

Written Comments: Climate Action Plan Update

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Trace amounts of CO₂ (.04%) vs how much asphalt/paving since the early 1900s ... Which could have a greater impact??? Molecules that get a tad warm when they vibrate for *83 femtoseconds* before re-radiating whatever energy they were hit with or miles of black asphalt? Are the electric trucks that have been mandated in VT going to disappear half of our asphalt???

Climate to me is: Maybe VT is not warm or buggy enough for me in the summer, mud season is not long enough, and perhaps I want to move north of the Arctic Circle where it can be muddy all summer long, sweltering, and the air **black** with mosquitoes (according to Vilhjalmur Stefansson in “The North That Never Was,” 1921). Or maybe I’m done with winter snow and cold in the winter and perhaps want to move to Florida.

Otherwise, climate has ZERO meaning for me. I don’t even think it’s a valid ‘science’!

It’s a mathematical construct of averaging weather statistics that hides, obfuscates, smoothes out—whatever language you want to use—the extreme weather that happens all the time on this giant orb with volcanoes and plate tectonics, sailing through this galaxy. *Just read the historical weather anecdote on the Fairbanks Museum weather page every morning!*

It’s impossible for me to see how the Democratic Party could appear any more idiotic than they have come to appear, to me, by embracing this meme and *continuing* to embrace it—unquestioningly. Actually, the Democratic Party has become largely irrelevant to me. Irrelevant!

I wish we could go back to embracing the old-fashioned word “pollution,” because then there might be meaningful policies.

There are records of scientists recording the amounts of CO₂ in the atmosphere ALL OVER THE PLACE in the 1800s. They discovered a lot of things about CO₂ which seem to have been entirely forgotten. It combines easily with water and rains out of the atmosphere. There will be less of it in the atmosphere if the ground is even just *damp*! It varies greatly by time of day, season, locale... In a closed room with lots of people in it, levels go up astronomically. We all exhale it 24/7, so I personally find that declaring it to be a planet-destroying pollutant is both offensive to me and to God.

Did we not spend at least 3 years watching how government could get the wrong end of the stick with regards to all kinds of science and utterly mismanage the response to SARS-CoV-

2???????????????????? Which, with 99.9% certainty, was crafted in a U.S. lab and inflicted on the planet deliberately! Thank God for people like RFK Jr.!

When you live in the real world, when you do simple things like your own snow shoveling, when you're a mushroomer, when you love what I call stream walking, you see it very clearly.

I used to have books on my shelves like "The Heat Is On." But when you then read something like Chris Burt's "Extreme Weather," when you dive a little deeper, the idea that we should know what to expect from the weather at all times, that there should be some kind of climatic homeostasis, just becomes ludicrous.

Jeez! I don't trust a weather report more than 48 hours out.

And how do things like a 3-year El Nino weather event turn into a 30-year climate event for Godsakes? People don't even know the correct meaning of the word! It's an *averaging* of weather statistics over a 30-year period. Shift the 30-year goal posts and the climate changes! Look at my current mail signature. Shift the placement of the thermometer by a few feet and the climate changes!