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“a little bit of everything”

Climate change is the new commodity in Washington

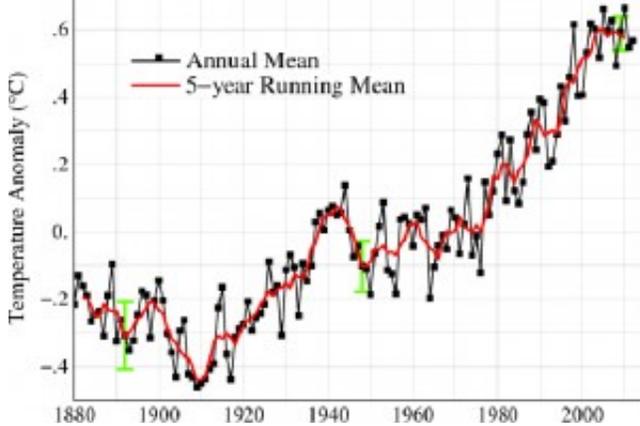


As the President unveils his aspiring new climate change agenda in Washington, it suddenly dawns that the subject has now turned into a discourse of conservatism versus liberalism.

The plan of cutting U.S. carbon emissions, increasing renewable energy, and accrual of America's preparedness for major disaster is not only cheered as entertainment in conservative circles, but is also a new marketing strategy in liberal actions as well.

While critics argue that, “the destructive effect of capitalism and the voracious want for profit by large businesses and corporations weaken the efforts of the international community to fight the demons of climate change and curb poverty,” it must also be seen that the efficacy of climate change is fatigue by both Democrats and Republicans alike.

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Global mean land-ocean temperature change from 1880–2011, relative to the 1951–1980 mean. The black line is the annual mean and the red line is the five-year running mean. The green bars show uncertainty estimates. Source: NASA GISS. (Graph via wiki Commons)

They are both shamelessly playing with the politics of climate change.

In truth, there are more than 135 climate change deniers astray in the halls of Congress. The deliberate action of OFA (Organizing for America) in issuing them climate denier awards of trophies beset with silver unicorns, defeat the work of scientist and environmentalist, and add more credibility to the destructive and manipulative schema of other organizations.

Within this light, it must also be seen that Republicans are not the only ones taking a backward approach to the convectional understanding that greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide, fossil fuels and human activities cause climate change. Some Democrats in Congress also back the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline and natural gas fracking.

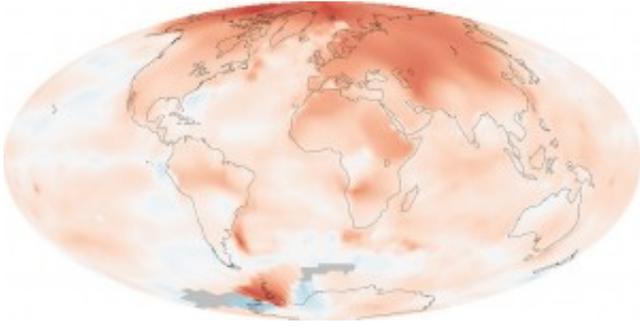
The actions of OFA drills their “truth” into the words of Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin) that “climate change is an environmental jihad.”

Although the impudent wrangling of climate change discourse in slogans and images produces a vicious and disparaging nihilism that retards the growth of concrete policy actions that are needed to prevent further greenhouse gas emission and impend the target of the United Nations development goals of reducing poverty and human deprivations by 2015; climate change is far from frivolous ignorance.

Undoubtedly, climate change presents many phony and duplicitous data, but it is important to note the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) report that deforestation and forest degradation account for between 15 and 17 percent of global greenhouse gas emission, thereby making it a threat to economic and global security.

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The map shows the 10-year average (2000–2009)



global mean temperature anomaly relative to the 1951–1980 mean. The most extreme warming was in the Arctic.

(Graph via Wiki Commons)

University of California-Berkeley researchers confirm that “climate change and extreme rainfall are associated with upswings in violence,” making it obvious that climate change is not only associated with rising sea levels and temperature changes, but also with changes in human behavior, and of life and death.

Yet, forsaking this important data, climate change discourses are derailed to economic opportunities with fascinating headlines to gain support among political groups. Climate change is now used as the tool to amass huge sums of money to serve political ends, while corporations and businesses continue their destructive acts in silence, allowing them to expand their power and influence globally.

And while the complacency of the ignorance of climate change lingers, it is also evident that climate change is now the new commodity to be bought and sold for profit on the streets of America.