

Frontline Response – Climate of Doubt

Global warming to me is pretty apparent. Today was a perfect example; it was 50 degrees in Boston in the middle of January. That is definitely not normal and last winter was very warm as well. What I don't understand is how both sides of the argument have data that supports their claim. They showed that picking specific time periods can provide trend lines with decreasing temperatures, but overall the temperature is increasing despite smaller cooling trends.

People all have their own views and believe that they are right and the other people are wrong. There are scientists on both sides of this argument so the question is which scientists are correct. It is interesting that data shows that the temperatures are increasing yet people still believe that they aren't even with proof. "Reducing emission is reducing freedom." This quote was rather disturbing to me because that is a very selfish thing to say. People really seem to only care about themselves and don't even want to try to help make the planet better for future generations. Just because the world isn't going to fall apart or burn up while we are alive doesn't mean that we should just hurt it more or make it worse. There are ways to help the environment such as not cutting down as many trees or using cleaner energy sources but people aren't willing to change their luxurious lifestyles.

I thought it was very strange that Donors Trust and other donations are collected to go against the thought of global warming. I think that it is a waste to collect money against a cause to help people; most of the time money is spent and collected for a cause. Part of the problem is that people do not want to spend more tax dollars to help save the planet yet some people feel the need to donate money to finance books and symposiums and other events to try to convince people that global warming is not real. If that money went into solving the problems of global warming then perhaps there wouldn't be so much to talk about.

Politicians are worried about the financial repercussions of taking precautions for global warming. It may be hard to want to spend money when there isn't a strong current threat but there would be more financial problems if houses and towns were wiped out because the sea level rose and no one did anything about it. It was said that if they are wrong they will say sorry. Saying sorry is not enough to fix the damage that has been done by skeptics.

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