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To The Editor:

Sam Prentice defends Tony Heller from charges of being a charlatan. Heller runs the blog https://realclimatescience.com/, rated Conspiracy-Pseudoscience and Quakery (https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/real-climate-science/). It's possible Heller is not a charlatan. If he believes the nonsense he's peddling, he's not a charlatan, only a badly informed menace. Still, he convinces the gullible that he understands NASA's and NOAA's data better than NASA and NOAA; he *sounds* like a charlatan.

Mr. Prentice says I never back up my claims and in the next sentence complains about URLs I post. Sam, those *are* evidence backing up my claims! I use easy-to-type URLS in my letters. For instance, I created a link to the fact-check above. Now you can type just http://link.sauyet.com/77. If you don't trust these, you can now append "/preview" to them. Visiting http://link.sauyet.com/77/preview, you'll see the actual URL and can decide whether to click the link.

Prentice's letter – falsely chiding me for not providing evidence – itself provides no evidence. Don't you love irony? Let's examine one of his claims: that Joe Biden is the worst president in history. This is opinion, but there are actual experts who rank presidents. I know only one poll covering Biden, from Sienna College in 2022 (overview: http://link.sauyet.com/78, data: http://link.sauyet.com/79), ranking Biden number 19, in the top half. Trump, by contrast, is 43rd out of 45. The other surveys covering Trump place him 41st, 42nd, and last. (Details: http://letters.sauyet.com/#/2023-05-26). While Sam Prentice sees Biden as the worst, experts see him as above average and see Trump among the worst. Evidence!

I respond to Prentice's ridiculous outbursts on climate because this is today's defining crisis. I want my grandchildren to inherit a livable world. We're on a path away from that. The nonsense that Heller promotes and Prentice parrots could keep us from finding a better path.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Not for publication, but for fact-checking: Three more presidential ranking polls:

* New York Times, 2018: https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/02/19/opinion/how-does-trump-stack-up-against-the-best-and-worst-presidents.html
* Sienna College, 2018, (overview: <https://scri.siena.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019_Release_2018_Final.pdf>, data: https://scri.siena.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Presidents-2018-Rank-by-Category.pdf)
* C-Span, 2021: https://www.c-span.org/presidentsurvey2021/?page=overall

These are all I could find from reputable sources. There may be others.