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The BBC's amazing U-turn on climate change

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I think the BBC wanted to slip this one out quietly, but a Matt Drudge link put paid to that. The climate change correspondent of BBC News has admitted that global warming stopped in 1998 – and he reports that leading scientists believe that the earth's cooling-off may last for decades.

“Whatever happened to global warming?” is [the title of an article by Paul Hudson](#) that represents a clear departure from the BBC's fanatical espousal of climate change orthodoxy. The climate change campaigners will go nuts, particularly in the run-up to Copenhagen. So, I suspect, will devout believers inside the BBC. Hudson's story was not placed very prominently by his colleagues – but a link right at the top of Drudge will have delivered at least a million page views, possibly many more.

Hudson's piece is a U-turn – not because he has joined the ranks of sceptics who reject the theory of man-made global warming, but because *at last* he has written a story about the well-established fact that the earth's temperature has not risen since 1998, and reports seriously the theories of climatologists (themselves not sceptics) who believe that we are in for 30 years of cooling caused by the falling temperatures of the oceans.

According to research conducted by Professor Don Easterbrook from Western Washington University last November, the oceans and global temperatures are correlated.

The oceans, he says, have a cycle in which they warm and cool cyclically. The most important one is the Pacific decadal oscillation (PDO).

For much of the 1980s and 1990s, it was in a positive cycle, that means warmer than average. And observations have revealed that global temperatures were warm too.

But in the last few years it has been losing its warmth and has recently started to cool down.

These cycles in the past have lasted for nearly 30 years.

So could global temperatures follow? The global cooling from 1945 to 1977 coincided with one of these cold Pacific cycles.

Professor Easterbrook says: “The PDO cool mode has replaced the warm mode in the Pacific Ocean, virtually assuring us of about 30 years of global cooling.”

Hudson's piece must have been a nightmare to write: talk about an inconvenient truth. All the caveats are in place, distancing him from hardline sceptics and giving plenty of space to the climate change orthodoxy. But, in fact, his scrupulous approach only makes matters worse for BBC executives who have swung the might of the corporation behind that orthodoxy, often producing what amounts to propaganda.

The BBC now has serious questions to answer. It has used millions of pounds of licence-payers' money to advance a

simplest point of view that is beginning to fall apart under scrutiny. Did it not foresee that this might happen? And, now that statistics are beginning to point in the other direction, is it prepared to give equal prominence to a debate about climate change that is both respectable and urgent?

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- Global warming was something that I could believe in. After all, the world has been getting hotter then colder for millions of years. What I could not believe in was that the change was man made or due to CO2.

Now Professor Easterbrook says: “*The PDO cool mode has replaced the warm mode in the Pacific Ocean, virtually assuring us of about 30 years of global cooling.*”. But surely the CO2 levels are still rising! Somebody has miscalculated or left out a major factor in their models! This is compounded by the fact that the so-called hockey stick curve was based on cherry picked data (James Delingpole *circa* 28th Sept,2009) and the Met Dept.’s refusal to publicly present the data. (Since the Met Dept is paid for by the taxpayer, is this data not the property of the tax payer?).

Unfortunately, cherry picking data to get the result wanted is not uncommon these days by KOLs(Key Opinion Leaders). It occurs in obesity guidelines, cholesterol, 5-a-day claims, salt intake, water intake etc. Lies are the order of the day in politics, finance, global warming, medicine and probably many more areas.

The press could do more but are too busy promoting the “consensus”. which as Einstein I think, pointed out is **NOT SCIENCE**



MikeC on Oct 11th, 2009 at 12:42 pm

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- Ya gotta feel sorry for Al Beebera – or perhaps not.



45govt on Oct 11th, 2009 at 12:47 pm

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- Well Halleluja and jump for joy.One down and five to go.All the Beebs got to do now is a make a U,turn on other politically incorrect taboos,like the E.U.S.S.R/Islamification and er..yes.. state run media and....