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## So Where's the Crisis?

Remember the old ad campaign that asked, "Where's the beef?" or the catchy movie phrase, "Show me the money!" To the proponents of human induced global warming, it's time we started asking, "So Where's the Crisis?"

Who might some of these crisis peddlers be? Let's start with the man who gave us the "Inconvenient Truth" itself, Vice-President and Academy Award winner, Al Gore, who:

- predicted in 2006 that global warming would lead to sea levels rising more than 20 feet;
- predicted in 2005 that Glacier National Park would have no remaining glaciers in 20 years; and,
- stated in 2006 the Arctic would be completely ice-free in 34 years. (Exactly 34 years???)

Gore has plenty of company when it comes to dire predictions of the impending climate crisis. A statement released by scientists at the conclusion of a climate meeting in Copenhagen last December contended that: "*The worst case Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change scenario trajectories (or even worse) are being realized. There is a significant risk that many of the trends will accelerate, leading to an increasing risk of abrupt or irreversible climatic shifts.*"

According to the Carnegie Institute for Science the heat will be turned on in the Southwestern U.S. The Institute warned that major cities such as Sacramento could soon experience heat waves for up to 100 days a year and eventually become uninhabitable.

According to the "National Geographic Magazine," "Climate is changing more rapidly than ever before. Human activity is the main cause...Unless CO2 emissions are slashed, the planet will heat up even faster, fundamentally changing the world we live in."

Then there's the omnipresent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that issues doomsday reports on a regular basis. Their April 2007 report stated: "*The impacts are faster and larger than we ever anticipated. Things are happening much more quickly than the science community imagined. It's profoundly concerning.*"

There are other blustery doomsday scenarios, some of which include: Predictions of disaster due to rising global temperatures include animal and plant extinctions, forced human migrations and starvation, unbearable heat and drought and increased disease. Some of the predictions are very precise, such as the study that concluded Chicago will hit 115 degrees in heat waves in 2100.

With these so-called “imminent” dangers in mind, let’s take a look at some of the weather related “disasters” of late taking place on a supposedly overheated earth.

As the end of July approaches, it appears that Madison, WI will experience its coolest July on record, which dates back to the 1800’s. But Madison is not alone. Cincinnati, OH and Peoria, IL are also on track to record their coolest Julys on record. Many other cities will record Julys that are among the bottom ten on record.

Other cool-setting records are being achieved as well. Thousands of daily record low temperatures have been recorded across the U.S. this month. If New York City fails to reach 90 degrees before the end of the week, it will be only the second time since 1869 that the city has failed to record a 90 degree day in either June or July.

There’s more. The cooler-than-normal weather didn’t just start this month. Last summer was cool as well, as Milwaukee did not reach 90 degrees for only the fourth time on record. Furthermore, last summer was sandwiched between two unusually cold and snowy winters.

The Southern Hemisphere has been experiencing unusual cold for the last couple of years as well. Last year for example, areas of southern Brazil reported one of their latest winter snowfalls on record and the month of September was their coldest in 100 years. New Zealand and parts of Australia experienced their coldest Mays on record.

**Of course, a couple years of cold weather does not disprove man-induced global warming any more than a few warm years prove it.** It is important to note that the last few years don’t exactly amount to a “crisis” of warming either. Isn’t it time those who keep predicting climate disasters take a look around and admit there is an awful lot we still have to learn about how the Earth’s climates operate? There have been many major climate changes and shifts over the centuries, and these had nothing to do with human activity.

It would be much more logical to develop a sensible energy policy rather than passing the expensive and senseless global warming legislation the U.S. House of Representatives rushed through earlier this month or the legislation Governor Doyle wants to pass in Wisconsin.

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