

Human Caused Climate Change? A Skeptical Look at the Narrative

Fear Mongering, Propaganda Tactics and Media Nonsense

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Introduction

First, to understand the intentionality of the messaging of fear we've been exposed to, I recommend a very short 2 minute video that exposes how the media functions: [This is Extremely Dangerous to Our Democracy](#).

There have been endless predictions of doom. It should be understood that these repetitive doomsday proclamations are not done just to create fear (and ultimately compliance) but it is a propaganda tactic to keep repeating something so that even if not on the face believed, it sinks in and subconsciously becomes accepted.

One of the repeated things that we hear over and over is that the climate changing is causing more severe storms and natural disasters of all stripes. And, of course, that we have very little time left to avoid doom. This PDF looks at that messaging but first, some perspective.

Perspective

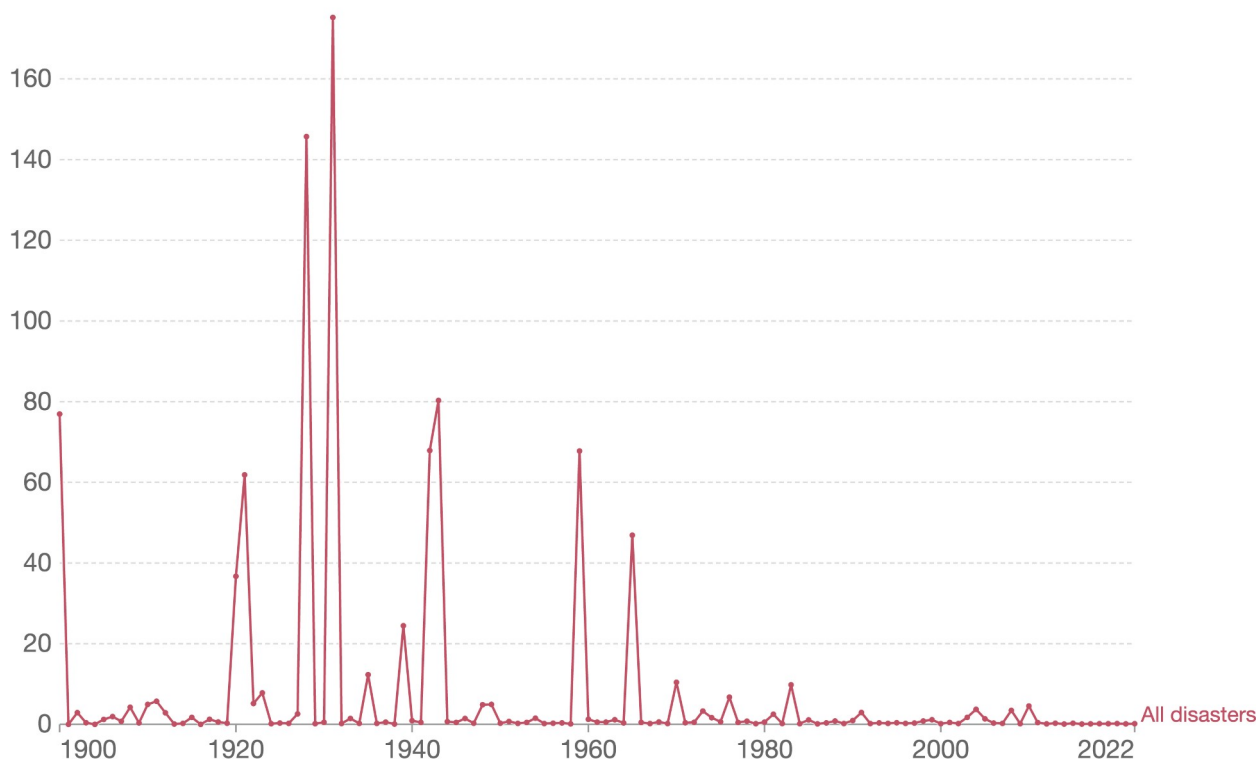
Following are 3 items that offer some perspective to the gloom and doom narrative.

Global Natural Disaster Death Rates

On the website, [Our World in Data](https://ourworldindata.org), you can choose to see numerous charts. The chart below shows death caused by natural disasters globally since 1900. (Note that on the website you can also choose individual types of disasters to chart from a list.)

Global natural disaster death rates, 1900 to 2022

Death rates from natural disasters are measured as the number of deaths per 100,000 individuals.



Source: EM-DAT, CRED / Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels (Belgium)

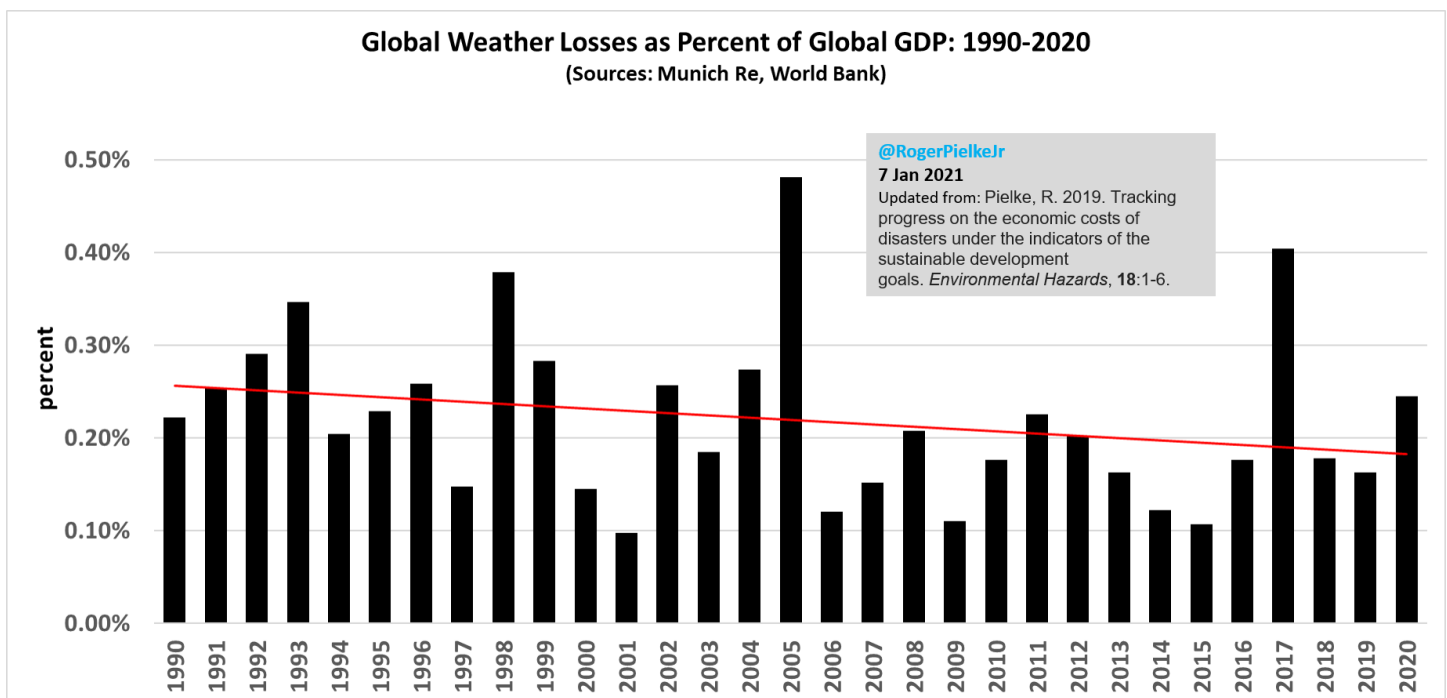
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And What About the Financial Impact of Disasters?

In the January 14, 2021 article by Roger Pielke Jr., [Global Disasters: A Remarkable Story of Science and Policy Success](#), he shows a graph demonstrating the downward trend in financial loss from natural disaster:

As global population has increased, the number of people who die in disasters has declined precipitously, due to better warnings, preparation, infrastructure and response.

Over the past several decades I have tracked disaster losses in the context of economic growth, and the story there is no less impressive. As the size of the global economy doubled over the past 30 years, disaster losses dropped from about 0.25% of global GDP to less than 0.20%, as shown in the figure below.



The Ideology of Safetyism

In a June, 2020 interview, Matthew Crawford, author of the book, “Why We Drive” (written before Covid), talks with interviewer Freddy Sayers about how “health and safety have become a political instrument for managing the population”. From the interview on the UnHerd YouTube channel, [Matthew Crawford: the dangers of Safetyism](#):

One of the major themes of this book, *Why We Drive*, is what I call the ideology of safetyism. To begin with, it’s a moral sensibility. There seems to be a kind of loop we’re in; the safer we become, the more intolerable any remaining risk appears.

Doomsday Declarations

Note the title says "declarations" instead of "predictions". The doomsday proclamations are, at best, a prediction but they come with the imprimatur of "science" so that one is impressed with the gravity because it's the word of authority.

Predictions can have a dramatic effect but the good news is that after the passing of time they can be judged. Here is just a sampling. Think of these reports the next time you hear scary climate predictions. I have put the names of "**authorities**" in bold.

- 34 Years Ago - from the San Jose Mercury News (CA), June 30, 1989: [UN: Earth will be doomed by 2000!](#)

GRIM FORECAST - A senior environmental **official at the United Nations, Noel Brown**, says entire nations could be wiped off the face of the earth by rising sea levels if global warming is not reversed by the year 2000. Coastal flooding and crop failures would create an exodus of "eco-refugees," threatening political chaos, said Brown, director of the New York office of the U.N. Environment Program. He said governments have a 10-year window of opportunity to solve the greenhouse effect.

- 14 Years Ago - from the BBC, October 19, 2009: [PM warns of climate 'catastrophe'](#)

The UK faces a "catastrophe" of floods, droughts and killer heatwaves if world leaders fail to agree a deal on climate change, the **prime minister** has warned. **Gordon Brown** said negotiators had 50 days to save the world from global warming and break the "impasse".

- 14 Years Ago - from the Independent, July 9, 2009: [Just 96 months to save world, says Prince Charles](#)

The **heir to the throne** told an audience of industrialists and environmentalists at St James's Palace last night that he had calculated that we have just 96 months left to save the world.

And in a searing indictment on capitalist society, **Charles** said we can no longer afford consumerism and that the "age of convenience" was over.

- 7 Years Ago - from the Guardian, August 21, 2016: ['Next year or the year after, the Arctic will be free of ice'](#)

Scientist Peter Wadhams believes the summer ice cover at the north pole is about to disappear, triggering even more rapid global warming.

- 6 Years Ago - from The Guardian website, June 28, 2017: [World has three years left to stop dangerous climate change, warn experts](#)

Former **UN climate chief Christiana Figueres** among signatories of letter warning that the next three years will be crucial to stopping the worst effects of global warming.

- 16 Years Ago - from the New York Times, November 18, 2007: [Alarming UN report on climate change too rosy, many say](#)

Delegations from hundreds of nations will be meeting in Bali, Indonesia in two weeks to start hammering out a global climate agreement to succeed the Kyoto Protocol, the current climate change treaty. The first phase of the Kyoto Treaty expires in 2012.

The **IPCC chairman, Rajendra Pachauri**, an **engineer** and **economist** from India, acknowledged the new trajectory. "If there's no action before 2012, that's too late," Pachauri said. "What we do in the next two to three years will determine our future. This is the defining moment."

This article, [Pachauri: It's Too Late to Fight Climate Change](#), on Donna Laframboise's website comments on the above NY Times article:

So did Bali produce a successor to the Kyoto Protocol? No.

Did Copenhagen? No.

Cancun? No.

Durban? No.

That settles it, then. I guess we're done for *wink*.

- 23 Years Ago - From the Independent, a British paper, March 20, 2000: [Snowfalls are now just a thing of the past](#)

Britain's winter ends tomorrow with further indications of a striking environmental change: snow is starting to disappear from our lives.

Sledges, snowmen, snowballs and the excitement of waking to find that the stuff has settled outside are all a rapidly diminishing part of Britain's culture, as warmer winters - which **scientists** are attributing to global climate change - produce not only fewer white Christmases, but fewer white Januaries and Februaries.

The first two months of 2000 were virtually free of significant snowfall in much of lowland Britain, and December brought only moderate snowfall in the South-east. It is the continuation of a trend...

According to **Dr David Viner, a senior research scientist at the climatic research unit (CRU)** of the University of East Anglia, within a few years winter snowfall will become "a very rare and exciting event".

Reality

A quick search online for "2021 great britain snow" came up with, among other articles, this from the 2021-2022 Winter: [Snowstorm Leaves Dozens Stranded for Days in a Remote U.K. Pub](#)



Tony Heller

Tony Heller ([Real Climate Science](#)) has done a lot of work exposing the nonsense using old newspaper clippings and other sources that mock the "facts" the "experts" present. This 3 minute June, 2017 video of his exposes the nonsense: [UN Grants Earth A\(nother\) 20 Year Reprieve From Global Warming](#)

From the show notes:

The UN says we have until the year 2020 to save ourselves from global warming. In 1989, they said we had until the year 2000 to save ourselves from global warming. And in 1970, climate experts said we would be dead by the year 1980.

Everywhere is Warming Twice as Fast As Everywhere Else!

Dave Cullen produced a video, posted October 9, 2019 on his BitChute video channel, titled, [Climate Change: Everywhere is Warming Twice as Fast As Everywhere Else!](#) This 11 minute video expands on an article by Natalia Mateo, [Horrrifying: Media and Climate](#)

[Hoaxers \(But I Repeat Myself\) Report That Literally Everywhere on Earth is Warming at Twice the Rate of the Rest of the Earth](#), where she offers links to media drama about various places warming faster. The video exposes the nonsense that the reports are.

The following are from the links in Natalia Mateo's article plus a few I dug up myself. Note that many of these article are from local papers for the country or region mentioned in the headline, targeted for local consumption. Articles in local news media bring the message home that it's here and now; making it seem more real, increasing fear.

- From Canada's CBC, April 1, 2019: [Canada warming at twice the global rate, leaked report finds](#)

While warming in Canada has been the result of both human activity and natural variations in the climate, "the human factor is dominant".

- From the Quartz website, August 26, 2014: [Russia's warming faster than the rest of the planet—and seeing disease, drought, and forest fires as a result](#)
- From the Norwegian American website, April 15, 2019: [Norway warming fast - Norway's rate of temperature increase is nearly double the global average](#)
- From the New Scientist website by Phil Mckenna, reporter for Inside Climate News, July 24, 2007: [Tibet is warming at twice global average](#)
- From the Pacific Standard website, June 19, 2017: [Mountains Are Warming Twice as Fast as the Rest of the World](#)

To sustain mountain communities, we need more monitoring and better governance.

- From the Alaska News Source website, August 9, 2017: [Report: Alaska warming twice as fast as global average](#)
- From the Hankyoreh website, May 8, 2009: [Korean Peninsula is warming at a speed faster than global average](#)
- From the Telegraph website, October 18, 2013: [Britain warming faster than average. Britain's climate is warming faster than the global average quoted in the latest IPCC report, according to climate experts.](#)
- From the PhysOrg website, April 13, 2010: [Spain warming faster than rest of northern hemisphere: study](#)
- From the InHabit website, January 9, 2015: [Finland is warming faster than the rest of the world](#)
- From Singapore's The Straits Times, September 29, 2017: [Singapore warming faster than average](#)

- From the United Nations website, August 16, 2021: [Climate: Europe warming faster than rest of world \(IPCC\)](#)
- From the Irish Times, August 30, 2007: [Ireland warming twice as fast as rest of world, report finds](#)

"We can say with certainty that it is people not nature that is causing global warming" said Dr Sweeney.

- From the Science website, December 14, 2021: [The Arctic is warming four times faster than the rest of the world](#)

Climate Change is Unfalsifiable Woo-Woo Pseudoscience

December 8, 2015 James Corbett published the video, [Climate Change is Unfalsifiable Woo-Woo Pseudoscience](#), on his website.

The intro from the show notes:

Karl Popper famously said, "A theory that explains everything explains nothing." So what do you make of the theory that catastrophic manmade CO2-driven "climate change" can account for harsher winters and lighter winters, more snow and less snow, droughts and floods, more hurricanes and less hurricanes, more rain and less rain, more malaria and less malaria, saltier seas and less salty seas, Antarctica ice melting and Antarctic ice gaining and dozens of other contradictions? Popper gave a name to "theories" like this: pseudoscience.

(For one person's brief summary of Karl Popper's falsifiability concept and his take on it, see: [Karl Popper and Falsifiability](#))

Following are some of the articles linked to in the Show Notes on the video's web page. See the link above for his complete list.

Note in the first one that the headline says "**will**" be shorter, even though the article reads "**could**" experience. The message is planted by the headline, never mind the reality.

- [Climate change makes for shorter winters](#)

Winter Will Be Shorter Over The Next Century Thanks To Global Warming (Tech Times, 2015)

Researchers from the University of Wisconsin-Madison used graphic models that they called "Extended Spring Indices" which can help predict when leaves and flowers will come back for spring based on day length. Based on the model, researchers found that fauna in the Pacific Northwest

and Western U.S. regions could experience rapid shifts in their seasonal cycles.

- [Climate change makes for harsher winters](#)

Global warming has doubled risk of harsh winters in Eurasia, research finds
(The Guardian, 2014)

Severe winters are more likely over the next few decades due to climate change melting Arctic ice and sending freezing air south, according to new research.

- [Climate change means less snow](#)

Snowfalls are now just a thing of the past (The Independent, 2000)

"Children just aren't going to know what snow is," he said.

- [Climate change means more snow](#)

Global warming means more snowstorms: scientists (Phys.org, 2011)

Climate change is not only making the planet warmer, it is also making snowstorms stronger and more frequent, US scientists said on Tuesday.

- [Climate change causes more hurricanes](#)

North Atlantic hurricanes have become more frequent amid warming - study
(Reuters, 2021)

The number of Atlantic storms, particularly major hurricanes, have indeed become more frequent as global temperatures have climbed, his study published Thursday in Nature Communications reported.

- [Climate change causes less hurricanes](#)

Global warming means fewer—but more powerful—hurricanes (ArsTechnica, 2015)

This investigation indicates that global warming, which leads to a warmer global ocean, results in an increase in cyclone intensity with a decrease in cyclone frequency with no change in activity overall. Since the influence of climate on these storms has been controversial, the apparently contradictory influences may help explain some of the confusion.

- [Climate change makes San Francisco foggier](#)

Get ready for even foggier summers (The Daily, 2009)

The Bay Area just had its foggiest May in 50 years. And thanks to global warming, it's about to get even foggier.

- [Climate change makes San Francisco less foggy](#)

Fog over San Francisco thins by a third due to climate change (The Telegraph, 2010)

The sight of Golden Gate Bridge towering above the fog will become increasing rare as climate change warms San Francisco bay, scientists have found.

- [Climate change makes for less salty seas](#)

Global Warming Makes Sea Less Salty (Live Science, 2005)

Since the late 1960s, much of the North Atlantic Ocean has become less salty, in part due to increases in fresh water runoff induced by global warming, scientists say.

- [Climate change makes for saltier seas](#)

Climate change 'making seas more salty' (The Guardian, 2008)

Scientists report that increased salinity in oceans can be attributed to manmade climate change.

A Short History of Climate Alarm!

I recommend some good reading on the topic of climate alarmism, a PDF by Paul Homewood, [A Short History of Climate Alarm!](#) It's 24 pages long and full of fun cartoons and 91 footnoted links. The Preface is a clever, as always, quote from Mark Twain. From Life on the Mississippi:

'In the space of one hundred and seventy-six years the Lower Mississippi has shortened itself two hundred and forty-two miles. That is an average of a trifle over one mile and a third per year. Therefore, any calm person, who is not blind or idiotic, can see that in the Old Oolitic Silurian Period,' just a million years ago next November, the Lower Mississippi River was upwards of one million three hundred thousand miles long, and stuck out over the Gulf of Mexico like a fishing-rod. And by the same token any person can see that seven hundred and forty-two years from now the Lower Mississippi will be only a mile and three-quarters long, and Cairo and New Orleans will have joined their streets together, and be plodding comfortably along under a single mayor and a mutual board of aldermen. There is something fascinating about science. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of such a trifling investment of fact.'