

Extreme Violence and Climate Change Linked by Scientists

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If you thought your bad mood was normal on a humid, hot or rainy day, well, the Journal of Science says it is not. According to the magazine, violence is triggered by climate change.

For centuries, human behavior has been linked with nature, whether it is the moon or the constellations in the sky, meaning we are all connected in one way or another. It was only recently that scientists understood those connections.

A new study published by Princeton University and UC Berkeley's Science Department reveals the link between violence and climate change. The scientists found a connection between riots, institutional breakdown, civil war, and climate change.

If the predictions are accurate, the world's heat is going to increase by 2 degrees Celsius by 2050. The results lead them to think that if weather keeps changing, so will human behavior.

For the study, the scientists measured a meta-analysis of 60 studies, including archaeology, criminology, economics and psychology. The study went back to 10,000 B.C. to the present day.

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Ray

August 2, 2013 at 7:28 pm

Horse sh!t



yeahOkWhatever

August 2, 2013 at 11:52 am

correlation does not imply causation, and no example of violence prevented due to cold weather has been shown. violence happens when people are unhappy, and this is usually due to financial problems or a perceived injustice. heat has very little to do with it. but if you cherry pick your statistics and include 3rd world countries in the desert, vs places like Canada, you can pretend global warming will make us into psychotic monkeys. in reality it is religious disputes, poverty, population density, warped social environments, and unequal treatment that cause violence. Florida is less violent than New York or Russia, but im sure this study ignored that. violence is as low as it has ever been, and getting lower, and it is being reported at a much higher rate these days. we are becoming more civilized, even as the planet heats up. good luck on the peer review process, im interested in where this research goes. maybe we can one day fix the middle east by dropping some Air Conditioners on them.

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Alberto

August 2, 2013 at 11:16 am

I agree with the comment posted by Gerald. The research falls into the trap of correlation versus causation. Modeling of civil unrest over the past century in 170 countries points to the role of stress accumulation, geography, and social networks as the mechanisms of social instability, see interesting discussion at

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21829234.300-brazil-uprising-points-to-rise-of-leaderless-networks.html#.Ufu8522wW1d>

<http://www.theage.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/protest-in-the-connected-society-20130726-2qoyd.html>



Gerald Wilhite

August 2, 2013 at 11:08 am

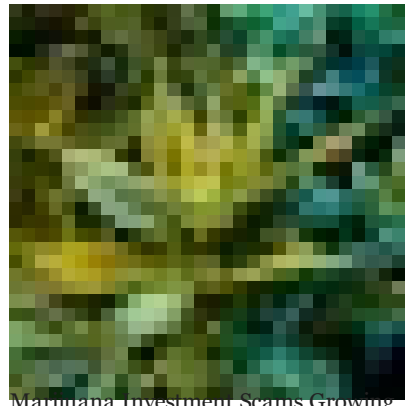
The German newspaper's 'Spiegel Online Science' strongly criticizes this paper, citing a lack of robustness of its statistics as the main problem.

Twenty seven studies were examined. Eleven of the statistically reliable studies said climate change could increase risk of conflicts in some cases, lower in others, or have no effect. Of these, only three were considered in the study even though the authors were well aware of them.

Distorting the data was not the only problem. Predictions of climate-enhancing aggression were said to be greatly exaggerated.

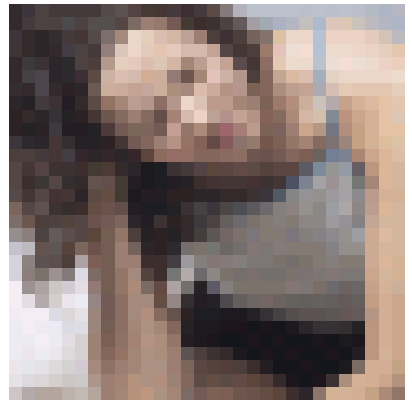
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<http://www.spiegel.de/wissenschaft/natur/klimawandel-studie-ueber-gewalt-anstieg-stoesst-auf-heftige-kritik-a-913966.html>



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