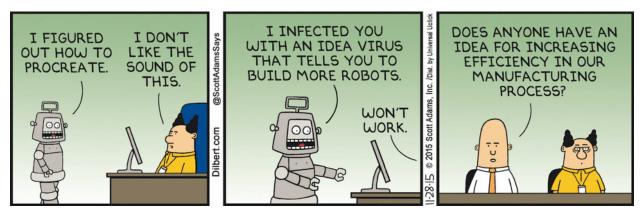
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ABOVE: DILBERT COMIC BY SCOTT ADAMS — 'REVEALS POPULATION SIZE INCREASE BY SELFISH AMBITION WITH INDUSTRIALIZATION' *1

Childhood's End

Britain is the worst country in the Western world in which to be a child, according to a recent UNICEF report. Ordinarily, I would not set much store by such a report; but in this case, I think it must be right—not because I know so much about childhood in all the other 20 countries examined but because the childhood that many British parents give to their offspring is so awful that it is hard to conceive of worse, at least on a mass scale. The two poles of contemporary British child rearing are neglect and overindulgence.

Consider one British parent, Fiona MacKeown, who in November 2007 went on a six-month vacation to Goa, India, with her boyfriend and eight of her nine children by five different fathers, none of whom ever contributed financially for long to the children's upkeep. (The child left behind—her eldest, at 19—was a drug addict.) She received \$50,000 in welfare benefits a year, and doubtless decided—quite rationally, under the circumstances—that the money would go further, and that life would thus be more agreeable, in Goa than in her native Devon.

Reaching Goa, MacKeown soon decided to travel with seven of her children to Kerala, leaving behind one of them, 15-year-old Scarlett Keeling, to live with a tour guide ten years her elder, whom the mother had known for only a short time. Scarlett reportedly claimed to have had sex with this man only because she needed a roof over her head. According to a witness, she was constantly on drugs; and one night, she went to a bar where she drank a lot and took several different illicit drugs, including LSD, cocaine, and pot. She was seen leaving the bar late, almost certainly intoxicated.

The next morning, her body turned up on a beach. At first, the local police maintained that she had drowned while high, but further examination proved that someone had raped and then forcibly drowned her. So far, three people have been arrested in the investigation, which is continuing.

About a month later, Scarlett's mother, interviewed by the liberal Sunday newspaper the *Observer*, expressed surprise at the level of public vituperation aimed at her and her lifestyle in the aftermath of the murder. She agreed that she and her children lived on welfare, but "not by conscious choice," and she couldn't see anything wrong with her actions in India apart from a certain naivety in trusting the man in whose care she had left her daughter. Scarlett was always an independent girl, and if she, the mother, could turn the clock back, she would behave exactly the same way again.

It is not surprising that someone in Fiona MacKeown's position would deny negligence; to acknowledge it would be too painful. But—and this is what is truly disturbing—when the newspaper asked four supposed child-rearing experts for their opinions, only one saw anything wrong with the mother's behavior, and even she offered only muted criticism. It was always difficult to know how much independence to grant an adolescent, the expert said; but in her view, the mother had granted too much too quickly to Scarlett.

Even that seemed excessively harsh to the *Observer's* Barbara Ellen. We should not criticize the mother's way of life, she wrote, since it had nothing to do with her daughter's death: "Scarlett died for the simple fact that she was in the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong people, as well as being blitzed with drugs, late at night, in a foreign country." On this view, being in the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong people is a raw fact of nature, not the result of human agency, decision, education, or taste. It could happen to anybody, and it just happened to happen to Scarlett. As for drugs, they emerge from the ether and blitz people completely at random. It all seems very unfair.

A columnist for the left-wing *Guardian* took a similarly exculpatory line:

Anyone taking even a fleeting glance at recent news will have picked up a crucial message: women with children by more than one partner are apparently hussies, who deserve everything they get. The opprobrium . . . served up to Fiona MacKeown, mother of murdered 15-year-old, Scarlett Keeling . . . has been hideous to behold. The spitting criticism is particularly interesting when you compare it to attitudes to men in the public eye. Rod Stewart (seven children by five women), Jack Nicholson (five children by four women), and Mick Jagger (seven children by four women) are painted as great, swinging studs. Anyone else smell a vile double standard?

No one criticizes Rod Stewart, Jack Nicholson, or Mick Jagger for how they behave; therefore, apparently, there was nothing wrong with how Fiona MacKeown behaved.

It is worth remembering that the *Observer* and the *Guardian* are not the publications of a lunatic fringe but the preferred newspapers of the British intelligentsia, of those who work in the educational and social services, and of broadcasting elites (the BBC advertises vacancies almost exclusively in the *Guardian*). Not every person who reads these newspapers agrees with everything written in them—and both, commendably, offer a little space to writers whose worldview differs from their own—but the general moral tone must be one with which most readers agree. In other words, it is likely that a large part of the educated elite sees nothing wrong, or at least affects to see nothing wrong, with MacKeown's conduct.

This nonjudgmentalism surely helps explain why British youth are among the Western world's leaders in such indicators of social pathology as teenage pregnancy, violence, criminality, underage drinking, and consumption of illicit drugs. Britain has the third-highest rate of teenage pregnancy in the industrialized world, according to the UNICEF report (only the United States and New Zealand are higher)—a startling case recently made headlines of 16-, 14-, and 12-year-old sisters, all of whom gave birth within a year of one another. British children have the earliest

and highest consumption of cocaine of any young people in Europe, are ten times more likely to sniff solvents than are Greek children, and are six to seven times more likely to smoke pot than are Swedish children. Almost a third of British young people aged 11, 13, and 15 say they have been drunk at least twice.

What explains the nonjudgmental attitude among elites? The reluctance to criticize Fiona MacKeown might be an expression of sympathy for someone in the throes of grief: however foolishly (or worse) she behaved, she certainly did not deserve the murder of her daughter. Furthermore, the *Guardian* and *Observer* journalists might argue, we do not know enough about the details of her life to criticize her fairly. Perhaps she is a good mother in most respects; perhaps her children, apart from the drug addict and the murdered Scarlett, are happy, and will lead lives of fulfillment and achievement. After all, no style of upbringing guarantees success or, for that matter, failure; and therefore we should suspend judgment about her.



ABOVE: "GROWING UP IN TODAY'S ENGLAND IS FAR FROM THE IDYLL DEPICTED IN THIS NINETEENTH-CENTURY LITHOGRAPH." (KATE GREENAWAY/VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, LONDON/ART RESOURCE, NY) *2

I suspect, however, that the main consideration inhibiting elite criticism of MacKeown is that passing judgment would call into question the shibboleths of liberal social policy for the last 50 or 60 years—beliefs that give their proponents a strong sense of moral superiority. It would be to entertain the heretical thought that family structure might matter after all, along with such qualities as self-restraint and self-respect; and that welfare dependency is unjust to those who pay for it and disastrous for those who wind up trapped in it.

One day after Scarlett Keeling's murder, a nine-year-old girl, Shannon Matthews, went missing from her home in Dewsbury, in northern England. Twenty-four days later, after an extensive police search, she was found alive, locked in a drawer under a bed in her stepfather's uncle's house. Police soon arrested the stepfather, 22-year-old Craig Meehan, for possession of 140 pornographic pictures of children, and charged the uncle, Michael Donovan, with kidnapping. Shannon's mother, Karen Matthews, 32, was also arrested, for child cruelty, neglect, and obstructing the police by lying during the search for her daughter.

Karen Matthews, who received welfare payments of \$40,000 a year, had borne seven children to five different men. She called two of her children with the same father "the twins," thus transferring the meaning of "twin" from the relatively unusual biological occurrence of double birth to what she clearly thought the equally unusual social circumstance of full siblinghood. Three of her children lived with their fathers, and four lived with her and Meehan, whom Shannon reportedly regarded as her father. Shannon's true father—one Leon Rose, who has since "moved on" to live with another "partner"—apparently was happy to find himself usurped by the young Meehan; but Karen Matthews's brother reported that Shannon often spoke of Meehan's violence to her and of her deep unhappiness at home.

The reasons for Shannon's abduction have not yet emerged, but again the *Guardian* managed to distract the reader's attention from less than optimal family arrangements. Instead, it ran an upbeat story on the housing project where the Matthews family lived; that way, the obvious could be ignored rather than denied. The *Sun*, a tabloid newspaper whose readership is virtually entirely working-class, had described the project as "like Beirut—only worse." But the *Guardian*, whose readership is largely middle-class and employed in the public sector, drew attention to the improvements that had taken place in the project, thanks to the local council's having spent \$8 million on it over the last three years—supplying traffic bollards shaped like penguins, for example. Before the improvements, one resident said, "We'd houses burgled, sheds burned, caravans blown up." Now, only one house in 90 is robbed per year; and, thanks to the penguins, joy-riding by youths in stolen cars is presumably much reduced. The implication is clear: with more public spending of this kind everywhere in the country, administered by *Guardian* readers and their peers, everything will be all right. It won't matter in the slightest if children either have no fathers, or different fathers every few years.

One might dismiss the stories of Scarlett Keeling and Shannon Matthews as the kind of horrific things that can take place in any society from time to time. But I think that they are the tip of an iceberg. As the liberal newspapers' response shows, the problem with British childhood is by no means confined to the underclass. Our society has lost the most elementary common sense about what children need.

More than four out of ten British children are born out of wedlock; the unions of which they are the issue are notoriously unstable. Even marriage has lost much of its meaning. In a post-religious society, it is no longer a sacrament. The government has ensured that marriage brings no fiscal advantages and, indeed, for those at the lower end of the social scale, that it has only disadvantages. Easy divorce means that a quarter of all marriages break up within a decade.

The results of this social dysfunction are grim for children. Eighty percent of British children have televisions in their bedrooms, more than have their biological fathers at home. Fifty-eight percent of British children eat their evening meal in front of the television (a British child spends more than five hours per day watching a screen); 36 percent never eat any meals together with other family members; and 34 percent of households do not even own dining

tables. In the prison where I once worked, I discovered that many inmates had never eaten at a table together with someone else.

Let me speculate briefly on the implications of these startling facts. They mean that children never learn, from a sense of social obligation, to eat when not hungry, or not to eat when they are. Appetite is all they need consult in deciding whether to eat—a purely egotistical outlook. Hence anything that interferes with the satisfaction of appetite will seem oppressive. They do not learn such elementary social practices as sharing or letting others go first. Since mealtimes are usually when families get to converse, the children do not learn the art of conversation, either; listening to what others say becomes a challenge. There is a time and place for everything: if I feel like it, the time is now, and the place is here.

If children are not taught self-control, they do not learn it. Violence against teachers is increasing: injuries suffered by teachers at the hands of pupils rose 20 percent between 2000 and 2006, and in one survey, which may or may not be representative, 53 percent of teachers had objects thrown at them, 26 percent had been attacked with furniture or equipment, 2 percent had been threatened with a knife, and 1 percent with a gun. Nearly 40 percent of teachers have taken time off to recover from violent incidents at students' hands. About a quarter of British teachers have been assaulted by their students over the last year.

The British, never fond of children, have lost all knowledge or intuition about how to raise them; as a consequence, they now fear them, perhaps the most terrible augury possible for a society. The signs of this fear are unmistakable on the faces of the elderly in public places. An involuntary look of distaste, even barely controlled terror, crosses their faces if a group of young teens approaches; then they try to look as if they are not really there, hoping to avoid trouble. And the children themselves are afraid. The police say that many children as young as eight are carrying knives for protection. Violent attacks by the young between ten and 17, usually on other children, have risen by 35 percent in the last four years.

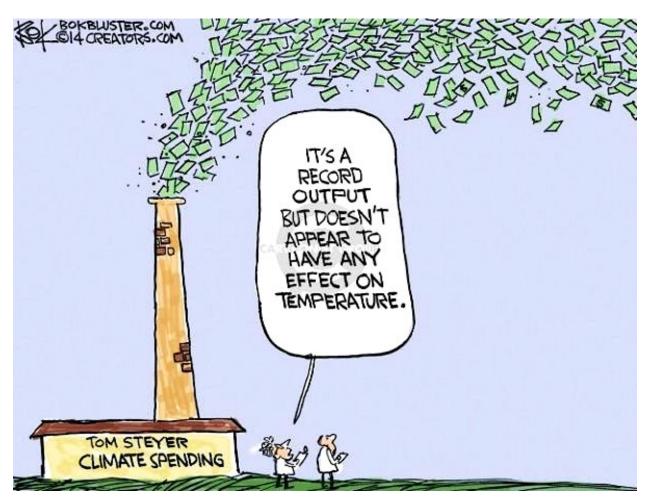
The police, assuming that badly behaved children will become future criminals, have established probably the largest database of DNA profiles in the world: 1.1 million samples from children aged ten to 18, taken over the last decade, and at an accelerating rate (some law enforcement officials have advocated that every child should have a DNA profile on record). Since the criminal-justice system reacts to the commission of serious crimes hardly at all, however, British youth do not object to the gathering of the samples: they know that they largely act with impunity, profiles or no profiles.

The British may have always inclined toward harshness or neglect (or both) in dealing with children; but never before have they combined such attitudes with an undiscriminating material indulgence. My patients would sometimes ask me how it was that their children had turned out so bad when they had done everything for them. When I asked them what they meant by "everything," it invariably meant the latest televisions in their bedrooms or the latest fashionable footwear—to which modern British youth attaches far more importance than Imelda Marcos ever did.

Needless to say, the British state's response to the situation that it has in part created is simultaneously authoritarian and counterproductive. The government pretends, for example, that the problem of child welfare is one of raw poverty. Britain does have the highest rate of child poverty, bar the United States, in the West, as defined (as it usually is) by the percentage of children living in households with an income of less than 50 percent of the median. (Whether this is a sensible definition of poverty is a subject rarely broached.) But after many years of various redistributive measures and billions spent to reduce it, child poverty is, if anything, more widespread.

The British government thus pursues social welfare policies that encourage the creation of households like the Matthews, and then seeks, via yet more welfare spending, to reduce the harm done to children in them. But was the Matthews household poor, in any but an artificial sense? At the time of Shannon's current stepfather's arrest, the household income was \$72,000; it lived free of rent and local taxes, and it boasted three computers and a large plasma-screen television. Would another \$5,000 or \$10,000 or \$20,000 have made any difference?

A system of perverse incentives in a culture of undiscriminating materialism, where the main freedom is freedom from legal, financial, ethical, or social consequences, makes childhood in Britain a torment both for many of those who live it and those who observe it. Yet the British government will do anything but address the problem, or that part of the problem that is its duty to address: the state-encouraged breakdown of the family. If one were a Marxist, one might see in this refusal the self-interest of the state-employee class: social problems, after all, are their raison d'être. *2



ABOVE: BOKBLUSTER COMIC BY CHIP BOK — 'CONCLUDES SPENDING MORE MONEY WON'T SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE EARTH CLIMATE' *3

Global spending to combat climate change fell last year and remains far below the level needed to prevent its most dangerous effects... The International Energy Agency estimated last year that \$5 trillion of investment in clean energy alone was needed by 2020 to keep a rise in global temperatures to within 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit)... Scientists say that threshold is the minimum required to avoid the most devastating effects of climate change, such as the melting of ice caps and catastrophic rises in sea level. [Apparently, being caused by a 'guilty' mankind.] *4

'Global Warming' Is a Myth, Say 58 Scientific Papers in 2017

In other words, the so-called "Consensus" on global warming is a massive lie. And Donald Trump was quite right to quit the Paris agreement which pretended that the massive lie was true.

By "global warming" these papers don't, of course, mean the mild warming of around 0.8 degrees Celsius that the planet has experienced since the middle of the 19th century as the world crawled out of the Little Ice Age. Pretty much everyone, alarmists and skeptics alike, is agreed on that.

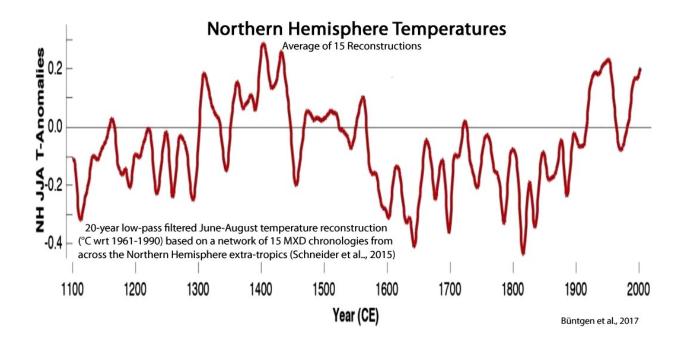
Rather, they mean "global warming" in the sense that is most commonly used today by grant-troughing scientists, and huxter politicians, and scaremongering green activists, and brainwashed mainstream media (MSM) environmental correspondents. "Global warming" as in the scary, historically unprecedented, primarily man-made phenomenon which we must address urgently before the icecaps melt and the Pacific islands disappear beneath the waves and all the baby polar bears drown.

What all these papers argue in their different ways is that the alarmist version of global warming—aka Catastrophic Anthropogenic Global Warming (CAGW)—is a fake artefact.

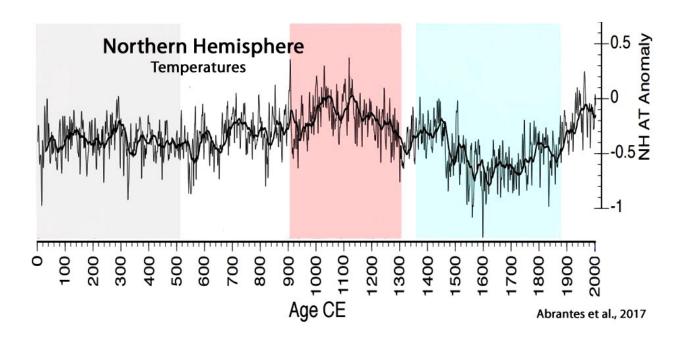
That is, all these different experts from around the world—China, Russia, Canada, the U.S., Italy, etc.—have been looking closely at different aspects of the global warming puzzle in various regions and on different timescales and come to the conclusion in irreproachable, peer-reviewed scientific ways that there is no evidence to support the global warming scare story.

Late 20th century and early 21st century global warming, they show, is neither dramatic, nor unusual, nor scary. Here, as collated by Kenneth Richard at No Tricks Zone, are just some of the charts to prove it.

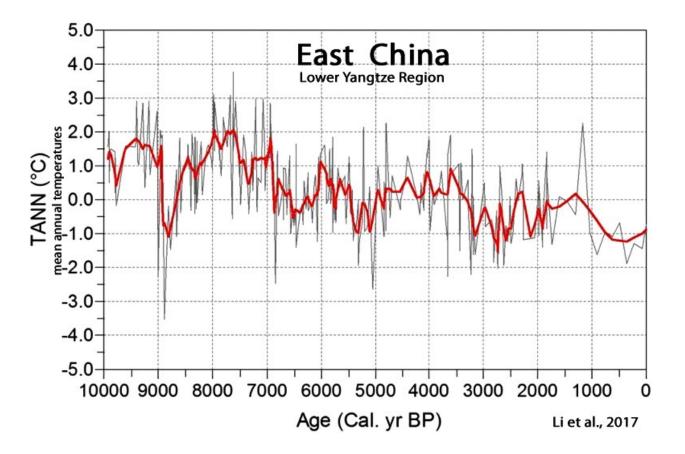
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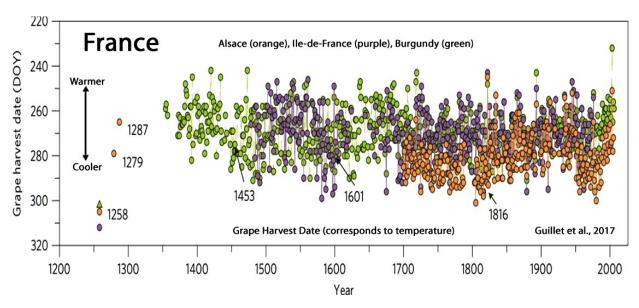
Abrantes et al (below) confirms the traditional view—which Michael Mann tried to dismiss with his discredited Hockey Stick chart—that the Medieval Warming Period was warmer than anything we have experienced in our own era.



Here's one from Li et al showing that China was much warmer 8,000 years ago



Here's an unusual one from Guillet et al suggesting that there's nothing new about wildly early or late grape harvests through the centuries:



And on and on it goes—there are 80 graphs in all, each showing in its different way why the scare about global warming has been horribly overdone because the evidence just doesn't support its being unusual or a problem. Several of the papers note that the primary influence on warming appears to be solar activity. Few, if any, entertain the notion that carbon dioxide levels have much to do with it.

The intellectually corrupt and mendacious alarmist science establishment—I'm thinking, for example, of my personal bete noir, the left-wing political activist and Nobel-prizewinning geneticist Sir Paul Nurse, former president of the Royal Society—would have us believe that climate skepticism is a minority activity, the preserve of a few cranks, championed only by people who don't do the science. But this is just ugly propaganda.

Here are dozens of reputable scientists from around the world with no axe to grind collaborating on studies which all corroborate, independently and rigorously, the increasingly respectable view that "man-made global warming" just isn't a thing... *5

Climate Mafia Caught Tampering With Evidence Again...

If you want to know what's really going on with global warming watch this video... [see source article for link]

It's called The Ministry of Climate Truth—Erasing The Satellite Data and tells a story so shameful that if the mainstream media ever did their job, none... involved would ever be able to show their heads in public again.

Essentially, it's about how the alarmist science community—the Climate Mafia, if you will—bullied a science data gatekeeper into tampering with the evidence in order to suit their criminal agenda.

One day, the data showed mild warming. The next—hey presto!—it showed dramatically increased warming.

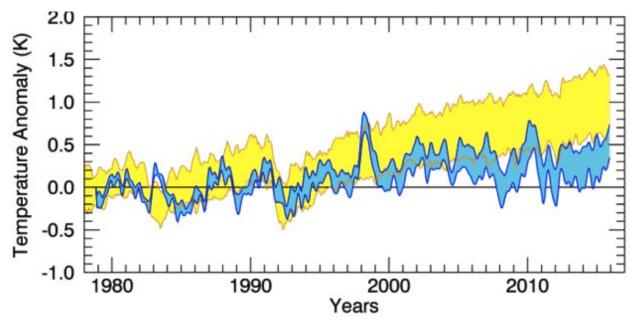
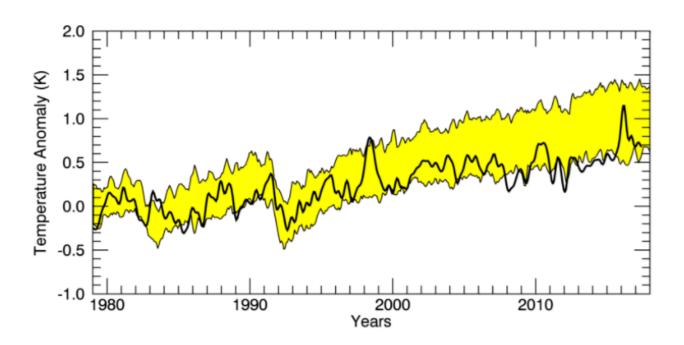


Fig. 1. Global (80S to 80N) Mean TLT Anomaly plotted as a function of time. The blue band is the 5% to 95% envelope for the RSS V3.3 MSU/AMSU Temperature uncertainty ensemble. The yellow band is the 5% to 95% range of output from CMIP-5 climate simulations. The mean value of each time series average from 1979-1984 is set to zero so the changes over time can be more easily seen. Note that after 1998, the observations are likely to be below the simulated values, indicating that the simulation as a whole are predicting too much warming.

Here is the *after*...



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Here's how the Climate Mafia are boasting about their victory in one of their online propaganda journals:

Researchers from Remote Sensing Systems (RSS), based in California, have released a substantially revised version of their lower tropospheric temperature record.

After correcting for problems caused by the decaying orbit of satellites, as well as other factors, they have produced a new record showing 36% faster warming since 1979 and nearly 140% faster (i.e. 2.4 times larger) warming since 1998. This is in comparison to the previous version 3 of the lower tropospheric temperature (TLT) data published in 2009.

This story would definitely be huge if true because the satellite temperature datasets are one of the main pieces of evidence used by climate skeptics to support their argument that the whole global warming scare has been overdone. Because satellites show much less global warming than the surface temperature datasets it supports the skeptics' longstanding contentions that

- a) the surface temperature datasets have been adjusted—aka rigged—to the point of meaninglessness by corrupt scientists
- b) dramatic warming isn't actually happening. It has just been made to look that way by people with a vested interest in promoting the AGW scam.

So what reason do we have to doubt the word of the expert responsible for these adjustments, a guy by the name of Carl Mears at Remote Sensing Systems (RSS)? After all, it's not like he didn't provide a plausible-looking scientific justification for it all.

"Correcting for problems caused by the decaying of satellites." Yup. We've all been there haven't we? One minute you're heading innocently down Highway One to look at the cute sea otters, the next you've somehow strayed over the Niagara Falls. Your stupid satnay failed to take those pesky "problems caused by the decaying of satellites" into account. And until now, no scientist was clever enough to notice...

Well it is a possibility, I suppose.

But as Tony Heller points out there are several good reasons why there's a distinctive rat-like smell about the whole enterprise.

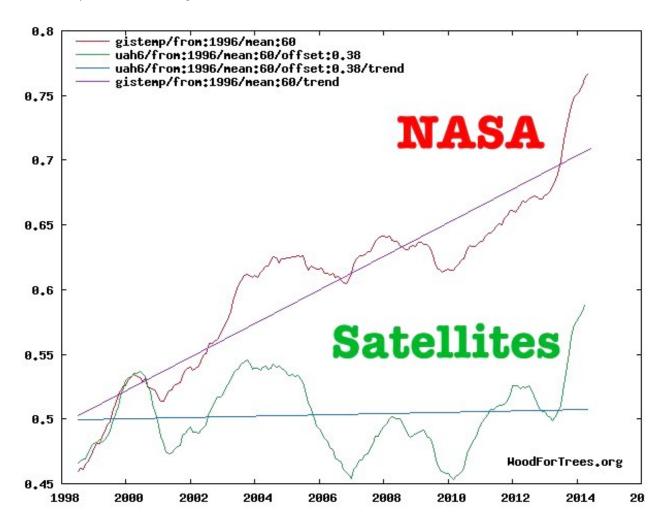
One is that this exactly what Heller predicted two years ago would happen:

Look for the satellite data to be adjusted to bring it into compliance with the fully fraudulent surface temperatures. The Guardian is now working to discredit UAH, so it seems likely that RSS will soon be making big changes—to match the needs of the climate mafia. Bookmark this post.

UAH, by the way, refers to University of Alabama, Huntsville—which is the only other satellite temperature gatekeeper (and, as of this week, the only credible one) in the world run by two skeptics John Christy and Roy

Spencer. The reason they are skeptics is because the data they maintain gives them good reason to be skeptical: viz, while the (heavily-adjusted) surface temperature data sets show dramatic warming, their (more reliable) satellite data does not.

Marvel for yourself at the divergence:



Now do you understand why the Climate Mafia were so keen to nobble those pesky satellites? They weren't telling the right lies.

OK. So we've established a motive. But that still doesn't necessarily prove that a crime has been committed. How do we know for certain that the surface temperature datasets aren't a more accurate gauge of global warming and that—therefore—Carl Mears's adjustments aren't a fair representation of reality?

Well, here's a massive clue:

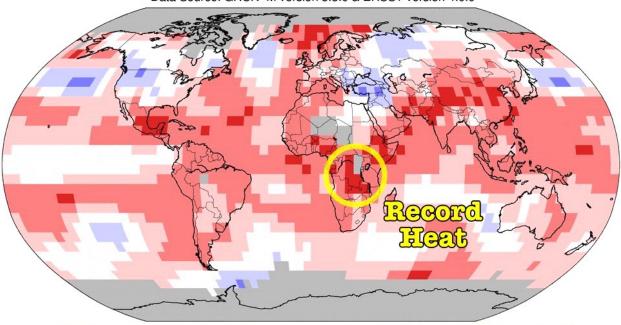
Here is the December 2016 global climate record according to NOAA based on their surface "measurements".

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Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Dec 2016

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

Data Source: GHCN-M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0

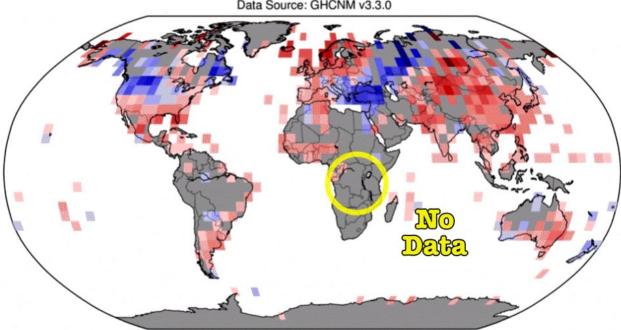


Note how one of the places showing unusual warming—"record warmest" no less—is in Central Africa.

Yet, by spooky coincidence, this is also one of the places where there are ZERO thermometer readings.

Land-Only Temperature Departure from Average Dec 2016 (with respect to a 1981-2010 base period)

Data Source: GHCNM v3.3.0



Can you imagine a more brazen piece of fabrication than that? NOAA—and NASA which uses the same data—are quite literally making up their own climate evidence.

(Oh and by the way—check for yourself at Real Climate Science—the satellites show no anomalous warming in Central Africa in December '16)

But there's one more major giveaway which gives us cause to doubt RSS's sudden shift on climate change: the fact that before making these apparently necessary adjustments, Carl Mears didn't get his paper peer-reviewed by the two people in the world most qualified to assess it: John Christy and Roy Spencer.

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Why did Mears cave? Because that's the nature of Groupthink. If you don't pay lip service to the Green Goddess, you are ostracised as a heretic—so it's much easier to play along for a quiet life.

Why don't more people know about the scale of the fraud going on in climate science right now? *6

"The study of history is a powerful antidote to contemporary arrogance. It is humbling to discover how many of our glib assumptions, which seem to us novel and plausible, have been tested before, not once but many times and in innumerable guises; and discovered to be, at great human cost, wholly false." —*Paul Johnson*



It Finally Happened: Politics Has Ruined Everything Fun

Not that long ago, I could get away from the dystopian news environment and relax. I'd spend my weekends at the movies, chatting with friends over a latte or watching football on my oversized 4K TV, all things that bring a smile, take me away—just good old-fashioned fun. But one after another, these treasured pastimes have become something else—a reminder of the dark times we live in, another forum for angry political discourse. In their zeal to control every aspect of our lives, liberal activists have left no stone unturned.

My first casualty was the movies. Nothing saves you from reality more than a good flick. But one by one, my favorite Hollywood stars publicly inserted themselves into politics. Mark Ruffalo, Jennifer Lawrence, Matt Damon, and Ben Affleck are on the growing list of actors and actresses who feel compelled to take stands on issues that have nothing to do with their films.

Now, I'd like to be the bigger person and not let personal politics affect my entertainment choices, but the fact is, their foray into politics changes my perception. Now, instead of seeing these actors and actresses as the characters they so brilliantly portray, I see the man behind the curtain, the flawed person behind the illusion. Gone are the days when I can separate the activist actor from his performance. Now their reality is in my face.

Same with authors. I've faithfully followed Stephen King and J.K. Rowling throughout their writing careers. But these successful authors weren't content with fame and fortune; they craved influence in the political arena. So as in Hollywood, they chose to share their political views with their readers, to yank us out of their superbly written fiction and back to the real world.

Fortunately, my cappuccino addiction allowed me to ignore Starbucks's political correctness for quite a while. Even though Starbucks tweeted rainbows over gay marriage and had their baristas chat up customers on left-wing subjects (though that didn't last long), it was background noise, not enough to separate me from my espresso. But when the Starbucks CEO publicly endorsed Hillary Clinton, when the media made that endorsement breaking news, I got the message. As a result, I'm no longer lulled into euphoria by Starbucks's artsy ambience or caffeine; now I'm burdened by the same oppressive feelings I get when I watch the news or read a paper. Dark, sad, depressing.

Of course, I should be grateful that the CEO killed the buzz—it's going to save me over \$1,000 a year. Yet it's like losing a good friend. A sad day.

I can't even shop in peace these days. Target was my all-time favorite store—bright, well-lit, with fun displays and great products. But Target couldn't allow that cheerful joviality in their stores. Nope—they had to step in and take a stand against 99.7% of their customer base. They proudly issued a policy that anyone—man, woman, pervert, pedophile—can use the bathroom of his choice. The result: I don't shop at Target anymore, because the stigma of politics has infected the store and because I'm hesitant to use the bathroom.

But I still had football, right? Wrong. Before we could kick off the season, a fading star named Colin Kaepernick had some kind of epiphany that he could change the world by sitting out the National Anthem. The right vs. left media made Colin's sit-out national headlines for weeks—he has the right, 1st Amendment vs. he's an ungrateful millionaire spitting on the country that made him great, and on and on. But they miss the point: I don't care. Whatever these sports icons think, I really and truly don't care. Just play ball.

Once the media gets its hooks in a contentious story, there's no going back. So I'm treated to more political posturing from those who joined Colin's sit-out or knee-out or whatever. As with Starbucks, I did my best to move past Colin and enjoy the game, but the political spin soon engulfed football until I had to turn away yet again.

So here I am. No more cappuccinos, very few movies, limited reading, Walmart instead of Target, and now no football. What's left? Well, not one to give up, I'm planning a trip to Disney World. Of course, Disney still has time to ruin my magical plans with political crap, so I have to admit I'm nervous.

Will Mickey Mouse boycott his own *Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party* to make a statement for PETA on rodent rights? I mean, the trap thing is pretty barbaric.

My worst nightmare is that Cinderella, Belle, Elsa, and other princesses could show up in pantsuits, no makeup or jewelry, and unwashed, limp hair, to show that princesses don't have to be dressed in elegant, sparkling gowns or be ethereal to play the part.

I pray that none of these scenarios will materialize. I'm looking forward to this trip and would hate to cancel. No, I wouldn't cancel because I disagree with their politics; I haven't got what it takes to sacrifice something I love to make a statement. I'd cancel because politics again dumped on my fantasy world and sucked the joy out of my trip. I'd cancel because the dark, hateful world of news and politics is stalking me, targeting and infecting every enjoyable part of my life. My only defense is to give up those indulgences and move on. When it stops being fun, I stop doing it.

Elvis Presley summed it up perfectly when filming the musical *Roustabout*. The director, John Rich, wasn't particularly impressed with Elvis's entourage hanging around and playing practical jokes on one another. When Rich approached Elvis about his traveling companions clowning around and disrupting, Elvis didn't back down from his director. He told Rich, "When these damn movies cease to be fun, I'll stop doing them."

Cheers, Elvis. Couldn't have said it better myself. *7

Shameful: Grieving Family of Child Killed by Alligator Further Victimized by Internet Outrage Machine

I cannot see this child's little face without crying and grieving for his parents. This precious boy, who is the same age as my baby boy, was snatched from his parents in the most horrific way anyone could imagine. He was dragged away in the jaws of a beast of prey as they watched, powerless to stop it, while they were at the happiest place on earth, Walt Disney World.

The horror of it cannot be overstated. I used to live in a country where people would stop what they were doing when something like this happened and they would grieve and cry and pray for comfort for this family. The people of my former country would have sent cards of encouragement through the mail and left flowers at the gates of Disney World in remembrance of this poor soul taken so young and so violently. The countrymen I loved would have rejoiced with the family of the four-year-old child who was saved by quick-thinking zookeepers from the danger of a wild gorilla into whose territory he fell. They would have praised the zoo, and celebrated that this family wasn't attending a funeral for a beloved child...

But we don't live in my former country anymore. We barely even go out into it these days. We live on Facebook and social media. On the surface it seems fun and interesting, chock full of cat videos and cute baby videos—and we aren't sure how we got through a day before this wondrous invention. But then tragedy strikes and the outrage machine cues up a virtual mob to destroy someone's life.

Years ago the phrase "15 minutes of fame" was the descriptor for someone who would exploit tragedy to make a news segment and say something outrageous. Today, you only get about 15 *seconds* of fame and you get it by attacking a grieving family and getting a million hits on your outrage meme (none of which I will be linking here). People are literally making money on the suffering of grieving families and it makes me sick.

I hope the people pointing fingers at these grief-stricken parents who just lost their baby, accusing them of being less than attentive, are really just trolls in their basements who have no moral compass. *I hope it's not you*. I hope *you*, parent, did not take part in this. I hope that you are crying with me today for this family that is suffering what every parent fears. *It isn't their fault*. Tragedy strikes the innocent. It isn't even Disney's fault, although we would like to be able to blame someone for the awful attack that took this boy's life away in an instant. Even I thought, "My God! Why don't they have fences around a natural lagoon?" The truth is that no one at Disney World would have ever wanted this to happen to anyone and the company probably took many steps to ensure it wouldn't. But even the best laid plans fail. I know some Disney employees who are grieving deeply over the loss of this child.

Pointing fingers from behind keyboards at people who are grieving is demented. Would you go to the funeral of this child and point at his mother and father and tell them they should have done something differently? None of you keyboard warriors would ever have the courage of your convictions to do something that terrible in real life, but you will spew your hatred and venom at these people from your safe armchair, protected by anonymity they aren't lucky enough to have. It was an accident and a reminder that we are not invulnerable to this wild place we inhabit, even though it feels like we have everything under control.

Where's the Compassion for Families Involved in Horrific Tragedies?

Social media is quickly replacing real human interactions and the typed word is always far harsher than anything we would ever say in person. Facebook has tricked society into thinking that because something has 100k likes or someone has a million followers, somehow that equals validation. The idea that 500,000 people could "like" a petition to jail the parents of a child who fell into a gorilla pit because they cared more for the gorilla than someone's son, or 1,000,000 people could "like" a petition to shame grieving parents who lost their son to an animal attack is unacceptable. I don't want to call you my countrymen if you "liked" that.

Today, get off Facebook and go hug your children and thank God you have another day to hold them in your arms. Then I challenge you to go to the store and buy an actual card (not a virtual one) and send it to Matt and Melissa Graves with words of love and support. Let's be the America we used to be. *8

"It's life that matters, nothing but life—the process of discovering, the everlasting and perpetual process, not the discovery itself, at all"—*Fyodor Dostoevsky*

"Until now, nations were killed by conquest, that is by invasion: But here an important question arises; can a nation not die on its own soil, without resettlement or invasion, by allowing the flies of decomposition to corrupt to the very core those original and constituent principles which make it what it is." —Joseph, Comte de Maistre



This Hitler Nonsense ...

I am not an expert on Hitler. But my father is.

He toured post-war Germany extensively in 1957 and '58 as a child performer. And he often recounts the stories. He befriended teenage Lebensborn children (if you don't know what Lebensborn children are ...well ...before you post anymore about Hitler you should read about them). He visited an SS widow and got a peek at her husband's uniform and Luger (that he'd committed suicide with), she had stored in an old trunk, in the attic.

These and other intense experiences in Germany sent my father on a life-long quest to understand this sociopath (Hitler) and the country that allowed itself to be dragged into one of the darkest chapters in world history. My dad is a Hitler/Nazi buff the way Indiana Jones' dad was a Holy Grail buff.

As the son of a man with this hobby (one might call obsession) I learned a lot about Hitler and the Third Reich just by osmosis, growing up. My father would weave WWII stories into his sermons. He would talk about new books he was reading on the subject. When I was nine-years-old I bought him a book on the battle of Stalingrad for Christmas. Not a tie or a pair of socks. A book ... on the battle ... of Stalingrad. Yeah ... it was kinda like that.

The thing my father and I have often discussed, through the years, is the eye-rolling art of comparing American presidents to Hitler. It is such an absurdity we find it amusing ... and frustrating. It's often just a punch line. Like the Soup Nazi wasn't really a Nazi. He was just mean. The Nazi part made it funny. You know ... over-the-top. Like "grammar Nazi" or "spelling Nazi." Nobody is really a "Nazi." It's our representation of something we consider jarring, strident, intractable and inhumane.

But the truth about Nazis isn't funny at all. It's bloody and horrible and gut churning. And it involves machine guns and butchery and inhumanity on a scale that takes your breath away. Nobody is really a "soup Nazi" ... unless they served it in a concentration camp.

The idea of comparing an American president to Hitler is just as absurd ...from any angle, in any context. The American system ITSELF pretty much prevents "Hitlers" from showing up. And America ITSELF is anathema to what Hitler was trying to create. An American ANYTHING or ANYONE is hard to fit into the Hitler model. It's just not apples to apples.

There are some fundamental things to understand about Hitler:

- 1. He took over a small, failing state that didn't have separated government, enumerated powers or checks and balances. It's difficult for a guy like that to show up here, in this system.
- 2. His entire political career was violent from the beginning. There was always death in his wake. He didn't just suddenly "turn" violent. It was a pattern ... as it always is with sociopaths. This is THE most important thing to watch; the violence. I always keep an eye on who is rioting ... breaking things ... throwing rocks and bombs. It doesn't make them Nazis. But it signals how far they're willing to go.
- 3. He entered office with his own personal military construct (the SS) with allegiance to him ONLY. They would carry out things the regular military would never carry out: i.e. the murder of private citizens and political opponents. Nothing like that exists or COULD exist in America. We simply wouldn't allow it.

- 4. He didn't start out just killing Jews. He started out euthanizing people with special needs ... for the betterment of the care-givers' lives. (You can decide which side of the aisle favors the extermination of "inconvenient" people).
- 5. He disarmed the population, then nationalized healthcare and education. (Two-out-of-three of those are Bernie Sanders moves ...But, guess what? Bernie isn't Hitler either ...not by a long shot)

The list goes on and on. But the deal is this:

Hitler was a real life murdering sociopath. He wasn't just a charismatic speaker who incrementally fell into bad behavior. He wasn't just a racist corrupted by unfettered power. In other words, you or I probably couldn't end up being Hitler. A garden variety KKK leader probably couldn't end up being Hitler either ... or a community organizer ... or a New York real-estate tycoon. It's not that easy or simple.

NONE of our American presidents have ever been Hitler. But the people of Germany certainly thought FDR was a murdering dictator when B-17s started dropping bombs on them. This is why you have to KNOW what you believe and why you believe it. Good guys and bad guys are often in the eyes of the beholder. And they often look similar in the fog of conflict. I would imagine Japanese Americans in internment camps wondered if their president was Hitlerlike. Nope. Horrible act ...but not close to Hitler.

To that point, ironically, the American president who could've actually been likened to Hitler (before Hitler) in some of his methods was ...wait for it ...Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln broke more constitutional law than any other president in U.S history. He imprisoned political opponents without due process. He suspended habeas corpus. He was personally responsible for the deaths of six hundred thousand people.

He invaded countries that had declared their own sovereignty and forced them back into a union they didn't want to be a part of. He unilaterally annexed Nevada, without 60 thousand residents, (a pre-requisite for becoming a state) in order to carry it and win the 1864 election. In other words, he pretty much rigged it.

And when he was killed by one of the highest paid and most famous actors of his day (ironic ...don't you think?), the actor screamed "thus always to tyrants!" (in latin) because the man thought he was being a patriot for ridding the world of a dictator. But he wasn't ...and he didn't.

Lincoln did all of those things to end and win the Civil War. And today we love him for it ... as we should. Because in the end, his vision was right ... even though his methods were suspect in the heat of the moment...

Now, people are comparing Donald Trump to Hitler. And the countdown has officially begun, to ...well ...I don't know ... but something really bad. I get that someone who is combative with the press and who wants to vet refugees and shut down open immigration fits the bill some are always looking for when it comes to finally getting their "Hitler" villain.

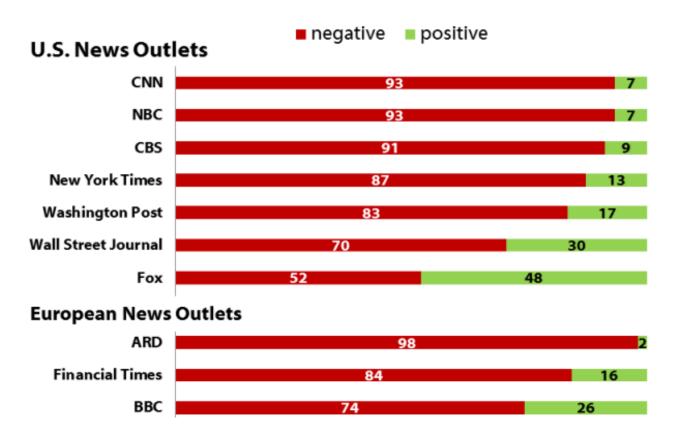
But if you study enough about it, you realize the guy vetting and banning refugees is probably not Hitler ... the guy CREATING refugees probably is.

If we keep looking for Hitler in every United States president we disagree with, we're not going to recognize the real one when he actually shows up ...in a different country. *10

Harvard Study Reveals Huge Extent of Anti-Trump Media Bias

A major new study out of Harvard University has revealed the true extent of the mainstream media's bias against Donald Trump.

They found that the tone of some outlets was negative in as many as 98% of reports, significantly more hostile than the first 100 days of the three previous administrations:



The academics based their study on seven US outlets and three European ones.

In America they analyzed CNN, NBC, CBS, Fox News, the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal.

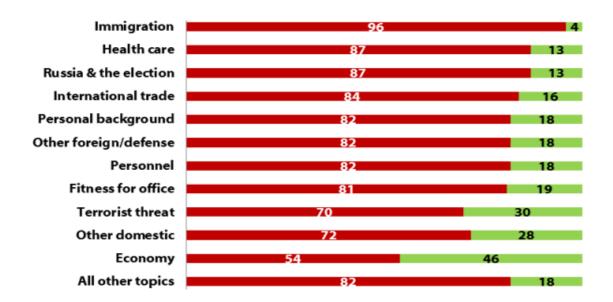
They also took into account the BBC, the UK's Financial Times and the German public broadcaster ARD.

Every outlet was negative more often than positive.

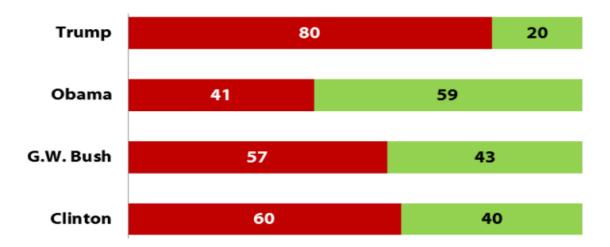
Only *Fox News*, which features some of Trump's most enthusiastic supporters and is often given special access to the President, even came close to positivity.

Fox was ranked 52% negative and 48% positive.

The study also divided news items across topics. On immigration, healthcare, and Russia, more than 85% of reports were negative... On the economy, the proportion was more balanced—54% negative to 46% positive:



The study highlighted one exception: Trump got overwhelmingly positive coverage for launching a cruise missile attack on Syria. Around 80% of all reports were positive about that.



The picture was very different for other recent administrations. The study found that President Obama's first 100 days got a good write-up overall—with 59% of reports positive.

Bill Clinton and George W Bush got overall negative coverage, it found, but to a much lesser extent than Trump. Clinton's first 100 days got 40% positivity, while Bush's got 43%:

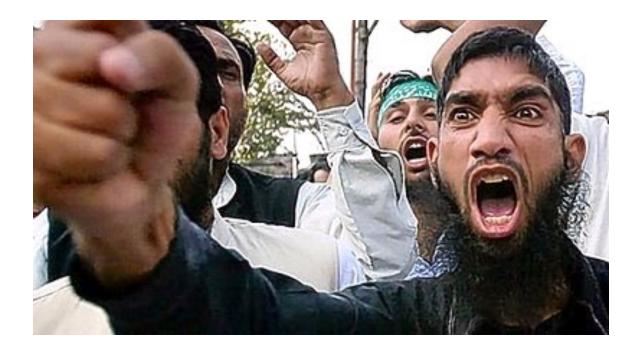
Trump has repeatedly claimed that his treatment by the media is unprecedented in its hostility. This study suggests that, at least when it comes to recent history, he's right. *11 *12



ABOVE: LONG-EXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPH BY YUME — 'REVEALS PEACEFUL FLASHES OF LIGHT BY THOUSANDS OF FIREFLIES IN JAPAN' *13

How Dare You?!... Supremacist Nature of Muslim 'Grievances'

In 2012 in Pakistan, as Christian children were singing carols inside their church, Muslim men from a nearby mosque barged in with an axe, destroyed the furniture, desecrated the altar, and beat the children. Their justification for such violence? "You are disturbing our prayers.... *How dare you* use the mike and speakers?"



Welcome to the true face of "Muslim grievance"—what I call the "how dare you?!" phenomenon. Remember it next time "progressive" media and politicians tell you that Muslim terrorism—whether the 9/11 strikes, Fort Hood Massacre, Boston Bombing, or recent London Beheading—are products of grievances against the West. Missing from their analyses is the *supremacist* nature of Muslim grievances.

The *Conditions of Omar*, a foundational medieval Muslim text, mandates this sense of superiority over non-Muslims. Among other stipulations, the *Conditions* commands conquered Christians not to raise their "voices during prayer or readings in churches anywhere near Muslims" (hence the axe-attack in Pakistan). It also commands them not to display any signs of Christianity—specifically Bibles and crosses—not to build churches, and not to criticize the prophet.

If the supremacist nature of Islamic law is still not clear enough, the *Conditions* literally command Christians to give up their seats to Muslims on demand.

By analogy, consider when black Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to white passengers in a white supremacist environment. Sincere grievances arose: *how dare she* think herself our equal?

But were such grievances legitimate? Should they have been accommodated?

... I document hundreds of attacks on Christians. In most cases, the Muslim attackers are truly aggrieved.

For example, in 2007 in Turkey, a publishing house distributing Bibles was stormed and three of its Christian employees tortured, disemboweled, and finally murdered. One suspect later said: "We didn't do this for ourselves, but for our religion [Islam].... Our religion is being destroyed."

Similarly, in 2011 in Egypt, after a 17-year-old Christian student refused to obey his Muslim teacher's orders to cover up his cross, the teacher and some Muslim students attacked, beat, and ultimately murdered the Christian teenager.

These Turkish and Egyptian murderers were truly aggrieved: the *Conditions* clearly state that Christians must not "produce a cross or Bible" around Muslims. *How dare* the Egyptian student and Turkish Bible publishers refuse to comply?

In Indonesia, where it is becoming next to impossible for Christians to build churches, Christians congregated to celebrate Christmas, 2012, on empty land where they hoped to build a church—only to be attacked by Muslims who hurled cow dung and bags of urine at the Christians as they prayed.

These Muslims were also sincerely aggrieved: *how dare* these Christians think they can build a church when the *Conditions* forbid it?

... Weeks ago in Pakistan, after a Christian man was accused of insulting Muslim prophet Muhammad—another big no-no according to the *Conditions*—3,000 Muslims burned down two churches and some 200 Christian homes...

Most recently in Pakistan, when a Muslim slapped a Christian and the latter reciprocated, the Muslim exclaimed "How dare a Christian slap me?" Anti-Christian violence immediately commenced.

In short, anytime non-Muslims dare to overstep their Sharia-designated "inferior" status, supremacist Muslims become violently aggrieved.

From here, one can begin to understand the ultimate Muslim grievance: Israel.

For if "infidel" Christians are deemed inferior and attacked by aggrieved Muslims for exercising their basic human rights, like freedom of worship, how must Muslims feel about Jews—the descendants of pigs and apes, according to the Koran—exercising power and authority over fellow Muslims in what is perceived to be Muslim land?

How dare they?!

Of course, if grievances against Israel were really about justice and displaced Palestinians, Muslims—and their Western appeasers—would be aggrieved by the fact that millions of Christians are currently being displaced by Muslim invaders.

Needless to say, they are not.

So the next time you hear that Muslim rage and terrorism are products of grievance, remember that this is absolutely true. But these "grievances" are not predicated on any universal standards of equality or justice, only a supremacist worldview. *14

Few in the West are Serious About Islamic Terror

It appears that no matter how many men, women and children Islamists slaughter or maim, few in the West take Islamic terror seriously. This may sound odd, given how much talk there is about terror, but a compelling case can be made for this assertion.

1) The Western elites

The elites of the Western world are far more preoccupied with—and fearful of—global warming than Islamic terror. They regard those who believe that Islamic terror is the greatest threat to civilization as not merely wrong but bigots. They have labeled such people Islamophobes, but of course, there is no such thing as a carbon-phobe or fossil fuel-phobe.

2) Universities

The universities of the Western world not only do not identify Muslim terrorists or Muslim terror organizations as Muslim but also teach students the falsehood that there is no moral difference between Islam and Christianity or Judaism. This has helped leave the West incapable of dealing with the root cause of Islamic terror—some of the teachings and practices of Islam.

Of course, there are vast numbers of peaceful Muslims; and the great majority of American-born Muslims are just like their Protestant, Catholic and Jewish neighbors. But to deny that there is something Muslim about the theology of the Muslims who commit atrocities against "infidels" is to deny one of the most important truths about Islamic terror. And it, therefore, prevents the only solution to Muslim violence—a reformation of Islam, starting with

overthrowing its ideal of a Shariah-based society and then moving to Muslim views of women, of non-Muslims and of Muslims who convert out of Islam.

3) Apple and other Silicon Valley giants

The business giants of the Silicon Valley are united in weakening Western civilization's ability to fight Islamic terror. The heads of Apple, for example, are on the verge of making it impossible for anyone, even Apple itself, to ever be able to open an iPhone. The tech company refused to unlock the iPhone used by Syed Rizwan Farook, the husband of the married team of San Bernardino terrorists, to see whether he had accomplices—even though Farook was not the phone's owner and his employer, San Bernardino County, owned the phone and wanted it unlocked...

In the Wall Street Journal, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, no conservative, recently wrote this about the tech companies and terrorism:

"In the future, phones will be designed to prevent even Apple from opening them, just as the makers of some messaging services have already done. Such a move would be an unprecedented rejection of public authority and a potentially catastrophic blow to public safety. The prospect of criminals and terrorists communicating with phones beyond the reach of government search warrants should send a shiver down the spine of every citizen.

"Google, Facebook, Snapchat and WhatsApp are all working to increase encryption in ways that will make it impossible for the courts and law-enforcement officials to obtain their users' data."

4) Barack Obama

The American government under its president, Barack Obama, does not call Islamic violence "Islamic violence." Rather, it's "violent extremism." This began in 2009, when the Obama administration declared the massacre of 12 soldiers and a civilian by "Allahu akbar"-shouting Nidal Hasan at Fort Hood "workplace violence." It continues. You'd think that after two massacres in Paris, another in Brussels and another in Nice in just the past 18 months, the administration would change its terminology to comport with the facts. But it hasn't. Islamic violence is, to the American government, still "violent extremism."

5) Hillary Clinton

Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee for president of the United States, has called for the U.S. to accept 65,000 Muslims from the Middle East. That's six times more than President Obama has called for. She says they would be vetted—a laughable notion. How do you "vet" 65,000 Syrians and Iraqis...?

6) The European Union

Even more extreme than Hillary Clinton's call for 65,000 Middle Eastern Muslims, Angela Merkel, the chancellor of Germany, announced last year that Germany will accept more than 800,000 more Muslims into its borders—and, by extension, to virtually all European Union countries.

There are already about 20 million Muslims in the E.U., a significant percentage of whom do not assimilate and reject Western liberal values, and among the latter, a small but significant number are what we call radicalized... *15

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