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To The Editor:

Truth can be hard to distinguish amidst the noise of falsehoods. But sometimes it's simple: last week's screed from our resident climate-change denier, for example. ("Ongoing Climate Lie", June 24.) Sam Prentice objects to my rebuttal of recent letters. His response is full of obfuscations and outright lies.

He claims I addressed nothing he said. Let's see. He wrote (see "The Party of Death", May 27) that "[environmentalists] want to reduce the very substance making things green, CO2". In "Prentice Logic" (http://letters.sauyet.com/#/2022-06-17/) I spent a paragraph parodying that, then pointed out that the independent media-review site finds the blog he mentioned (see "Fraudulent Climate Crisis", June 10) a "Quackery" pseudoscience site (https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/real-climate-science/). Finally, I challenged the premise of his "Party of Death", suggesting this epithet is aimed the wrong direction. Does that sound like I addressed nothing he said?

I admit to an ambiguous pronoun when I wrote that he, "suggests we read the blog of science denier Tony Heller [...] to learn about his imagined conspiracy..." Here "his" was not aimed at the blogger but the letter-writer. He's provided plenty of evidence that he thinks the climate consensus is a conspiracy: including his recent, "politician seek to destroy our self-sufficient middle class and make everyone dependent on government for their sustenance." Demonstrating the conspiracy-mindedness is certainly not *ad hominem*.

His most interesting suggestion is that I mislead by describing http://realclimate.ORG as highly rated. I cited a real reference (https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/realclimate/). That he finds the truth inconvenient is irrelevant.

Presumably, he's aiming for irony in calling me a "genius", a "stalwart", and a "luminary", but I'd like to temporarily claim that last one. A luminary shines light onto the darkness, revealing truth. Mr. Prentice's letters need all the light they can get.

Sincerely,

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