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BEWILDERED ANTHONY WATTS HAS MORE CLIMATE QUESTIONS - IS IT LIZARD MEN FROM OUTER SPACE?

Sou | 1:13 PM

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You'd think that someone who is so proud of running a blog supposedly about climate science that a teensy bit of knowledge about modern climatology might have rubbed off on him. But no. Anthony asks some questions that show he's as ignorant about climate now as when he first heard the word "climate".

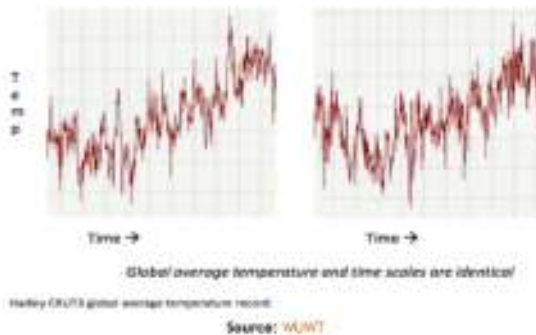
Anthony writes:

OK, so here's the 64 thousand dollar questions for IPCC cheerleaders:

1. Which side is which time period?
2. What caused the warming before CO2 became an issue to be essentially identical to the period when it is claimed to be the main driver?
3. How is the IPCC 95% certain one side is caused by man and the other is not?

And puts up a split chart of HadCRUT3 showing the global surface temperature after and before (and during) the 1950s. It shows he doesn't know nuffin'. Here is what Anthony showed:

Global Average Temperature in Two Half Century Periods:
Which is 1895-1946 (Nature); Which is 1957-2008 (Us?)



This is just another case of Anthony telling his readers what to see and those who are gullible enough will see it. There are no scales on either axis. But just so the comments don't make it look as if he only attracts complete nitwits (or so he thinks), he gives his readers a clue to look out for the 1998 El Nino.

Anthony refers to the IPCC stating that it is 95% certain that, since the 1950s, human activity has been the major factor in global warming. Below is an animated gif in which I show the 60

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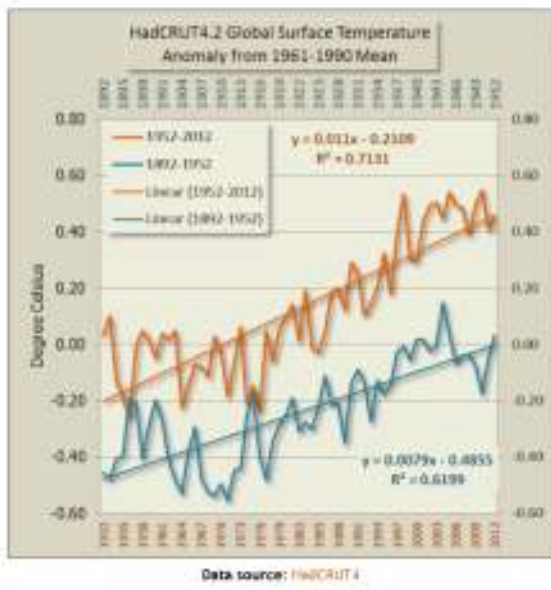
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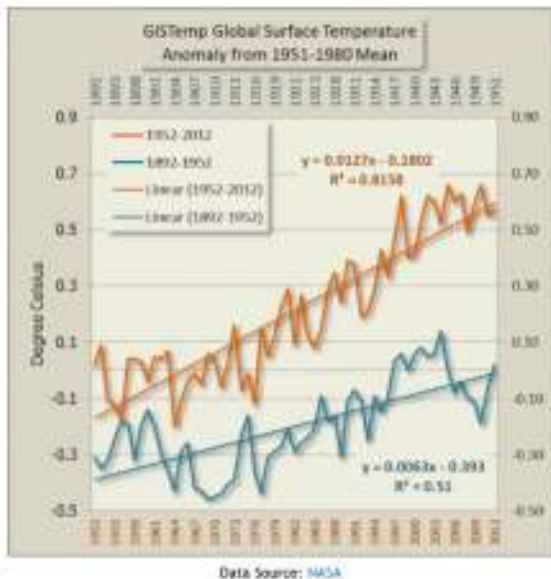
Oceans and clouds are driving Anthony Watts crazy

years from 1892 to 1952 and 1952 to 2012 on the same chart. The chart is from HadCRUT4 and you will see three versions. One for both periods on the same temperature scale. One with the earlier period scaled up to match the start of the trend lines. Then with the earlier period scaled up to match the end of the trend lines. All vertical axis have the same vertical scale spanning 1.4 degrees, it's just shifted up as stated. The horizontal scales both span 60 years.



The one thing you can say about both 60 year periods is that the temperature trend is up and that's pretty well where the similarity ends. In the earlier period (1892-1952) that is largely the result of an increase in solar radiation plus increasing CO2. In the more recent period (1952-2012) it's largely because of the increasing CO2. Both periods also had volcanic forcing, negative forcing from aerosols and were subject to internal variation like ENSO.

if you think HadCRUT4 might exaggerate the differences, here is the same with GISTemp. The differences between the two 60 year time periods are even more marked:



Added: The Cherry is not Ripe

Some readers might have noticed Anthony's cherry picked dates. It's likely that whoever produced the chart (has Anthony ever prepared a chart all by himself?) did their best to find some periods of similar length by bumping up the charts then wiggling them sideways. They probably thought they found a close-ish linear trend. But even leaving off the most recent four years of global temperatures (2009-2012 inclusive) and cutting out the middle ten years (1947-1956 inclusive) as Anthony's chart does, it still doesn't work. Here's HadCRUT4 using Anthony's cherries.

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absorb long wave radiation. Maybe Anthony's becoming a dragon slayer.

SkepticalScience.com has [compiled information](#) from a number of studies to illustrate the contribution of various forcings to climate over the past century or so. Here is one of the charts - as always, click to enlarge it:

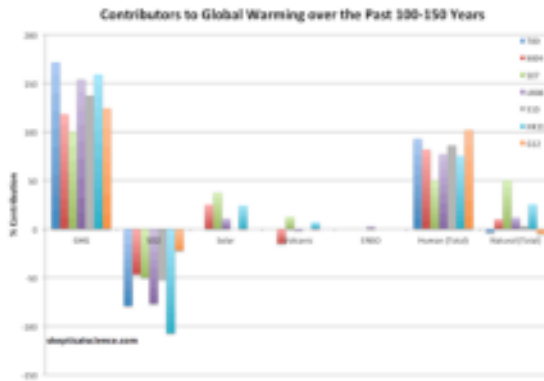


Figure 2: Percent contributions of various effects to the observed global surface warming over the past 100-150 years according to Tett et al. 2000 (T00, dark blue), Meehl et al. 2004 (M04, red), Stone et al. 2007 (S07, green), Lean and Rind 2008 (LR08, purple), Stott et al. 2010 (S10, gray), Huber and Knutti 2011 (HK11, light blue), and Gillett et al. 2012 (G12, orange).
Source: SkepticalScience.com

Anthony Watts is bewildered by science

Anthony Watts sometimes tries to give the impression he knows what he's talking about. Full of confidence and armed with misrepresentations and disinformation, he even [gave a one hour lecture](#) to some [conspiracy theorising wackos](#) in the USA. Next minute he turns around and shows just how bewildered he is by all this sciency stuff.

Anthony doesn't know if he's coming or going. One day he claims to accept the science of the greenhouse effect and the next day he comes up with shonky charts asking "not even wrong" questions that show that he neither accepts the greenhouse effect nor understands it.

Anthony has already done [the ice age cometh](#) and ["it's insects"](#). He's wandered so far away from science that he can no longer expect anyone to still consider him "normal". Not even a "normal" fake sceptic. (Just check the comments to see the weirdos he attracts to his blog.) Soon he'll be appearing as a guest on a [Jesse Ventura conspiracy-tainment](#), writing articles for [prisonplanet](#) and blaming global warming on [lizard men from outer space](#).

To paraphrase Anthony's headline:

When someone hits you with shonky charts and denialist talking points from WUWT, show them this!

Or better yet, [this](#) or [this](#) or [this](#).

PS New visitors from WUWT might enjoy [this](#).

Posted by [Sou](#) at 1:13 PM

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Million Lightning Bolts
of energy since 1970

<http://sks.to/heat>

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Short explanation of [denialism](#) from RationalWiki (as is practiced by fake skeptics of climate science).

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Lewandowsky et al: "[Recursive Fury](#)" on denialism and conspiracy ideation

Bob Altemeyer's [The Authoritarians](#) (for insight into behavioural traits common to climate science deniers as well as bigots (in regard to sexism, homophobia, racism etc))

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uknowlspeaksense August 21, 2013 at 2:52 PM

I'm actually surprised he hasn't appeared on Jesse Ventura yet. His place has become wackier and wackier over the past three years as it becomes harder and harder for him to maintain his position...whatever that is now. As a result he is left with increasingly hardcore nutcases and in order to hold onto them he has to get nuttier himself....or perhaps I'm putting the cart before the horse, and he has actually gotten nuttier from reading his followers comments. My head hurts after just 5 minutes over there. It's an old meme but it still rings true. "The stupid, it burns!"

Reply



Lars Karhaen August 21, 2013 at 3:30 PM

These three questions have of course been answered in the IPCC reports (and in many other places as well). But WUWT is not about science, and all about propaganda and rhetoric. There are few among the WUWT readership who really give a damn about the science.

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