO.Search)  
[foundationcenter.org/findfunders/990finder](http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/990finder) are useful 990 search engines.

<sup>118</sup>

[mediamattersaction.org/transparency/organization/National\\_Association\\_of\\_Scholars/funders](http://mediamattersaction.org/transparency/organization/National_Association_of_Scholars/funders)



Digging through nonprofit Form 990s is time-consuming, especially when entities partially restate finances (*Italics*) and some numbers (**negative red**) are inconsistent <sup>119</sup> Still, it provides insights about NAS. Wood started at NAS no later than June 2007. In Lines L13-L22, (n / m) shows line numbers from 990 forms (-2007 / 2008-), as format changed then. Program (Pgm) revenue was 72% of total in 2009 and is explored in further detail.

A.5.2 NAS Top-Level Finances		1987: CCfD, changed name to NAS no later than 1990. Data from 990 Forms.																			
President		Balch												Wood							
Executive Director		Wilson 1996-2004									Wood		Balch (Chairman)								
	\$1,000s	1987		1988	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Totals	% of	% of
#	Foundations								Values in \$1,000s					990 Format changes					2002-	Cntrb	total
L1	Sarah Scaife							250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	200			1950	29%	13%
L2	Scaife Family	50																	0	0%	0%
L3	Earhart							0				42	42	42	42	40			208	3%	1%
L4	J.M.Olin (2007: no 990)	50							150			50	50		100				350	5%	2%
L5	L&H Bradley	25							123	105	113	75	75	110	75	60			735	11%	5%
L6	Castle Rock							30	30	30	30	40	40	50	50	50			320	5%	2%
L7	John Templeton									23		73	45	28					169	3%	1%
L8	P. M . McKenna (2002,2007: no donees)									5	5	5	10		10	1			36	1%	0%
L9	Randolph							0	100		50		100						250	4%	2%
L10	Shelby Cullom Davis								5	10	10	10	10						45	1%	0%
L11	Known foundations	125						280	658	423	458	545	622	480	527	351			4063	60%	27%
L12	Found. As % of Total Rev								43%	35%	43%	31%	32%	17%	22%	14%					
L13	990 Contribs, gifts, etc (1b / 8)				816	897	1330	937	1186	872	440	830	797	1261	755	593			6734	100%	44%
L14	Other contributions = L13-L11							657	529	449	-18	285	175	781	228	242					
L15	Pgm revenue (2 / 9)				25	15	22	11	25	30	441	483	1174	1432	1477	1838			6900		45%
L16	Membership dues (3 / VIII.1b)								132	119	111	109	95	93	88	79			826		5%
L17	Total Revenue (12 / 12)				977	1082	1562	1181	1547	1198	1060	1772	1952	2754	2368	2555			15206		100%
L18	Other: L17-L13L15-L16								204	177	68	350	-114	-32	48	45					
L19	Salaries+benefits (? / 15)													647	733	742					
L20	Other (? / 17)													1718	1813	1944					
L21	Total Expenses (17 / 18)								1212	1138	1342	1433	1910	2365	2546	2686					
L22	Revenue-expenses (18 / 19)								335	-80	43	35	233	389	-178	-131					

<sup>119</sup> [www.eri-nonprofit-salaries.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=NPO.Search](http://www.eri-nonprofit-salaries.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=NPO.Search)

[foundationcenter.org/findfunders/990finder](http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/990finder)

[mediamattersaction.org/transparency/?137](http://mediamattersaction.org/transparency/?137) (MMAN), this is very useful, but sometimes incomplete. It is a fine starting point.



Study of similar organizations offers some context. A small number of related foundations offer seed funding and continuing core funding for a small number of people. See **A.6** for more detail.

Foundations may fund a wide range of activities, and of course are free to give money to charities as they choose, of which some might be considered worthy by anyone. Some fund distributed networks whose tasks are really political PR and lobbying, but often claim otherwise. In some cases they include people who may well have legitimate or at least arguable issues, but the agenda is set by the central organization, using the memberships as audience and possibly to boost credibility.<sup>120</sup> *It remains to be seen if the strong push by Wood on climate anti-science and anti-sustainability comes from him, his funders, or actually from the membership.* Anna Haynes found some interesting information, including this from a member of the NAS advisory board (which the member was never asked to attend):<sup>121</sup>

“Mary R. Lefkowitz, pers. comm.; she also recommends FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education) as meeting the need that NAS was originally created to address.”

Foundations have provided core funding, but dues revenues have steadily decreased. Then, program revenue expanded from very little, 72% of total in 2009 (**A.5.2**). *What happened?*

It seems that much of the boost came from the Teaching American History (TAH) program, detailed in **A.7**, with data in Figures **A.5.3** and **A.5.4**. This started in ~2002 (Bush Administration) and funded projects to improve the teaching of American history in high schools, **A.7**.

<sup>120</sup> CCC identified several like this, such as the Environmental Literacy Council. George Mason University seems to act this way, with many reasonable people and departments, but with strong funding by the Koch brothers (and Scaife) for the real core activities. Likewise, the Tea party was sparkplugged by two Koch-funded entities, FreedomWorks and Americans For Prosperity.

<sup>121</sup> [www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=National\\_Association\\_of\\_Scholars](http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=National_Association_of_Scholars)  
In fact, while FIRE got funding from some of the same foundations as NAS, it seems to be doing more of the sort of work that NAS claims to do. Wood cheered Cuccinelli's attacks on U VA and Mann, FIRE defended them:  
[thefire.org/search/results/?cx=000961233129980584517%3Ailyoribxziu&cof=FORID%3A11&q=michael+mann&sa.x=0&sa.y=0&siteurl=thefire.org%2F#839](http://thefire.org/search/results/?cx=000961233129980584517%3Ailyoribxziu&cof=FORID%3A11&q=michael+mann&sa.x=0&sa.y=0&siteurl=thefire.org%2F#839)  
Anna also unearthed the Teaching American History (TAH) issue.

*It is not instantly obvious how that fits the NAS Mission statement.*<sup>122</sup>

“NAS is an independent membership association of academics working to foster intellectual freedom and to sustain the tradition of reasoned scholarship and civil debate in **America's colleges and universities.**”

Nevertheless, substantial funds became available for high schools to partner with others. NAS spent money on lobbying (L85). Grants started in 2003 and lasted 3 years, so NAS consumption of funds lags the dates.

Brad Wilson was NAS Executive Director 1996-2004, was apparently also employed no later than 2003 by the James Madison Program in American Ideas and Institutions,<sup>123</sup> which gets funding from some of the same conservative foundations as NAS. He managed \$11M in NAS-related awards starting in 2003. Several others got awards, and I only examined NJ, NY, and PA. See L45-49.

It is nontrivial to follow the money or get a clear idea of the oversight. Project grants list dollar amount and Project Director, most often Wilson. NAS was clearly getting some of the money (L41), but then it was paying Wilson and others (L73-75), and the total conference and consulting numbers were larger (L83-84). It is unclear how much Federal money stayed in NAS on the way through. Maybe this will merit a closer look later. Certainly, very citizen should see that tax funds are used well.

I have no opinion whether these programs were good or whether they promoted a particular political viewpoint.<sup>124</sup> Compared to some of the other grants, NAS grants seemed to involve more politics people than historians, but they do often overlap.

*However, as a taxpayer, I might wish for a little more transparency and accountability of funding flows. If I were a NAS member, I might wonder why a university-missioned NAS seemed focused on high school history teaching, but certainly that is where the money was being bottled.*

<sup>122</sup> [www.nas.org/who.cfm](http://www.nas.org/who.cfm)

<sup>123</sup> [web.princeton.edu/sites/jmadison](http://web.princeton.edu/sites/jmadison)

<sup>124</sup> My AP American History in high school was a wonderful experience, especially as the teacher always chose sources that disagreed, and made inescapably clear that views of history were often driven by political viewpoints.

Below, L30 describes 2002-2008, L31 2009, for compact display of changing labels.

In 2009, \$1831K of Education Partnership revenue (L41) might compare to \$1319K of TAH (L31). Either some of L41 was not for that purpose, or some of L41 was going into other activities. The relationship of L30 and L41 is very unclear: funds seemed to be flowing from L41 into the vague “Academic Leadership” (L30), which was then replaced by TAH. Was Academic Leadership really TAH funding in whole or in part? NAS is labeled as a participant in every award below. TAH awards for 2003-2008 totaled \$9525K, mostly through Wilson. The \$3791 awarded in 2010 have not yet appeared on a NAS 990.

**No claim is implied here of anything illegal.** But it is really not very transparent, as seen further on next page.

A.5.3 NAS Program Services 1987: CCfD, changed name to NAS no later than 1990. Data from 990 Forms.																
President		Balch										Wood				
Executive Director		Wilson 1996-2004										Wood				
\$1,000s		1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Pgm Service Expenses PART III																
L30	4a Academic Leadership - promote high academic standards ...	226	255	234	583	522	618	607	1319							
L31	4a Teaching American History - Restructures and Enhances the Curriculum ...	12	17	3	4	3	7	2	??							L50
L32	4b Publication - "Academic Questions"	199	189	198	61	106	271	461	209							
L33	4b Promotion of academic	11	12	2	0	0	3	1	??							L51
L34	4c Publication - "NAS Update" Newsletter	51	58	39	32	99	53	67	243							
L35	4c Members/affiliates	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	??							L52
L36	4d Publication - Science Insights Newsletter	29	31	23	32	51	Discontinued								??	L53
L37	4e Other	205	174	426	240	489	537	668	397							
L38	4d Other	11	11	5	2	3	6	2	??							L54
L39	4e Total Pgm Service Expense															
L40	4f Total Pgm Service Expenses	712	707	920	947	1267	1480	1803	2169							
PART VII Income / Pgm Service Revenues PART VIII																
L41	Educational partnerships 93a / 2a				441	483	1149	1432	1465	1831						6801
L42	Conferences 93.b / 2b				22		26		12	7						
L43	Pgm revenue (2 / 9) (= L15)		25	15	22	11	25	30	441	483	1174	1432	1477	1838		2003-2008
L45	TAH Awards involving NAS (NJ, NY, PA): note 3-year grants spread this						2	1	3	4			1		4	11
L46	Wilson @ James Madison (Princeton)						1680		1877	3987					3791	7543
L47	Michael P. Federici (Mercyhurst, Erie, PA)						985	500								1485
L48	Thomas Crop												497			497
L49	Total TAH Awards						1680	985	2377	3987	0	497	0	3791		9525

Wilson was NAS Executive Director 1996-2004, but starting no later than 2003, was getting TAH grants labeling him at Princeton. NAS shows him as a consultant as of 2006, with perhaps the double amount in 2007 as catch-up for 2005. It seems that Wilson administers the grants, but much of the money flows to NAS. Some of it may stay for overhead or other purposes, but some flows back to Wilson and others (L73-75) to run the programs. Money from somewhere pays for conferences, consulting and travel (L82-84). Again, no illegality is implied, but Federal money supplied with seemingly-minimal oversight might make taxpayers nervous. *Federal scientific research grants seem much more tightly monitored.*

<b>A.5.4 NAS Expenses, especially personnel</b>																	
<b>President</b>		<b>Balch</b>												<b>Wood</b>			
<b>Executive Director</b>			<b>Wilson 1996-2004</b>											<b>Wood</b>	<b>Balch (Chairman)</b>		
<b>\$1,000s</b>		<b>1987</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
L60	Balch salary							127	140	127	135	154	165	160	160		
L61	Balch Pension							12	13	14	15	12	12				
L62	Wood salary												0	160	160		
L63	Brad Wilson (VP/ED)							138	138	85	0						
L64	Wilson Pension							4	7	10	0						
L65	Glenn Ricketts Pub Affairs							43	42	42	42	48	0	50			
L66	Ricketts Pension							0	0	0	0						
L67	Gary Brasor Assoc. Dir							52	54	48	53	48 (dec, July 2006)					
L68	Brasor Pension							5	5	5	6	6					
L69	Barbara Gregory Ops							49	51	44	49	55	0	62			
L70								4	5	5	5	5					
L71	John Irving Managing Editor							35	37	34	37	39		50			
L72								4	4	5	5	9					
L73	Brad Wilson (PU) Educational Service Partnerships											113	238	125	135		
L74	Adam Scrupski (PU) Educational Service Partnerships											98	179	125			
L75	Peter Gibbon (PU)														110		
L76	Total, Part V							444	462	380	315	343					
L77	Total Ben Plan Contrib							29	35	39	31	32					
L78	Salaries+Benefits Total												647	733	742		
L79	Other Salaries (IX.7) beyond Balch+Wood													273	263		
L80	Pension (IX.8)													31	37		
L81	Other benefits (IX.9)													77	81		
L82	Travel (IX.17)										107	159	195	248	135		
L83	Conferences (IX.19)												343	448	999		
L84	Consulting (IX.24)							40	35	137	398	656	719	702	500		
L85	Lobbying							47	58	73	66	48		0			
L86	Transactions, Inc (Rutgers)							118	115	109	114	113	67				

Odd reporting:  
Part V-A lists Balch (35 hrs/week), Ricketts (21), Wood (35), Gregory (35), Cooley(35), de Russy (8), but all at \$0 salaries except Balch.

Balch+Wood = \$320K salary, plus some of pension + benefits, \$70K(?) for total of \$390K, more than 50% of total salaries+benefits.

Consulting money, some must go to Princeton. Rest?

Some context may be helpful from studying similar organizations. A small number of cooperative foundations provide seed funding and continuing core funding for a small number of people. Stephen Balch<sup>125</sup> founded the NAS predecessor organization CCfD and has been President from 1987-2008. See **A.6** for more detail.

Foundations may fund a wide range of activities, and of course are free to give money to charities as they choose, of which some might be considered worthy by anyone. Some fund distributed networks whose tasks are really political PR and lobbying, but often claim otherwise and use misleading names. In some cases they gather people who may well have legitimate or at least arguable issues as facades for other issues that are driven by the central organization.<sup>126</sup> It remains to be seen if the strong push by Wood on climate anti-science and anti-sustainability comes from him, his funders, or actually from the membership. From outside, it is hard to know what the membership actually thinks.

Through 2006, foundations provided 31-43% of NAS' revenue. NAS membership revenue has slowly declined, but program revenue seems mostly tied to the TAH program, which is no longer making new grants.<sup>127</sup>

Many academic organizations have a permanent administrative staff, but elect new leadership each year. Balch finally turned over the Presidency to Wood in 2009, but remained as Chairman. **Generally, more than 50% of the salary and benefits have flowed to the top two people at NAS, either Balch+Wilson, or Balch+Wood.**<sup>128</sup>

<sup>125</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen\\_Balch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Balch)

<sup>126</sup> CCC identified several like this, such as the Environmental Literacy Council. George Mason University seems to act this way, with many reasonable people and departments, but with strong funding by the Koch brothers (and Scaife) for other activities. Likewise, the Tea party was sparkplugged by two Koch-funded entities, FreedomWorks and Americans For Prosperity.

<sup>127</sup> [ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/index.html](http://ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/index.html)

<sup>128</sup> A \$160K salary seems about 2X that of an average Full Professor in Anthropology, although there may be a 9-month/12-month mis-comparison. [www.asanet.org/images/research/docs/pdf/0809Salaries.pdf](http://www.asanet.org/images/research/docs/pdf/0809Salaries.pdf) p.3.

Peter Wood references himself as President of NAS, uses that position to give weight to his opinions. Certainly, on climate any expertise as an anthropologist is 100% irrelevant, and *the frequent factual errors are disquieting*. When pressed, Wood claims that posts are just his opinions. Hopefully, NAS members will join the discussion either to publicly support Wood's climate views not (as Kerry Emmanuel has done.)

*NAS seems more like an entrepreneurial effort by a few people, core-funded by Scaife and Bradley, originally appealing to (legitimate or at least arguable) complaints of a small segment of American academe. However, in the last decade, much more of its attention seems to have been on lobbying and getting Federal TAH grants, which seem a bit distant from its avowed university focus. The funding flows are not very transparent.*

*NAS Presidency provides a platform to amplify Wood's views, but are those the views of the membership? Does the NAS membership really despise climate scientists? Does it really think every campus sustainability effort deserves derision? Is it happy to spend money to have Wood fly to Los Angeles to be with swastika-wielding Viscount Monckton?*

***NAS governance and funding seem rather different from typical academic associations, and its focus seems to have moved away from its original mission statement. FIRE may be doing a better job in the same niche. Perhaps these factors may contribute to the decline in membership revenues, unless Wood's leadership can attract more members. NAS will also have to replace the TAH revenue, which can be expected to shrink soon as no new grants are being made.***

*Organizations get started for some reason, but sometimes drift away, or circumstances change. Conferences may exist for decades and then just disappear. Entities organized around 1-2 people can be vulnerable to change, but of course, once an organization exists, the key people try to keep it going, whether or not its time has come to stop. I had never heard of NAS before, but I do wonder if it is still serving the original purposes very well. Maybe Wood is really representative of NAS, or maybe not. Do NAS members think they are well-represented by NAS?*



## A.6 Key People

People are entitled to express their opinions, but not all opinions are equally credible. People sometimes have nonobvious strong backgrounds in topics, but for either Wood or Thorne it is hard to find any trace of significant training or expertise in physics, math, statistics, chemistry, biology, geosciences, computing or climate science itself. Frequent errors on basic facts argue against such.

### Stephen Balch, President 1987-2008, Chairman 2009-

He is the Chairman and founding President of NAS, PhD in political science.<sup>129</sup> He also was involved with founding the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers (ALSCW) and the Association for the Study of Free Institutions.<sup>130</sup> ALSWC has long been supported by L&H Bradley, Scaife (Carthage, Sarah Scaife), Earhart, and Olin, the same core funders as NAS. President Bush gave Balch a Humanities Medal in 2007.

### Bradford Wilson, Executive Director 1996-2004

Brad Wilson was the NAS Executive Director 1996-2004, is now Executive Director, James Madison Program in American Ideas and Institutions, Politics.<sup>131</sup> That entity receives funding from various conservative family foundations<sup>132</sup> including several in common with NAS. Wilson is very involved with the TAH program<sup>133</sup>, and for several years seemed to have simultaneous positions in both, A.7.

<sup>129</sup> [www.nas.org/people.cfm](http://www.nas.org/people.cfm)  
<sup>130</sup> [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen\\_Balch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Balch)

[mediamattersaction.org/transparency/organization/Association\\_of\\_Literary\\_Scholars\\_and\\_Critics/funders](http://mediamattersaction.org/transparency/organization/Association_of_Literary_Scholars_and_Critics/funders)  
[mediamattersaction.org/transparency/organization/Association\\_for\\_the\\_Study\\_of\\_Free\\_Institutions\\_and\\_Free\\_Societies/funders](http://mediamattersaction.org/transparency/organization/Association_for_the_Study_of_Free_Institutions_and_Free_Societies/funders)

<sup>131</sup> [lapa.princeton.edu/people/detail.php?ID=516](http://lapa.princeton.edu/people/detail.php?ID=516)

“From 1996 to 2004, he served as Executive Director of the National Association of Scholars. He received his Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America.”  
<sup>132</sup>

[mediamattersaction.org/transparency/organization/Princeton\\_University\\_James\\_Madison\\_Program\\_in\\_American\\_Ideals\\_and\\_Institutions/funders](http://mediamattersaction.org/transparency/organization/Princeton_University_James_Madison_Program_in_American_Ideals_and_Institutions/funders)

<sup>133</sup> [www.nas.org/history/delaware/lecturer\\_bios.pdf](http://www.nas.org/history/delaware/lecturer_bios.pdf)

### Peter W. Wood, Executive Director 2007-2008, President 2009-

Some chronology can be found, mostly from a recent short bio.<sup>134</sup>

**1975** undergraduate degree from Haverford College

**1987** PhD Anthropology from University of Rochester

“His dissertation, *Quoting Heaven*, examined the rise of a heterodox religious movement in rural Wisconsin.”

**1993-2005** Associate provost, chief of staff for president,<sup>135</sup> Boston University

**1996-2005** Boston University, associate professor of anthropology, tenured, but apparently not teaching much, at least in 2000.<sup>136</sup>

**2005-2007** Provost, The King’s College, New York City<sup>137</sup>

**2008-** NAS Executive Director, then President

He is the author of two books, *A Bee in the Mouth: Anger in America Now* (2007) and *Diversity: The Invention of a Concept* (2003)<sup>138</sup>, which won the

<sup>134</sup>

[www.nas.org/people.cfm?science.house.gov/sites/republicans.science.house.gov/files/documents/hearings/060211\\_Wood.pdf](http://www.nas.org/people.cfm?science.house.gov/sites/republicans.science.house.gov/files/documents/hearings/060211_Wood.pdf)

<sup>135</sup> John Silber was President, 1971-1996, followed by Jon Westling, 1996-2002, Aram V. Chobanian 2003-2005, and then Robert A. Brown. Silber was also Chancellor 1996-2003. Apparently Silber is especially well-known in academia.

[www.bu.edu/president/pastpres](http://www.bu.edu/president/pastpres)  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Silber](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Silber)

<sup>136</sup> [web.archive.org/web/20000817234750/www.bu.edu/anthrop](http://web.archive.org/web/20000817234750/www.bu.edu/anthrop)

“Peter Wood graduated from the University of Rochester, earning his doctorate with field research on American religious movements. He is an Associate Professor of Anthropology while also serving as Associate Provost of the University. **His interests are in religion, art and aesthetics, Catholicism, and the culture of the United States. While administrative duties limit his teaching in the Department, he is responsible for the graduate pro-seminar in theory.**”

<sup>137</sup> [www.tkc.edu](http://www.tkc.edu)  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_King%27s\\_College\\_%28New\\_York%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_King%27s_College_%28New_York%29)

It went bankrupt in 1994, was reestablished in NYC by *Campus Crusade for Christ*. Student enrollment in Fall 2008 was 258 students.

Students “will not lie, cheat, steal, or turn a blind eye to those who do.”:

[www.tkc.edu/students/resources/pdf/studenthandbook.pdf](http://www.tkc.edu/students/resources/pdf/studenthandbook.pdf)

<sup>138</sup> These are published by Encounter Books, which has a strong conservative political orientation. There is nothing wrong with the former, but when evaluating books, publishers vary in reputation. *They also publish climate anti-science.*

[www.encounterbooks.com/](http://www.encounterbooks.com/)  
[encounterbooks.tumblr.com/post/8184758803/not-as-warm-as-you-think](http://encounterbooks.tumblr.com/post/8184758803/not-as-warm-as-you-think)

Caldwell Award for Academic Leadership.<sup>139</sup> His essays on American culture and higher education have appeared in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Partisan Review*, *The Claremont Review of Books*, *Society* and other journals.<sup>140</sup>

It is easy to find many politically-oriented essays by Wood, but difficult to find peer-reviewed anthropology research.<sup>141</sup> Scott Mandia searched in various databases, and found only the few listed below.

*Academic Questions* is the journal of NAS, edited by Balch., so degree of peer review is unclear. *Society* is a long-established journal, with 0.54 Impact Factor (2010).<sup>142</sup> Still, the lack of hits 1987-2002 is mystifying.

1) Books, Articles, and Items of Academic Interest - Compiled, with Commentary, by Peter Wood, 2010, *Academic Questions*, pp. 1-8, Article in Press, 0 citations

2) Earth Worms: The Eco-Corruption of Higher Education, Wood, P., 2010, *Academic Questions*, pp. 1-9, Article in Press, 1 citation.

3) From snowflakes to salsa studies, Wood, P., 2008, *Society* 45 (3), pp. 253-256, 0 citations.

4) A world made in playboy, Wood, P.W., 2004, *Society* 41 (4), pp. 31-36, 0 citations.

5) Diversity in America, Wood, P., 2003, *Society* 40 (4), pp. 60-67, 0 citations.

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[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Encounter\\_Books](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Encounter_Books)

[www.facebook.com/EncounterBooks](http://www.facebook.com/EncounterBooks)

[www.encounterbooks.com/books/author/spencerroy/](http://www.encounterbooks.com/books/author/spencerroy/)

<sup>139</sup> [www.popecenter.org/about/author.html?id=298](http://www.popecenter.org/about/author.html?id=298)

<sup>140</sup> He used to write extensively for the National Review Online, see

[www.nationalreview.com/search/?q=peter+wood&sa=Search+NRO](http://www.nationalreview.com/search/?q=peter+wood&sa=Search+NRO)

<sup>141</sup> [scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com) Searches for Peter Wood or PW Wood from 1987- found nothing. *Maybe GS does not cover journals in which he would have published?*

*He must have published substantial work somewhere to have received BU tenure.*

<sup>142</sup> [www.springer.com/social+sciences/journal/12115](http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/journal/12115)

6) When women's colleges sell diversity, it's a con, Wood, P., 2003, *Chronicle of Higher Education* 49 (21 SEC.2), pp. B14-B15, 0 citations.

### **Ashley Thorne, Director of Communications, 2008-**

“Ashley joined the NAS staff as director of communications in 2008. She received her undergraduate degree in politics, philosophy, and economics from The King’s College in 2007.”<sup>143</sup> Her degree program rather lacked much hint of science.<sup>144</sup> Nevertheless, she has written prolifically with strong conviction on a wide range of topics, including science. She lauds S. Fred Singer, for example, see **A.2**.

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<sup>143</sup> [www.nas.org/people.cfm](http://www.nas.org/people.cfm)

<sup>144</sup> [www.tkc.edu/academics/programs/ppe.asp](http://www.tkc.edu/academics/programs/ppe.asp)

As in **A.4**, she seems to parallel AIA’s Bethany Stotts, both recent graduates from (small or tiny) religiously-oriented schools, both working for Scaife-related entities, both attacking climate science and scientists. Religiously-oriented schools can be credible in science ( [nd.edu](http://nd.edu), [www.stthomas.edu](http://www.stthomas.edu)), but some can be weak or very weak

## A.7 TAH –Teaching American History

NAS spent money on lobbying most years, such as from 2002 990:

“National Association of Scholars, Inc . retained a company as consultants and advisors with regard to various federal agencies and legislative issues involving the passage of authorizing legislation, such as the **"Defense of Freedom Education Act"**, to strengthen the teaching of the history of western civilization in post-secondary education.”

That led to TAH – Teaching American History<sup>145</sup> whose legislation is:<sup>146</sup>

“SEC. 2351. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL- The Secretary may establish and implement a program to be known as the Teaching American History Grant Program', under which the Secretary shall award grants on a competitive basis to local educational agencies —

(1) to carry out activities **to promote the teaching of traditional American history in elementary schools and secondary schools as a separate academic subject (not as a component of social studies)**; and

(2) for the development, implementation, and strengthening of programs to teach traditional American history as a separate academic subject (not as a component of social studies) within elementary school and secondary school curricula, including the implementation of activities —

(A) to improve the quality of instruction; and

(B) to provide professional development and teacher education activities with respect to American history.

(b) REQUIRED PARTNERSHIP- A **local educational agency** that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall carry out activities under the grant in partnership with one or more of the following:

**(1) An institution of higher education.**

**(2) A nonprofit history or humanities organization.**

**(3) A library or museum.**

(c) APPLICATION- To be eligible to receive an grant under this section, a local educational agency shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

SEC. 2352. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subpart such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2002 and each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”

Eligibility is:<sup>147</sup>

“**Who May Apply: (by category)** Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

**Who May Apply: (specifically)** LEAs must apply **in partnership with one or more of the following: institutions of higher education (IHEs), nonprofit history or humanities organizations, libraries, or museums.**

Local educational agencies (LEAs)--including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law and regulations--working in partnership with one or more of the following entities: institutions of higher education (IHEs); non-profit history or humanities organizations; and libraries and museums. ...”

Brad **Wilson** was NAS Executive Director 1996-2004, see **A.6**.

He project-managed \$11,334K of grants, A.5.3-L46.<sup>148</sup> Grants run for 3 years, so dates do not compare directly. One might compare the 11 grants of \$9525K through all managers 2003-2008 (L49), and \$6801K of NAS (L41). If those were the only grants handled by NAS, about 71% of the grant money flowed through NAS.

The primary staff for one session were:<sup>149</sup>

Adam F. Scrupski, Bradford P. Wilson, Thomas Crop.

Lecturers were:

Rochelle Gurstein,<sup>150</sup>

Paul D. Moreno,<sup>151</sup>

Jeffrey J. Poelvoorde,<sup>152</sup>

Paul A. Rahe.<sup>153</sup>

<sup>147</sup> [ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/eligibility.html](http://ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/eligibility.html)

<sup>148</sup> This may have been a good use of Federal funds or not, it is difficult to know from outside.

<sup>149</sup> [www.nas.org/history/delaware/lecturer\\_bios.pdf](http://www.nas.org/history/delaware/lecturer_bios.pdf)

<sup>150</sup> [www.tnr.com/users/rochelle-gurstein](http://www.tnr.com/users/rochelle-gurstein)

<sup>151</sup> Dean of Faculty at Hillsdale College.

[www.hillsdale.edu/seminars/oncampus/cte/default.asp](http://www.hillsdale.edu/seminars/oncampus/cte/default.asp)

Guest lecturers have included Fred Singer and Sallie Baliunas.

<sup>152</sup> “Associate Professor of Politics at Converse College in South Carolina. ... He was a contract speech writer for the Secretaries of Defense under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, a staff associate at the **George Marshall Institute**, ..., and President of the South Carolina Chapter of the **National Association of Scholars**.”

<sup>153</sup> He is Professor of History and Political Science and holds The Charles O. Lee and Louise K. Lee Chair in the Western Heritage at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

<sup>145</sup> [ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/index.html](http://ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/index.html)

<sup>146</sup> [ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg32.html](http://ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg32.html)

The grants run for 3 years. Searching only NJ/NY/PA found these:<sup>154</sup>

### 2003 (2: \$1,680K)

#### NJ

**“Grantee:** North Plainfield Borough School District, North Plainfield, NJ

**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar on Teaching American History

**Project Director:** Bradford Wilson (609) 683-7878

**Funding:** \$839,808

**Number of Teachers Served:** 45

**Number of School Districts Served:** 10

**Number of Students Served:** No information available

Middle and high school teachers of American History will engage in a 3-year professional development program aimed at building content knowledge and pedagogical skills through school district collaboration with **Princeton University's James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, National Association of Scholars in Princeton, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and Princeton String Quartet.**<sup>155</sup> The Laboratory for Student Success, Temple University, will evaluate project effectiveness. Year 1 emphasizes ideas and events surrounding the American Revolution and U.S. Constitution in a 2-week summer residential seminar followed by four meetings during the school year. Year 2's seminar and meetings focus on the Secession Crisis and Civil War. Year 3's seminar and meetings address 20th and 21st Century conflicts accompanying Civil Rights and Supreme Court jurisprudence. An interactive website will be created to share historic documents and lesson plans.”

#### NY

**“Grantee:** New York City Department of Education, Region 7, New York, NY

**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar on Teaching American History

**Project Director:** Bradford P. Wilson (608) 683-0316

**Funding:** \$839,808

**Number of Teachers Served:** 135

**Number of School Districts Served:** 3

**Number of Students Served:** No information available

This program brings **together Princeton University's James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions and National Association of Scholars with the Philadelphia Museum of Art and Princeton String Quartet** in a three-year effort designed to improve pedagogical skills of intermediate and high school American History teachers. The program includes two-week summer residential seminars and four half-days of professional

development during the year focusing first on the American Revolution and U.S. Constitution, secondly on the secession crisis and Civil War, and thirdly on 20th and 21st century constitutional and cultural conflicts accompanying the Civil Rights revolution and Supreme Court jurisprudence. An interactive website and lesson plans supplement assistance to teachers in guiding students. The Laboratory for Student Success will evaluate the project, and **teachers may receive professional development credit from Ashland University in Ohio.”**

### 2004 (1: \$985K)

#### PA

**“Grantee:** Corry Area School District, Corry, PA

**Project Name:** Teaching Excellence in American Constitutional History (TEACH)

**Project Director:** Michael P. Federici (814) 824-2560

**Funding:** \$984,920 ...

Mercyhurst College, Erie Maritime Museum, National Association of Scholars, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, and National Humanities Institute ...”

### 2005 (3: \$2377K)

#### NJ (2)

**“Grantee Name:** Ewing Township School District, Princeton, NJ

**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar on the Origins and Development of the American Constitution

**Project Director:** Bradford P. Wilson (609) 258-6333

**Funding:** \$938,462 ...

The LEA and the districts of Trenton, Hopewell Valley, and West Windsor-Plainsboro are partnering with Princeton University's James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, the National Association of Scholars, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art...”

**“Grantee Name:** Milburn Township Public Schools, Millburn, NJ

**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar: The Origins and Development of the American Constitution

**Project Director:** Bradford P. Wilson (609) 258-6333

**Funding:** \$938,462 ...

Five school districts are partnering with the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University, the National Association of Scholars in Princeton, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art”

<sup>154</sup> [ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/awards.html](http://ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/awards.html)

<sup>155</sup> This inclusion is not instantly obvious.



**PA**

**“Grantee Name:** The School District of the City of Erie, Erie, PA  
**Project Name:** American Constitutional History and the Search for Ordered Liberty  
**Project Director:** Michael P. Federici <sup>156</sup> (814) 824-2560  
**Funding:**\$499,734  
 The LEA, in conjunction with Mercyhurst College, the Erie Maritime Museum, the National Association of Scholars, and the National Humanities Institute

**2006 (4: 3987)****NJ (3)**

**“Grantee Name:** Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District, NJ **Project Name:** The James Madison Seminar on the Origins and Development of the American Constitution  
**Project Director:** Bradford  
**Funding:**\$997,380 ...  
 James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the National Association of Scholars. ...”

**“Grantee Name:** Freehold Regional High School District, NJ  
**Project Name:** The James Madison Seminar on Teaching American History: the Origins and Development of the American Constitution  
**Project Director:** **Bradford P. Wilson**  
**Funding:**\$997,380 ...  
 Princeton University, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the National Association of Scholars”

**Grantee Name:** Somerville Public School District, NJ  
**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar on Teaching American History: the Origins and Development of the American Constitution  
**Project Director:** **Bradford P. Wilson**  
**Funding:**\$997,380

**NY**

**“Grantee Name:** New York City Department of Education District 20, NY  
**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar on TAH  
**Project Director:** **Bradford P. Wilson**  
**Funding:**\$994,755  
 James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the National Association of Scholars ...”

**2007****None****2008 (1: \$496K)****NJ**

**“Grantee Name:** Delaware Valley Regional High School District, NJ  
**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar on Teaching American History  
**Project Director:** Thomas <sup>157</sup>  
**Funding:**\$496,431  
 Princeton University, Philadelphia Museum of Art, National Association of Scholars, and Princeton String Quartet”

**2009****None****2010 (4: \$3791K)****NJ (4)**

**Grantee Name:** Allamuchy Township School District  
**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar: Sussex-Warren History Consortium  
**Project Director:** Dr. Bradford P. Wilson  
**Funding for Years 1-3:** \$946,425 ...  
 Princeton University, Philadelphia Museum of Art, National Association of Scholars ...”

**“Grantee Name:** Ewing Public Schools  
**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar: Ewing History Consortium  
**Project Director:** **Dr. Bradford P. Wilson**  
**Funding:** \$946,425

<sup>156</sup>“Dr. Michael P. Federici is Professor of Political Science at Mercyhurst College. He is in his twentieth year of college teaching. He received his Ph.D. in Politics from The Catholic University of American in Washington, D.C. (1990), his M.A. from CUA in 1985, and his B.S. in Economics from Elizabethtown College in 1983.” Note: Wilson’s PhD was also from CUA.

[www.frontporchrepublic.com/about/who-we-are/editors-at-large/michael-federici](http://www.frontporchrepublic.com/about/who-we-are/editors-at-large/michael-federici)

<sup>157</sup> [www.nas.org/history/delaware/2011\\_welcome\\_letter.pdf](http://www.nas.org/history/delaware/2011_welcome_letter.pdf)

Letter is signed by Wilson, Scrupski, Crop.

Princeton University, National Association of Scholars, Philadelphia Museum of Art ...”

**Grantee Name:** Linden Public Schools

**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar: Union County History Consortium

**Project Director:** Dr. Bradford P. Wilson

**Funding for Years 1-3:** \$951,675 ...

Princeton University, Philadelphia Museum of Art, National Association of Scholars ...”

**Grantee Name:** West Orange High School District

**Project Name:** James Madison Seminar: Essex County History Consortium

**Project Director:** Dr. Bradford P. Wilson

**Funding for Years 1-3:** \$946,425 ...

Princeton University, Philadelphia Museum of Art, National Association of Scholars ...”